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# ASSUMPTION

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

*"ATTRACT, SERVE, ILLUMINATE"*

## THE BEACON

FEBRUARY 2015



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# ASSUMPTION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1 <b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke (Publican and Pharisee)</b> Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School Coffee Hour Souper Bowl of Caring 5:30pm - YAL Super Bowl Party	2 ❖ <b>Great Feastday of the Presentation of the Lord</b> Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	3 ❖	4 ❖  Bible Study 6:30pm-7:45ap	5 ❖  Bible Study 10:00am-11:15am	6 ❖  2015 GREEK GLENDI at the Olmsted 6:30pm	7 ❖  <b>Great Vespers</b> 5:00pm
8 <b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke (Prodigal Son)</b> <b>Godparents' Sunday</b> Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School Coffee Hour	9	10  <b>Feastday of St. Haralambos the Hieromartyr</b> Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	11   Bible Study 6:30pm-7:45ap	12  Bible Study 10:00am-11:15am	13 ⊠	14  Kolyva Workshop 9:00am <b>Saturday of the Souls</b> Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am <b>Great Vespers</b> 5:00pm
15 <b>Judgment Sunday (Meatfare)</b> Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School Coffee Hour Philoptochos Meeting 2:00pm - GOYA Bowling	16   AHEPA Meeting 6:30pm	17   ←	18   Greek School 6:30pm-7:45pm No Bible Study Clergy Retreat in Carmel, Indiana	19   No Bible Study	20   →	21  <b>Saturday of the Souls</b> Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Daughters of Penelope Meeting 10:30am <b>Great Vespers</b> 5:00pm
22  <b>Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)</b> Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School Coffee Hour GOYA Meeting	23 ⊠ <b>Clean Monday</b> (1st Day of Lent)  <b>Great Compline</b> 6:00pm	24 ⊠	25 ⊠  Greek School 6:30pm-7:45pm <b>Presanctified Liturgy</b> 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm-7:45pm	26 ⊠  Bible Study 10:00am-11:15am	27 ⊠  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Salutations to the Theotokos</b> 6:00pm	28 ⊠ <b>Saturday of the Souls</b> Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am  <b>Great Vespers</b> 5:00pm

Holy Confession is done by appointment and may be scheduled by calling Fr. Jon at the Church Office: (502) 425-7775

- Fasting Symbols**
- ⊠ Strict Fast
  -  Wine and Oil Allowed
  -  Dairy Allowed
  - ❖ Fast Free

# HAPPENINGS





# PASTORAL MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners of our Beloved Assumption,

Greetings in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Church celebrates the Great Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple - which is in our more common terms, His 40 day blessing.

When each of us was brought to the Church for this blessing, it was so that we might be “introduced” to the Lord. It is our 1<sup>st</sup> act of offering in obedience to the Lord. Does it make sense that Jesus would need to be presented to the Lord? Is He not the Lord Himself?

This is the great irony of how we understand what is happening around us. We perceive, thus we believe. We use our human senses to draw conclusions that are not based on truth but based on our perception. This is why so many say that perception is more important than reality - which may be true in marketing, but not in the Faith.

Returning to His 40 day blessing - what is really occurring? We know that if the Temple is holy it is because the Lord is present. Jesus is not sanctified by going to the Temple, it is the Temple that is sanctified by Him, specifically, Simeon who is waiting for his arrival - for it was revealed to Simeon 3 centuries earlier that he would not die until he put his eyes upon the Savior.

Therefore, to the unknowing, it looks as though Christ is being presented to Simeon, when in fact, Simeon is being presented to Christ; it looks as though Christ is presented to be sanctified by the Temple when it is He who is sanctifying the Temple by His presence.

Let us not be like those who think they understand because their eyes have “seen,” when in fact their eyes don’t have the ability to comprehend. Let us present ourselves that He may be presented to us.

In His Service,

Rev. Father Jon Boukis

PROISTAMENOS



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# PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

Happy New Year from your Parish Council! We begin this new year with a new Parish Council comprised of some familiar old faces and one new! Congratulations to Cosmin Schenk who not only accepted the nomination to join council, but also was voted by his peers to take over as Treasurer. As most are aware, this is a critical position of responsibility in our parish which requires the holder to be analytical, detail oriented and highly dependable. We are confident that Cosmin will fulfill his role in a highly competent manner as did his predecessor Michael Balakos. We thank Michael for his service and are grateful that he is staying on as Assistant Treasurer. The two of them along with parish council member Emily Digenis and parishioner Mary Makris form the church treasury team. We would be remiss if we did not extend our deepest gratitude to Larry Anas, as he steps away from council, for his many years of service to the parish council. Larry served the church and our community during the challenging years of transition from the downtown location to our new home. Larry's dedication of time, talent and treasure for over two decades is to be revered and met with deep appreciation. May God grant Larry and Nancy many years!

## 2015 Parish Council

Joanna Caneris - President  
John Harris - Vice President  
Ryan Leathers - Secretary  
Cosmin Schenk - Treasurer  
Michael Balakos - Assistant Treasurer  
Emily Digenis - Assistant Treasurer  
Milton Galanos  
Ramsey Nassar  
Jim Simatacolos

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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### OFFICE HOURS

Fr. Jon: Monday—Thursday and by appointment  
Office Administrator: 9:00am-1:00pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## SPIRITUAL ARROWS

All children with attendance of 80% or better have "hit the mark" and will be listed monthly in **THE BEACON** as "SPIRITUAL ARROWS."



**SPIRITUAL ARROWS** with 3 absences or less for the entire year will be recognized in May with a special gift to acknowledge their dedication to Religious Education.

Congratulations to:



Vasilia Boukis  
George Digenis  
Luke Digenis  
Mariam Dodd

Ulla Dodd  
Ally Harris  
Andrew Harris  
Matthew Harris  
Stephen Harris

David Schenk  
Leah Schenk  
Andrew Taylor  
Steffi Taylor



## Sunday of Orthodoxy Procession

On Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, the children of our Sunday School will participate in a Procession of Holy Icons. Please bring an Icon from home to the DIVINE LITURGY for this Blessed Procession.



## ORTHODOXY 101



**Is this going on in your head?  
It sounds like Orthodoxy 101 is for you!!!**

# BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is an opportunity for us to apply the Scriptures to our everyday lives. The Bible is the "Good News" that enriches our faith and deepens our understanding of every issue that we face. This can only be done through obtaining the mind of the Holy Fathers. Let the scripture come alive in your life today!!!



The Orthodox Bible Study will meet on Wednesday Evenings from 6:30pm-7:45pm and on Thursday Mornings from 10:00am-11:15am to study the Book of Acts of the Apostles. Make a commitment to learning His Word!

## SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

### Sunday of Orthodoxy Great Vespers



Come and Celebrate the Triumph of Orthodoxy as the Orthodox Community of Kentucky Commemorates the Restoration of the Icons into the Church on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Details with regards to the hosting parish and time of Great Vespers will be determined in the next few weeks, but please reserve the date!!!

# PHILOPTOCHOS



## PHILOPTOCHOS UPCOMING EVENTS

February 14<sup>th</sup> Kolyva Workshop 9 a.m. church hall

February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting after Divine Liturgy

March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 16<sup>th</sup> Spring Bake Sale

March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting after Divine Liturgy

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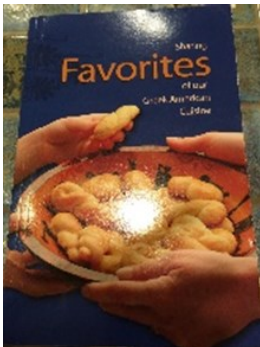
The Vasilopita auction was a great success. We brought in over \$1600. A special thanks to the Daughters of Penelope, Nancy and Marcus Geromes, and Melina Digenis and Steve Taylor for their additional donations. The loaves went to John Dobson, Angeliki Pecha, Evanthia Speliotis, Janice Bellville, Alice Collis and Alex Digenis.

We collected \$260 for St. Basil's Academy, \$150 for St. Nicholas camp, \$500 for the building fund, \$350 for Philoptochos and \$300 for Chenoweth backpacks. Thanks for your generosity.

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### Still Available - Get yours today!



### METROPOLIS GREEK COOKBOOKS

Great recipes...

Lamb Stew

Vasilopita

Avgolemono

Proceeds help Philoptochos





PHILOPTOCHOS

# Kolyva Workshop

Sponsored by the Assumption Philoptochos



Come and learn what goes into making Kolyva.

Help put together the ingredients for the  
Saturday of the Souls service.

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9 a.m.  
in the parish hall

# PHILOPTOCHOS

## Saturday of the Souls Kolyva Order Form

Names will be read at all 3 Saturday of the Souls Services



Orders due to Nancy Anas by February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy will give this form to Father Jon.

Kolyva is \$15 per bowl. Checks payable to Assumption Philoptochos

Pick up Kolyva on February 14<sup>th</sup> after the service or on Sunday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> in the refrigerator in a Ziploc bag with your name on it.

Names to be read in the three services:

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|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 16. _____ |

# GOYA

**On February 15<sup>th</sup> (2pm-5pm, the GOYA will be going bowling!!!**

The cost is \$20 per person and includes 3 games and shoe rental. The best part is that this is a fun service opportunity that helps finance an annual service trip to Guatemala in which our own Evanthia Speliotis participates!!!

Nick Kyriakou will be contacting the GOYA with specific details.

Note: this is an open event for all ages—details will be sent to the entire parish via email as they are received.

# GREEK DANCE

*Attention! Attention!! Attention!!!*

*Is your child between the ages of 4 and 12 and planning on participating in the Greek Folk Dance Troupe?*

*If so...*

*Please contact Alexis Karageorge to be on the roster for our upcoming events. This is extremely important so that we can make sure we have the proper costumes.*

**Alexis Karageorge**

doctoragk@gmail.com

(502) 439-1300

# YAL SUPER BOWL PARTY



The YAL will gather for a Super Bowl Party at the home of Dan and Sarah Cupkovic (12402 Bristol Bay Place Louisville KY 40245) on Sunday Feb 1st, at 5:30pm (Kick-off is 6:30pm) which gives us an hour before game-time. Pizza and beverages will be provided - but if everyone can bring a dish (salads, snacks, deserts) that would be great! Call Dan if you have questions at 216-544-5116.

# SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



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CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

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MAKE THE RIGHT CALL...

JOIN US FOR SOUP!

**FEB. 1<sup>ST</sup>**

AFTER LITURGY

\$7 ADULTS \$3 KIDS

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

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THE BENEFITS FROM THIS WILL GO TO IOCC  
(INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES)

CANNED GOODS WELCOME TOO!

<http://www.souperbowl.org/>

CANNED GOODS FOR EACM AND OFFERINGS TO HELP THE BACKPACK BUDDIES PROGRAM OF THE PHILOPTOCHOS TO AID CHILDREN AT CHENOWETH ELEMENTARY WILL BE GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED!



# GLENDI

The Hellenic Society of Louisville  
Cordially Invites You to Experience an Evening of  
"Greek Food, Music, & Entertainment"

## 2015 Greek "Glendi"

The Olmsted  
3701 Frankfort Avenue  
Friday, February 6, 2015

6:30 pm

Mezethes~Cocktails & Appetizers  
Silent Auction

8:00 pm

Dinner

9:00 pm

Traditional Greek Dance Performances

Greek Dancing & Live Bouzouki Entertainment  
By the Kostas Kastanis Band

RSVP by January 28  
(Response card enclosed)

Cocktail Attire  
Cash Bar

# GLENDI

## 2015 Greek Glendi (please print legibly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$75 each

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$25 each for children under 12

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ table of 8 at \$600

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ table of 10 at \$750

Please indicate number of vegetarian meals \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to attend. Enclosed is a tax-deductible donation

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*\*Please make check payable to  
**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church**  
**(memo: Glendi)***

*\*Identify Seating Requests Below*

Questions: Emily Digenis (502) 426-8454 or [emilydigenis@gmail.com](mailto:emilydigenis@gmail.com)

# PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



## Commemorated February 2

When the most pure Mother and Ever-Virgin Mary's forty days of purification had been fulfilled, she took her first-born Son to Jerusalem on this, the fortieth day after His birth, that she might present Him in the temple according to the Law of Moses, which teaches that every first-born male child be dedicated to God,

and also that she might offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons, as required by the Law (Luke 2:22-24; Exod. 13:2; Lev. 12:6-8). On this same day, a just and devout man, the greatly aged Simeon, was also present in the temple, being guided by the Holy Spirit. For a long time, this man had been awaiting the salvation of God, and he had been informed by divine revelation that he would not die until he beheld the Lord's Christ. Thus, when he beheld Him at that time and took Him up into his aged arms, he gave glory to God, singing: "Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, O Master. . ." And he confessed that he would close his eyes joyfully, since he had seen the Light of revelation for the nations and the Glory of Israel (Luke 2:25-32). From ancient times, the Holy Church has retained this tradition of the churching of the mother and new-born child on the fortieth day and of the reading of prayers of purification.

# ST. THEODORE THE COMMANDER

Commemorated February 8



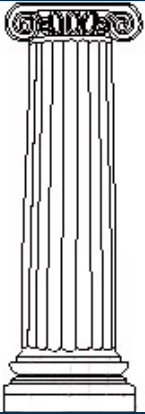
The holy Martyr Theodore was from Euchaita of Galatia and dwelt in Heraclea of Pontus. He was a renowned commander in the military, and the report came to the Emperor Licinius that he was a Christian and abominated the idols. Licinius therefore sent certain men to him from Nicomedia, to honor him and ask him to appear before him. Through them, however, Saint Theodore sent back a message that it was necessary for various reasons, that Licinius come to Heraclea. Licinius, seeing in this a hope of turning Saint Theodore away from Christ did as was asked of him.

When the Emperor came to Heraclea, Saint Theodore met him with honor, and the Emperor in turn gave Theodore his hand, believing that through him he would be able to draw the Christians to the worship of his idols. Seated upon his throne in the midst of the people, he publicly bade Theodore offer sacrifice to the gods. But Theodore asked that the emperor entrust him with the most venerable of his gods, those of gold and silver, that he might take them home and himself attend upon them that evening, promising that the following day he would honor them in public. The Emperor, filled with joy at these tidings, gave command that Theodore's request be fulfilled.

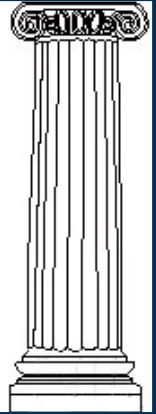
When the Saint had taken the idols home, he broke them in pieces and distributed the gold and silver to the poor by night. The next day a centurion named Maxentius told Licinius that he had seen a pauper pass by carrying the head of Artemis. Saint Theodore, far from repenting of this, confessed Christ boldly. Licinius, in an uncontrollable fury, had the Saint put to many torments, then crucified. While upon the cross, the holy Martyr was further tormented -- his privy parts were cut off, he was shot with arrows, his eyes were put out, and he was left on the cross to die. The next day Licinius sent men to take his corpse and cast it into the sea; but they found the Saint alive and perfectly whole. Through this, many believed in Christ. Seeing his own men turning to Christ, and the city in an uproar, Licinius had Theodore beheaded, about the year 320. The Saint's holy relics were returned to his ancestral home on June 8, which is also a feast of the Great Martyr Theodore.



# GREEK SCHOOL



Greek School Spring session is in full swing with Elementary and Adult classes both back in learning, every Wednesday at 6:30-7:45pm at the church hall. We welcome visitors who would like to refresh their Greek on any given Wednesday night, no sign-up required. Kopiaste!

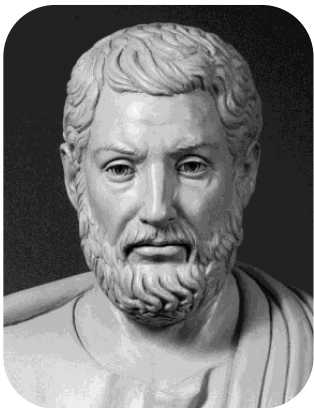


## GREEK FUN

### Δημοκρατία - Democracy

**Δημοκρατία:** Η δημοκρατία είναι το πολίτευμα όπου η εξουσία πηγάζει από τον λαό, ασκείται από τον λαό και υπηρετεί τα συμφέροντα του λαού. Κεντρικό χαρακτηριστικό της δημοκρατίας είναι η λήψη αποφάσεων με ψηφοφορία: των πολιτών, στην άμεση δημοκρατία, ή κάποιων αντιπροσώπων τους, στην αντιπροσωπευτική δημοκρατία.

**Democracy:** Democracy is a political system where the power comes from the people, exercised by the people and serves the interests of the people. A central feature of democracy is to make decisions by voting: citizens, in direct democracy, or some of their representatives in representative democracy.



Cleisthenes, (born *c.* 570 bc—died *c.* 508), statesman regarded as the founder of Athenian democracy, serving as chief archon (highest magistrate) of the city-state (525–524). Cleisthenes successfully allied himself with the popular Assembly against the nobles (508) and imposed democratic reform. Perhaps his most important innovation was the basing of individual political responsibility on citizenship of a place rather than on membership in a clan.

# STEWARDSHIP 2015



"FROM GOD EVERY FAMILY IN HEAVEN  
AND EARTH IS NAMED."



*St. John Chrysostom*

Sam and Thelma Adams	Rhonda Karageorge *
Larry and Nancy Anas	Chris and Karla Katakis *
Chris and Connie Anggelis *	Chris and Anita Kounnas
Alena Balakos *	Nick Kounnas
Mike and Lori Balakos *	Phillip and Cheryl Leathers *
Areti and Jack Masero-Baldwin	Ryan and Laura Leathers *
Charles and Patricia Blackford	Mary Makris
Julia Burden	Mark and Pamela Mann
Tom and Joanna Caneris *	Penny Masterson *
Joanne Caridis	Georgia Panaretos *
Gus and Alice Collis *	Demetra Raptis *
Dan and Sarah Cupkovic *	Cosmin and Dana Schenk *
Emily Digenis and Hunter Sattich	Constantine and Julia Scordalakes *
George and Helen Digenis	James and Marsha Serdenis
Ron and Melanie Fadel	Mary Sharish
Peter and Angelica Fotos	Chuck Schuff *
Milton and Kelly Galanos *	Jim and Christine Simatacolos *
Marcus and Nancy Geromes	George Soteriou
John and Julie Harris	Robert Taylor and Linda Shapiro *
Michael and Deborah Harris *	Evanthia Speliotis and Peter Vedder *
Helen Hellen	Richard and Suzanne Travis *
Elizabeth Johnson	Themis and Frances Tsaoussis
John Johnson	Lou and Jan Tsiropoulos *
John and Jean Kallis *	Penny VonAllmen
Steve and Carol Kapsalis	Madelon Zady

\* denotes increase in stewardship pledge

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As of January 26<sup>th</sup>, the Parish has received 51 pledge cards for 2015 - approximately 55% of the 92 that were received for 2014.

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*An Orthodox Christian Steward eligible for voting in General Assemblies must be a Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christian and have a signed pledge card on file for the current year.*

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

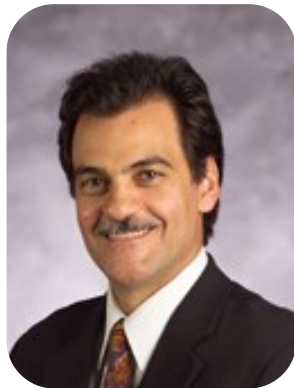


## **THOMAS GIANACAKES**

Recently, Thomas Gianacakes was awarded 4 purple hearts (for each of 4 injuries), a Bronze Medal for valor, Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, and a Presidential Unit Citation - for his service as a Marine in the Pacific from 1942-1945 in WWII!!! Earned 70 years ago as part of the "Greatest Generation." Thank you for your service to our Country!!!

## **THE ALTAR BOYS**

We are blessed to have 4 new Altar Boys in the last few months (front row: David Schenk, Matthew Harris, John Simatacolos and Luke Leathers) joining our veterans behind them (Thanasi Agamemnonos, Stephen Harris, Nick Kyriacou and Andy Harris).  
Our Altar Angels!



## **DR. GERASIMOS STAVENS**

Dr. Gerasimos Stavens, his wife, Donna (Theodora), and 2 daughters, Konstantina and Maria, have recently moved to Louisville from Wichita, Kansas, and are very excited to join the many ministries of our Parish. Although to us, Gerasimos is new to the community, he lived here years ago as he was pursuing his education. Welcome to the community of the Assumption! May God grant you many years at our Parish!

Do you have news that would be edifying in a Community Announcement, if so, call the Church office or email [office@assumption.ky.goarch.org](mailto:office@assumption.ky.goarch.org).

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **DR. RAMSEY NASSAR**

Dr. Ramsey Nassar has been named to the Board of Directors of Baptist Health Louisville. Being named is a huge honor, but in Ramsey's case, it is unprecedented as he is the first physician in the company's history to be named to the Board!



Ramsey is also a professor of medicine at UK (Adjunct series) since 2011 and is designated as a transplant nephrologist. (The UK transplant program is exceptional, has the best survival data in the region, and has transplanted many more than other programs in the region.)

He is certainly worthy of distinction and doesn't need our recognition - but he's going to get it anyway.

**May God continue Bless you as you help your patients have a better quality of life!!!**



## **ALEXANDRA CANERIS**

Alex is completing her final year at Bellarmine University and on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, was honored for her outstanding collegiate swim career which includes numerous individual and relay Bellarmine records!

John Brucato, the head coach of the Knights swim team showed his respect for Alex when he said, "I think Alex brings a tremendous amount of maturity to a still young and developing team and great work ethic," he said. "Though quiet and unassuming, she gets things done."

We are truly proud of her accomplishments!!!

Alex is featured at Bellarmine's website—the full text is available at [http://athletics.bellarmino.edu/news/2015/1/23/\\_0123154255.aspx](http://athletics.bellarmino.edu/news/2015/1/23/_0123154255.aspx)

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# FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS

We are truly blessed to have His Eminence Metropolitan NICHOLAS as our Spiritual Father! Let us show our support for the ministries of the Metropolis and for our Spiritual Father by supporting the Friends of the Metropolis Program this month - not waiting until December. Let us be an example to our sister Parishes by having the greatest number of supporters in the next Shepard's Staff (Metropolis' Newsletter). God Bless Your Offerings!!!

I am pleased to support the work of Metropolitan Nicholas and the Metropolis through the Annual Metropolis Stewardship "Friends" Program

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CITY/STATE

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# DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE



We will have our next meeting in the church hall on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. We will be planning for the Daughters' Greek Independence Day dinner, scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please plan to attend this meeting, if at all possible. Also, thanks to all of our sisters who donated newborn baby items for University Hospital. They were greatly appreciated!

# SACRAMENTS AND BLESSINGS

**BLESSINGS OF INFANTS** – There are 3 designated times to offer prayers for a newborn child; on the 1<sup>st</sup> day, the 8<sup>th</sup> day (naming of the child) and on the 40<sup>th</sup> day (40 days after birth, a child and its mother come to church to receive a 40 Day Blessing, as Christ Himself was presented in the Temple 40 days after He was born). Please call Fr. Jon to arrange each of these blessings.

**BAPTISMS**—Please call the church office to schedule Baptisms. It is important to plan ahead as there are some days when Baptisms are not permitted. Please know that a child is given only one name at baptism and there is only one Godparent of record.

**WEDDINGS**—Please arrange an appointment with Fr. Jon at least 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date to allow time for all necessary premarital preparation.

**CONFESSION**—Confessions are arranged by appointment. Please call the church office to schedule Confession.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK / HOMEBOUND** – Orthodox Christians who would like to receive Holy Sacraments but are unable to attend church (hospitalized or at home) should contact the church office so Holy Sacraments can be administered to them.

If your loved one is hospitalized, please inform the church office. Most hospitals no longer inform the parish when our parishioners are admitted; and, those that do, are not timely.

**MEMORIAL / TRISAGION SERVICES**— Memorial/Trisagion Services are offered for the eternal rest of persons who have fallen asleep in the Lord. Memorial Services are offered for Orthodox Christians who were in good canonical standing only. Trisagion Services can be offered for anyone. There are some days when Memorials/Trisagia are not permitted – please call the church office to schedule a Memorial/ Trisagion service

Customarily, Memorials take place at 40 days, at 6 months, at 1 year and at 3 years. After three years have passed, the departed are more properly remembered on the Saturdays of the Souls.

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### Calendar of Activities

AGOC Calendar

Today	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 2015	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
GOYA Business Meet Men Sunday School Men Orthodox Men Divine Liturgy				Men Vespers/ Divine L			Men Great Vespers
Family Worship Men Orthodox Men Divine Liturgy Men Parish Council	Men Vespers/ Divine	House Blessings (1)	House Blessings (2)	House Blessings (3)	House Blessings (4)	House Blessings (5)	Men Blessing of the O
Cutting of the Veil Family Worship Men Orthodox Men Divine Liturgy	House Blessings (6)	House Blessings (7)	House Blessings (8)	House Blessings (9)	House Blessings (10)	House Blessings (11)	Men Daughters of Pi
Trip to Great Wolf Lodge Philanthropy Meeting Sunday School Men Orthodox Men Divine Liturgy	House Blessings (12)	House Blessings (13)	House Blessings (14)	House Blessings (15)	House Blessings (16)	House Blessings (17)	Men Great Vespers Men Parish Dodge
GOYA Business Meet Sunday School Men Orthodox Men Divine Liturgy Eugene Lyndon Eucamer Lyndon Eucamer	House Blessings (18)	House Blessings (19)	House Blessings (20)	House Blessings (21)	House Blessings (22)	House Blessings (23)	Men Great Vespers Men Parish Dodge
	House Blessings (24)	House Blessings (25)	House Blessings (26)	House Blessings (27)	House Blessings (28)	House Blessings (29)	Men Orthodox for the Fe Men Divine Liturgy Fe

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# SIN AND EVIL

## Taken from "The Prologue from Ochrid" (February 10<sup>th</sup>)

Many of the weighty difficulties which befall man have their cause, known or unknown, in his past. However, the causes of these weighty difficulties, let us say mental disorder, are nothing else than the transgression of the moral law of God.

When St. Haralambos was being tortured, the persecuting emperor found out about his miracle-working power and ordered an insane man to be brought to Haralambos so that the emperor could be convinced that Haralambos could heal him. The devil tormented this man for thirty-five years driving him into the wilderness and hills and hurling him into mud or into gorges. When this deranged person approached Haralambos, the demon sensed a sweet-smelling fragrance emanating from this holy man and shouted: "I beg you, O servant of God, do not torment me before my time, rather command me and I will depart and, if you wish, I will tell you how it came about that I entered into this man." The saint commanded the demon to relate the story. The demon said: "This man wanted to steal from his neighbor and thought to himself: 'If I don't kill the man first, I will not be able to seize his goods.' He proceeded and killed his neighbor. Having caught him in the act, I entered him and behold for thirty-four years I dwelt in him." Upon hearing this, the saint of God commanded the demon to depart from the man immediately and to leave him in peace. The demon departed and the demented man was restored to health and became tranquil.

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The Prologue from Ochrid contains short accounts of the lives of major saints for each day, as well as homily, something "for consideration", and points to ponder from Old Testament readings. It is a most valuable addition to any Orthodox library. The contents of these volumes are online at <http://www.westsrbdio.org/prolog/prolog.htm> or can be purchased in hardback from any good Orthodox bookseller.

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