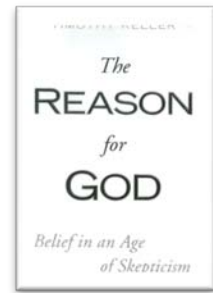


ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Learning Your Faith: Readings for the Nurturing of our Beliefs" is the new educational ministry of our St. Athanasius Parish, commencing Wednesday, February 17, 2010 from 7-8:30pm in the Vestry next to the Altar. All participants must secure the Timothy Keller book "The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism." Those taking part in the round table discussion guided by Fr. Kastanas must have read the Introduction and the first four chapters of the text prior to our first gathering. Please contact Fr. Kastanas at frnmk@aol.com, or by calling the Parish Office at 781 646-0705 with questions.



Communications Volunteers Needed. Please help our parish stay connected by volunteering- If you know how to use standard Microsoft Office applications you have the skills we need for most tasks! Greek editing skills also sought for the monthly bulletin. Please contact cchamallas@gmail.com to volunteer

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

Sunday Church School

It's 10 am do you know where your children are? We cannot stress enough how important regular and timely attendance at the Divine Services are to a young person's spiritual formation. Please remember that Sunday School begins not in the classroom but at the Liturgy which commences at 10 am each Sunday. Participation in both the Liturgy and classroom instruction are two integral parts of our program, and we would like to make sure that all children can take advantage of it. As a reminder, to encourage our young people to arrive earlier enough to participate in the Divine Liturgy we have instituted an incentive system. If you student arrives prior to the reading of the epistles please make sure that they see Mr. Moutsatsos to receive an attendance card. At the end of the school year all attendance cards will be used in a raffle drawing.

Another way that our 4 and 5 grade students actively participate is through the St. Athanasius Youth Choir. They have been working hard all year learning and singing hymns from the Divine Liturgy and are truly a blessing to our parish. Please take a moment to let them know how wonderful they sound when you see them on Sundays.

JOY

The next JOY gathering will take place Friday, February 12 from 7-9 pm. Our theme will be: JOY VALENTINE'S ACTIVITY NIGHT. Come by for refreshments, Valentine's treats and to make Valentine's Day crafts/cards for the Hellenic Children's Cardiac Fund.

Little Halos Day Preschool and Prekindergarten

Καλή Χρονιά! We wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year. May 2010 be filled with blessings to you and your family. The students of Little Halos ended the year of 2009 with their annual Christmas Pageant and Pizza party. The children were also thrilled with a special visit from Santa who brought a gift for each of them. Many thanks to Joy Apostolou for organizing this memorable event. In addition, we held a very successful fundraiser on Dec. 27th. Despite two consecutive snowstorms we were able to raise \$275.50 for the school. Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods and supported our fundraiser.



On Friday December 18th we said goodbye to one of our beloved teachers K. Chaido Karamoschou, who is expecting her first baby. We wish her and her family all the best. While we are sad to see K. Chaido go we are also very happy to welcome K. Theodora Doukoglou who has joined our teaching staff.

The second half of the school year has gotten off to a wonderful start. During their first week back at school the children attended church for the service of the blessing of the waters. Those who attended received bottles of Holy Water to bring home to their families. In the classroom we talked about Jesus' baptism by his cousin John in the river Jordan. Other themes for discussion this month include winter weather, hibernation, winter animals, and

families. On Thursdays, Little Halos is pleased to offer an extended day along with a special enrichment program led by Mr. Charles De Virgilio of "Mind Body Systems" in Arlington. This is a special exercise and movement class for the children and will be offered every Thursday from 12:15-12:45 for an additional \$10 fee.

In the month of January and February there are several upcoming events that should be noted. On January 29 we will be hosting an open house for prospective families from 2-3pm. Registration for students of returning families will be held during the week of February 1-5. Registration for new families will be held during the week of February 8-12. Registration materials may be obtained by contacting the school at 781-648-9639. Lastly we are pleased to announce the initiation of a monthly "pizza night" for the families of the school. Once a month the families for the school are invited to gather for a "pizza night." It is our hope that these family gatherings will help strengthen the school community and help promote fundraisers and other activities for the school. Once again, we wish you all the best for the New Year. As always, thank you for your love and support of our school.

Please contact Kaiti Galanopoulos Director/Lead Teacher at 617-899-8742 or kaitigalanopoulos@gmail.com for information on the school, to arrange a school tour or to inquire about enrolling your child for an upcoming year

ADULT MINISTRY UPDATES

Choir

THANK YOU to all those who participated in the wonderful Choir presentation of our Christmas Pageant... Youth Choir, Adult Choir, Church School children, and all Church School assistants. Our Youth Soloists included Nicole Vankuilenburg, Sophia Kyrou, Elpitha Georghiou, and Mary Kandaras...

ANNOUNCEMENT of 2010 ANNUAL METROPOLIS CHOIR CONFERENCE- We are excited to announce that on November 5, 6, & 7, 2010, the St. Athanasius Choir and the St. Athanasius Parish will be hosting the Annual Conference of the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians (MBFGOCM). This is a gathering of choir members from all over our Metropolis as well as participants and guests from areas throughout the U.S.A. The Conference highlights will include workshops, liturgical and secular music, Saturday banquet, and culminate with His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios celebrating the Divine Liturgy on Sunday. We anticipate a 100 voice Adult Choir and an extraordinary Youth Choir. *Everyone* is invited to participate in this exciting event by joining in the Conference events (you don't have to be a choir member), and/or volunteering to work on any of the committees. Get involved! It will be fun! Watch for upcoming announcements. Meetings for the 2010 Annual Choir Federation Conference will be held following the Divine Liturgy on announced Sundays, at 12:15 p.m. For information, please contact Stella Pathiakis, Choir Director, or Father Nicholas Kastanas.

ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT- Saturday, March 20, 2010. Mark the date on your calendar, and watch for further announcements of location and times.

LENTEN CHOIR REHEARSALS- will begin for the Lenten season on Wednesday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m., and continue on each Wednesday.

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS AND INFORMATION: Contact Aphrodite Darris at 781-646-7193. For Youth Choir Conference information contact Stella Pathiakis.

INVITATION: This is an exciting year for our St. Athanasius Choir. We invite you all to come up to the Choir Loft on Sunday mornings and join us. Try it out. You'll like being with our faithful group. If you think you can't sing.. It doesn't matter..Let your voice do what it can..The Lord will take care of the rest.

Welcome back to Niko Pithis, our esteemed chanter, who has returned after recovering from surgery.

If you would like to participate in the Choir or in any of the above events and for more information please contact Choir Director -Stella Pathiakis (Phone: 339-222-2629 or Email: stella.pathiakis@comcast.net). Youth Choir Director- Aphrodite Darris (Phone: 781-646-7193).

Philoptochos

Hronia Polla to all for the name day of our St. Athanasius the Great Church! Thank you to all the ladies who donated and helped to set up and serve at our St. Athanasius Vesper Reception. It was a very successful evening. Metropolitan Methodios thanked our St. Barbara Philoptochos for the generous donation to completely furnish one room at The Faith and Heritage Retreat Center in New Hampshire.

Our sincere gratitude to those who braved the storm on Monday (Angeliki and Thanasi Arvanitis, Aphrodite and Nick Darris, Ellen Leotsakos, Katherine Kriketos, Irene Kalogeris, and Maria Tsihlis) to provide a delicious luncheon for all who attended The Liturgy of St. Athanasius Feast Day!

We offer our heartfelt appreciation to our ladies, Loula Loukeris, Demetra Zacharakis, and Katerina Stamides who, bearing Philoptochos Christmas Fruit Baskets, visited several of our homebound parishioners.

A reminder from our National Philoptochos Office to all ladies to wear red on February 7, Go Red Sunday, to increase awareness of Heart Health for Women.



**DONATE NOW
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Our National Philoptochos has asked each chapter to send a donation to our National Office for the Haiti Relief Fund to support the Orthodox IOOC work being done in Haiti to help the victims of the devastating earthquake.

St. Barbara Philoptochos has started a collection beginning with a donation of its own for this worthy cause, and we hope that parishioners can add to this appeal by sending a monetary donation to "St. Barbara Philoptochos" and write in check memo section "For Haiti Relief Fund".

Another way to help is to put together a Personal Health Kit and bring to Church Office to be given to our Philoptochos Society to mail to our Orthodox IOCC helpers in Haiti where there are also two Orthodox churches. Thank you in advance for whatever assistance you can offer.

PERSONAL HEALTH KIT (please fill each kit exactly as described below)

Buy a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure and fill it with the following items:

- One hand towel
- One washcloth
- One comb
- One metal nail file or nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size, new and wrapped in original packaging)
- One toothbrush (NO TOOTHPASTE)
- Six Band-Aids

Fifties Plus

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 4th at 10:00 am at the Church Auditorium. Fr. Nick will be the guest speaker and refreshments will be served. The topic of discussion is "Questions and Answers about Holy and Great Lent.

Adult Greek Language Lessons

The second session of Adult Modern Greek: "Intermediate Greek" will run for 10 classes from January 14th to March 18th on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 pm. The dates are currently scheduled for: January 14th, 21st, 28th, February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, March 4th, 11th and 18th. This class is taught by Ms. Kiki Kolokithas, a native Greek speaker and experienced educator. New students are always welcome. Please contact the Church office to register.

Adult Bible Study

The Spring 2010 Bible Study Groups are underway with sessions in Greek being held Mondays and English being held Thursdays both from 7:15-8:30 in the Vestry to the right of the Altar. This session focuses on lessons from the

Church Fathers and includes interactive group dialog on applying these lessons in a contemporary way. New participant including inquirers are always welcome, there is no cost and no registration required.

Homeless and Needy

Our Homeless and Needy ministry supports a number of people by sharing food certificates from local supermarkets. During these winter months, when heating costs make it especially hard to put food on the table, please consider donating a gift certificate in order to help others...

Pine St. Inn

We continue our long tradition of preparing and serving a meal to the 100 women guests at the Pine St. Inn on a monthly basis. Whether you are looking to make this a monthly commitment or would like to make a onetime visit we encourage you to join us. Please call Randy Fassas 617-966-1452 for more information.

****If you are interested in getting involved in any of the activities listed in this bulletin please call the church office for more information, we would love to have you!!****

All bulletin submissions for March 2010 must be sent to cchamallas@gmail.com by Monday February 15th. It is the responsibility of each ministry to submit their announcements by this deadline; we encourage all ministries to be represented each month!



ST. ATHANASIUS JOY VALENTINE'S ACTIVITY NIGHT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2010

TIME: 7:00-9:00 pm-church hall

Come for pizza/refreshments and Valentine's treats.

*Join us in making Valentines cards & crafts for Hellenic Children's Cardiac
Fund and for our discussion: Jesus Loves You!*

For more information: Lpaganis15@comcast.net