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QUICK NEWS



These precious little lambs were just a few of the beautiful children offering their "perfect praise" for God in the 2010 Holy Trinity Christmas Pageant, held on Dec. 19. For more photos of community events during the season of preparation for the Holy Nativity of Jesus Christ, see the Community Life Photo Journal on pages 9-13.



"Your mercies are as abundant as Your works. Bless all our activities, direct our steps by Your Holy Spirit, and forgive our shortcomings. Lord, bless the year with Your goodness and make it a year of grace for all of us. Amen."

Hymn for the Beginning of the New Year

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Lord our God, Who have placed
times and seasons under Your
own authority; Who have counted
us worthy in Your infinite compas-
sion to enter a New Year of Your
loving kindness, bless it and keep
us in peace.

Prayer for the New Year

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Newborn Christ,

Happy New Year! May it indeed be blessed for us all!

Whether we see it that way, however, depends on just how we read the prayer above, which is offered by the Church at the start of the New Year. In the last issue of the *Herald*, I addressed the issue of true stewardship as opposed to the material-and-ownership environment which surrounds us. As we enter the New Year, and think of our expectations for it, we can return to that theme of Stewardship again if we are to truly receive the year as the gift it indeed is.

A careful reading of the above text brings us to these stark conclusions:

- The year belongs to God, not us.
- His authority, not ours, ultimately rules that year.
- That authority encompasses, Heaven, earth and all creation.
- We receive the privilege of another year in this life as a gift of compassion from God. We cannot demand it, are not inherently worthy of it, nor is it there for our own self-serving purposes, but to accomplish that for which it has been given to us.
- The loving kindness and compassion that is of God is also reflected in us, who are made in His "image and likeness," and our New Year should find those attributes not only in Him, but in us, too.
- Our only hope out of the tumult and chaos of this life is through God's divine blessings and peace.

I refer to them as stark conclusions because they truly undermine our ownership mentality of the year, what we will either have or earn during it, and the very life we will use to experience it.

Perhaps it would be better for us to pin our hopes this year not on the worldly economy and its recovery, but on the Divine Economy ("oikonomia"), which gives us true hope in the mercy of God and leads us to eternal recovery. Who loves us so much that He came Himself and saved us. According to Theodoret, an early Church author, "To restore salvation to human beings, He did not employ as His servants the angels and archangels, not cause a piercing voice to resound from Heaven. He preferred to build for Himself a chamber in the womb of the Virgin and from there to come among us."

A God Who loves us that much will not abandon us in the coming year, nor will He leave us to "figure it out for ourselves." Seek Him. Love Him. Pray to Him. Commune with Him. He is waiting. He is merciful. He loves you!

Christ is born! Glorify Him! Happy New Year!

WORSHIP LIFE

Weekday Services January

Please take note of the following weekday Liturgies for the feast days in the month of January. Please note that we are currently on the time schedule for "Winter Hours:" Orthros is at 9:00 a.m., followed by Divine Liturgy at 10:00.

Fri. Dec. 31, 6pm Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

This will be a Vespertal Liturgy for the January 1 Feast of Saint Basil. A great way to start your New Year with God's blessings!

Wed. Jan. 5, 6pm Forefeast of the Theophany of our Lord

This is the first of two Theophany Divine Liturgies and services of Great Blessings of the Waters. The evening Vespertal Liturgy will be followed by the Great Blessing of the Waters service. Please note that this is a STRICT FAST day in preparation for Theophany and those wishing to receive Holy Communion should refrain from eating from noon until Liturgy.

Thu. Jan. 6, 9am/10am The Theophany of our Lord

This is the main Orthros and Divine Liturgy of this great Feast, this year held on a Sunday. We will offer the Great Blessings of the Water at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Fri. Jan. 7, 9am/10am The Synaxis of St. John the Baptist

This feast of the "greatest of the prophets" and Forerunner of Christ is held on the day after Theophany.

Wed. Jan. 12, 6:00 pm Paraclesis to the Theotokos

This service of supplication to the Mother of God is held on the second Wednesday of each month.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Orthodox Studies Forum January 19

The Orthodox Studies Forum will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 7:00pm, at La Roche College, 900 Babcock Blvd., in the Palumbo Science Center, Room 107. The study topic for this year is the book, "Living Prayer" by Metropolitan Anthony Bloom. The book is available in our Three Hierarchs bookstore during Coffee Hour and at the study. All are welcome. For information, see Father Radu or contact him at FrRadu@HolyTrinityPgh.org.

Saint Lydia Women's Study Fellowship January 13, 27

The Saint Lydia Women's Study Fellowship meets every other Thursday at the St George Chapel, 8941 Ringeisen Road (behind Duncan Manor Plaza) in Allison Park. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship, followed by the study and discussion promptly from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The ministry is open to women of all ages. Want more info? Contact Stacy Dickos at 412-367-0925 or SaintLydia@HolyTrinityPgh.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

GOYA Meetings January 9

The GOYA will hold two important meetings in preparation for the upcoming GOYA basketball season. The meetings will be held following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 9. There

will be one meeting for the GOYAns and another for the parents. Please plan on attending and watch the GOYA Facebook page and email list for additional information.

FUNERALS

Manias

The servant of God, George Manias, a life-long member of Holy Trinity Church who had moved to Florida in 1999, fell asleep in the Lord on December 5 in Clearwater, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Despina and their children. May his memory be eternal!

Tzanakos

The servant of God, Maria Tzanakos, fell asleep in the Lord on December 6, 2010. The Funeral service was held on December 11 at the Saint George Chapel, followed by interment at Holy Trinity Cemetery. May her memory be eternal!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sign Up For the Holy Trinity Email!

Want to receive the Sunday Bulletin directly via email? Want to keep up to date with the latest Holy Trinity news, including changes of events, changes due to weather, etc.? Go to www.HolyTrinityPgh.org and sign up today!

Holy Trinity Now on Facebook

Attention Facebook users (all 500 million of you!): Holy Trinity Church is now on Facebook. Log into your account and search "Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church - Pittsburgh, PA" or go to "<http://www.facebook.com/holytrinitypgh>". Click the "Like" icon to make it part of your Facebook account!

Holy Trinity GOYA also now sports a new Facebook page as well. It is a private page (for reasons of youth safety) and is accessible only to Holy Trinity GOYA teens, parents and advisors. The GOYA is trying to sign up all GOYA members and parents, so if you have not yet been added, please contact corresponding secretary Yianni Gagianis on Facebook and let him know so you can keep up on all the GOYA news!



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Year-End Stewardship Notes

The Stewardship Committee and Parish Council thank all our Holy Trinity Stewards for their pledges and contributions this year and ask that everyone brings their offerings up to date for 2010. Please take note that all offerings you would like listed as received during the 2010 tax year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31) for tax deduction purposes must be received at the church by Dec. 31. This is an IRS regulation. You may indicate the offerings to apply for either your 2010 pledge (to pay the balance) or the 2011 pledge (to pay ahead) and your pledge balance will be accurately calculated no matter when the offering is made. Year-end statements will be sent out at the end of January. Thanks! Also, the 2011 Holy Trinity

Stewardship Pledge Cards have been distributed and all Holy Trinity Stewards should complete one as soon as possible.

Parish Council Election Results/Installation January 9

Thank you to all those whose names were submitted for Parish Council elections this year. The results from the vote have placed the following members on the Council for the 2011-2012 term: Chris T. Balouris, Troy Geanopoulos, George Danis, Charlie Petredis, Vasilios Scoumis, Stephanie Sedor and Gerri Valliant. Continuing on for the remainder of their term are: Andrew Athanasiou, George Dickos, Jason Farmakis, Louis Kort, Anthony Loomis and Alex Trilivas. Parish Council installation will be held on January 9, followed by the election of officers. May God be our guide and strength in all things!

Vasilopita Celebration. January 16

The Philoptochos will sponsor the annual Vasilopita Celebration on Sunday, January 16, following Divine Liturgy. Representatives from all parish ministries are asked to be present. In addition to commemorating the Feast of St. Basil, a collection will be taken to benefit St. Basil Academy, the young people's philanthropic institution run by the Archdiocese in Garrison, NY. (See the article on page 15 for more information on Saint Basil Academy). Thank you for your participation!



House Blessings. January

Services for Holy Theophany and its surrounding feasts will be held as usual on January 5-7. An important part of that celebration is the Great Blessing of the Waters service. In order to bring the blessings of the feast and the Lord into our homes, Orthodox Christians traditionally invite the priest to bless their home with the Holy Water from the feast. Please see the enclosed information and schedule your visit by January 5. A House Blessing Request Form can be found on the back page of this issue. Please note that dates of your area and be available at that time. Rescheduling will only be done for cases of inclement weather.



Snow Line 412-321-9282, Option "6"

Please keep in mind over the winter months that the Holy Trinity "Snow Line" is available to check for the cancellation of events in the case of snow or inclement weather. Call the church office after hours, then select option "6" to hear announcements of any cancellations. Keep in mind: snow or other cancellation announcements are also made through our parish email list and our Twitter account. Be sure to sign up for them at www.HolyTrinityPgh.org.

Also watch the KDKA Storm Center,



as Holy Trinity greek Orthodox church is registered there as well for weather-related changes in schedule.

REGIONAL NEWS

FOCUS North America Kick-Off Event January 25

FOCUS (Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve) North America is a philanthropic ministry whose mission is to: a) serve those in need, by providing aid through our programs and partners; b) support Orthodox Christian social action ministries, agencies, professionals, and volunteers; and c) supply parishes and others with the education, resources and training needed to initiate social action ministries in their own communities



A Pan-Orthodox project is now underway to establish a FOCUS Center in the Pittsburgh region. FOCUS Centers are established in California, Florida, Minnesota and Missouri. FOCUS Centers are setup in cities/regions to provide a hands-on outreach to the poor, needy and suffering in an area. The needy of today are around us more now than ever before.

Forty-nine million Americans lack adequate food. Many include those who became recently unemployed, have lost their homes to foreclosure or are considered "the working poor." FOCUS is an opportunity for our Orthodox brothers and sisters to give guidance, strength and support to the needy and fulfil the mission to "restore living icons." Just as we give respect to our icons and reach out to the saints depicted in those icons, we too should follow the teachings of Christ and support and give respect to those around us, our "living icons." Together we can bring this support to the Pittsburgh area and continue this outreach with our Orthodox faith.

With God's grace and your help, FOCUS NA plans to open a Pittsburgh FOCUS Center in 2011. An event to start this process will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Church in Mt. Lebanon. The event is titled, "An Evening with Theodora Polamalu - The Mission to Restore Living Icons." Ticket donations are \$30 (dinner & drinks included) for adults. Please RSVP by January 10 to Vasso Paliouras 412.563.3577 or focus.pgh@gmail.com. See the enclosed flyer for details.

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Part of a regular series of contributions by our resident "Gheronda" (respected elder clergy), Father John Androutsopoulos

January 2011 – The Voice of the Gospel



**Father John
Androutsopoulos**

Beloved Brothers and Sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always! God is the giver of many wonderful gifts. The best of all is forgiveness of our sins if we confess them with a humble and contrite heart. And now, God is giving all of us a New Year. If we have not done so well last year and have not lived for God as we should, we now have a chance to make a new start. Beloved, remember that negligence of our

spiritual duties is a mortal sin. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, there is an invitation from our Lord Jesus Christ to all of us. Let us accept the spiritual invitation especially for the New Year. "Come unto Me all you that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30).

Come Unto Me

He speaks here to all those who are under the weight of sins and errors.

And I Will Give You Rest

With my teachings, He proclaims, I will relieve you from such weight, and consequently, you will receive eternal life. The faith in Jesus Christ and the correct keeping of his commandments take away the weight of sins and bring rest and ease in the soul and calm in the conscience of the faithful. Beloved, do not despair for the salvation of our souls—thinking of the multitude of our sins—because the compassion and forbearance of our heavenly Father—crying out to all sinners to forgive our sins—if with repentance we come to God.

Yoke

This means the teachings of Jesus and his divine commandments which we wear as a yoke made possible by His grace.

Meek

He is willing to forgive and He is humble in His soul. Humility and meekness are very important in the life of a Christian. What did Jesus say in the sermon of the Mount about the humble and the meek? Jesus said, "blessed and happy are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!" By poor in spirit our Lord Jesus Christ means those who have a humble and contrite heart, those who intention-

ally humble themselves and do not think too much of themselves. Humility is the "Holy Gate" through which we can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed and the happy are the meek. They will receive what God has promised! The meek are those who endure the insults of others and are not possessed by anger. Such an example is our Lord Jesus Christ who was meek and humble in his heart. If we want to have rest for our souls and enjoy eternal peace we ought not to be tempered or resentful but meek and humble in our hearts. Anger is a terrible passion for which many evil things happen. The following is from the Epistle

of St. Paul to the Ephesians (4:31): "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking be put away from you with all malice." Also, Colossians (3:8): "But know you also put off all these anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, and filthy communication out of your mouth."

The teachings of our Savior are easy, light and useful for the salvation of our souls. Beloved, we have in mind that meekness and humility of our Lord Jesus Christ so let us avoid the terrible passion of wrath

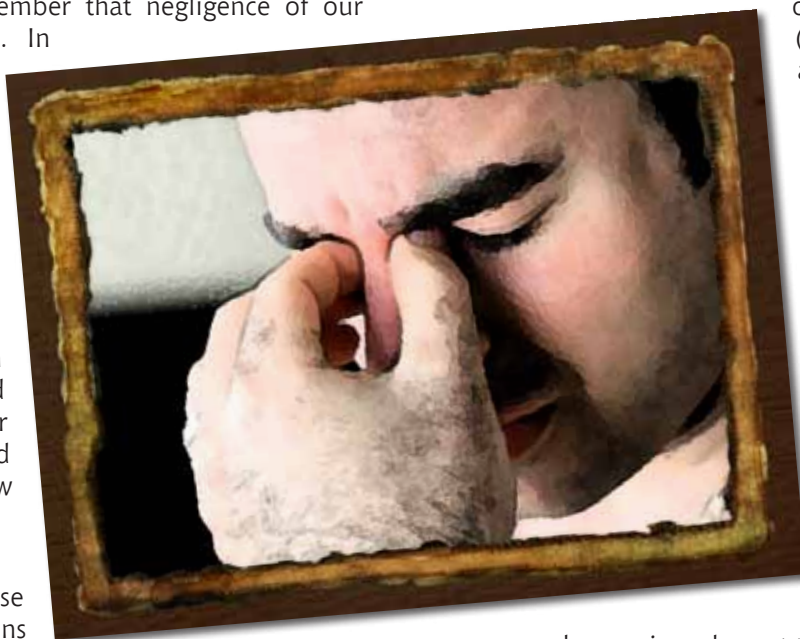
and anger in order not to harm ourselves or anyone else. Finally, let us not forget the three verbs for the New Year: Repent for our sins; Resolve to be better Christians, Remember what Jesus did on the Cross for us. In his own words "the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His Life as a ransom for many."

PRAYER

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: Our Father who art in Heaven, as we begin a New Year, we pray that all bitterness, and wrath, and malice, and anger, and evil speaking shall be put away from among us, and that we shall be kind to one another. Help us Father, to be faithful to you. Amen.

May we all have a Healthy and Happy and Peaceful New Year. Happy Nameday to those who celebrate their Name-days in the Month of January!

*With the love of Christ,
Rev. Fr. John K. Androutsopoulos
Protopresbyter*

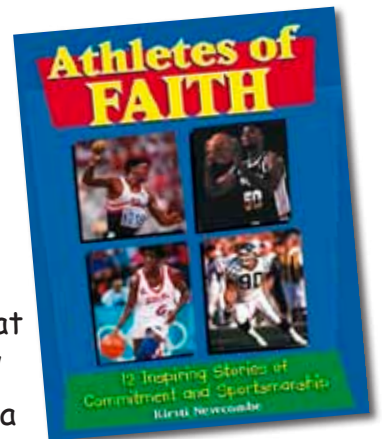


Hello, my precious children and all you sports fans!



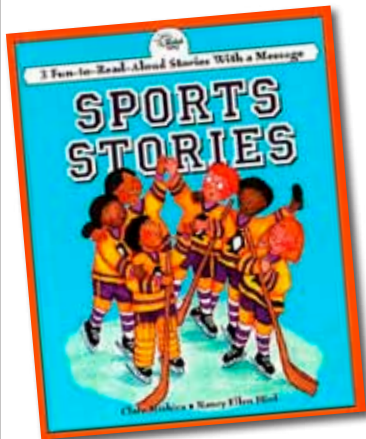
Happy New Year! Well here we are in 2011, and what an exciting year I'm hoping it's going to be! Probably a Steelers playoff, and maybe even a Superbowl again?

Well, I don't want to get carried away, but I'm also really excited about sports because of a great book in my library. It's called "Athletes of Faith," by Kristi Newcombe. It really gets across the idea that sports aren't just fun and games all the time.



They can also teach us important biblical values: commitment, dedication, fairness and perseverance. This book introduces my precious 4-to-7-year-olds to twelve professional athletes who have stood strong in their faith while competing in sports. These stories will show how our Heavenly Father uses good witnesses to produce good Christian role models. Check it out soon!

Staying with the sports theme, but moving from real-life characters to fiction, I also have another book which contains inspiring and fun sports stories. It's called, funny enough, "Sports Stories," by Clare Mishica and Nancy Ellen Hird. The first of its three stories is titled, "The Penguins' Big Win."



Everyone was asking the question, "Will the Penguins (not the Pittsburgh Penguins!) hockey team ever win again? When the Penguins put the coach's plan into action, they learn an important lesson: God's plan is for us to do as it says in the Bible, "Build each other up." Together, they discover that when they encourage one another, they will always be winners, even if they lose the game.

The second story in this book is, "Marty's Monster." Since Kristin joined the team, Marty is no longer the best soccer player on the field. She is so upset she feels like there is a big green jealousy monster following her everywhere. So she prays to her Heavenly Father for help. The

important lesson she learns is that God only makes one of each of us, and that He always wants to help us be the very best we can be.

Finally, the third story, "Charlie the Champ," is the tale of a great hitter named Charlie. In fact, he is the Rhinos' best hitter, but it certainly is not a family trait. His little sister, Kate, can't hit, catch or even throw a ball straight. He loves her very much and helps her improve her skills. But most of all, he discovers what it feels like to be a real hero to his sister. I can't wait to read this to my little sister, Zoe!

Love in Christ,
Spero

An update on the news and activities of our local Holy Trinity chapter of the Philoptochos Ladies Society, a national philanthropic ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Want more information? Visit their web site at www.philoptochos.org or contact a local member.

Philoptochos Report: January 2011

We wish you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Undies and Socks: Always Needed

We have been running this appeal for some time now, and we will continue to do so because the need is on-going. The socks and undies received in the collection box in the Narthex are donated to the Auberle Center for Children. Because new children are always being received, there is always a need. Some of them only have the socks and undies they are wearing! The center provides them with whatever clothes they can, but it is especially important to be able to provide them with the dignity of being able to wear new, clean, unused socks and underwear. Please help! Next time you are at Target, Sam's, Walmart or anywhere you can pick up a pack or two of children's socks or undies, please do so and toss it in your car for church next Sunday!

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

We had a great afternoon at the Senior Citizen Party. The food was delicious. We sang Greek and English Christmas carols led by Areta Kalogeras. Santa was a big hit and most of us had our picture taken with him (see the Community Life Photo Album on pages 12-13). Santa passed out Greek yogurt as a small gift. We thank Chris T. Balouris for donating it to Philoptochos. You missed a good time if you did not come. Please make plans to attend in 2011.

Turkey Fundraiser

We thank everyone who donated to the Turkey Fund. Your generosity helps us to help those in need. Without your help we would not be able to help as much as we do. This is one of our biggest sources of income for the year. If you haven't sent in your donation, it is not too late.

Angel Tree Gifts for Children

Thank you to Sondra Balouris, who was chairperson of this project this year. She was responsible for getting 75 names from the Auberle Center to put on the tree. Our community came through wonderfully, demonstrating the Bible's lesson that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Thank you to all the donors for your generous and beautiful gifts that you purchased for the children. Thank you for helping to make sure all the children of Auberle have a special Christmas!

Holiday Prepaid Bake Sale

We have been having a prepaid Bake Sale for many years.

Your response has been phenomenal and we thank you for your support. We have many charities that we support and each year more are added on. The money collected from the bake sale helps us to contribute to each and every one.

Vasilopita

Every year in January we celebrate St Basil Academy. On January 16, 2011 we have the Blessing of the New Year's Vasilopita and we pass a tray. The money we collect from the tray and the coffee hour is sent to our Archdiocese's own Saint Basil Academy in Garrison, New York. Ever wonder if that money really helps? Take a look at the moving article on page 15 of this issue. It is by a graduate of the Academy who has gone on to make great progress in his life, and your donations helped him get there! Please plan to attend this service and help the students

that attend the Academy.

Get Well Cards

If you know someone who is ill, in a nursing home or a hospital and would benefit from receiving a get well card, please call Esther Ladakos at 412-761-3977 or tell her after church so that she may send one from the Philoptochos. If you did not feel well, wouldn't you like to have someone remember you? Please help us by letting us know.

Philoptochos Membership

This is a new year and we hope that all the ladies of Holy Trinity Church will join Philoptochos and help us in our missions. Once you join and become involved you will be very glad you did and will remain a member for a long time.

As you can see from the reproduction of an actual receipt of membership, this member goes back to 1948! That is certainly a "long time member" by any definition, and she worked very hard over the years. Now is time for new members to join and work for Philoptochos. Stewardship is \$20.00 a year. Ten Dollars goes to National and \$7.00 dollars goes to the Metropolis. Our chapter will receive \$3.00 (that comes to .25 cents a month!). Ladies of Holy Trinity, please join.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Ladakos, Secretary



Reflections in Greek on the Great Feast of the Holy Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ο Νέος Χρόνος 2011



Voula Hareras

Ενας νέος χρόνος πρόβαλε (2011) τό όνομά του.

Μπήκε άθόρυβα στη ζωή μας. Καί είναι όλόλαμπρος, όλοκαίνουρ- γος, άθικτος. Γεμάτος ύποσχέσεις.

Γέμισε καί ή δική μας καρδιά χαρά καί αίσιοδοξία. Χρυσές έλπίδες στό στερέωμα τής ψυχής μας. Καλώς μάς ήρθε. Εύτυχισμένος νάναι καί καλός. Ήρθε...Καί...φεύγει...

Κάθε ήμέρα φεύγει. Κάθε ώρα. Κάθε λεπτό. Ένα ποτάμι είναι καί ό χρόνος πού τά νερά του κυλούν γοργά. Φεύγει, καί μέσα στη ροή του στήνεται ή ίστο- ρία τού κόσμου. Καί ή δική σου.

Νά τόν σταματήσεις τόν χρόνο δέν γίνεται. Μόνον μπο- ρείς μαζί του νά συνεργασθείς. Σκέψου σύ πώς γίνεται αυτό... Νά προσθέσω καί έγώ από τά μυστικά πού έμαθα τρέχοντας μαζί του. Λοιπόν ό χρόνος θέλει.

1) Νά τόν δείς μέ σεβασμό στην άξία του. Είναι πολύ- τιμος ό χρόνος (χρήμα) είναι είπαν. Καί (άγοράζεις) μέ αυτόν. Πραγματοποιείς δηλαδή όλα τά ώραία σου όνειρα.

2) Νά μήν τόν σπαταλάς, γιατί όπως λέει ό άρχαίος σοφός, όταν τόν σπαταλάμε σέ αυτά πού δέν πρέπει, δέν φθάνει γιά κείνα πού πρέπει.

3) Νά τόν δεσμεύσεις, μέ τό προγραμμα σου. Λάστιχο είναι, είπαν κάποιοι απλοικά αλλά άληθινά, άνοίγει καί χωράει...Πόσα χωράει, πολλά. Ένα νά προσέξεις, τίς έπι- λογές σου. Δέν είναι τά πολλά, αλλά τά καλά, πού πρέπει νά μπούν στό πρόγραμμα σου. Αύτά πού άξίζουν, ή προ- οδός σου ή διανοήτική, ή εξέλιξη καί ή σταδιοδρομία σου, ή προκοπή σου στό άγαθό καί τήν άρετή.

4) Είναι καί άλλα πού θέλει ό χρόνος, γιά νά συνερ- γασθεί μέ έπιτυχία μαζί σου. Θέλει έργατικότητα, άπο- φασιστικότητα, θάρρος...Νά μήν πισωγυρίζεις, νά μήν άναβάλλεις, νά μή γκρινιάζεις. Άλλά νά προχωρείς μέ αίσιοδοξία πρós τά έμπρός.

5) Καί τό κυρίότερο, νά τόν δείς τόν χρόνο μέ εύγνω- μοσύνη στόν Θεό πού σου τόν χάρισε. Δώρο του είναι. Αύτός όρίζει ήμέρες καί καιρούς γιά τόν καθένα. Καί μόνον (εν τω Θεώ) ό χρόνος παίρνει νόημα.

Καλή συνεργασία μέ τόν Νέο Χρόνο λοιπόν. Νά προχω- ρούμε καθημερινά όπως τό θέλει ό Θεός μέ τήν βοήθειά του.

Προς Την Νίκη

Επρόβαλε ή Πρωτοχρονιά

Έπρόβαλε ή Πρωτοχρονιά
Μέ τήν χρυσή θωριά της,
Καί όλούθε λάμψη καί χαρά
Στό γλυκοχάραμά της.

Παιχνίδια γύρω φορεσιές
Καί μάλαμα καί άσήμι,
Καλά τά δώρα πού σκορπά
Καί στόν καθένα δίνει.

Μά έγώ γυρεύω νά σταθώ
Στόν άργαλειό τού χρόνου
Καί έλα, Χριστέ μου, από ψηλά
Κάθησε στό πλευρό μου

Τό έργο δύσκολο πολύ
Καί γώ νά μή λυγίσω
Μιά μιά τίς μέρες πού θαρθούν
Μέ τέχνη νά πλουμίσω.

Κρίνο ή άγνότης, καί ή χαρά
Τριαντάφυλλο πάνθίζει
Κι άγάπη μου νάναι πηγή
Τόν κόσμο νά ποτίζει.

Δός μου Χριστέ μου, προκοπή,
Τής άρετής οί κλώνοι
Νά μού προβάλλουν άνθηροί
Στό κάτασπρο στημόνι.

Καί σάν περάσουν οί καιροί
Κι οί μέρες πιά τελειώσουν..
Τό έργο μου τό φωτεινό
Χριστέ, θάναι δικό σου.

Χλόη Άχαϊκού

Εύχομαι σέ όλους σας μέ ύγεία καί χαρά ό νέος χρόνος καί νά μάς άξιώσει νά δούμε έπιτέλους Είρήνη στόν δύστυχο κοσμάκη.

Βούλα Χαρερά





December 11: Holy Trinity GOYA continued a long-standing holiday tradition by holding its annual GOYA Christmas Fireside Chat. Hosted by the Berexa family, it provided an opportunity for our teens to focus on aspects of the coming of Christ into the world, its effect on our lives and our calling to proclaim it. For a fun twist this year, the GOYAnS were given the assignment of taking the characters in the icon of the Nativity and composing a 160-character "tweet" that would best share their experience with others if such technology existed in biblical times.





December 19, 2009: The Holy Trinity Church School Ministry staged its annual Christmas program. In the meaning of the holiday in our new world of technology the framework for this annual





Christmas Pageant, with this year's theme being "Searching for Christmas" Find the real Holy Trinity adventure, involving all the students and staff of this vibrant ministry.





December 3, 2009: Holy Trinity Philoptochos held a luncheon at Holy Trinity Community Center. The day started with a Mass celebrated by Father Radu. Lunch followed, with a tremendous performance by the Hills High School Jazz Band, featuring over two dozen musicians. A surprise visit was paid to all the seniors by "special" Santa Claus. Holy Trinity Philoptochos for coordinating this annual holiday tradition. Holy Trinity who has worked so hard in support of their members.





hosted its annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Luncheon. The event started with hymns of the Nativity and a blessing. The entertainment program offered by the North Hills was very talented local young musicians. Finally, the "special visitor" in red and white! Many thanks to the Holy Trinity community for the beloved and respected seniors of Holy Trinity families and this community for so long!



Stewardship Update | 2011 Stewardship Pledges Received

Thank you to the following Holy Trinity stewards who have submitted their 2011 Stewardship Pledge cards! The Stewardship Committee has accepted the challenge of raising the level of Stewardship support in the coming year. Your pledge card is an essential part of it!

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2009/2010 STEWARDSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

2009 Offerings Received from Stewards Submitting Pledge Card	\$163,070 (229 pledges)	2010 Offerings Received from Stewards Submitting Pledge Card	\$128,949 (205 pledges)
2009 Offerings Received from Donors Without Pledge Card	\$35,204 (38 donors)	2009 Offerings Received from Donors Without Pledge Card	\$12,426 (51 donors)
2009 Total Stewardship Income	\$198,274 (267 donors)	2009 Total Stewardship Income	\$141,376 (266 donors)
2009 Average Stewardship Pledge	\$680	2010 Average Stewardship Pledge	\$681
2010 Offerings Received from Stewards Submitting Pledge Card	\$128,949 (205 pledges)	2010 Stewardship Pledges Total	\$139,663 (205 pledges)

Each year we celebrate the Feast of Saint Basil on January 1, and our Holy Trinity Philoptochos collects funds to support the Academy of Saint Basil in Garrison, New York. The following article, reprinted from the Hellenic Chronicle, demonstrates the importance of supporting this vital ministry. Want to learn more or become a supporter? Visit www.saintbasilacademy.org.

It was at the age of 12 that I left Boston, where I had lived in the foster care system. When I was 7 my mom could not take care of me and my two sisters anymore. It must have broken her heart to see us be taken away by the state of Massachusetts.

You know, the most difficult job in the United States is that of a single mom, and my mom worked full time, attended class part time at a nearby college and was a full-time mother to my two sisters and me. Mom could not handle it anymore, so off we children went bewildered and scared. After about one and a half years in the foster care system, through the grace of God, I left Boston and came to St. Basil's.

It was a morning about 65 years ago that Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, who was then archbishop, along with a few carloads of faithful drove up here to Garrison from Manhattan. They had a vision—that the kids left in the wake of World War II would not be lost; they would have a safe place to grow and thrive. That safe haven, that place, was St. Basil Academy.

I know that for me the academy immediately provided a much better alternative to living as a ... foster youth, and I have learned that it does today for the youngsters sitting here. ...

It is only individuals like you who are so involved with this blessed institution who can essentially promote these young, innocent and vulnerable people. ... Your extensive involvement ensures the proper upbringing of my little brothers and sisters.

I have learned that at the end of the day, it does not matter whose name you drop or who your relative is. Being ethical is vital and singularly key for sustaining a long period of leadership.

You, the children of this academy belong here for as long as this academy can serve you. Look around you—you are some of the richest kids on earth and have infinite potential regardless of whatever ... you have dealt with.

For over 65 years St. Basil's has provided support and hope for kids who often have been the most marginalized, the most vulnerable the most in need—who have come from the some of the most difficult parts of America

What is more selfless, spiritually rewarding and in keeping with God's word that we love one another than simply helping young kids who have had it rough and been forsaken? I can't think of anything.

Whether it was because of World War II or because of situations like mine, where my single mom had reached her limits and needed help, this academy has been there for us This is a place that answers the call, that accepts the burden.

The mother who sits up late at night crying and stressing about how she will pay the bills and buy the books her kids need for school, or the father who works three jobs just to make

ends meet—for them this academy serves as a beacon of hope.

So today I can stand up here and say that because of St. Basil's, and more importantly its people, I just completed my master's degree from Boston College. You pour your love, faith, time, families, your financial resources into this academy—into the lives of these kids present today. You answer the prayers of the sobbing mother and hopeless father, of our former Ecumenical Patriarch. You are the real extended family of this academy and so important to the success of its young people.

St. Basil the Great teaches us that family is so important—

that sticking together as a community is vital—so that the single mother who stays up late at night or the single father who worries about his kids can know that the aid of St. Basil's just might alleviate some of these burdens.

Those who are closest to us and who are related to us are not always the ones who do God's work. Sometimes it is the people you least expect to be there for you when life throws a curve ball.

These individuals become your mentors, your teachers and your role models. You the faithful of the Archdiocese are emblematic of this relationship, because when the children of this academy needed you, you were there for them. You have been there for me too.

When they were denied love you offered it to them, sometimes for the first time. When they thought they were alone on this earth you reached out your hand You fulfill the vision of former Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras who started this place and you answer the call of St. Basil the Great. You come to Saint Basil's and give of yourselves and it is because of this selflessness that I am where I am today. ... I cannot even begin to thank you for this.

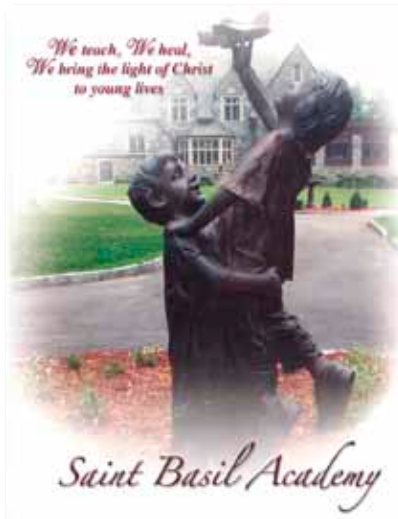
Please continue to be there for the children of St. Basil Academy. Ensure they have the same resources, guidance, love, opportunities and privileges as I did, if not better.

For the graduates, you reap what you sow. Work hard now and find the right mentor. ... Stick together and love one another like brothers and sisters.

For the faithful stewards of this beloved and sacred academy, remember the sage old words: "I shall pass through this world but once, If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good deed that I can do, please let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

When you arrive at your heavenly reward, most faithful stewards of St. Basil Academy, may the gates open to the words, "Enter, Oh true and faithful follower."

Joseph Coutlis Alshanniek, a graduate of Boston College (Bachelor's and Master's degrees), delivered this commencement address at St. Basil Academy in Garrison, N.Y. this past year. He is a graduate of the Academy.



Archdiocese National Ministries in Action | Hellenic College Programs

The Archdiocese provides many ministries and services through the continual support of her faithful parishes their members. Much of the information about these institutions, programs and opportunities can be found on the Internet, especially through our award-winning Archdiocese web site, www.goarch.org. To bring help put that information at your fingertips, however, this series of articles highlights some of those ministries. Your continued stewardship at Holy Trinity Church has a direct impact on keeping these programs going.



High school students develop as leaders through ten life-changing days of vocation exploration

CROSSROAD

Each year sixty Orthodox high school students from North America come to Hellenic College/Holy Cross for the CrossRoad summer institute. CrossRoad participants, who describe the experience as "life-changing," are juniors and seniors preparing for college and seeking more knowledge of their faith and future.

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ORTHODOX YOUTH TAKE THIS CHALLENGE

CrossRoad is an engaging 10-day summer institute for Orthodox Christian high school juniors and seniors of all jurisdictions that takes place every summer on the campus of Hellenic College/Holy Cross in Brookline, Massachusetts. This year, thanks to overwhelming interest from qualified candidates, CrossRoad will again offer two sessions! Students from the United States and Canada are invited to take part in an exciting summer vocations exploration program designed to help them discern their life callings and match their God-given gifts with the needs of the world. CrossRoad session dates for summer 2011 are June 18-28 (first session) and July 5-15 (second session). Download application materials at www.hchc.edu.

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College students discover their God-given gifts and strengthen their purpose

COLLEGE STUDENT PROGRAMS

OVM programs at Hellenic College invite undergraduates to see the vocational dimension of potential careers and help students interested in lay or ordained ministry explore this calling. Students graduate with a rich sense of their vocation, unique gifts, and mission to serve.

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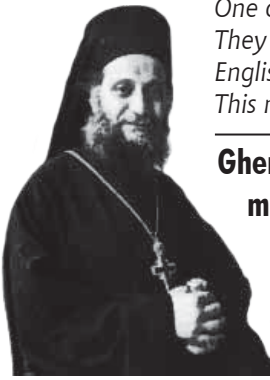
Orthodox faculty enhance their capacity to mentor students

ORTHODOX SCHOLARS INITIATIVE

Hellenic College faculty and Orthodox faculty across the country become engaged mentors and produce scholarly work on the relationship between Orthodox faith and higher learning. Faculty participants are better able to help students navigate their college years as Orthodox Christians and to discover their vocational paths.



The Orthodox Scholars' Initiative of the Office of Vocation & Ministry at Hellenic College aims at enhancing the capacity of (a) Hellenic College faculty, and (b) Orthodox Christian faculty nationally, to: 1. Enhance their own sense of vocation as scholars and teachers in the various disciplines of higher education. 2. Teach and mentor undergraduate students around the topic of vocation. 3. Contribute scholarly work on the Orthodox Christian theological exploration of vocation. 4. Contribute scholarly work on the relationship between Orthodox faith and learning/higher education. For more information, visit www.hchc.edu.



Elder Aimilianos

One of the great blessings of Orthodoxy is the presence, prayers and inspired words of the Holy Elders of the Faith. They have been referred to as "precious vessels of the Holy Spirit." In recent years, many books have been published in English with their writings and talks. This column provides an opportunity for each of us to be blessed by their words. This month we continue the series based on the topic, "Communion with God"

Gheronda, can our soul really ascend to meet God?

So there you are on the heights, surveying the earth below and the sky above. Your intellect now begins to feel its freedom and wants to fly. It realizes that God is waiting for it on high, and so, with all its strength, and with the help of

Him who gave prayer to mankind and fortified its faltering will, the intellect begins to ascend to God. Has your mind ever descended into the hellish depths of sin? Has it ever run away and flown off to those whom you love? In exactly the same way, the intellect is now drawn upwards to God. And with this we have arrived at the third stage: the ascent of the intellect to God, which is one of the most beautiful moments in our spiritual life.

How do we know we are experiencing this ascent?

Our intellect begins to ascend in spirit and truth (cf. Jn. 4.23). What does that mean? It means that this ascent occurs solely by the power and attraction of the Holy Spirit. Like a magnet, the Spirit first attracts us before He Himself comes close to us. And because He is the exclusive bearer of the truth, being pulled in His direction means that I must abandon all my illusions. I must abandon, in other words, all that is mortal and fleeting; all that has had a beginning and will one day come to an end. In spirit and in truth I must abandon my very self, which also had a beginning and at a particular moment will die. I abandon my views and my opinions; I abandon what I believe, what I feel, what I experience, what I know. I abandon whatever is bound up with my will, even that which for me seems to be the truth. I abandon even my power to will, my feelings, everything that is a lie and an illusion, along with all that changes and passes away like insubstantial swirling wind. Having abandoned all this, our spirit ascends, and it does so by the attraction of the Spirit, although it is not without its own powers of attraction.

What does our spirit have that attracts the Holy Spirit?

Ardent, excessive love, which overwhelms it as it stands upon the summit of spiritual progress. At the same time, then, that the intellect trembles before the surrounding void, it is possessed by a love supreme. The intellect has been swept up to a lofty peak not a physical place, of course, for that, too, would be vain and false, and thus not in spirit and in truth - but rather a dimension of life and experience, a disposition of the mind. It is something you can understand and feel, but it's not something that you can bring about on your own. It's a rapture of the intellect, which means that the intellect is attracted and ascends by the power of the Spirit. Like a rider urging his horse forward, the Holy Spirit, in the words of the Fathers, "urges the intellect toward love."

Do you see now how the Holy Spirit arranges everything?

And now that He is driving the ascent of the intellect, He urges it on-wards to love. Our own spirit, on the other hand, seeks to exert its own attraction, to ascend on its own, to spread its wings in order to reach the Spirit of God. At the same time, the Spirit rests upon it like a rider on his mount, and the more our own spirit feels the Holy Spirit upon it, the more fearless it becomes in the face of the void over which it ascends. As the intellect continues to ascend, it sees that the Holy Spirit does not halt its climb, but ascends even further, and thus its ardent love is kindled and its flight upwards becomes entirely vertical.

What effect does this spiritual ascent have on my life?

Until now, we were earthly people leading miserable lives, caught in the thick of invisible warfare. Now, however, we have acquired our first spiritual experience—"spiritual" because it is of the Holy Spirit—as a result of which God stoops down to me and enters my life. Until now, all of this, including my union with God, was unfolding within my intellect. But I'm not only intellect - I'm body and soul, a complex, living being that God created and knows so well. That is why He loves me, even though I am still overshadowed by my own darkness. Now God comes, and I realize that "having come, He walks with me, He walks in me" (cf. 2 Cor. 6.16).¹³ It seems like He's next to me, walking alongside me, but I realize that He's actually within me. When we, realize, my beloved children, that the Holy Spirit is walking within us, we come to the penultimate experience of communion with God, which we call a "state of union" or "intimacy." We also call it a "state of prayer," because prayer and communion with God are the same thing. Prayer is not merely an address of words to God, but an ascent to Him.

What, then, is this state or condition that I have reached, initially through my intellect but encompassing the rest of me as well? It is, in fact, not a state, but rather a capacity for dispassion. It may seem like a state of being, or a kind of condition, inasmuch as it is something that I have achieved, a reality within me; but in essence it's a capacity, that is, a turning, a habit which forms in my life. It is, strictly speaking, a dispassionate capacity, which is the condition for the possibility of union with God. What does it mean to be dispassionate? It means turning exclusively to God, with all your strength, energy, power, and love. There is no turning aside to anything else whatsoever, because that would immediately introduce a false, human consolation taking the place of God.

Dispassion, then, is an unshakable disposition, at this stage not simply of the intellect, but penetrating my entire existence. The love of God that I experienced during my ascent now becomes part of my daily existence, and I become the intimate companion of God. I may go for a walk, stroll through the garden, return to my home, go to bed, work in my office, in my cell - anywhere at all but wherever I go, and whatever I do, I am the intimate companion of God. This is the experience of my restoration after the fall.

Excerpted from "The Way of the Spirit" (to be continued)

The Feast of Theophany and the Blessing of Homes and Businesses

"At Your Epiphany, the whole creation sang Your praises. For You, our God, have appeared on earth and dwelt among men. You have sanctified the streams of the Jordan, sending down from on high the most Holy Spirit."

From the Service of the Great Blessing of the Waters



"What is Theophany?"

Every year on January 6th, the Orthodox Church celebrates the Feast of Holy Theophany, which is the baptism of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church and is also known by the name, "Epiphany." The Baptism of Christ in the River Jordan at the hand of St. John the Baptist sets the example for our own baptism by water in the Holy Spirit.

"How do we celebrate Theophany?"

The main celebration is, of course, found in the Church with the holy services on January 5th (the Forefeast), January 6th (Theophany) and January 7th (Synaxis of St. John the Baptist). We also take the feast home with us by having our homes blessed with the Holy Water.

"What happens during a House Blessing?"

You will receive a call to confirm your appointment a day or two ahead. When the priest arrives, he will conduct a brief service either in your dining room or at the place where your family usually offers its prayers. It is best to have the entire family present if possible, especially children. Please be sure to have an icon and a list of the first names of all the members of your household. If you have a home censer, you may prepare it also. A bowl of water is not necessary, as the priest will bring the holy water sprinkler from the church.

The priest will offer the blessing service and offer the names of the people present and those contained on the family names list in prayer. As the service concludes, please lead the priest throughout the house to sprinkle the holy water while chanting the hymn of Theophany. He will bring a copy of the service so you can follow along and chant the hymn. When the service is over, please understand if your priest needs to keep the visit brief in order to cover all the homes scheduled on that day.

"Should I Have Our House and Business Blessed Every Year?"

Yes! In the Orthodox Christian tradition, homes should be blessed each year to bring the blessings of the Feast of Theophany into the home and to rededicate ourselves and our family to the Lord. It is an annual commitment, celebration, thanksgiving and family prayer. It is also a pious way of asking God's blessings on our business and livelihood as good stewards of all His gifts.

2011 House Blessing Schedule

Date	Time	Area	Zip Codes
Mon. Jan. 10	2pm-6pm	Northside, Perrysville	15212, 15214
Mon. Jan. 10	6pm-8pm	South Hills (all areas)	15102, 15216, 1522X, 1524X
Tue. Jan. 11	3pm-5:30pm	Bellevue, Westview	15202
Thu. Jan. 13	4pm-9pm	Cranberry, Mars, Gibsonia, Treesdale	15237, 160XX
Thu. Jan. 20	2pm-9pm	North Hills (McKnight area), Allison Park	15101, 15237
Sat. Jan. 22	2pm-8pm	Wexford	15090
Wed. Jan. 26	4pm-9pm	All other areas not listed/Make-up date/Snow date	Various

Important note: Please be available at the time scheduled for your area. Re-scheduling will only be done in cases of inclement weather. Thank you for your help!

PLEASE RETURN THE FORM ON THE BACK OF THE HERALD BEFORE JAN. 5 TO SCHEDULE YOUR HOME. YOU WILL RECEIVE A CALL TO CONFIRM YOUR TIME.

Reminder: Please schedule your House/Office Blessing by January 5th! See back page.

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A schedule and description of the House Blessing tradition can be found inside this issue of The Herald. If you would like this special blessing for your family, home or business, please mail or deliver this form to the church office by January 5. Your date and time will be confirmed the day before your visit. Note: Please be available at the time indicated on the schedule. Re-scheduling will only be done in cases of inclement weather. Thanks!

Scripture of the Month: “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24.15)