

• MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL •

On Monday & Tuesday, February 8th & 9th Fr. Andrew, Art Balourdass, John Kalas and I attended the Metropolis of San Francisco's Clergy Laity Assembly at St. Nicholas Ranch. On Tuesday morning after the Divine Liturgy the 5 year Memorial for Metropolitan Anthony was held. In addition to reviewing the 2009 financial report for the Metropolis, the Assembly approved the proposed budget for 2010.

PASCHA PICNIC:

We will be holding the **Pascha Picnic** on **Sunday, April 4th** at **Admiral Baker Field**. Just like in the previous few years, luncheon and drink tickets will be available for purchase at the Church Office, after Sunday Church services and after Holy Week Services. **There will be no luncheon or drink tickets sold at the park. In addition, the park closes at 5:00 pm and glass bottles are not allowed on the grounds.** We also need everyone's help in cleaning up your area.

41ST ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL:

The next general meeting for the **41st Annual Greek Festival** will be on **Thursday, April 8th** at **7:00 pm** in the **church hall**. If you are interested in chairing a booth please let me know. This year's festival steering committee is Art Balourdass, Julie Karagianides, Dino Dougenis, Anne Marie Almaraz and Spero Tzathas.

The cooking for this year's festival will begin on Monday, April 12th. The cooking schedule for the month of April is:

Sunday, April 11th after church Prep for **Dolmathes**
Monday, April 12th at 9:00 a.m. **Dolmathes**

Sunday, April 18th Prep for **Galaktoboureko**
Monday, April 19th at 9:00 a.m. **Galaktoboureko**

Sunday, April 25th after church Prep for **Mousaka**
Monday, April 26th at 9:00 a.m. **Mousaka**

The complete cooking schedule can be found under the Festival page in this bulletin.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

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

Sincerely, Spero Tzathas

• PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS •

On Saturday, March 6th over 80 people attended our Membership Tea in the Cypress Room. Thank you to the chairwomen, **Vicky Mellos** and **Eleni Merziotis**, and their creative team for putting together such a lovely event. I also want to thank **Kathreen Tzathas** for entertaining us with her beautiful voice. If you were unable to attend the Tea, I hope you will renew your membership or become a new member of Philoptochos. It's a great way to give towards such a meaningful organization.

This year our chapter is taking on two "adoptions". The *first* is through the **Holy Cross/Hellenic College Adopt-a-Student program**. This is one of the ministries of our Metropolis Philoptochos, where we are paired up with a student from our Metropolis, who is attending Holy Cross Seminary or Hellenic College. Our student is **John Smyrna** who is married with six children. We look forward to supporting him and developing a friendship, through correspondence, gift packages, etc. throughout the year.

Our *second* adoption is through **The Harbor St. Petersburg**. This organization takes the young adult orphans off the streets of Russia and helps them integrate into mainstream society. This is done through education, religion, and vocational programs. Our Philoptochos Board was inspired by parishioners, **Stephanie** and **Bill Navrides**, and so we are adopting a young adult at The Harbor for one year. More information can be found on the website: www.theharborspb.org.

The annual **Kids 'n Cancer Reception** will be held on **Sunday, April 11th**. Please plan on attending this very special fundraiser which will be held once again at the Talega Golf Club in San Clemente. Each year this fun event raises the money that supports the camps for pediatric cancer patients. I hope you will support this very important Metropolis ministry. Invitations and information can be found in our library/bookstore and on the website: www.kidsncancer.org. ❀

My best wishes to all for a Blessed Pascha.

In His Service, Christine Trompas Tradass, President