

• MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL •

On behalf of the Parish Council we would like to wish all of you a healthy, prosperous and Happy New Year!

EPIPHANY:

We will be celebrating Epiphany on **Sunday, January 10th**. This year will be at the **Sheraton Hotel at Harbor Island**. We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at church and will be going to the **Sheraton** for the blessing of the waters and the tossing of the cross followed by a luncheon. For more details, please see the flyer in this bulletin.

CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM:

The Parish Council has voted to spend approx. \$18,000 for a new sound system for the Church. The contract includes new speakers in the church, equipment (amplifier, mixer, etc.), wireless microphones and new wiring. The work will be done by Audio Associates and by **Eric Clevenger, Anastash Georggin** and **Ernie Constant**.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED):

The Parish Council also approved the purchase of 3 Automated External Defibrillators. One will be installed in the Church, one in the Cypress Room and the third in the Educational Building. Each unit costs approx. \$1,683.

Thank you to **John & Christina Frangos** for donating the funds for one the AED's. If you are interested in making a donation for the other two units, please contact me or the Church office.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

On **Sunday, November 15th** the second General Assembly of 2009 was held after the Divine Liturgy in the hall. In addition to the usual church business of the year-to-date financial report, the preliminary budget for 2010 and the final financial report for the 2009 festival, the Assembly was presented and voted on the following items:

The Assembly elected **Marianne Dougenis, John Koutsoukos** and **Collette Pepelis** as the Board of Elections for the Parish Council elections on December 13th. In addition the Assembly voted **Elias Katsoulas, John Koutsoukos, Bess Michas** and **George Capetanakis** as the Board of Auditors for the 2009 Fiscal Year. **Anna Marie Almaraz** and **Julie Karagianides** were elected by the Assembly to represent our parish along with the Parish Council President and Fr. Andrew at the Metropolis Clergy Laity in February at St. Nicholas Ranch in Dunlap, Ca.

HELLENIC FAIRWAYS XIV:

On **Friday, November 20th** the Hellenic Fairways XIV Golf Classic was held at the Coronado Golf Course. We had 50 golfers that participated in the tournament. The golf course was in great shape as usual. Thank you to everyone that donated raffle prizes, sponsored a golf hole or just made a cash donation to the tournament.

A big thank you to **Dino Dougenis** for his continued support by donating the golf shirts for the tournament. Also, thank you to **Christina Frangos & Anne Marie Almaraz** for their participation and helping organize the golf tournament.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30 PM**.

STEWARDSHIP:

As we start a New Year, we must all remember our financial commitment to our Church through the stewardship program. In November, the stewardship committee mailed out to all the stewards of the Church a stewardship package for 2010. To meet our financial obligations for 2010, the stewardship committee recommends an increase to your stewardship of 10%. **If you have not yet filled out your stewardship card for 2010, please do so and return it to the office as soon as possible.**

41ST ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL:

The Parish Council is looking for any community member that is interested in serving as the chairperson for our **41st Annual Greek Festival** to be held in June 2010. The festival is scheduled to be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 11th, 12th and 13th, 2010.

The first general meeting for the 41st Annual Festival will be held on **Tuesday, January 19th at 6:30 pm** in the Cypress Room. ❀

Sincerely, Spero Tzathas