PRESIDENTS LETTER

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

If I had told you the worst snow storm we would have this winter would be before Halloween I’m sure none of you would have believed me. I am still amazed at how mild a winter we have had. Not that I am complaining because I’m not! Anyway as we start to approach spring and Easter, I do have some good news to report.

At our most recent board meeting held on Monday, March 12th, the board had a lengthy discussion regarding the church’s financial report. At this meeting, we had details regarding the dues collected for January and February, 2012 compared to January and February, 2011.

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As you know, Father Andrew serves as Chair of the Membership Committee and he has done an outstanding job in this capacity and the financial numbers reflect that fact. Thanks also to Treasurer John Mokas for providing such a detailed report to the board.

Last month as you know we had a very successful Apokreatiko GLENDI in the community center. We actually sold 119 tickets at the door and had close to 200 people in attendance. This was a tremendous social success and financial success with the community netting $1,800.00. I want to extend my deepest thanks to the following committee members: Toula Barber, Chair, Tim Giotas, Maria Dongas, John Nacos, Georgia Saitas, John Stavropoulos, Nancy Daskal, DeeDee Tagalakis, Vangie Giotas, Jim Lalopoulos, Tamam Smith, Diane Orr, Marilyn Motowylak and Poppy Tsoutsas.

I also want to report that Personnel Chair Frank Comerford will be meeting shortly with the personnel committee in order to review a personnel handbook for all staff. As you know, we have not had a personnel handbook in the past and the handbook has been reviewed and vetted by the NH Department of Labor as well.

Under the direction of Father Andrew and board member George Kitsis, the library/museum room is almost complete and once all the items are in place in the room we will have a special day to dedicate and tour the new room. I promise this will happen soon!

This month’s newsletter also includes a form for GLENDI ads and the patron list. As I indicated to you in last month’s letter, we are rolling back the prices to the 2010 level and any contribution you might be willing to make would be deeply appreciated. I am fully aware that this has been a difficult economy but I want you to know I am going to work as hard as possible in order to restore the ad book totals to the 2007 level when I was President and we took in over $58,000.00. I know we can do better than we did last year. That is why we need to start early in the year and recruit others to participate. I know each of us have vendors we use or businesses we support in our community. Please consider reaching out to some of those businesses with the attached form and ask if they might be willing to buy a GLENDI ad. We have begun touching bases with our media sponsors from last year and WMUR, WZID, and the Union Leader all have agreed to be sponsors. I have also touched base with Jody Reese with HIPPO PRESS and he has agreed to come back as a sponsor once again. We are currently putting together a list of paid sponsors, and I am very hopeful we will be able to surpass last year’s sponsors. Let’s all work together as a team to insure that this year’s GLENDI is the best of all time!

As you know, my late father was often fond of quotations many of which can be found in the old observers which will be located in the new library/museum room. I am fond of quotations as well and one of my favorites is the following by Stephen Grellet, “I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow–creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again. This is how I live every day and whenever I can do something that will make a positive difference in someone’s life I attempt to accomplish that task. These are important and challenging times for our community, our state, and our country. We should ALL try to make things a little bit better for those that need our help.

In closing, thanks again for all your support. On behalf of our community, I want to extend my personal best wishes to you and yours for a Kalo Pascha.

Sincerely yours,

George N. Copadis, President
HE IS RISEN!

“...You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.” (Mark 16:6)

I had read these words for years from the Holy Saturday morning Gospel lesson. They were part of the service, but they didn’t sink in right away. I was blurry eyed, by that point in Holy Week, from all of the words from the Scriptures I had read during all of the services.

Then, one year, (can’t remember which one) I read these words, looked up to see the now bare Kouvouklion (Epitaphio), and returned to the page as the quote from above appeared on the page before me. This time, however, they seemed to rattle me and I began to get very emotional. I assumed it was due to fatigue from the many services; the early and late hours in church. But no, it wasn’t that at all. I was experiencing what the women had experienced when they got to the empty tomb. I was experiencing, finally, the awe, the fear and the trembling which they experienced as they were told and what I was finally hearing and comprehending myself. “HE IS RISEN! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.”

It may seem strange for me to say that. But I evidently had been consumed for many years, just as many of you have been, by all the pomp and ceremony of the services. I evidently had missed the primary message and purpose all those years. “HE IS RISEN! He is not here, see the place where the laid him.”

I finally realized that the cornerstone of our Christian Orthodox Faith is the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is where it all begins and ends with and for us. This is the purpose for our journey here on this earth. We finally understood that we are here to crawl, sometimes trudge, sometimes run to journey’s end; our own resurrection from this temporary, sometimes difficult life, to a transfigured life in the Kingdom, where all the pain and suffering of this life is gone. It is a place where we see God, face to face, where we are refreshed, experience the beauty and the eternity of the Kingdom of God.

However, we don’t have to wait till we leave this earth to get a taste of the future life and glory of God’s Kingdom. Living in Him and trying our best to live according to His principles of love, mercy and compassion for each other will give us this taste of the glory of His Kingdom.

It all began and begins with the Resurrection of God’s only son, Jesus Christ. That is what Great Lent, Holy Week and church are all about. It began and begins with “He is risen!” Why? Because HE IS RISEN and has destroyed the eternity of death by His death and to those in the tombs then, now and forever, He has bestowed life, for those who believe. I believe He IS Risen!

+Father Andrew
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
Nikki Moutsioulis

How much? Did you play that game as a child with your parents or your papoudes? I can remember my beloved Papou saying: “Poso agapas ton Papou?” (How much do you love Papou?) I would fling my arms wide and announce for the entire world to hear: “Toso!” (This much!) I now play that game with my grandson. Reliving the memories of my childhood and passing along the game to a new generation.

Every Sunday I’m reminded of how much God must love us to have sent his only Son to be incarnate in His image to save us from our sins. He was born of a virgin who chose to answer God’s call to be mother to His son. I look up at the cross and see Jesus hanging with His arms outstretched. This much! He calls out to us. I love you this much that I would hang upon the cross for remission of your sins. His mother seeing him thus cries for what was and what could have been for Him. However, He knew why He came into this world and what would happen to Him. Praying in the Garden of Gethsemane before the soldiers arrived He asked that this cup be taken from Him. Ultimately, He surrendered to His Father with the words: “Thy will be done.”

Hanging upon this cross He forgave those who had crucified Him. Can we do any less than forgive those who persecute us? Every Sunday during the Divine Liturgy we “pray for those who love us and for those who hate us.” Do we live it during the week? Forgiveness is a powerful thing. When we forgive those who have wronged us we can get on with our lives and be closer to God. When we ask for God’s forgiveness for our sins we acknowledge the error of our ways and come even closer to Him.

If the Easter story ended on Friday night it would be a sad story indeed! An innocent man, who was persecuted, prosecuted and then crucified. However, the rest of the story would come three days later when His tomb is found empty!”By death trampling down death and giving life to those in the tombs!” He gives us hope—hope for an eternal life with Him. Let us answer His question of how much by not just flinging our arms wide open and announcing it but by opening our hearts to Him and living it!

On Saturday, April 7 the Sunday School will serve a Community Communion Breakfast. Please join us in the Community Center after Church.

Girls ages 4 – 12 are invited to be Myrofores at the Good Friday Lamentations Service. Information will be distributed in the Sunday School classes.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the Service of Agape on Easter Sunday. There are no classes on the Sunday of St. Thomas due to the school vacation.

The Sunday School Staff wish all of you a Blessed Pascha!

How Does Your Garden Grow?

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Two Week Plant Sale

Saturday, June 16th - June 23rd  9:00 a.m.

Available: 24 Six inch pots and 12 Twelve inch pots

Need your Indoor or Outdoor transplants

Dig In: Ask family and friends to share their garden

Easy Way To Help Your Church!

Saturday, June 23rd - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“Blooming Blessings”

GOYA’s Annual Clean up and Beautification
(Church Grounds)

For more Information and to Volunteer please contact:

Christina Spanos, GOYA VP: Christina1996@comcast.net

Liz Stavropoulos: 668-7057    Alice Comerford: 434-8586

Poppy Tsoutsas: 668-4308    Church Office: 622 9113
COMMUNITY NEWS

**Free Blood Pressure Screening**
Every 2nd Wednesday of the month....bring a friend.  
She will be here on April 11th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., in the Community Center.

**Our Deepest Sympathy**
James C. Pleat. May his memory be eternal.

**Baptism**
Child of Kerian Roberge,

**Welcome New Members**
Ashley Boisvert and Zachary Weilbrenner

Safari Party - Request, June 23rd.
We need your help with your Recycled Art and Photo Booth activities being planned. Attendance too!

**Material List-Left Over's:** Card Board cut 12" by 12", Wallpaper, Buttons, Shells, Decorative Tissue Boxes, Plaster Board cut 12" by 12", Ceramic Tiles, Cloth, Greeting cards, Plastic milk cartons cut in half, need the handle side. We need anything that you can glue down.

**Dress Up Photo Booth:** Hats of any kind- What was I thinking? Funky, Beach, Nostalgic Clothing taking space up in your closet. (Clothes that I'll fit into next year). Scarves - the fluffier the better - I haven't worn that in years. Wigs, Children Costumes, and Adult Costumes/Masks - Why did I buy that? Big Baubles - Junky Jewelry - What Was I thinking? Theatrical Props- get the Picture!

**Need your Helpful Hints:** Your innovative ways (list) in how you recycle, objects to display or photos in how they are being used now giving them new life. FYI: Example: From the original church on Pine Street they painted a beautiful Icon on the back of an old door. (They kept the handle and the original color) These families were ahead of the times! Thanking you in advance for your help, "The Safari Committee"

*Please see enclosed message regarding Tri-Ortho and the Senior Exercise group. George Copadis, President.*

**SENIOR EXERCISE GROUP**
GET IN Shape!!!! Exercise every part of your body while sitting down. One hour of fun every Wednesday starting at 10:00 a.m. in our Community Center. *Please join us & bring a friend!

TRI-OTHRO MEETING
Senior Citizens-55 years and over for all members of St. George Cathedral, Assumption, and St. Nicholas Church’s. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments/Lunch are provided. Come and socialize with members and friends. We complete our year with an Elegant Christmas Party. Join Us!

The April meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18th (1st Wednesday after Easter) at 1:00 p.m. at Assumption Church Hall. Social hour and refreshments will be served.

A special Thank you to all that helped with the Apokreatiko Dance which took place on February 25th. It was a great success. Toula Barber

DOP AND AHEPA BREAKFAST
The breakfast will be Sunday, April 29th after services in the Community Center. There will be more information on this in the weeks to follow.

GREATER MANCHESTER HELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND
This is one last reminder that the deadline for completed scholarship applications and transcripts for the Greater Manchester Hellenic Scholarship is April 1st.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We are in need of volunteers. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with Bingo one Saturday a month. Please give St. George Cathedral office a call at 622-9113.

URGENT NEED FOR FOOD
The demand for food assistance is at an all time high and food bank supplies are at a record low. Help is needed to fill their shelves and ensure that some of the poorest residents of our community receive food. The greatest needs are: peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, pasta, and sauce. Please drop your items off at the Community Center and we will deliver them to the soup kitchen. New Horizons and the recipients of the food are very grateful for your generous donations.
ANAGENNESIS NEWS
FOR APRIL 2012

Community:
The new chandelier is now hanging in the Narthax. We are awaiting a new children’s icon stand.

Easter Flower Donations:
Those who wish to make a donation towards our Easter flowers may send a check to the church office made out to Anagennesis. If you are interested in donating a specific floral piece for the Lenten period through Easter please contact Kelly O’Brien Hebert to discuss your request as soon as possible at 533-1663. All monetary donations for the flowers are welcome and very much appreciated!

Easter Eggs:
We will be accepting dyed Easter eggs from Holy Thursday through Holy Saturday. Please contact Diane or Stephanie Orr at (603) 669-7812

Kouloura (Easter Bread):
On Sale:
Palm Sunday Time: 11:30 p.m.--2:00 p.m.
Holy Wednesday Time: 3:00 p.m.--4:30 p.m.
and 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Price: $10.00

Contact: Tana Gustafson 289-5561 or
Cindy Gatzoulis Klinefelter 315-1573

Palm Sunday Fish Dinner:
Date: Sunday, April 8, 2012
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Place: St. George Community Center
Price: Fish Dinner $13.00
Pasta Dinner $7.00
Menu: Greek Salad, Broiled Haddock with Rice, and Dessert with Coffee.
Child’s Plate: Greek Salad, Ziti with Marinara Sauce, and Dessert

Advance Ticket Sales Only
Tickets available through Board Members, Cathedral Office, and Sunday Coffee Hour

Sponsored by The Anagennesis Ladies Society

Sunday, April 1st. following Coffee Hour
“ I Need Your Hand for My Make Over”

Volunteer Sign Up
SAFARI COMMITTEE MEETING

“Safari Party-Food Fest”
with Zebra sculpture make over demonstration

Meet with our friends for a really good time!

by:
Vangie Giotas
Poppy Tsoutsas
Tim Giotas V.P.
GLENDI 2012

PROGRAM AD RATES

Patron (Name) - $25.00
(Write your name or your family’s name on the line below)

Quarter Page $  75.00  (ad enclosed)
Half Page $  150.00  (ad enclosed)
Full Page $  300.00  (ad enclosed)

Ads can be emailed (preferred method) to
saintgeorge@comcast.net or
mailed to the church office at the address below

*FINAL DEADLINE FOR ADS IS JUNE 15TH *

Please make checks payable to:
St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral
650 Hanover Street
Manchester, NH 03104-5306
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & SACRAMENTS MARCH 2012

1st Sunday, Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy & Sunday School, 10am
1 yr Memorial for Dino Anagnost

4th Wednesday, NO Presanctified Liturgy

7th-15th Please refer to the Holy Week Bulletin Service Schedule

15th -22nd NO FASTING

22nd Sunday, Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am; NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Baptism for son of Mr. & Mrs. Matt Blanchette Great Vespers of Saint George, 7pm

23rd Monday, Feast of Saint George, Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9am & 10am

25th Wednesday, Saint Mark the Evangelist, Divine Liturgy, 10am Bible discussion in the Annex, 11:30am-12:30pm

28th Saturday, Baptism for daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Casey at 11am

29th Sunday, Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy & Sunday School, 10am

HAPPY 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO A BEAUTIFUL COUPLE FROM LEWISTON, ME.
MR. & MRS. CHRIS AND ALIKI KARAGIANES.
May God grant you 60 more blessed years.
Love Poppy Tsoutsas

OLD GREEK 78 RPM RECORD DRIVE

Donate your old 78rpm Greek records to the Church and help us reduce our expenses. DJ Meleti will offer the Church a credit in return for old Greek 78rpm records. The records must be in good condition, without and chips or cracks. The credit we receive will help reduce our expenses for upcoming dances and for our festival. You may bring the records by the office anytime during the day.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL FATHER ANDREW AT 540-3709 OR THE CATHEDRAL OFFICE AT 622-9113
ST. GEORGE BASKETBALL ‘11-'12

Another successful Clinic and CYO season has come to an end. Highlights of each team’s season follows:

Clinic: On any given Saturday during the winter, Billy Timbas instructed ten to twenty children between the ages of five and eight in the fundamentals of the game.

Coed 3rd/4th Grade: Our CYO team improved throughout the year and won more games than they lost in the second half of the season. The team finished 3-5 under coaches Nick Stavropoulos and assistant Tom Dionis.

Boys 5th/6th Grade: Our CYO team finished third during the regular season with an 8-2 record. We came in third place in the CYO City Tournament at the end of the season and lost in the quarterfinals of the State CYO Tournament. The team was coached by John Kacavas, with Dick Anagnost and John Mokas as assistants.

Boys 7th/8th Grade: Our CYO team finished an undefeated regular season with an 9-0 record and won the City CYO Tournament at the end of the season. The team lost in the finals of the State CYO Tournament as three players were unable to participate due to prior commitments. The City Championship team was coached by Deno Mokas, assisted by John Kacavas and John Mokas.

High School Boys: Our team finished in second place during the regular season with an 8-2 record. They lost in the finals of City and State CYO Tournaments. All losses during the year were to St. Elizabeth Seton. The team is coached by Mike Goudouros, Ted Rokas and Louis Dimos.

The older teams may be entering a few post-season tournaments in the next several weeks (i.e. Agganis or Metropolis Tourneys). Information regarding the year end banquet will be forthcoming.

One of our 5th grade girls participated in CYO girls basketball as a member of the St. Pius team as we did not have enough girls to enter our own team.

Thank you to all the players, parents, coaches, and fans for all your efforts and support. Anyone interested in coaching basketball or participating in a possible cheerleading team for next year should contact the Cathedral office or John Mokas.

Submitted by John Mokas
Athletic Director
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LIBERTY HOUSE SEEKS ASSISTANCE

Liberty House, New Hampshire’s first residential facility for homeless veterans, is in need of the following items as it strives to service the approximately three-hundred homeless veterans in the greater Manchester area:
canned goods, sneakers (all sizes), paper towels, coffee, clothing, pots & pans, milk, bread, meat, disposable razors, bath soap, shampoo, dish detergent, potatoes, jeans (all sizes) and cereal (both cold and oatmeal).

Liberty House has the capacity to house ten homeless veterans at any one time, however, also offers drop-in services to all of the homeless veterans that live under bridges, in sewer pipes, and in large appliance-sized cardboard boxes. Liberty House is a small non-profit facility that receives no support or assistance from the Veteran’s Administration despite numerous requests for help.

With over six-hundred homeless veterans in the state of New Hampshire, Liberty House often finds itself in a situation which the demand for services exceeds the resources that it has available, as evidenced by the three homeless veterans that died on the streets of Manchester and Nashua in 2006 as the result of starvation and exposure to the elements. Liberty House strives to prevent this disgrace from ever happening again, and comes to the St. George’s Greek Orthodox community for any assistance that can be rendered no matter how small. Questions with regard to the Liberty House program may be directed to that facility at 669-0761, and ask for Bill Zarakotas the Program Director.

Thank you for your consideration.