


• MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL •

 n Sunday, January 17th, Fr. Andrew administered the oath of office to the 2010 Parish Council members. After church the Parish Council met in the educational building and held elections for the Parish Council Executive Board. I am pleased to announce that the 2010 Parish Council Executive Board members are:

President Spero Tzathas
1st Vice President Bill Navrides
2nd Vice President Julie Karagianides
Secretary Christina Frangos
Treasurer Stephen Thiros

I would like to thank my fellow Parish Council members for giving me the opportunity to serve the St. Spyridon Parish Council as its President again. With guidance from God, our spiritual leader Fr. Andrew, and the support of the parish we can accomplish our goals.

41ST ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL:

The first general meeting for the **41st Annual Greek Festival** will be on **Thursday, March 4th** at **7:00 PM** in the **church hall**. This is our community's biggest fundraiser each year. We once again need everyone's help to make this festival a success. If you are interested in chairing a booth please let me know. This year's festival steering committee is **Art Balourdas, Julie Karagianides, Dino Dougenis, Anne Marie Almaraz** and **Spero Tzathas**.

FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE:

With the approval received from the Special General Assembly on December 13th, the Parish Council has reviewed the contract from The London Group. In addition, Attorney Jim Marinos has reviewed the proposed contract and has made some recommendation. The recommendations have been submitted to The London Group. Once we receive the revised contract back from The London Group, the PC and Foundation will review it one more time to verify that all the concerns and changes have been addressed. We will then sign the contract and return it with the agreed deposit.

PASCHA PICNIC:

The **Pascha Picnic** will be held at **Admiral Baker** on **Sunday, April 4th, 2010**. Just like in the past few years, we will need to pre-sale the food and beverage tickets. The Parish Council will have a table set-up to sell picnic tickets during fellowship hour beginning Sunday, March 14th.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY:


The first General Assembly meeting of 2010 will be held on **Sunday, March 14th** after the Divine Liturgy. A copy of the agenda will be mailed out to you at least 10 days prior to the meeting being held. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, April 13th at 6:30 pm. ❀

Sincerely, Spero Tzathas

• PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS •

 n January 30th, we had our first general meeting of the year, with 50 members in attendance. I would like to extend a big **THANK-YOU** to **Janet Burgess** for informing and entertaining us with her knowledge of Tuscan cooking; and many thanks to **Alexandra Mouzas** for organizing this wonderful program.

On **Sunday, February 7th** our **Philoptochos Board** and the **Anas family** hosted a special fellowship reception in memory of **John Anas**, and as a welcome to **His Eminences Archbishop Demetrios**, Metropolitan Gerasimos, and the members of Leadership 100. Thank you to Julie Karagianides and Virginia Shilling for chairing, and to the Anas family for working together with Philoptochos in making it a special day at St. Spyridon.

The first part of the year is very important for our chapter, as our annual membership drive is in full-swing. Everyone in our community should have received the membership mailing. Please take the time to read the brochure, which explains the mission of Philoptochos and gives greater detail about what our chapter does. I hope you will renew your membership or become a new member - we invite everyone to join! Even if you don't have the time to actively participate, your membership is a great way to contribute to Philoptochos.

On **Saturday, March 6th** we will have our **Membership Tea**, where all members, new and old, are invited for a lovely social gathering in the Cypress Room. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details, and make your reservations with the church office.

On Palm Sunday, our chapter will be selling **Tsoureki** (Easter Bread). You may also pre-order the bread, so please look for details in the monthly and weekly bulletins. ❀

My best wishes to all for a Blessed Lenten Season

In His Service, Christine Trompas Tradas, President