



The Light



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Message from Father George - The Eucharist

“The Eucharist is the central mystery of the Church. It is the source and the summit of her life. In it the Church is continuously changed for a human community to the body of Christ, the temple of the Holy Spirit, and the holy people of God.

The Eucharist, according to Saint Nicholas Kabasilas, is the final and greatest of the mysteries “since it is not possible to go beyond it or add anything to it. After the Eucharist there is nowhere further to go.

We all must stand, and try to examine the means by which we may preserve the treasure to the end. For in it we obtain God Himself, and God is united with us in the most perfect union”.....

Through the Eucharist divine life flows into us and penetrates the fabric of our humanity.

The future life is infused into present one and is blended with it, so that our fallen humanity may be transformed into the glorified humanity of the new Adam, Christ.

The Eucharist is our “medicine of immortality and the antidote against death, enabling us to live forever in Jesus Christ,” according to Saint Ignatios.”

“Introduction to the Divine Liturgy by Fr. Alkiviades Calivas. The Divine Liturgy of the Saint John Chrysostom.”

In keeping with Fr. George’s message about The Eucharist, the attached hymn is sung during Holy Communion. The hymn is from Psalm 135/136 (Verses 1-4), and the translation is as follows:

*O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, Aleluia;
for His mercy endureth forever, Aleluia.*

*O give thanks unto the God of gods, Aleluia;
for His mercy endureth forever, Aleluia*

*O give thanks to the Lord of lords, Aleluia;
for His mercy endureth forever, Aleluia*

*To Him who alone doeth great wonders, Aleluia;
for His mercy endureth forever, Aleluia.*

I hope you enjoy!

Father John was on deployment at the time we published this newsletter. Father John will supply articles for us in future editions. As always, our prayers are with him and his family.

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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

During the first two years of our existence, our early strategy and focus, from an administration standpoint, has been to secure a place of worship, develop organization and structure, and establish all ministries and cultural programs. These efforts were necessary 'first-steps' that now allow us to fully function as a church. With the foundation of our church established, we must now focus our attention toward two concurrent efforts that will allow us to move our parish from where we are today to where we need to be. Our goals now become: 1) to accept a full-time Priest, and 2) to build a church. For the sake of brevity in this letter, I will only address the first of two concurrent missions. I will address the second mission in the next newsletter.

Accepting a Full-time Priest

As Fr. John's military assignment to Iraq approached, it became clear the Metropolitan was interested in assigning a full-time Priest to our parish. This, of course, is very encouraging as it shows the faith and commitment our Metropolitan has toward our parish. The message sent back to the Metropolitan was that, although acceptance of a full-time Priest is a top priority of our parish, our young parish of two years is simply not in a financial position at this time to accept the offer and the responsibility that comes with it.

As much as we know that our future is bright and our growth depends upon having a Priest available to serve our parishioners on a full-time basis, we take the acceptance of a Priest and the responsibility of ensuring proper support of him and his family very seriously. It would be unfair to him and his family, as well as to our parishioners, if we were to accept a Priest prematurely and be unable to meet our financial obligations. Our parish has a good reputation, but that would quickly change if we, through impatience and desperation, accepted a commitment that we could not sustain. Such an outcome would result in a loss of trust from the Metropolitan, our parishioners, and any future prospective Priest that might be interested in serving our parish. It was clear; **we need to be patient!**

The message sent back to the Metropolitan is that we expect to be in a financial position by September 2010, two years from now, to accept a full-time Priest. In the meantime, we have requested, and Fr. John has accepted, to return to our parish as interim-proistamenos once he returns from Iraq. Although nothing is ever certain in military life, it is understood at this time that Fr. John would be assigned in the area at least until September 2010. There is little visibility as to Fr. John's assignment and therefore, availability to our parish beyond that date. **So, our goal is now clear – we must prepare to accept a full-time Priest by September 2010.**

Based on your knowledge of what it takes to live in Northern Virginia, one of the most expensive areas in the country, you can do the math as to what it would take to support a full-time Priest. Including benefits, the number ranges between \$100k and \$130k, depending upon the level of experience. Some may think that this is a lot of money. For those that do, please recognize that a Priest works 24/7 and usually requires his Presvytera to stay home to raise the children, rather than earn a second income. It's the least we can do to support someone who has given their life to serving God!

What Is Our Role?

The ability to cover this obligation is directly tied to your **STEWARDSHIP** in the church. The government might reconsider if we changed our mission to one that fraudulently registers voters, but I don't think the Archdiocese would go along.

Your stewardship matters a great deal toward reaching our goal as a parish! Without your consistent support, our parish would not exist. We are not just stewards of a parish, but stewards of our beautiful Orthodox Christian faith, proudly and selflessly doing God's work in Loudoun County. Our children and future generations will reap the benefits of our sacrifice and realize the importance of making God their first priority in life.

During the first two years of our existence, we have seen our stewardship grow from 85 families to approximately 125 families. Stewardship receipts have grown from approximately \$100,000 (2006) to over \$140,000 (2008), with an average stewardship pledge of about \$1150 per family. For our parish to accept a full-time Priest, we estimate that we will need stewardship receipts to reach approximately \$200,000. Based upon our current average stewardship pledge, we need 175 stewardship families to reach this goal, 50 more than our current status, realized over the next two years.

Therefore, our stewardship goals are as follows:

- 2008 (Forecast): 125 families (\$140,000)
- 2009 (Budget): 150 families (\$170,000)
- 2010 (Budget): 175 families (\$200,000)

With the grace of God, this is certainly achievable, but we need your help. Our 2009 Stewardship drive will begin soon with Stewardship Sunday scheduled for Sunday November 16, 2008. You can help us realize our goal of funding a full-time parish Priest in two years by doing one or more of the following:

- Sign a 2009 Stewardship Pledge form and return it to the church,
- Encourage friends and family to become stewards of our parish,
- Consider increasing your stewardship pledge for 2009

As a final note, this isn't about numbers and dollars; this is about a very noble, worthy and God-serving endeavor that we are working toward. The funding of a full-time parish Priest is vital to our mission "to serve as a beacon and witness of the message of Christ through divine worship, preaching, teaching, and living of the Orthodox Christian Faith." With Stewardship Sunday approaching, please consider your role in our worthy mission. The 2009 Stewardship slogan is very fitting "**If not you, who? If not now, when?**"

With love in Christ,

Michael Koutsourais

Philoptochos

Niki Lelis, President

It's hard to believe it's November, with the holidays just around the corner.

The Philoptochos is busy with supporting the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter, assisting with furniture collections for people leaving the Loudoun Homeless Shelter and assisting families in need. as well as helping within our Parish. We are happy to say that our bookstore is open now after service each Sunday so stop by on Sunday.

Here are a few activities we are planning to do this month. Our **Membership Tea** will be on Saturday November 15 late in the afternoon at church. We look forward to seeing new friends, as well as "old" friends joining us at the tea. More details will be sent out and put on the church calendar. This year we are going to do something different, we are going to have a bake-sale for Thanksgiving. The **bake sale** will be held on Sunday, November 23. So look for more information on the goodies that we will be selling!

Our Philoptochos monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm until 9:00pm at our Parish. The next meetings will be November 10 and December 8. See you there.

ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

Parents-it's okay for you to fill this out for your student! The Ladies of Philoptochos want to know where you are so please send us your info.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone(cell) _____

College Name _____

Drop this in the mail to the Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County, 21580 Atlantic Blvd., Building D, Unit 160, Dulles, VA 20166, or email this info to : silvercps@hotmail.com (subject line-GOPLC), or drop it in the Sunday Tray.

Capital Building Campaign – “For the Glory of God”

“Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me” – Mark 8:34

During this second year of our existence, and in continuation of the work and sacrifice that has brought us to this point, we propose to embark on a major capital project to build a Byzantine-style Greek Orthodox Church to worship our great Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the necessary facilities in order to increase opportunities for religious education, fellowship and the growth of our ministries.

At the dawn of the third Christian millennium, a new and holy task appears before our faithful parishioners. As our grandparents and parents were faithful in their time, so too must we be faithful in our time. In the past few years, inspired by the activity witnessed in the growth of our parish and its ministries, let us embark on a project that will impact the lives and souls of thousands of people over many generations -- and for all eternity!



Phase I of the project is to acquire land, perform civil, architectural and structural design, and construct the Community Center. The Community Center will be used as a temporary house of worship in addition to its use for educational, social and business functions. To begin Phase I of the project, the goal is to raise \$3 million through pledges fulfilled and gifts offered over a period of five years. To be successful, we will need the true sacrifice of all our stewards. Participation is the most important component! In justice, we seek gifts of equal sacrifice, not equal amounts. Only you can measure the abundance of blessings you have received and are able to return in time, talent and treasure for God’s work as we unite to continue the mission of Jesus Christ through The Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County, Virginia.

‘Thank You’ to those that have pledged their support for our Capital Building Campaign. If you have not submitted your pledge, please make this a priority today. We need true sacrifice of ALL our families in order to meet our goal.

Capital Building Fund Contributors

Major Benefactor (\$100,000)
Anonymous #1

Grand Contributor (\$25,000)
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Koutsourais
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Economou

Contributor (\$10,000)
AHEPA #438
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Zangos
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilis Fotopoulos
Ms. Nikoleta Lelis
Mr. & Mrs. Christos Alexandrou
GOPLC Greek School

Donor (\$5,000)
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Kyriazi
GOPLC Philoptochos
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Galasso
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pollatos
Kennedy Foundation

Contributor Categories

Arch-Contributor - \$1,000,000
Major Patron - \$500,000
Grand Benefactor - \$250,000
Major Benefactor - \$100,000
Benefactor - \$50,000
Grand Contributor - \$25,000
Contributor - \$10,000
Donor - \$5,000

Capital Building Campaign: “For the Glory of God” Pledge Form

Please make your check payable to the Greek Orthodox Parish LC Building Fund

I am honored to assist the **Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County, Virginia.**

I am interested in becoming a/an _____ contributor.

I/we therefore pledge to the campaign as follows:

Total Pledge: \$ _____

Down Payment: \$ _____

Balance Due: \$ _____

I/we prefer to pay the balance: Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annually Annually

Over a period of: 1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Donors may make tax-deductible commitments to the Capital Building Campaign in the form of pledges, cash, property, securities, real estate, and planned gifts such as life insurance and bequests. Pledges can be fulfilled over a five-year period, in whatever increments are most appropriate to you. All gifts, regardless of the amount, are very much appreciated and can be applied to future memorial or naming gift opportunities.

For more information, please visit our web site – www.greekorthodoxloudoun.org or contact Michael Koutsourais, Parish Council President, at Mkouts1@aol.com.

HOPE&JOY

Our HOPE & JOY children have been busy preparing for two very important upcoming events. On Saturday, Dec. 6th, we will be visiting the Sunrise Assisted Living Home to bring them some Christmas cheer. Besides singing Christmas Carols to the residents during their Social Hour, we will bring them some home-baked Christmas cookies and give them some special Christmas Crafts that our children have been working on.

On Friday, December 12, we will be visiting the children at the INOVA Loudoun Hospital pediatric unit and pediatric ER. We will also spread some very well needed Christmas cheer there by singing Christmas Carols, bringing them Christmas presents and special Christmas crafts that we have made for them. The Director of the pediatric center will give our children a tour of the brand new pediatric unit at the hospital followed by a question/answer session with juice and cookies!

Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 15th and will be centered around discussion and activities about helping those in need, and treating people with love, respect and kindness. We will be finishing up our Christmas crafts for our upcoming events, and practicing our Christmas carols.

We welcome all children between the ages of Kindergarten to 5th grade to join our HOPE & JOY! Please contact Kathy Kendrat at (703)669-5865 or kmkendrat@aol.com for more information if you have not already registered.

Save The Date...

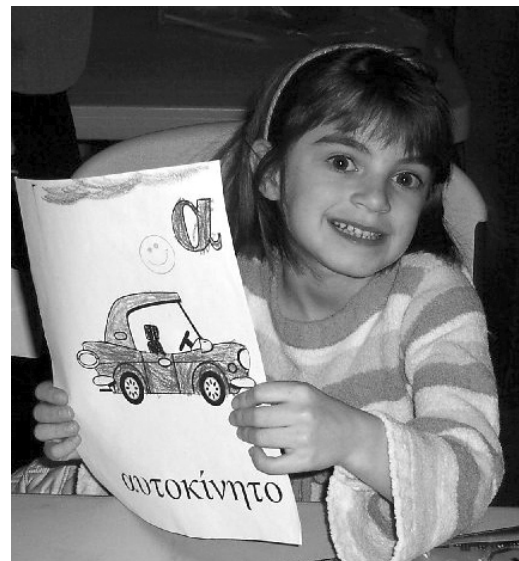
A look ahead to the upcoming spiritual, social and educational activities

November		
Sunday November 2nd	Orthros Divine Liturgy	8:30 AM 10:00 AM
Saturday November 8th	Dinner Dance and Silent Auction	6PM Cocktails 7:30PM Dinner
Sunday November 9th	Orthros Divine Liturgy	8:30 AM 10:00 AM
Monday November 10th	The Ladies Philoptochos Monthly Meeting Contact Philoptochos President Niki Lelis (nlelis@cox.net) or VP Cynthia Smith (silvercps@hotmail.com) for more information.	7:30 PM
Saturday November 15th	Philoptochos Membership Tea	Late afternoon
Saturday November 15th	HOPE & JOY Monthly Meeting	4:00PM - 5:00PM
Sunday November 16th	Orthros Divine Liturgy Please join us after Church for our General Assembly and Stewardship Sunday. The support and participation of the Parish has been a blessing as we grow into our 3rd full year. Please join us as we plan for the future. We need your help...	8:30 AM 10:00 AM
Sunday November 23rd	Orthros Divine Liturgy Philoptochos Bake Sale	8:30 AM 10:00 AM
Thursday November 27th	Thanksgiving Day Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM
Sunday November 30th	Orthros Divine Liturgy No Sunday School Classes	8:30 AM 10:00 AM
December		
Saturday December 6th	HOPE & JOY Monthly Meeting Sunrise Assisted Living Home Visit Practice	2:15PM - 4:30PM
Sunday December 7th	The Ladies Philoptochos Monthly Meeting Contact Philoptochos President Niki Lelis (nlelis@cox.net) or VP Cynthia Smith (silvercps@hotmail.com) for more information.	7:30PM
Friday December 12th	HOPE & JOY Event @ Loudoun Hospital Meet in the front lobby of Hospital	3:45PM - TBD
Sunday December 14th	Orthros Divine Liturgy No Sunday School. 3rd Annual Christmas Pageant. Please join us as our Children perform a wonderful Christmas Pageant for all of us to enjoy. Brunch with Santa after Christmas pageant.	8:30 AM 10:00 AM
Sunday December 21st	Orthros Divine Liturgy No Sunday School Classes	8:30 AM 10:00 AM
Wednesday December 24th	Christmas Eve – Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil	6:00PM
Sunday December 28th	Orthros Divine Liturgy No Sunday School Classes	8:30 AM 10:00 AM
Wednesday December 31st	Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil	6:00PM

“Why Do We Have to Go to Greek School?”

Like many of you, my employer requires that I attend meetings, seminars, workshops and the like that will help in my job. As a Parent Liaison for the Loudoun County Public Schools, my job is to act as a communication bridge between parents and the school on any number of issues. Recently, I attended a meeting about how I could better communicate with families who speak a language other than English. With over 4,000 children enrolled in English as a Second Language (ESL) in the county, and over 85 different countries represented in my own elementary school, I found it very informative.

The speaker, Al Evangelista, is an Italian immigrant and Director of ESL for Loudoun County. His presentation only underscored what I have believed all along. That while it is difficult to leave your homeland and immigrate to a new country, you adapt to certain things faster than others. Clothing, food, climate, living conditions are among the easiest adaptations. It is the language, however, that is among the last and hardest thing to change. Why? because a person's language identifies who they are, where they come from. In essence, a person's language is them.



If you have ever traveled internationally and got to “people watch” (a favorite pastime of mine) you may have seen people from like countries meeting each other in a foreign land. What is the first thing people do when they discover they are the same nationality? They don't compare clothes or go out for their native food, they immediately talk to each other in their common language. The language of their homeland. The language of them.

So when my own daughters ask me “Why do we have to go to Greek school? We don't speak Greek at home.” I gently remind them that Greek is the language of our church, the language of their Papou and Yiayia, the language of their culture, the language of their past and the language of who they will become. It is the language of them.

I know in these economic times it may be hard to justify the expense of Greek language school. Believe me, two children in Greek school is a tough sell to my husband, Mr. Dorn. However, in my opinion, Greek language school is not an after school activity where you paint pots or string beads. What Greek school does is teach a skill that remains as long as you live. As I call it, a life skill.

Even though classes have begun, we still have openings in our school and I would urge any parent who has been on the fence about Greek school to enroll their children. We are very fortunate to have five smart, dedicated and gifted teachers who are devoted to providing your children with the best Greek language education. We are blessed to have them and this program and we as a community should work to ensure its success. Your children may thank you one day. At least that's what I tell my kids.

Susan Dorn

Director, The Greek Language School

Registration forms for Adult and children's language classes can be found on our web site or in the church reception area.

Announcements

On behalf of the Alexandrakis Family and myself, I would like to thank everyone for their love and support on the passing of my partner, Peter Alexandrakis. Love, Niki Lelis

Catechetical School

This year the Sunday School students in each class are involved with various activities. Each teacher has worked very hard to ensure that the students are actively learning about our faith. Here is a synopsis of some of the things the students by grade:

Pre-K/Kindergarten

Miss Donna's Pre-K/Kindergarten class is learning a lot of new things this year! Some of the things we are learning include: the Lord's Prayer both in English and Greek; how to cross ourselves; what we see, do, and how we are supposed to behave when in Church; how our families are important; and how our lives at home should reflect what we do and say at Church. We will also learn about some of the major feast days (such as Christmas and Pascha), why we celebrate them, how we celebrate them, and why they are important to us.

1st Grade

Miss Joanne's first graders are looking forward to another fun year. We are continuing our focus on the Lord's Prayer. Most of the children can recite it from memory and now we have focused on the meaning. We are also examining our day to day activities that we do to help us become better Christians. Our last few lessons have focused on The Fruits of the Spirit and how God wants us to help others.

2nd Grade

Miss Valerie's 2nd Grade class has been learning all about themselves. They have been learning how we believe that God has made every person very special. That God helps us to learn every day. They learned that the Bible teaches us how to live. That God cares about how we feel. That God wants to help others. With this lesson the students were given a chart on how they can help at home. The students also learned how we can help others during the year. Also the students have been learning that we should always be thankful to God. With this lesson the students learned how Noah was thankful to God when he and his family got off the ark.

3rd and 4th grades

Miss Carol's 3rd and 4th grade students are currently learning what it means to become disciples of Jesus Christ through giving of themselves, and their faith. We reach out to our church, our community, and internationally, through the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC).

5th and 6th grade

Miss Melisa's 5th & 6th grade students are currently learning the Symbol of the Orthodox Faith which is the Nicene Creed. They are memorizing each line but also learning the greater meaning. The students are discussing the history of the Creed and gaining an understanding of its significance to Orthodox Christians.

7th – 9th Grade

Mrs. Kendrat's 7th-9th grade Sunday school class is very busy. The main focus of the curriculum is "What it means to be a Christian." We have briefly studied some of the Father's of the Old Testament and church history of the Israelites and their slavery in Egypt, leading up to Moses and the 10 Commandments. We have discussed why God gave the Israelites the 10 Commandments, and are working our way into the New Testament and the Greatest commandment given by Jesus Christ..."You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39. This Greatest Commandment will be the foundation of our study of "What it means to be a Christian."

10th-12th grades

Mr. Zangos' students in the senior grades are learning how the Gospel principles apply in today's society. The teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ are just as relevant today as they were two thousand years ago. As Orthodox Christians we are to be equipped with the truths of our faith, and know how to apply them as we enter into adulthood and have to deal with life's daily challenges.

The Sunday school teachers would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to help you in the spiritual growth and development of your children. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about what your children are learning.

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S t e w a r d s h i p

2008 HONOR ROLL OF STEWARDS

As of October 19, 2008

* New stewards since last newsletter shown in bold

Questions? Email: crebok@comcast.net

# of Stewardship Families	Total Pledged (\$)	Stewardship Received (\$)
126 total (40 new, 86 returning)	\$143,790	\$118,113

Steve & Kristin Adams
 Mark & Andrea Alexander
 Peter, George & Steven Alexandrakis
 Christos & Tracey Alexandrou
 Spiro & Eftychia Anthony
 Theodore & Martha Apostolou
 Bill & Nancy Aubin
 Nick & Lynne Avdellas
 Luke & Valerie Avramides
 Mitch & Jeanette Aydlette
 Ronald & Mina Baldinger
 Daniel & Barbara Balkey
 Robert & Marina Blair
 Tim & Diane Boone
 Matthew and Dina Brady
 John & Penelope Broening
 Chad & Julie Burke
 Chris & Joanne Canellos
 Pete & Elena Chambers
 Greg Cherpes
 Nicholas & Hilda Christos
 Edward & Alexis Cleveland
 Dean & Maria Coulopoulos
 Panayiotis & Athanasia Dacey
 Chris & Misty Damvakaris
 Michael & Sophie Delpierre
 William & Helen Demestihias
 Aristos & Anna Dimitriou
 Christos & Helena Dimitriou
Michael & Aspacia Dintini
 Craig & Marianne Dodson
 David & Susan Dorn
 John & Maria Drapas
 Anna & Bruce Dressel
 Dean & Lia Economou
 Martin & Donna Egan
 Ioanna & Zenon Epaminoda
 Carol & James Epperley
 Kosta & Irene Fostieris
 Vasilios & Joan Fotopoulos
 Gary & Lillian Funk
 Frank & Melisa Galasso
 Francis George
 Anthony & Carol Georgelas
 Angelina Gillas
 Evangelia Gonzales
Michael & Sophia Grinnan
 Nick Grivas

Nick & Dorothy Harris
 John & Eugenia Hobson
 Katherine Hoenig
 Jimmy & Catherine Hontos
Mary Ivie & Oscar Basiliko
 Nicholas & Helen Jougras
 Andrew & Vasiliki Kaffes
 Fr. John & Presv. Michelle Kalantzis
 Themis Kalaris
 Alex & Trisha Kantsios
 Nicholas & Constantina Kass
 Bill & Kathy Kendrat
 Catherine Kesari
 Dimitri & Yolanda Kesari
 John & Paula King
 Marianne Koukli
 Jim & Dee Koutris
 Mike & Effie Koutsourais
 Michael & Niki Kyriacou
 Ernest & Helen Kyriazi
 Nick & Elaine Lailis
 Alexandra Lampros & Hal Hallet
 Nikoleta Lejis
 Marc & Ellen Lieberman
 Nick, Alice & Nellie Louh
 Stephen & Marianne Lunceford
Zachary & Paula Malachias
 John & Ismini Manuel
 Angelike Maoury
 Stan & Julie Maoury
 Evangelia Mayer
 George & Tina Michallas
 George & Debra Mokhiber
 Louis & Maria Mollo
 Greg & Shannon Nerantzis
 George & Aurania Nichols
 Vasil & Elisabeth Nika
 Chris & Katrina Panagides
 Aris & Georgia Papadopoulos
 Demetrios & Dimitra Papalabrapopoulos
 George & Maro Paraskevopoulos
 Sean & Kristen Parkinson
 Eleni & Frank Pecjak
 Jonathan & Janet Perezous
 Andreas & Vicki Pippas
 Louis & Athena Poehlman
 Jerry & Helen Pollatos
 Arqilea & Majlinda Polo

Russel & Holly Powell
 Despina Psomiades
 Keith Pullman
 John & Panajote Qesari
 Nicholas & Anastasia Ramfos
 Elias & Vasilina Ravaris
 Travis & Christie Rebok
 James & Mary Rigas
 Alex & Mia Sapountzis
 Jeff & Cynthia Smith
 Frank Sofocleous
 Constantine & Jenny Sofologis
 Nick & Elizabeth Spyros
 Stavros & Virginia Stephanakis
 Peter & Moska Stratis
 Silviu Sulita
 Angelo & Anna Tjoumas
 Mihail & Tanya Tomazos
 John Tsaknis
 Michael & Maria Tsapos
 John & Karen Tsitos
 Ronny & Anna VanDyke
 Jennifer Vlachopoulos
 Elaine & Paul Voketaitis
 Rev. Fr. Alexander & Kathleen Webster
Angelo & Marianne Voyages
 Sami & Wendy Yacoub
 Steve & Ianthe Yeatras
 George & Timea Zangos
 Nicholas & Carol Zangos
 Christos & Christina Zirps

There are still a couple of months left in the year and our 2008 pledge goal of \$150,000 is within reach. Thank you to all who have made their 2008 pledge commitments already. If you have not yet completed a 2008 Stewardship Pledge card, one can be found in the Narthex or online at www.greekorthodoxloudoun.org.

To be eligible to vote at the upcoming November 16, 2008 General Assembly meeting, each Committed Steward must be up to date with his/her contributions for the year.

Thanks to all for your continued generosity and support!!

If not YOU...
WHO?

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
&
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

November 16th, 2008

will be held immediately following the Divine Liturgy

A light lunch will be served during Fellowship Hour

We need all of our families to be stewards of time, talent and treasure. The Parish Council and Stewardship Committee sincerely hope you will submit your 2009 Stewardship Pledge Card at this time. Additionally, please look to sign up to be involved with the various groups, committees and ministries of the Church.

We need everyone's support to meet the needs of the Parish in 2009.

If not NOW...
WHEN?



SAVE the DATE:

Sunday, December 14

BRUNCH with SANTA

**Time: After Service and Our Christmas Pageant
Around Noon Time**

**Where: Founders Hall, Ashburn Fire House
Ashburn Road, Ashburn, VA**

Our Coffee Hour Needs Your Help

Fellowship after Divine Liturgy is a essential component of our church community. We are in need of families to volunteer to host coffee hours from November through January. Families are also encouraged to co-host coffee hours with other families. Contact Cynthia Smith at 703-478-0522 or at silvercps@hotmail.com to sign up.

2 Nov-Jolanda Kesari and family

9 Nov-

16 Nov-Stewardship Sunday-Parish council

23 Nov-

30 Nov-

7 Dec-Niki Lelis and Cynthia Smith

14 Dec-

21 Dec-

28 Dec-

4 Jan-

GOYA NEWS

On Saturday, November 22, GOYA plans to attend the St. George festival. There will be food, dancing, and shopping! Everyone and their families are welcome to come with the GOYANS so mark your calendars. GOYA is currently holding a food drive with the Loudoun County Interfaith organization. Please bring in canned food items and drop them off in the box in the coffee area.



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