



Holy Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church

"The Small Parish with a Big Heart"

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RECALCULATE



I have a new friend. My wife gave her to me for Christmas last year. I can hold her in my hand, she helps me get where I need to go, and she's there for me whenever I need her. She has a nice speaking voice, but I can turn it off when I don't feel like listening anymore. She came with the name "Garmin," and my kids love her too. Garmin's even grown on my wife—I think there was some jealousy there for a while—and now we all can't imagine our lives without her.

Maybe you don't love your GPS system as much as I love mine. But maybe your sense of direction and map-reading skills aren't as bad as mine. My wife often compliments me on my "masterful navigational skills." I think she's being ironic.

But Garmin is never ironic or sarcastic—she's about as straight-forward as it gets. Even when I miss a turn or ignore her directions, she doesn't get mad. She doesn't pick my driving apart. She doesn't yell. She just calmly makes an adjustment and figures out where I need to go next in order to get to my destination. Like the true friend she is, she simply says "Recalculating," as the graphics on her screen reassemble and piece our newly formed route together.

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Upcoming Events...

Philoptochos Annual Chili Cook-off

Sunday, March 2nd

Stop by the Hellenic Center to enjoy some wonderful chili and fun competition. Be sure to bring cash; voting is done by offering money to any pot of chili you would like to try. The pot with the largest amount wins. All proceeds go to a very worthy cause; they'll be offered to Eric Michael Strosnider, who is pursuing his calling at Holy Cross Seminary, in support of his dedicated work.

Whatever mess I've gotten us into, she's willing to meet me where I am, and help us get where we need to go. She's got the perfect "U-Turn" and alternative route for every occasion. Not only is she calm when I'm not, but she's also forgiving when I sass her. Sometimes, I can't resist going the wrong way on purpose and I chuckle as she keeps saying "Recalculating ... recalculating" over and over again.

I ask her if that's tension I hear in her voice, but she ignores the jibe and just gets to the business of our journey. She's really something else. I always feel badly after I mess with her like this. I ask her forgiveness, but she just asks me where I want to go next. I guess good friends like us don't have to say anything at these moments.

I'm being silly here, but it's for a point. This is because I've got an even better friend than Garmin who's been trying to help me with my journey since the day I was born. He's helpful, always there for me, speaks to me—when I'm willing to listen—and my family can't imagine our lives without Him. He also never yells and never, ever gives up on me, even when I sass Him; instead, He's always ready to meet me where I am and help me recalculate my next step.

When I mess up, He offers me forgiveness, too. He also never says "I told you so" and never stops trying to reach me, even when I intentionally turn His volume down. He's really something else.

Lent is our time to recalculate. If you're like me, your sense of direction is faltering. If you're like me, you need someone to help you get where you need to go. If you're like me, you need another chance to get out of the mess you're in.

Maybe we all need a friend like Him.

All prayers for a life-changing Lent.

During his homily, Fr. Peter Gillquist told us about a bumper sticker that is popular among Orthodox in Anchorage, Alaska:
"Honk 40 Times If You're Orthodox!"

Epiphany blessings...
Holy water is still available for your family in the Sanctuary. In addition, Fr. Alex would like to come bless your house or business. Please contact him today!



Outreach Project meeting: Sunday, March 2nd, Patmos Hall Conference Room, immediately following Liturgy and the Chili Cook-off. Lenten outreach will be our topic, particularly making our parish and the general public more aware of our Lenten services. Join us and bring a friend.

Youth & Diakonia Committee meeting on March 3rd, 6:30 p.m., Patmos Hall Conference Rm. Our focus will be planning Godparents' Sunday/Graduation Sunday on May 4th and recruiting for JOY & GOYA. Please contact Cindy Geeker for details. Please bring a snack, and Fr. Alex will provide coffee and other drinks.

Good Samaritans will meet on Sunday, March 9th, following the Divine Liturgy. Please meet Fr. Alex in the Patmos Hall conference room. Plans will be made for ministering to our "homebound" parishioners and friends this Lenten season. This is a ministry that belongs to the entire parish family—please commit to sharing your time and love over the next few months ... and beyond!

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

President's Reflections

Lift your hearts and get involved with your church ministries! As President of the Parish Council I challenge each and every one to become spiritually involved within all measures of your lives—at home, the office, pleasure meetings and, of course, at church. The Great Lenten season will be here soon and what a way to show your love and dedication for our Savior who gave us the gift of salvation. Challenge me and be there for your church—let's strengthen and renew.

Many activities are being planned. **Show your support by attending the upcoming General Assembly Meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 6, 2008.**

May the blessings of God be upon you and your family.

Nick Joanos
Parish Council President

The Parish Checkbook *January 2008*

Stewardship: As of January 31, 2008, \$15,464.22 in stewardship has been collected against a budgeted amount of \$110,000.00.

Operational: As of January 31, 2008, total income is \$20,601.56 while total expenses are \$25,946.01.



Parish Council Meeting: March 11th, 6:00 p.m.
Executive Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m.



The Faith in Your Home...

www.ancientfaith.com is a 24-hour internet radio station that offers on-demand podcasts and audio-specials pertaining to our Orthodox faith. This is one more practical, every-day way to bring the faith into your home and to your family.

Lenten opportunity to learn our Orthodox prayer books--and their purposes.



The prayers, meditations, and cycles of our Orthodox liturgical books hold a vast treasury for all of us. But learning these books--how our divine services function--can be difficult without help.

This Lenten season, **Roman Obrycki** has made himself available to lead an informal seminar, aimed at not only showing us the "nuts and bolts" of these sacred texts, but, most importantly, their purposes: to bring us the peace of God, focus our prayer life, and create an ongoing cycle of prayer in our hearts. Roman will plan the dates and a time based on the interests and availability of the participants, and he's currently looking at Sunday or Monday seminar times. If you'd like to be part of the group, please contact Fr. Alex at your earliest convenience, and he'll put you in touch.

Kids as stewards! This month, a special youth ministry mailing will be sent to your home. One of the flyers will actually be a children's stewardship form, which was composed with sensitivity and thoughtfulness by members of our Youth & Diakonia Committee. The goal is help our children—very early on—understanding the importance of their role in our parish. They too have "time, talent and treasure" to offer the Church of Christ. Please encourage their participation in this simple effort, and reinforce with them, whenever possible, how vital it is to be a "giver" in life—be it at home, Church, school and with their friends. Thanks to all of our parents for working with our youth ministers!

Monthly Youth Stewardship Suggestion: help pick up the playground each Sunday

Weekday Services

1st, 8th, & 15th: Saturdays of the Souls. Orthros begins at 9:30 a.m.

10th (Clean Monday): Great Compline. 7:00 p.m. (reception to follow)

**12th, 19th, & 26th:
Presanctified Liturgy. 6:00 p.m. (Becoming Orthodox—Again!) reflection sessions to follow at 7:30 p.m.)**

**14th, 21st & 28th:
Presanctified Liturgy. 9:30 a.m.**

14th, 21st, & 28th: Salutations to the Theotokos. 7:00 p.m.

24th: Annunciation of the Theotokos. Orthros begins at 6:00 p.m. (celebrated in anticipation of the 25th).

Fr. Alex's office normal office hours:

Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. til 4:00 p.m. Sometimes, during office hours, Father may be in Liturgy, called away for emergencies, or otherwise engaged with off-site parish business. In addition, please note that he tries to plan visits to home-bound parishioners on Thursdays—so he may not be readily available for phone calls on these days.

If an emergency arises, please call Fr. Alex directly on his cell phone: 850-491-7390, day or night.

Memory Eternal..

A 3-year Memorial was sung for **James Talantis**, beloved husband of Kathleen and father of Nic and Diane on Sunday, February 3. His **Beatitude Archbishop Christodoulos** was also included in the Memorial prayers on February 3. May their memory be eternal!

On February 10th, a memorial was sung in memory of **Konstantin Gorbachevski**, beloved father of George Gorb. Our parish's ongoing love and prayers are with George and Carol. May Konstantin's memory be eternal!

On February 1st, long-time parishioner **Theo Maris** fell asleep in the Lord in Panama City, Florida. May Theo's memory be eternal!

Finally, on February 12th, **Anna Georgievna Buzyna**, beloved mother of our own George Buzyna, fell asleep in the Lord. Born in 1909 in Samara, Russia, Mrs. Buzyna immigrated to Chicago in 1950 in pursuit of a better life for her family. May Anna's memory be eternal!

SAVE THE DATE:

Lenten "Becoming Orthodox—Again!" program will begin with Great Compline on Monday, March 10th. This Lent's general program will once again be initiated off with a moving Compline service on "Clean Monday" (our Philoptochos ladies will offer a light reception afterward). A Sunday homily series on "Our Merciful, Un-mercenary, and Healer Saints," and reflection/book study sessions on Fr. Peter Gillquist's *Becoming Orthodox*, will be featured this year, in addition to our vital schedule of divine services and youth programs. Please consult this *Reflections* and www.hmog.org for full details.

Lenten reflection sessions each Wednesday night of Lent, following Presanctified Liturgies, 7:30 – 8:15 p.m. Join Fr. Alex for worship (beginning at 6:00 p.m.) and informing, thought-provoking reflection sessions on Fr. Gillquist's challenging book *Becoming Orthodox*. Our goal, in keeping with our general parish theme for Lent, will be to "become Orthodox again," to reinvigorate our spiritual lives, see our faith with new, more appreciative eyes, and recommit our lives to Christ. If you haven't purchased a copy of *Becoming Orthodox* yet, please let Fr. Alex know. The book will be used during each session of the study, and it's important for each participant to have a personal copy. **See you then, and all are welcome. Bring family, bring friends, and bring neighbors!**

Fr. Gillquist's February visit was uplifting, encouraging and energizing.

From his Q & A sessions with our college students, to his presence at the Divine Liturgy, to his lecture at F.S.U. on the 11th, Fr. Peter's mission was clear: to help us rediscover the power, fullness and blessings of our Orthodox Faith. It was an honor to have him with us, and we hope he'll consider our parish a second home to him for years to come. Many thanks to our OCF ministry, Parish Council and entire parish for supporting his visit and making it a reality.

Book of the Month for February and March:

Becoming Orthodox:

A Journey to the Ancient Christian Faith

This moving, hands-on book chronicles the modern journey of over 2,000 evangelical Christians to the Orthodox Church, and is suitable reading for those interested in the faith—and for any Orthodox Christian seeking renewal and a deeper understanding of our purpose as the "body" of His Church. The book will also be used as a basis for our Lenten "Becoming Orthodox—Again!" reflection sessions. Pick it up today, read it and take it into your heart.



March 2008

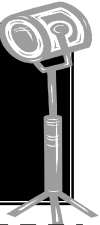
Prosforo Schedule
 03/02 - Angie Poulos
 03/16 - Margarita Joanos
 03/30 - Popi Joanos

- Calendar Symbol Key:**
- = Strict Fast
 - = Wine and Oil Allowed
 - = Fish Allowed
 - = Dairy, Eggs & Fish Allowed
 - = Father Away

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Please contact Fr. Alex for further guidelines on fasting, prayer life, Confession and weekly preparation for Holy Communion.</p>						<p>1</p> <p>First Saturday of Souls Orthros 9:30 a.m.</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Altar Team 2 Sunday School 11:45 a.m.</p> <p>ECHO Sunday Chili Cook-off Outreach Project Mtg.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Youth & Diakonia Committee Mtg. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Confessions 4-5:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 pm OCF Mtg. Oglesby Union Room 311D 8:15 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Philoptochos Mtg. 5:00 pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Spaghetti Dinner 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. No Church Tours</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Second Saturday of Souls Orthros 9:30 a.m.</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Altar Team 1 Sunday School 11:45 a.m. Good Samaritans Mtg.</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Great Lent Begins</i> "Clean Monday" Great Compline 7 p.m. (reception to follow)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Executive Council Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Parish Council Mtg. 6 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Confessions 4-5:30 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy/My Promise 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Salutations Service 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Third Saturday of Souls Orthros 9:30 a.m.</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Altar Team 2 Sunday School 11:45 a.m. Icon Procession</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Choir Practice 6:30 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Confessions 4-5:30 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy/My Promise 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Salutations Service 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Altar Team 1 Sunday School 11:45 a.m. Oratorical Festival</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Annunciation of the Theotokos Orthros 6 p.m. (celebrated in anticipation of March 25th)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Choir Practice 6:30 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Confessions 4-5:30 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy/My Promise 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Salutations Service 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Altar Team 2 Sunday School 11:45 a.m.</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Pangari/Coffee(c) Schedule for March 3/02 - E. Joanos/Penn-Williams/Perrigan(c) 3/09 - Wernke/Geeker/Manias 3/16 - Penn-Williams/N. Joanos/Kalfas 3/23 - N. Joanos/Wernke/E. Joanos 3/30 - Geeker/Kalfas/Hovsapian</p>				

Lights...Camera...**YOUTH!**

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."
1 Timothy 4: 12



Children's prayer list. Each Sunday, your child is invited to submit a list of loved ones to be prayed for, living and asleep in the Lord. Fr. Alex will commemorate the names during the Prothesis/Preparation service each Sunday. Those listed do not have to be Orthodox Christian. *Please fax, mail, drop-off or email the names to Fr. Alex by Thursday of each week for inclusion in Sunday's prayers. As we approach Lent, these lists can also be used for the Saturdays of the Souls on March 1st, 8th, & 15th* (traditionally, those listed for these three services are only our loved ones who have passed).

Living

Asleep in the Lord

GOYA News

GOYA would like to thank our Holy Mother of God community for their wonderful support on "Souper Bowl" Sunday. A total of \$130 was collected in this year's Soup Pot. GOYA voted to use the money to help with a few of ECHO's greatest needs. The money was split between food appropriate for diabetics, individual juice bottles and cracker pkgs. for homeless folks, and canned fruits/vegetables.

The amount of food brought in was beyond our hopes, as well as the many household items, clothing, etc. There were so many donations, they barely fit into an SUV. The folks at ECHO were deeply moved and grateful for our continued and overwhelming support this month.

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It's time to think about St. Stephen's Camp. ST. STEPHEN'S CAMP is an ALL TIME FAVORITE of our youth, and it's for all youth entering grades 7th-12th, in the fall of 2008.

Online registration info and forms are available on the Metropolis Website, www.atlanta.goarch.org/youthsite/camps.htm. February ended with a meeting to discuss camp and answer questions. If you were not able to attend that informative meeting, please feel free to contact Debbie Wernke or any previous camper with questions. March 31st is the first deadline (paper work in the Metropolis office) for a discounted rate, and please be aware that the sessions fill up fast (especially the first).

No scheduled meeting will occur this month for GOYA. I hope many of our youth will be participating in the Oratorical Festival, as well as other events in our community as Lent begins this month.



A website not to be missed by our families...

As part of a school project *Niki Hovsapian* has created a moving and vital website: "The Forgotten Genocide." The content offers a portrait of the events leading up to the Armenian Genocide and its consequences for the Armenian people—as well as the entire world. Please congratulate Niki on her efforts and visit her site at www.theforgottengenocide.com.

The Nursery is open to parents and children on a "self-supervised" basis.

Parents utilizing the nursery with their children are asked to leave the nursery as they found it, and to thoroughly clean-up after their little ones. Thanks to *Stephanie Joanos* and *Nicole Josey* for all of their loving and dedicated work last year, and we look forward to sharing our children with them during a host of special occasions in 2008. Their ongoing maintenance and regular upgrading of the nursery facilities is much appreciated by our parish.

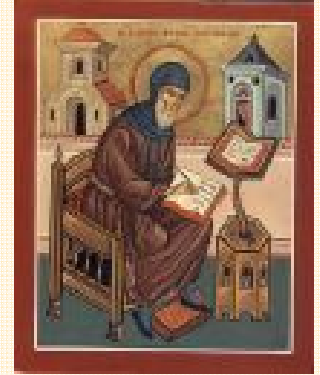
Saintly Lives: St. Symeon the New Theologian

Commemorated Oct. 12th and March 12th (the date of his repose)

Apolytikion in the Third Tone

Since you had received within your pure soul God's enlightenment, O righteous Father, you were shown to the world as a blazing light which drove away its thick darkness and moved all men to seek the grace of the Spirit which they had lost. O all-holy Father Symeon, intercede with Him to grant great mercy unto us who honor thee.

St. Symeon the New Theologian (949–1022) is one of three saints of the Orthodox Church to have been given the title of “theologian” (the others are St. John the Apostle and St. Gregory Nazianzen). Born in Galatia and educated at Constantinople, he became abbot of the monastery of St. Mamas. He believed that humans can experience the Spirit of God directly, and his writings embody the deepest mystical traditions of the Orthodox Faith.



His words will no doubt give us direction and inspiration as we approach Holy and Great Lent: "Our holy fathers have renounced all other spiritual work and concentrated wholly on this one doing, that is, on guarding the heart, convinced that, through this practice, they would easily attain every other virtue, whereas without it not a single virtue can be firmly established."

Making it real. *What does it mean to put other things—even worthy things—behind and focus on “guarding the heart”? Life is full of distractions, and even the meaningful, good things can drain our energy, frustrate us at times and leave us feeling helpless. This Lent, how can your family focus on guarding your collective heart ... how can you make sure your loved ones are being spiritually fed, have time to pray and time to come together for meals and “down-time” throughout the week? Throughout the coming months, work on simplifying and organizing your household routine. Make a list of priorities—with “guarding the heart” of the family at the top! Trim the fat, see if you can be more efficient with the necessities, and you’ll like what you see!*

Just for parents...

When it comes to staying connected to your teen, the experts agree: don't ask broad, general questions that are easily dismissed. Time to get specific! Here are a few suggestions...

Who is your teen's favorite musical group? Listen to their songs and ask her what makes these her favorite groups -- their lyrics, harmonies, rhythms. What TV shows does she enjoy? Ask her if you may watch these programs with her once in a while. Ask what appeals to her about these shows— realistic portrayals of teens and families, offbeat humor, particular characters? What are her top five videos and why would she recommend them to her friends? What does she think about tattoos and body piercings? Has she heard of any kids who got them and now wish they hadn't? What brand names in clothing are popular and which ones are un-cool? Do kids feel pressured to wear only these clothes?

From “Knowing Your Teen.” Posted at the website “Family Education”:
www.familyeducation.com

Altar Updates:

Each week, our captains who have Orthros duty are asked to arrive at Orthros no later than 10:00 a.m.; captains are also responsible for leading clean-up after Liturgy (takes about 15 minutes each Sunday). All servers should be in the Altar by 10:20 a.m., so they can have time to get settled and vest before Liturgy begins. Parents are encouraged to contact David Purpura with questions and ideas: purpura@psy.fsu.edu. **Thanks to all of our parents, Altar servers and volunteers who participated in the retreat on Feb. 24th.** Highlights included the energized Lenten clean-up session, the Prodigal Son skit, and the readings about the lives of important children-saints of our faith (the pizza wasn't bad either!). This was a perfect way to begin the Lenten season. Fr. Alex and David are thankful for this special time with our boys, and wish them all a beautiful Lent!

March 2nd, Team 2 (Orthros and Clean-up Duty: George Joanos)
March 9th, Team 1 (Orthros and Clean-up Duty: Nic Gavalas)
March 16th, Team 2 (Orthros and Clean-up Duty: Nick Griner)
March 23rd, Team 1 (Orthros and Clean-up Duty: Chris Perrigan)
March 30th, Team 2 (Orthros and Clean-up Duty: George Joanos)

Oratorical News

The Oratorical Festival will be held on **Sunday, March 23rd**. The Jr. and Sr. 1st and 2nd place winners will then go on to present in Jacksonville on **April 5th**. We wish the best to all of our participants.

Our first Oratorical practice will be held Sunday, **March 2nd**.

If you would like to participate, please contact Manoli Caros by email at emanuelcaros@gmail.com.

OCF:

Our meeting for March will take place on Tuesday, **March 4th** @ 8:15pm in The Oglesby Union room 311D. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday!

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Reach out and touch someone! Philoptochos continues to touch so many who need help in so many various ways.

Please remember to join us at the next regular scheduled meeting, March 5, 2007, at Patmos Hall beginning at 5:00 pm.

February was a busy month planning and preparing for our annual *Chicken Dinner*—a big success indeed! Many, many thanks to chairpersons Carol Koralis and Libby Przewiecki, and all who were there and helped prepare for this important fundraiser—without your hearts involved we would not prosper.

Chili Cook-Off is coming March 2. Please contact Debbie Wernke if you are interested in preparing your favorite chili. All proceeds will be going to our own Eric Strosnider attending Holy Cross.

Philoptochos will sponsor light refreshments after the Clean Monday Service on March 10 in the Patmos Hall. Please contact Elaine Mathewes if you are interested in bringing in your favorite Lenten dish to share.

May God Bless you as we approach this blessed Holy Lenten Season.

Valerie

Parish Wish List 2008

- * volunteers to drive home-bound parishioners to Liturgy
- * parents/or individual parishioners interested in leading JOY & GOYA for the fall of 2008
- * a volunteer to make copies of special services for coming Lenten services
- * volunteers to help with occasional mailings/special projects in the office

Do you have a solution to one of these needs? Fr. Alex would like to talk to you about it. Any amount of help is appreciated.

Wish List Kudos: Continuing thanks to **Amy Cox** for her diligent work on our parish list-serve program; thanks to the **Klonis family** and **Nic and Janet Gavalas** for outfitting the Altar area with new cutlery; ongoing thanks to **Sheppard Salter** for his dedicated work as parish sextant; further thanks to Janet and Nic Gavalas for the Narthex card/pen holder offering. **All of these efforts and offerings make our ministries stronger!**

Orthodox Life Series came to a close on February 20th. Our readings and discussions throughout the fall and winter were informing, inspiring and even fun! Thanks to all who participated, and all are encouraged to continue our “Wednesday night tradition” throughout Lent with our “Becoming Orthodox—Again!” reflection sessions. Each session will follow our Wednesday night Presanctified Liturgies (Liturgies will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the sessions at 7:30 p.m.).



Voices of Faith

March 02 - Shepard Salter
March 09 - Elleni Gavalas
March 16 - Brad Hostetler
March 23 - Martin Markovich
March 30 - Joseph Sima



Our children, parents and interested parishioners are invited to read the Epistle during Divine Liturgy throughout the year. Please contact Joseph Sima to make arrangements (893-5789).

UPCOMING SPAGHETTI DINNER

DATES:
Friday, March 7th
& May 2nd

CLEAN MONDAY **DINNER:**

Join us on **Monday, March 10th** (Clean Monday) immediately following the 7 p.m. Great Compline service for a Covered Dish Meal hosted by Philoptochos.

Please contact Elaine Mathewes (668-9181) with your culinary delight (remember strict fast rules are observed).

Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession

Please be sure to attend Divine Liturgy on **March 16th** (the Sunday of Orthodoxy). This is the day on which our youth will proceed with their own Holy Icons to commemorate the solemn reinstatement of Icons in 9th Century Constantinople.

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Blessings in Our Lives...

Jeffrey and Mary Phipps are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl, **Kennedy Grace Phipps**. She arrived January 3rd and received her 40-day Church blessing on February 24th.

Also, on January 28th, Carly and Clyde Ramsey became the proud parents of the lovely **Caitlyn Marybeth Ramsey**.

Finally, Helen and George Buzyna are grandparents (for the fourth time) to little **Riley Deane**. Riley was born January 31st in San Diego, CA to proud parents Peter and Magen Buzyna.

Presanctified Liturgy

&
Family Night

*** April 9th ***

This will be a teaching
Liturgy on the Solea with
the Altar facing the
people.

Youth Psalm readers are needed.

Please contact Joseph Sima to
make arrangements (893-5789).



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MARCH SERMON SERIES:

*"Our Merciful, Un-mercenary
and Healer Saints"*

March 2nd

Matt: 25:31-46: *"St. John the
Merciful and the Blanket of Hope"*

March 9th

6:14-21: *"St. Hermione: 'Heal Me'"*

March 16th

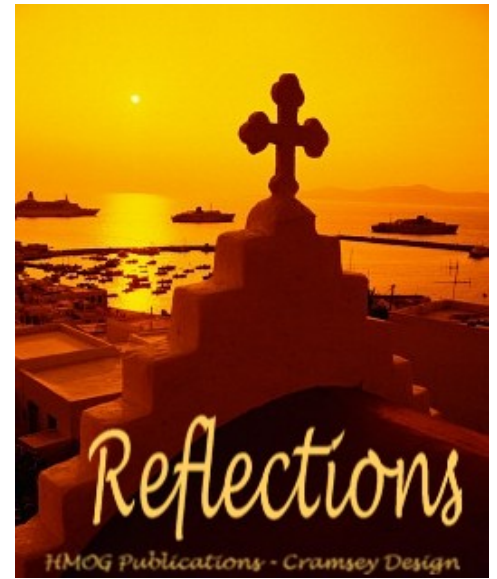
John 1:43-51: *"Zenaida and
Philonella: the Friends of Peace"*

March 23rd

Mark 2:1-12: *"A Simple Story"*

March 30th

Mark 8:34-38; 9:1: *"St. Panteleimon
and the 'Good Payment'"*



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*What shall I say? What shall I leave unsaid? In the rich treasures of
creation it is difficult to select what is most precious; the loss of what is
omitted it too severe.*

(from St. Basil the Great: "The Germination of the Earth")