

Kimisic Close-Up



VOLUME 23, ISSUE 7

KIMISIS TIS THEOTOKOU GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
HOLMDEL, NJ

SEPTEMBER 2013

Hours:

Orthros: 9:30 am

Divine Liturgy: 10:30 am

Inside This Issue

- Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts-Holmdel Troop 531
- College Connection
- Festival Sponsors
- G.O.Y.A.
- Girl Scouts
- Greek Dance Lessons
- Health Ministry
- ONLINE Giving Information & Flyer
- Parish Council & Organizations
- Philoptochos News
- President's Message
- Prime Timers
- Stewardship Report & Commitment Forms
- Sunday School News—first day September 22

Holy Cross September 14

The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cross of the Lord:

The pagan Roman emperors tried to completely eradicate from human memory the holy places where our Lord Jesus Christ suffered and was resurrected for mankind. Eventually after 300 years, by Divine Providence, the great Christian sacred remains, the Sepulchre of the Lord and the Life-Creating Cross were again discovered and opened for veneration. This took place under the Emperor Constantine the Great (306-337).



In 313 he had issued the Edict of Milan, by which the Christian religion was legalized and the persecutions against Christians in the Western half of the empire were stopped. The ruler Licinius, although he had signed the Edict of Milan to oblige Constantine, still fanatically continued the persecutions against Christians. Only after his conclusive defeat did the 313 Edict of toleration extend also to the Eastern part of the empire. The Holy Equal of the Apostles Emperor Constantine, having gained victory over his enemies in three wars with God's assistance, had seen in the heavens the Sign of the Cross, and written beneath: "By this you shall conquer."

Ardently desiring to find the Cross on which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, St Constantine sent his mother, the pious Empress Helen (May 21), to Jerusalem, providing her with a letter to St Macarius, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Although the holy empress Helen was already in her declining years, she set about completing the task with enthusiasm. The empress gave orders to destroy the pagan temple and the statues in Jerusalem. Searching for the Life-Creating Cross, she made inquiry of Christians and Jews, but for a long time her search remained unsuccessful.

Finally, they directed her to a certain elderly Hebrew by the name of Jude who stated that the Cross was buried where the temple of Venus stood. They demolished the pagan temple and, after praying, they began to excavate the ground.

Holy Cross

September 14

(continued from front page)



Soon the Tomb of the Lord was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, and four nails which had pierced the Lord's Body (March 6).

In order to discern on which of the three crosses the Savior was crucified, Patriarch Macarius alternately touched the crosses to a corpse. When the Cross of the Lord touched the dead one, he came to life. Having beheld the raising of the dead man, everyone was convinced that the Life-Creating Cross was found. (continued on next page)

Christians came in a huge throng to venerate the Holy Cross, beseeching St Macarius to elevate the Cross, so that even those far off might reverently contemplate it. Then the Patriarch and other spiritual leaders raised up the Holy Cross, and the people, saying "Lord have mercy," reverently prostrated before the Venerable Wood. This solemn event occurred in the year 326.

During the discovery of the Life-Creating Cross another miracle took place: a grievously sick woman, beneath the shadow of the Holy Cross, was healed instantly. The elder Jude and other Jews there believed in Christ and accepted Holy Baptism. Jude received the name Cyriacus and afterwards was consecrated Bishop of Jerusalem.

During the reign of Julian the Apostate (361-363) he accepted a martyr's death for Christ (see October 28). The holy empress Helen journeyed to the holy places connected with the earthly life of the Savior, building more than 80 churches, at Bethlehem the birthplace of Christ, and on the Mount of Olives where the Lord ascended to Heaven, and at Gethsemane where the Savior prayed before His sufferings and where the Mother of God was buried after her death.

St Helen took part of the Life-Creating Wood and nails with her to Constantinople. The holy emperor Constantine gave orders to build at Jerusalem a majestic and spacious church in honor of the Resurrection of Christ, also including under its roof the Life-Giving Tomb of the Lord and Golgotha. The temple was constructed in about ten years. St Helen did not survive until the dedication of the temple, she died in the year 327. The church was consecrated on September 13, 335. On the following day, September 14, the festal celebration of the Exaltation of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cross was established.

Another event connected to the Cross of the Lord is remembered also on this day: its return to Jerusalem from Persia after a fourteen year captivity. During the reign of the Byzantine emperor Phocas (602-610) the Persian emperor Khosroes II in a war against the Greeks defeated the Greek army, plundered Jerusalem and captured both the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord and the Holy Patriarch Zachariah (609-633).

The Cross remained in Persia for fourteen years and only under the emperor Heraclius (610-641), who with the help of God defeated Khosroes and concluded peace with his successor and son Syroes, was the Cross of the Lord returned to the Christians.

With great solemnity the Life-creating Cross was transferred to Jerusalem. Emperor Heraclius in imperial crown and royal purple carried the Cross of Christ into the temple of the Resurrection. With the emperor went Patriarch Zacharios. At the gates by which they ascended Golgotha, the emperor suddenly stopped and was not able to proceed farther. The holy Patriarch explained to the emperor that an angel of the Lord was blocking his way. The emperor was told to remove his royal trappings and to walk barefoot, since He Who bore the Cross for the salvation of the world from sin had made His way to Golgotha in all humility. Then Heraclius donned plain garb, and without further hindrance, carried the Cross of Christ into the church.

In a sermon on the Exaltation of the Cross, St Andrew of Crete (July 4) says: "The Cross is exalted, and everything true gathers together, the Cross is exalted, and the city makes solemn, and the people celebrate the feast".

Source: Orthodox Church in America

Please come and support our GOYAns on Sunday, September 15 at the Paramount in Asbury Park as they represent Kimisis Tis Theotokou for the Holy Cross celebration.

Church and Community Organization Leaders

PARISH COUNCIL

President: Dimitri Geaneas
Vice President: Emanuel Tsarnas
Secretary: Paul Callamaras Jr.
Treasurer: Thomas Protentis
Asst. Treasurer: James Thompson

Members:

Matthew Bistrimovich	Parry Peters
Bob Bucco	Soteris Petrou
Bessie Drogaris	Costa Phillipou
Stavros Fotinos	Nikie Sourlis
James Marinos	Elias Tsigounis
Argyrios Milonas	Roula Tsoukaris
Basil Parlamis	

ORGANIZATIONS

A.H.E.P.A.:	Robert Fourniadis
Acolyte Coordinator:	Emanuel Tsarnas
Art Program:	Susan Englis
Ballroom Dancing:	Sophie Idromenos
Bible Study:	Roula Merianos
Boy Scouts / Cub Scouts:	James Marinos/Nick Englis
Choir:	Marie Devino
Coffee Hour :	Harriet & Fred Callis
Community Center Rental:	Matt Bistrimovich, Emanuel Tsarnas
Festival:	Dimitri Geaneas
Girl Scouts:	Cheryl Bontales
G.O.Y.A./Youth Advisors:	Linda Antonakakis, Basil Kotsis, Irene Sourlis
Greek School:	Katina Hutin
Greek School PTO:	Katherine Gilbride
KCU Editor:	Cleo Bartos
KCU Ads:	Frieda Mookas
Kimisis Dancers:	Aphrodite Bucco
Men's Basketball:	Peter Kolydas
Philoptochos:	Aphrodite Bucco
Prime Timers:	Connie Mellas
Stewardship:	Helen Antholis, Frieda Mookas
Sunday Bulletin:	Amalia Vapheas
Sunday School:	Nikie Sourlis
Tree of Life:	George Karatzia
Ways & Means:	George Karatzia
Website:	Dimitri Orfanitopoulos
Welcoming Committee	Helen Antholis, Frieda Mookas, Roula Tsoukaris

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dimitris Geaneas, President



Dear Family of Kimisis Tis Theotokou,

I hope our Kimisis Close-Up finds you and your family well. In this monthly message, I would like to highlight one of our organizations within the Kimisis Tis Theotokou Community, **A.H.E.P.A.** (American, Hellenic, Educational, Progressive, Association) **CHAPTER 517**. The mission of this AHEPA Family is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility and Family, and Individual Excellence. This organization, under the leadership of its President **Bob Fourniadis** and its very active Executive Board (Steve Bontales, Bob Bucco, Bill Parlamis/Demetri Orfanitopoulos), has flourished over the last two years increasing its membership to 45 individuals. Listed below are several of their recent accomplishments: **Hellenism**-Sponsored two very special events in celebration of the Greek Independence - a screening of Elia Kazan's award winning and inspiring "America America," and a bus to take our GOYA, Greek School and Sunday School to march in the Greek Independence Day in NYC. **Education**-Subsidized for the fourth year in a row the Kimisis adult conversational Greek class. **Philanthropy**- Donated to the following fine charities: The Monmouth and Ocean Food Bank, Wounded Warriors, Ronald McDonald House, St. Basil Academy, Autism Speaks, the AHEPA 5th District Cancer Fund, and organizations helping the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Donations were also made to our Kimisis Tis Theokou in the Capital Improvement fund, the Festival fund and whenever needed especially in cases of financial emergencies. **Civic Responsibility**- Sponsored a bone marrow registry drive at our Church together with the Ladies of Philoptochos/BAHA Chapter.

Kudos to all the AHEPA members who work so hard through fund raisers (Golf Outings, Cigar Nights, Super Bowl Parties) in order to support all these events and charities and to continue the perpetuation of our Hellenic traditions and culture. I am sure that if Lord Byron, the greatest of the Philhellenes, was alive he would be very proud of his membership in AHEPA. Everyone from Kimisis (Greek, Greek-American, Philhellene) is encouraged to join this great organization.

CHURCH FESTIVAL

Considering that Friday, June 7th was a complete rain-out day, I am very happy to announce that we were able to net \$97.5 k, which is within our Budget. As you are aware, meeting our budget number was critical since it represents approximately 25% of our revenue. It appears, that again, our Panayia interceded for us and God gave two days of good weather and festival attendance. Year after year, your hard work, dedication and commitment to this great fund raiser has paid off. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Festival Chairman. God bless us all. Kai tou Xronou!

OUR GREEK SCHOOL- At the end of every school year, under the auspices of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, an Examination in Comprehensive Modern Greek is given to interested youths. This year, it is my pleasure to congratulate the following students from the Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek School who took this exam and passed it with high grades: **Fanoula Dimarhos**, **Gianna Fotinos** and **Michael Gilbride**. Two years ago, the recipients of this diploma were **Vasilis Halkias** and **Eleanna Makris**. Kai s'anwaltora! The student who passes this exam may be eligible to receive academic High School or College credits depending on the institution's policy. Lastly, a big thank you to their teacher **Roula Tsoukaris** for a job well done.

STEWARDSHIP

Online Giving – I am delighted to announce that as of August 7th we are now able to accept online giving through our Kimisis website at www.kimisis.com. This was made possible through the efforts of Helen Antholis, our Stewardship Chair, and Demetri Orfanitopoulos, our Website Administrator. For further details, please see the enclosed Flyer.

Opening of a Brokerage Account- We have now opened a Brokerage Account with Morgan Stanley. This account is available to any steward who would like to make a donation of stock to our Church. Please note that if the stock has appreciated, you will be able to enjoy tax advantages. For additional information, please contact Thomas Protentis, our Treasurer, or myself at 908-770-2426.

Your Servant in Christ,
Dimitris Geaneas



KIMISIS TIS THEOTOKOU
Greek Orthodox Church

20 Hillcrest Road - Holmdel, New Jersey 07733
Office: (732)739-1515 Fax: (732)739-1172



Stewardship Update September 2013

by Helen Antholis, Stewardship Chair

As we begin the new ecclesiastical year, let us be thankful for our blessings and our faith. I hope you had a pleasant summer filled with loving family and friends. For too many who have lost loved ones or experienced grave illnesses, we pray that God brings them comfort and guidance.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT REQUIRED FOR GREEK SCHOOL AND DANCE REGISTRATIONS

September brings back many parishioners to Church from travels and vacations. We begin a new year of Sunday School, Greek School, Greek Folk Dance Classes, and Youth and Adult programs and organizations. Registration and renewals begin for our faithful stewards.

For those who have not made a commitment or donation yet for 2013, please do so as it is required for certain registrations, in particular, Greek School and Greek Dance classes.

COMPLETE A STEWARDSHIP FORM

Complete a Stewardship form for 2013 if you have not done so yet! It is available online and in the Church. You may donate by check or cash at the Church Office. If you prefer to use a credit card you may...

DONATE ONLINE



To donate using a credit card or automatic debit to your checking or savings account:

1) Go to www.kimisis.com and click on the GIVE ONLINE button or icon.

This will take you to a secure site for setting up an account and using your credit card or bank account to make a one-time or recurring gift.

2) Set up your account with a user name and password, your name, address, phone number, and email, etc. You will receive an email to confirm your account.

3) Click on the email confirmation link to confirm your account

4) Use the login name and password you selected in the setup process to sign in.

5) Follow instructions to Give a Gift and select the Stewardship Fund.

For questions, or tech support, call 1-800-348-2886 option 4 for Online Giving from 7:30am -5pm Eastern. You may also email OnlineGiving@osv.com with your questions/issues.

Note: We still need a Stewardship form if you donate online for our database.

NOW YOU MAY DONATE TO OTHER FUNDS ONLINE

In addition to Stewardship, you may also donate to different funds for the Church. You now can donate with a credit card to the:

Tree of Life program,

Memorials

Building Fund

Holy Days

Festival.

Simply select that fund when you go online to your account.

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR ACCOUNT FOR YOUR CREDIT CARD OR BANK ACCOUNT SETUP FOR ONLINE GIVING. Questions? Email me at helenantholis@me.com

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church
20 Hillcrest Road - PO Box 367, Holmdel NJ 07733-0367 Tel: 732-739-1515

NEW STEWARDS

Christian Stewardship Annual Commitment Card

In gratitude for God's blessings, we pledge for Christ's work.

My Pledge is for the YEAR 20_____

Suggested annual donation – * \$7500 * \$5000 * \$3000 * \$1500

* \$720 suggested minimum for Families (less than \$2/day)

* \$400 suggested min. for Seniors/Singles * Other _____

To be donated: * Weekly * Monthly * Quarterly * Annually

NOTE: TO USE A CREDIT CARD OR BANKING ACCOUNT FOR ONE-TIME OR RECURRING PAYMENTS, GO TO WWW.KIMISIS.COM, CLICK ON "GIVE ONLINE", & FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT.

Stock donations may be made: Contact Tom Protentis or the Church Office

I would like Offering Envelopes mailed to me: Yes _____ No _____

Last Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

EMAIL _____

First Name _____ Spouse _____

Religion _____ Religion _____

Profession _____ Profession _____

Work/Cell _____ Work/Cell _____

Were you married in the Greek Orthodox Church? YES / NO (Circle one)

If YES, NAME of Church _____ Date _____

Children's Names	Age	Religion	Birthdate

Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church
20 Hillcrest Road - PO Box 367, Holmdel NJ 07733-0367 Tel: 732-739-1515

ONGOING STEWARDS

Christian Stewardship Annual Commitment Card
In gratitude for God's blessings, we pledge for Christ's work

My Pledge is for the YEAR 20 ____

Suggested annual donation - * \$7500 * \$5000 * \$3000 * \$1500

*** \$720 suggested minimum for Families (less than \$2/day)**

*** \$400 suggested min. for Seniors/Singles * Other _____**

To be donated: * Weekly * Monthly* Quarterly * Annually

**NOTE: TO USE A CREDIT CARD OR BANKING ACCOUNT FOR ONE-TIME OR RECURRING
PAYMENTS, GO TO WWW.KIMISIS.COM, CLICK ON "GIVE ONLINE", &
FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT.**

Stock donations may be made: Contact Tom Protentis or the Church Office

I would like Offering Envelopes mailed to me: Yes ____ No ____

Please provide updated current information since your previous commitment form.

Last Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

First Name _____ Spouse _____

EMAIL _____ EMAIL _____

Profession _____ Profession _____

Work/Cell _____ Work/Cell _____

Children (Names/Dates of Birth) _____



Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church Holmdel, NJ



Online Giving is here !

You may conveniently donate online or setup automatic recurring gifts with a bank account or from your credit card (get your mileage).

Setting up your account is easy and straightforward. When you participate, your tax-deductible donation will be securely transferred directly into the Church's bank account. No more checks. In addition to Stewardship, you may donate to other fund accounts such as: The Tree of Life program, Memorials, Building Fund, Holy Days, and the Festival.

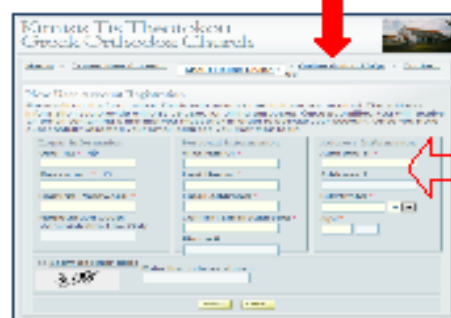
Please follow the easy steps below to set up your account.



**GO TO
WWW.KIMISIS.COM
and click on link
ONLINE GIVING**



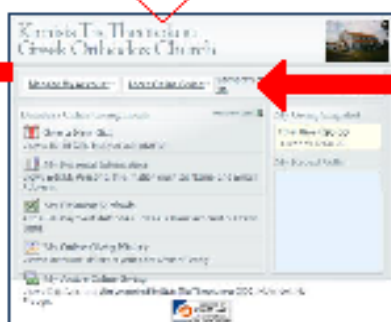
**Sign up for
NEW ACCOUNT**



**1-Complete Form
2-SUBMIT**

**1-Select the GIFT
2-Follow steps**

**1-Your Account is ready to use
2-Click on GIVE A GIFT to start
3-Enter your bank or card info**



**1-Confirming email will
be sent to you to
validate account
2-Open your email to
confirm account**

**Technical support # for
questions 800.348.2886 Ext 4
Email onlinegiving@osv.com**



Ladies Philoptochos Society/ BAHA Chapter

By Aphrodite Bucco & Cheryl Bontales

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church in Holmdel invites all women 18 years of age and older, to its first meeting of the 2013-2014 year with a **Welcome Back Wine and Cheese Social** on September 19 at the church hall, on 20 Hillcrest Road at 7:30pm. Come and meet the executive board and learn more about our many exciting committees which include but are not limited to; Annual Christmas Party; Annual Fashion Show; Panayias; Visitation of the ill, infirmed and homebound; Helping Hands; Lenten Luncheon, Mardi Gras; College Connection; Soup Kitchen; Children with Cancer Storytime; Go Red Day; Clothing and Coat Drive.

Our local chapter takes its name from the founding organization of our church (Bayshore American Hellenic Assoc. - BAHA) and is part of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese National Philoptochos Society, The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. is the philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America that has offered eighty years of philanthropy through a multitude of programs that make a difference in the lives of people in the United States and throughout the world. The Society was established in November 1931, by the late Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I, who was then serving as Archbishop of North and South America.

Our mission is to promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach, to preserve the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions. Philoptochos helps the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, those with disabilities and the victims of disasters through its National and Metropolis Boards and its 485 Chapters and 27,500 members nationwide. We can only accomplish this with your help. Please join our chapter and make a difference for those in need.



All of the proceeds from our events go to worthy causes which include the Susan G. Komen breast cancer foundation, Ronald McDonald House, Autism Speaks, United Cerebral Palsy, Inc., Food Bank, and all the charitable organizations of the National Philoptochos which you can learn more about at

<http://www.philoptochos.org/>, or contact Corresponding Secretary Cheryl Bontales at bontsc@aol.com, or at 732-796-1006. We hope to see you on September 19th and welcome you to Philoptochos.

G.O.Y.A. (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) By Linda Antonakakis, Advisor



HOLY CROSS DIVERS

Seniors

Melina Magriples
Michael Emmanuel Simon

Juniors

Juliana Magriples
Teddy G. Sourlis

Please come and support our GOYAnS on Sunday, September 15 at Asbury Park as they represent Kimisis Tis Theotokou on Holy Cross Day!

GOYA registration for the 2013-2014 will **begin Sunday, September 8th** with a **October 31, 2013 DEADLINE**. Registration fee is **\$40.00**, checks should be made payable to Kimisis GOYA. You may download forms from the Kimisis website. GOYA is a youth organization for children between the ages of 12 and 18 years old. Our meetings are held once a month, typically on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Our calendar is full of activities including religious, charitable, athletic and social that are either on the local or state level. **Please note that you must be a registered GOYAn to participate in any GOYA events.**

Mr. & Miss GOYA Pageant

Miss GOYA - Francesca Nizza
Mr. GOYA - Nikolas Plakoudas

The Mr. & Miss GOYA Pageant will be held on Sunday, October 10, 2013 at The Pines Manor. Tickets for GOYAnS are \$40.00 and for adults \$60.00. If you are interested in attending please contact advisor Mrs. Linda Antonakakis by Sunday, September 8.

2013 STATE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 15 - Holy Cross Day @ Asbury Park, NJ
Sunday, October 13 - Mr. & Miss GOYA Pageant @ Pine's Manor
Friday, October 18 - Harvest Dance @ Holy Trinity, Westfield
Saturday, November 2 - Bowling Tournament & Dance @ Fairview
Sunday, November 10 - Youth Sunday (Blessing of the Artoclasia)
Friday, December 27 - Christmas Dance @ Saint Demetrios, Union

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

By Nikie Sourlis, Joyce Magriples, Nausica Orthodoxou, Anna Zamora

Welcome to Sunday School 2013- 2014

We hope everyone had a nice summer! We look forward to all 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.

Registration fees are \$30.00 per student. Registration dates are September 8th, and 22nd. Registrations will be accepted through October.

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.

Below please find a few key dates to start off the year:

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| September 8, 2013 | Registration begins and continues through end of Oct.
Innisbrook Fundraiser kickoff |
| September 15, 2013 | Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Divine Liturgy at Asbury
Park Convention Hall |
| September 29, 2013 | Registration continues // First day of Class |
| October 20, 2013 | Picture Day! Smile!! |



Thank you to all the parents in advance for your continuous support of our
Sunday School.

Nikie Sourlis (732) 747-2196 Joyce Magriples (732) 772-0068 Anna Zamora (732) 495-7872

Nausica Orthodoxou (732) 303-9816

NEW KIMISIS BROKERAGE ACCOUNT



Kimisis Tis Theotokou has opened a brokerage account at Morgan Stanley. This account was originally opened for Stewardship donations but is available to anyone who would like to use it. You can donate any type of securities, stocks or bonds. For example, if you own a stock and it has gone up in value, if you were to sell the stock you would incur capital gains tax on the difference between what you paid for the stock and what you sold it for. If you were to donate that same stock to Kimisis using the brokerage account you would not have to pay any capital gains tax on the stock and, instead, would be able to take the full value of the stock on the date of your donation as a tax deduction. You can take advantage of this tax benefit on any security which has gone up in value.

The brokerage account can be used for any donation to Kimisis. Should you have any questions about this or would like additional information about how to take advantage of this tax benefit please call Tom Protentis at (732) 888-3887.

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE A LIFE

SATURDAY, 10/26/13 9:00-12:00

SIGN UP WITH GEORGE ORTHODOXOU/TROOP 531

THANK YOU

Girl Scouts

By Cheryl Bontales and Mary Ellen Cestone



Introduction

Girl Scout Registration will begin during fellowship hour on September 8th and 22nd – Stop by our registration table in the Gym after church and hear how Girl Scouting is great in its 18th year at Kimisis. We are grateful to Father George and the Parish Council for their support over the past 18 years.

Religious Recognition Awards

Girl Scouts are encouraged to work with their family on the Eastern Orthodox religious recognition award. These programs foster a commitment for a Girl Scout to her church, family, community, God and country. Call Cheryl for more details

Religious Retreat

Kimisis Girl Scouts will be attending the annual Eastern Orthodox committee on Scouting Religious Retreat at St. Basil Academy in Garrison New York on October 12-13. You must be registered to attend. Details at first meeting .

Meetings

Meetings are held on Friday at the church hall from 6-8pm with some off grounds and at Camp. An Investiture will be held in October for all members. Full calendar for the year will be given out at the first meeting or upon registration.

Product Sale

Girl Scouts will be taking orders for nuts and candies in October and Cookies in January. Purchasing these products help Girls with marketing and financial skills while helping the program that helps Girls grow strong.

Information

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 at gsusaholm@aol.com. 732-796-1006. Please join us and have fun, learn new skills and develop lifelong friendships.

Holmdel Troop 531 Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

By Nausica Orthodoxou

OUR SUMMER NEWS FROM FORESTBURG

BY SCOUTMASTER JIM MARINOS

The first day at Forestburg was a great day. Everyone is doing fine and having a lot of fun. The weather is warm about 85 degrees but dry and the evening temperature fell into the 60's. Perfect sleeping weather.

Two of our Scouts Stephen Bartos and Tim Robbins joined the Outback High Adventure program and are on a canoe trek on the Delaware River today. Our two newest scouts Apostolos Maroulis and Gregory Haralampodis are thoroughly enjoying their first day and have started their first Merit badge classes. Apostolos was selected last night to represent all of the first year scouts at a Campfire ceremony last night and made us all proud.

Elias Kotsis and Steven Simon are serving as the troops SPL's this week and are doing an admirable job filling in. Vasilios Nicholas is the reigning troop marksman at the rifle range but I expect to take that title away from him this week when I challenge him at the range. George Orthodoxou and Michael Poosikian are serving as Quartermasters this week and worked very hard during the campsite set up. Christian Simon and Steven Simon have signed up to do the Mile swim at the end of the week.

The week at Forestburg has been a huge success... The weather earlier in the week was a little wet, mostly at night, but it did not prevent us from partaking in any activities. Yesterday was a glorious sunny day, the temperature did not reach 80 degrees and last night, the thermometers read 53.

On Monday, the troop had a successful crossing of the Monkey Bridge. That is until the ropes became a little shaky thanks to Steven Simon and Tim Robbins. SPLASH!!!

On Tuesday, we had a visit from Mr. E!!! That night, the boys made a campfire and we all took turns reflecting about our favorite camping experiences. We had a lot of laughs, some at the leaders expense.

Tim Robbins and Stephen Bartos are having a great time in the Outback program. Yesterday, they spent the day Horseback riding and today they are at White Lake for a day of Water Skiing. Last night the troop attended a nature presentation called Birds of Prey and they got a close up look at a Hawk, two Owls, two Falcons and everyone's favorite, a Golden Eagle. It was very impressive and the boys loved it. Also yesterday, Apostolos Maroulis and Gregory Haralampodis completed their first merit badge, Leatherwork, and after lunch today, they will launch the rockets they made to complete Space Exploration. Both Gregory and Apostolos have taken to Forestburg like ducks to water and are thoroughly enjoying their experience. They have been helped along with the aid of George Orthodoxou and Michael Poosikian who have been mentoring them this week. They did this without being asked and have been a great help.

Tonight, we will have another Campfire, Elias Kotsis and Vasilios Nicholas are in charge of the program for the campfire, they will lead the troop in songs and skits to fulfill one of the requirements for the communications merit badge. Can't wait! Also tonight, Christian, George and Vasilios will be sleeping in the shelters that they built in the woods to complete their Wilderness Survival badge.

Our troop once again proved itself to be one of the finest scouting units in Monmouth Council. We earned over 30 merit badges, and we will have 5 scouts advance one rank. In addition, for the first time in our 12 years at Forestburg, our troop came in first place in the camp wide games. They defeated 20 other troops using superior teamwork under the guidance of our acting SPLs, Elias Kotsis and Steven Simon. You should be proud of them all. In addition for the first time, a member of our troop won the photography contest. Elias Kotsis brought home that prize.

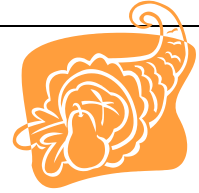
But what I am most proud of is the way our scouts once again represented Troop 531 and the Kimisis Community. I hope you all have a great rest of your summer and I will see you all in September.

Thank you to Mr. Marinis, Mr. Robbins, Dr. Nicholas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Milonas, Jimmy Peters, Alex Milonas, Mr. Callas, and Mr. Englis for taking the boys up to Forestburg and spending the week with them. Big Thank you to Mrs. Simon for driving the troop up on Sunday, we all appreciate it.



PRIME TIMERS

By Connie Mellas



Welcome back to all. Καλώς ήρθατε και πάλι

The Prime Timers will resume monthly meetings on Thursday, September 5, 2013.

Our meetings will continue in the all purpose room, as usual, on the first Thursday of each month... Time: 11:30 A.M.

At this meeting, we will be making plans for the future trip to the Manasquan Reservoir, as well as other events coming up.

Hope to see you then!

Festival Sponsor Update

By Basil Kotsis

A special thanks to CostaPhillipou and the Phillipou Family for their Platinum donation!
A Booth Sponsor thanks to Peter Thermos and Palindrome Technologies of Red Bank, NJ!

And we take the time to recognize our Silver Sponsors and other festival supporters:

The Alexandrou Family
Dave Galuskin of David LernerAssociates
Je T'aime Coiffure of Matawan,NJ
James Marinos & Family
Dr & Mrs Elias Iliades
George & Evelyn Zachos
The Dalaridis Family
East Gate Construction ofOcean, NJ
Irene Gavaris
Investors Bank of ShortHills, NJ
Day Funeral Home of Keyport,NJ
Aston Candles in Long IslandCity, NY
Georgetown Dental of Manalapan, NJ
Paul Rossos MD
Pet Supplies Plus in Hazlet,NJ
Freeman Funeral Home inFreehold, NJ
Wreck-O-Mend Auto Freehold, NJ
The Koukoumis Family
Alex & Dora Neofotistos
& VEI Limousine in Aberdeen

The Kimisis College Connection

by Cheryl Bontales



On August 11th 2013, College students were invited to the Solea following Divine Liturgy to receive a special blessing before they departed for college. Father Rafael blessed them and offered them some very special words of advice. Father mentioned that they should seek out friends, acquaintances and groups that reflect the Orthodox Christian values that their church and family have instilled in them since their birth. That they should stay connected to the church and to keep prayer in their daily life. The students were presented with an icon that was provided by Philoptochos and blessed by Father Rafael during the Divine Liturgy that they should place in their dormitory.

The College Connection Committee of the Ladies Philoptochos Society held a fellowship gathering for college students following the Blessing by Father Rafael after Divine Liturgy. During fellowship hour they shared their biographies which were framed and displayed and their career aspirations. Among those in attendance were Debbie Vapheas, a 2013 graduate of Holmdel High School who will be studying Architecture at Syracuse University, and her older sister Eleanora Vapheas, a 2011 graduate of Holmdel High School who is returning to the University of Delaware for her third year of studies. Mia Kandallt, a 2013 graduate of Holmdel High School will be studying Marketing in the Business School at Penn State University. Matthew Paladino will be attending Drexel University where he will join his older brother Andrew who will be entering his Senior year of studies. Bobby Hadjitheodosiou will be entering his sophomore year at Villanova University. Alaina Bontales will be returning to Wagner College in New York where she is a third year Nursing major. We wish them continued success and will write to them throughout their college years.

The College Connection is a support program of the Ladies Philoptochos Society (in its third year) that seeks to maintain a link with students from our community during college. It is our goal to keep them informed of the Kimisis news and happenings, and to reach out to them during this time. For those that are living on campus away from home, we offer to connect them with a Greek Orthodox Church and priest closest to their college town, and include them in that parish. It is our hope that they will easily readjust to our community when they return home. We have seen most of our college students assisting at the Festival and many

College bound students received a blessing and an icon from Fr. Rafael in church on August 11, 2013 following Divine Liturgy.





Greek Dance lessons

Registration will be in the auditorium after church services on Sept 8, 2013

Anyone signing up will need to be a member of Kimisis Church, and

Must be 7 years of age as of 9/8/12.

Please bring copy of Birth Certificate.

Classes are held on Monday from 5-8pm

Beginner 5pm-6pm

Intermediate 6pm-7pm

Advance 7pm-8pm

Interested in Adult Classes?

please call Pete 732-486-6400

Kimisis Health Ministry

By Cheryl Bontales, RN



The Kimisis Tis Theotokou community is lucky to have some very talented people serve as stewards of the church. Among them are professionals and providers from a broad range of the health care field who practice as Nurses, Physicians, Dentists, Pharmacists, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Massage Therapists, Psychologists, Chiropractors, Nutritionists and Dieticians.

Free Blood Pressure Screening will be conducted on September 22, 2013

To join the health ministry, all interested health care providers are asked to contact Cheryl Bontales, RN at bontsc@aol.com. Follow postings in KCU and on Bulletin Board under Health Ministry for further information and stay healthy.

KIMISIS CLOSE-UP ADS

HARRY JOHN CONIARIS, M.D. F.A.A.O.

Eye Physician and Surgeon

Diplomate American Boards of
Ophthalmology and Internal Medicine

Office Hours By Appointment

723 N. Beers Street, Suite 1-C

Holmdel, NJ 07733

Phone: 732-888-3688

Fax: 732-888-3633



Bayside Remodeling, LLC

Expert Carpentry

Specializing in Kitchens and Baths

Serving all of New York and New Jersey

Gerasimos Voutsinas (732) 541-1129 Spiros Voutsinas

Fully insured: NJ Lic. No. 13VH06039900 /

New Home Builder No. 044535

ANTHONY S. LAFONTE, CRPC®

Assistant Vice President
Financial Advisor - Merrill Lynch Wealth Management

The Finan Group

77 Broad Street

Red Bank, NJ 07701

732.530.3047 (Direct)

732.475.4850 (Fax)

Anthony_LaFonte@ml.com

A great party starts with a beautiful invitation.



*From traditional to unique
invitations, LM Designs
provides a personalized
solution that fits your
needs, style and budget.*

www.LMDesigns.biz By appointment in Holmdel 732.335.4002

Donate securely online with a credit card or your bank account for Stewardship and other Church Fund accounts. Go to www.kimisis.com 24/7 and click on the Online Giving icon to create an account. Thank you for your support.



Set-up Technical Support: 800.348.2886 Ext 4

Or email: onlinegiving@osv.com



Kimisis

Ballroom Program (Adults)

Every Sunday after coffee hour in the all purpose room, only \$10 a class. 100% of the proceeds go to the church!

No partner or previous classes required.

Site: <http://tiny.cc/kimisisballroom>

KIMISIS CLOSE-UP ADS



Mary Loizou

Sales Representative

I Live Here...

I Work Here...

I Sell Here...

Truly your neighborhood specialist.

- Free Market Analysis
- Holmdel Resident for over 20 years
- Kumises Member for over 20 years

43 East Main Street, Holmdel, NJ

732.946.9400, ext. 126

Direct #: 908.601.4040



GREEK TAVERNA

*awaken your senses
with the heavenly flavors of*

**AUTHENTIC
GREEK
CUISINE**

OPEN TUES-SUN, 11:30A-9:00P
LUNCH~DINNER~TAKE OUT~CATERING
GROUP EVENTS PLEASE CALL FOR DETAILS

444 OCEAN BLVD NO., LONG BRANCH
INSIDE URSULA PLAZA

732-222-4600

WWW.NIKOSTRAPEZI.COM



THOMAS VASTARDIS, CPA

TAX AND ACCOUNTING

FINANCIAL CHECK-UP

Serving The Greek Community Since 1986

63 MILLTOWN ROAD

EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816

PH: 732-238-1908

FAX: 732 875 0459

EMAIL: tom@tomvcpa.com

www.vastardis.net

1-877-UN-TAX-ME

Nikolatos

5216 Route 34

Farmingdale, NJ 07727

732-938-6162

**NMJ License #
01287A**



Wreck O Mend

1040 Route 33

Freehold, NJ 07728

732-938-4211

NJ License

Wreck O Mend

COLLISION REPAIR SPECIALISTS

Family Owned and

Operated for Over 30 Years

Lifetime Warranty

www.wreckomendaautobody.com