



Holy Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church

June/July 2009 ♦ 1645 Phillips Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32308 ♦ (850) 878-0747 ♦ Rev. Fr. Robert J. O'Loughlin ♦ <http://www.hmog.org>

Happy Birthday! ~ A message from Fr. Robert

The birth of the Christian Church began at Pentecost, when God saw fit to pour out the Holy Spirit. It was one of the most wonderful and exciting moments in the history of the Christian faith. This descent of the Holy Spirit is the new covenant by God with the new Israel, the Church. The Holy Spirit had fallen on the lives of believers. People were filled with the passion and fires of the Holy Spirit. They were gathered from every persuasion and city, every nation and land, all glorifying God.

The Holy Spirit descended upon the church on the Day of Pentecost. How can we be indifferent in the light of that event? We all need the power of the Spirit today and that power is still available to all who ask for it.

“The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit” as stated during the Sacrament of Chrismation provides us with the promise that Christ communicated just before His Ascension. The Spirit empowers us to attain the fullness of humanity. Wherever we learn to live in faith, the gifts of the Holy Spirit will be alive and well. These are gifts of love, joy, peacefulness, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control.

The disciples had spent three years living with Christ. They had witnessed His death and resurrection, but it took the power of the Holy Spirit to transform them into the great men that they were. We too have that power of the Holy Spirit living within us.

Yet, so few of us know how to tap into that power. It is the Holy Spirit that gives us the ability to be a witness to the world. It is the Holy Spirit that gives us words to say when our minds go blank. It is the Holy Spirit that makes us able to carry out Christ’s command to preach to all the nations and make disciples of every nation. If we do not know how to use the Spirit, it hinders His work in us. It is through the Holy Spirit that we are able to love the unlovable, minister to the unwanted, serve those who reject us and grow closer to the kingdom of God.

And it is the Holy Spirit that gives us our power. It is the Holy Spirit that makes us work the way we were meant too. When we use the Spirit we can do all things for Christ. We need to be filled with the Spirit. Without the Spirit we can do nothing. With Him, we can turn a world upside down and shine God’s light into a dark world. When we are filled with the Spirit, we can be Christ in our world. *Is your light being powered by the Holy Spirit so you can shine God’s light in His world?*

On that first Pentecost, the Apostles were ignited with the flame and zeal of the Holy Spirit. Peter stood up and preached and before the day ended over 3,000 people committed themselves to Christianity. These courageous and committed souls went out and in the words of St. Luke "turned the world upside down."

This is the spirit which gave birth to the Church. This spirit is the power of Pentecost! It is a redeeming and sanctifying experience which compels the people of God to utilize the gifts that they have been provided and be a light of Christ to all.

Fr. Rob

Inside This Issue

- 1 Letter from Fr. Rob
- 2 Weekday Services
- 2 Parish Updates
- 3 & 4 Calendars
- 5 President’s Corner
- 5 AHEPA News
- 6 Sainly Lives
- 7 Youth



GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL
2009



*Come for the food,
Leave with the Culture!*
OCTOBER 23RD & 24TH

FRIDAY + SATURDAY
10AM- 10PM

Holy Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church
1645 Phillips Road - Tallahassee, FL
[www.hmog.org / festival](http://www.hmog.org/festival)

Weekday Services in June/July



June
 6th: Saturday of Souls, Divine Liturgy, 9 a.m.
 Great Vespers, 5 p.m.
 13th: Great Vespers, 5 p.m.
 27th: Great Vespers, 5 p.m.
 29th: Holy Apostles Peter & Paul, Orthros 8:15 &
 Divine Liturgy, 9:15 a.m.

July
 18th: Great Vespers, 5 p.m.

If an emergency or special need should arise, please contact Fr. Rob at 850-559-8184. **Please note: Fr. Rob will be away June 30th – July 13th and will be at St. Stephens camp July 20th-25th.** If an emergency arises, **please contact Emanuel Joanos @ 850-559-3404.**



Cemetery Plots

Several years ago, our parish purchased cemetery plots in Oaklawn Cemetery, located in downtown Tallahassee, exclusively for our church members to purchase. Currently, there are 17 plots available for purchase at a cost of \$700 each.

If you would like more information, please call Ann Koikos @ 850-893-1308 or Fr. Rob @850-878-0747.

Altar Service

Each week, our captains who have Orthros duty are asked to arrive at Orthros no later than 10 a.m.; captains are also responsible for leading clean up after Liturgy. 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. Please contact David Purpura with questions: Purpura@psy.fsu.edu

Altar Team 1
 Captains: Nic Gavalas
 CJ Barkas
 Nicholas Gavalas
 James Perrigan
 Brannon Salter

Altar Team 2
 Captains: Chris Perrigan
 Jimmy Branch
 Sasha Caspary
 Thomas Geeker
 William Perrigan
 Sami Mellos

06/07 – Team 2 06/14 – Team 2 06/21 – Team 1 06/28 – Team 2
 07/05 – Team 1 07/12 – Team 2 07/19 – Team 1 07/26 – Team 2

From the Philoptochos

Phenomenal Women Doing Phenomenal Things

Our End of Year Banquet was enjoyed at George and Louie's in Thomasville, GA on Wednesday evening May 13th. As this 2007-2009 term came to an end with Valerie Griner serving as president, we all reflected on the past two years and the things we have accomplished together. We may be a small group of women, but we work diligently to meet our goals, and to find joy in not only our accomplishments but also in working together. We were able to donate to the following: National Philoptochos Society, Metropolis Philoptochos Society, and locally to Guardian Ad Litem, Elder Car Services, ECHO Outreach just to name a few.

Thank you George and Connie Mathes for hosting our End of Year Banquet.

FESTIVAL 2009 NEWS

2009 GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL BAKING DATES

The Greek Food Festival is scheduled for **October 23rd & 24th**. We have set the Festival Baking dates (see below) and hope to see you all there!

BAKING DATES	ITEM
JUNE 12 & 13 TH	TIROPITES
JUNE 19 TH & 20 TH	SPANAKOPITES
JUNE 26 TH & 27 TH	DOLMATHES
JULY 17 TH , 18 TH , 24 TH , & 25 TH	PASTITSO



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
--------	--------	---------	-----------	----------	--------	----------

	1	2	3 ✠	4	5 ✠ Spaghetti Dinner <i>11 a.m. – 7 p.m.</i> 	6 Saturday of Souls Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Great Vespers 5 p.m.
please contact fr. ROB for further guidelines on fasting, prayer life, confession and weekly preparation for holy communion.						
7 Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Altar Team 2 ECHO Sunday	8 Parish Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	9	10	11	12 FESTIVAL BAKING	13 FESTIVAL BAKING Great Vespers 5 p.m.
14 Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Altar Team 1	15 	16 	17 ✠	18 	19 ✠ FESTIVAL BAKING	20 FESTIVAL BAKING
21 Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Altar 2	22 	23 	24 	25 	26 ✠ FESTIVAL BAKING	27 FESTIVAL BAKING Great Vespers 5 p.m.
28 Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Altar Team 1	29 Holy Apostles Peter & Paul Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9 a.m.	30	Pangari/Coffee(c) Schedule for June 2009 06/07 - Joanos/Manias/Perrigan(c) 06/14 - Gavalas/Penn Williams/Hovsapien(c) 06/21 - Mathewes/Koikos/Mookas(c) 06/28 - Manias/Perrigan/Joanos(c)			



2009

June



Prosforo Schedule

06/14 – Catherine Mantzanas
06/28 – Katie Mathes

Calendar Symbol Key:

- ✠ = Strict Fast
- = Wine and Oil Allowed
- = Fish Allowed
- = Dairy, Eggs & Fish Allowed
- = Father Away

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



Pangari/Coffee(c) Schedule for July 2009 07/05 - Penn Williams/Hovsapien/Gavalas(c) 07/12 - Koikos/Mookas/Mathewes(c) 07/19 - Perrigan/Joanos/Manias(c) 07/26 - Hovsapien/Gavalas/Penn Williams(c) 08/03 - Mookas/Mathewes/Koikos(c)		1 ☼	2	3 ✠ <i>Spaghetti Dinner</i> 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. 	4	
		5 Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Altar Team 2 ECHO Sunday	6	7	8 ☼	9
12 Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Altar Team 1	13 Parish Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	14	15 ☼	16	17 ☼ FESTIVAL BAKING	18 FESTIVAL BAKING Great Vespers 5 p.m.
19 Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Altar Team 2	20	21	22 ☼	23	24 ✠ FESTIVAL BAKING	25 FESTIVAL BAKING
Fr. Rob @ St. Stephens Camp						
26 Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Altar Team 1	27	28	29 ✠	30	31 ✠ <i>Spaghetti Dinner</i> 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. 	



2009 July

Prosforo Schedule
 07/05 – Irene Milatos
 07/19 – Angie Poulos

please contact fr. rob for further guidelines on fasting, prayer life, confession and weekly preparation for holy communion.

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

President's Corner

Dear Holy Mother of God Greek Orthodox Parishioners,

The Parish Council is very proud to announce that the Greek Food Festival (GFF) Donation committee has concluded its work and their recommendations were accepted unanimously by the Board. At the November General Assembly, The HMOG Parishioners voted overwhelmingly to convene a committee to distribute \$10,000 of the 2008 Greek Food Festival proceeds to a select number of worthy non-profits. After several months of gathering recommendations from you and deliberating on those recommendations the committee results are:

Big Bend Hospice	\$ 3,000
Echo Outreach	\$ 2,500
Boys Town of N. Florida	\$ 2,500
Homeless Coalition	\$ 1,000
The Alzheimer's Project	\$ 1,000

Thank you committee members Father Rob, Amy Cox, Connie Mathes, Mike Papageorge, Jaclyn O'Loughlin, Tom Mookas and myself for your hard work on this very worthwhile effort.

Speaking of the Greek Food Festival, Harriet Mixon and Richard Allen are already hard at work planning the 2009 festival. We will begin baking again very soon. Please answer Harriet and Richard's call for help with a resounding **YES I CAN!!!**

Finally, Victor Gavalas and Jimmy Koikos are doing a great job spearheading the Stewardship drive. They have planned another drive effort to boost and add to our successes. Please join our work for Christ if you have not already done so.

Sincerely,
Emanuel Joanos



Our famous friend Isaac. George Condaras' best friend, Isaac, was one of the poster dogs for Dog Bite Prevention Week in May. Congratulations to George and Isaac, we look forward to seeing Isaac in more publications and maybe a **motion picture too!**



Michelle Kearney's dogs Bandit and Mojo

Friend of Jorge Laguna's guide dog Isaac

Sandra Whitehead's dog Pig

"If you think dogs can't count, try putting three biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them."

AHEPA

The trip to JCKC Dog track last month (May) was a real success. There was a great turnout. We want to thank Steve Andris for showing us such generous hospitality and the opportunity to have such a fun evening. The food and company were just fantastic. Hopefully there will be more of you that will be able to join this enjoyable evening the next time it occurs. On a sadder note, we were so sorry about one of our members, George Kalivas, who passed away on April 27. Our condolences to Victoria and Mike Landy and family. He will certainly be missed. May he be remembered by all of us and his loved ones always.

Our next AHEPA meeting will be right after church on Sunday, June 7, 2009, in the Patmos Hall Conference Room.

Remember any one interested is always welcome to join us as a new member.

Mike Papageorge, President

Saintly Lives



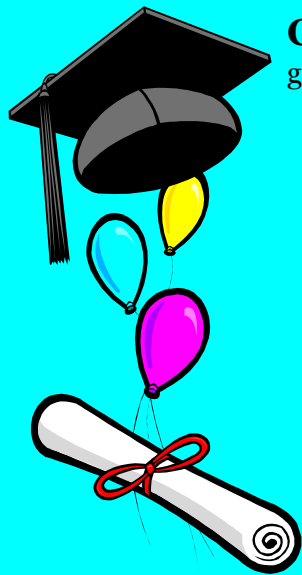
Paraskevi the Righteous Martyr of Rome

Saint Paraskevi, who was from a certain village near Rome, was born to pious parents, Agatho and Politia. Since she was born on a Friday (in Greek, Paraskevi), she was given this name, which means "preparation" or "preparedness" (compare Matt. 27:62, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54, and John 19:31, where 'Friday' is called "the day of the preparation"). From childhood she was instructed in the sacred letters and devoted herself to the study of the divine Scriptures, while leading a monastic life and guiding many to the Faith of Christ. During the reign of the Emperor Antoninus Pius, she was apprehended because she was a Christian and was urged to worship the idols, but she answered with the words of Jeremias: "Let the gods that have not made heaven and the earth perish from off the earth" (Jer. 10:11). Because of this she endured exceedingly painful torments, and was beheaded in the year 140. The faithful pray to her for the healing of eye ailments.

May Your Memory Be Eternal...

Memory Eternal. On Sunday, May 17th, a 2-year memorial was sung for Mary Camechis, sister of Katie and Johnnie and Patsy Camechis. May Her Memory Be Eternal.

A 40-Day Memorial for Vasilka Shtereva, beloved grandmother of Veselka McAlarney. Vasilka lived in Bulgaria. May Her Memory Be Eternal.



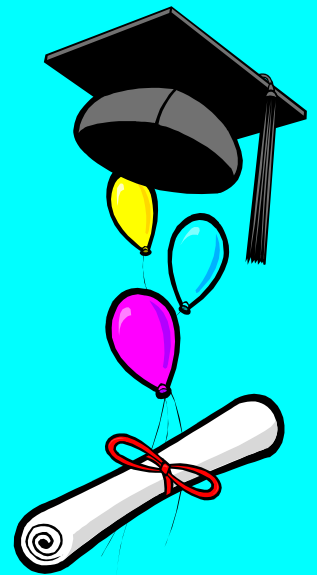
Congratulations to the following 2009 high school and college graduates. We wish you the best in all of your future endeavors.

High School

Julia Eggert - Leon Athena Landy - Chiles
Nicholas Gavalas - Leon Spencer Frankeberger - Leon

College

Yianna Drivalas - FSU Matthew Wernke - FSU
Ashley Hanania - FSU Angelica Zanetos - FSU

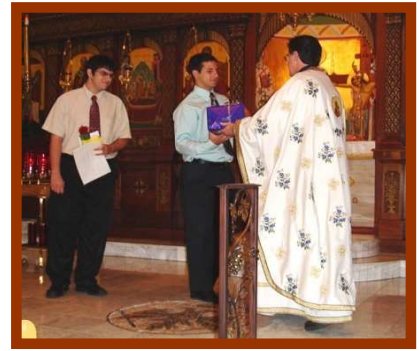
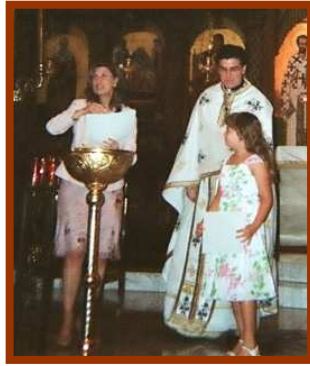


Blessings in Our Lives . . .

Best wishes and prayers to the new Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Butler! Koulla and Jeff were joined in the Sacrament of Marriage on Sunday, May 24th— may the Lord bless them with great faith, peace, and love!



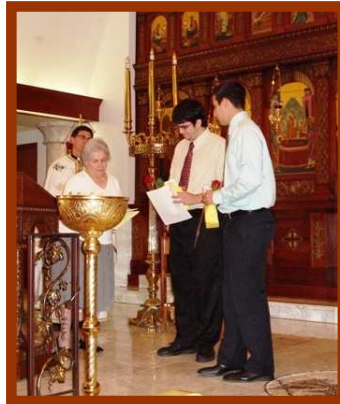
College Graduates



High School Graduates

Sunday School Graduation

Philoptochos College Scholarships were awarded to Spencer Frankeberger, Nic Gavalas, & Athena Landy. Nic Gavalas was the recipient of the AHEPA scholarship. Congratulations to all of our 2009 graduates and we wish them much success in all of their future endeavors.



Philoptochos & AHEPA College Scholarship Recipients



GOYAns at St. George Island

JOY UPDATE

What a joy it has been getting together with the elementary aged children for discussion, crafts, and activities. Enjoy the summer and look for the sign-up in August for next year!!

Fr. Rob & Presbytera Joy

GOYA UPDATE

The end of the year outing to St. George Island was enjoyed by all with the beautiful weather and great fellowship.

Ten Goyan's will be attending St. Stephen's camp this summer. **A big thank-you to Philoptochos** for scholarships offered to each camper.

Fr. Rob & Presbytera Joy



FESTIVAL 2009 NEWS
FRI., OCT. 23RD & SAT., OCT. 24TH
WE NEED YOU!!!

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING
YOUR TIME, TALENT,
TREASURERS, & SUPPORT AS
WE PREPARE FOR OUR
UPCOMING 2009 GREEK FOOD
FESTIVAL.

THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
WILL BE CONTACTING YOU
SOON. **THANK YOU IN
ADVANCE FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

**Holy Mother of God
Greek Orthodox Church**

1645 Phillips Road
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Office: 850-878-0747

Hall: 850-877-2501

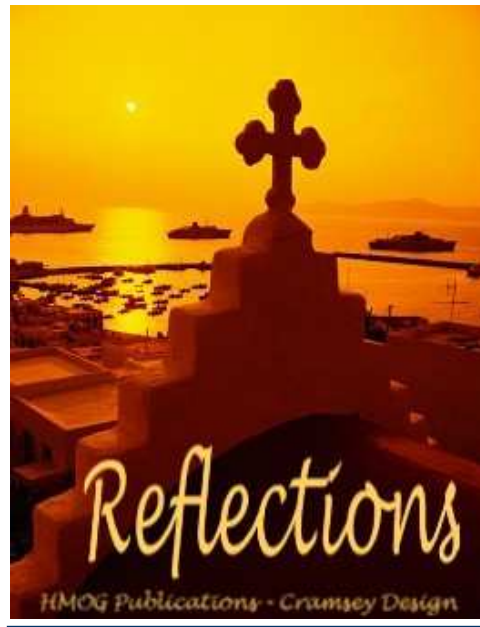
Fr. Rob's Emergency Cell:

850-559-8184



Spaghetti Dinner

June 5th, July 3rd & 31st



HMOG Publications - Cramsey Design

Website: www.hmog.org

Email Addresses:

Father Rob:

fr.robert@comcast.net

Church Secretary:

hmog@comcast.net

Secretary Hours:

Mon./Wed./Fri. 9am-2pm

Holy Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church
1645 Phillips Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
Paid
Permit No. 83
Tallahassee, Florida