



From Father Anthony

Pascha 05

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! No matter what language you say it in, it contains the hope and salvation of the world. It is not a phrase meant for some distant and far off place or time, but an expression with immediate perspective and consequence. It is the words that bring meaning and hope to our suffering and pain. It is the answer to our darkest moments of confusion and frustration. It is the antidote to the sickness of ego, pride, selfishness and deceit. Christ is shown to be perfect man and perfect God and has open the doors of paradise to us so that we may also walk in His light, transformed from hopeless and insincere people into genuine and authentic people. Salvation is serious business for those who are serious about God and faith and life. ‘God incarnate’ is the mantra for those who would take up their cross and follow Him. We are called to make tangible the reality of salvation in our relationships, in our choices, in our personal integrity. This is the power of the Resurrection. A power to be accessed daily through prayer and reflection in dynamic application. It is the answer for all of humanity, not just those who accept and give their stamp of approval to this Divine dispensation. It does not cease to be true just because some find it incredible. It takes a truly smart person to apprehend the meaning of Christ’s Resurrection from the dead, and then to apply it in their life. The season of fasting has come to an end. Now the Bridegroom is with us and we celebrate and rejoice. Christ has fulfilled the plan of the Father, and rescued us from darkness. Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

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Ask Father

We would like to begin a new feature in the Monthly Bulletin. Many times we have questions about our faith and we think we are the only one. However, it is often the case that questions are universal and a good way to learn more about our faith. Address you questions to frantonios2@mindspring.com and he will try to address them in the following month’s bulletin.



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April 4, 2005

Reverend Father Anthony Salzman
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My dearly beloved,

"Grace Be with you all." (Titus 3:15)

It is with great spiritual joy that I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and I offer to you my sincere best wishes and prayers that the Holy Season of Great Lent will be a spiritually uplifting and meaningful time for you and your Parish family.

It was truly a privilege for me to participate in your beautiful Parish life celebrating the Divine Liturgy this past weekend. Please accept my personal gratitude and appreciation for your warm and gracious *philoxenia* that welcomed everyone to a truly special occasion, as you dedicated an icon to the memory of Fr. Homer Goumenis. Indeed, it was an honor and a blessing for me to witness the Christian love of the whole community as we gathered to honor his memory. I realize the time and effort required to organize such a beautiful event. I thank you not only for your dedication and unselfish service, but also for your beautiful spirit as you commemorated the life and ministry of Fr. Homer, a shining beacon of love and faithfulness in our Orthodox Church, who left an inspirational legacy in the hearts and minds of all who had the privilege of meeting him along their path in life.

While we continue our Lenten journey together to prepare for His glorious Resurrection, I pray our Lord will bless you always, bestowing upon you good health, wisdom, and abundant joy! With faithful commitment to His service, I remain

Prayerfully yours with paternal love,

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Metropolitan of Atlanta

Sunday Epistle & Gospel Readings

April

May 1
May 8
May 15
May 22
May 29

Epistle

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8
St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10
Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42
Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30

Gospel

John 1:1-17
John 20:19-31
Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8
John 5:1-15
John 4:5-42

Parish Happenings

Congratulations Peter, Jennifer, Madeleine

Peter and Jennifer are the proud parents of a baby boy, Simon Peter Gess! He was born at 8:48 a.m., Saturday, March 26. Simon weighed 8 lbs 5 oz, and measured 23 inches.

Congratulations to Tom, Lea and

Benjamin Crea on the birth of their son Nicholas John Crea. Nicholas John was born Wednesday, April 13th at 11:32 am. He weighed 8 lbs 8 oz at 21 inches long.

Graduation Luncheon:

The Pottiers and the Lamsons will be having a luncheon for Julianne and Kacina in honor of their high school graduation on May 22 following the Divine Liturgy. All are invited!

Ana Anest will be having an art show entitled Circling the Muse from May 1st to May 27 at the Myers Gallery-Science and Art Building in Athens Academy, 1281 Spartan Lane. The gallery will be open Monday- Friday from 8a.m-5p.m. Ana will have paintings and drawings on display along with Audrone Kirschner who will display clay vessels. There will be a reception on Sunday May 15 from 2-5 p.m. The reception will be catered by Le Maison Bleu.

The Monastery of Paracletos invites you to visit the Monastery on Saturday, May 21st at 11:00 a.m for lunch, fellowship and prayer. If you are interested or would like more information see Lucian Horescu.

Parish Council Meeting:

Next Parish Council Meeting: May 18 (the third Wednesday of the month) at 7:45 p.m.

The next bulletin will be for the months of June, July and August. Reminders will go out on May 15th for information you would like printed for the summer months.

Building Maintenance:

Last person to leave the building please check the bathrooms to make sure the toilets are not running, as well as turn the heat down to 62 and make sure the lights are off.

The Bookstore:

The Bookstore is open every Sunday after the Divine Liturgy and has a wonderful collection of resources to enrich our spiritual lives.

Philoptochos: On Wednesday, April 13th, 2005, Philoptochos met at church. President, Karen Kimbaris, began the meeting by recapping what Philoptochos had accomplished in the past year. Events in which Philoptochos was involved were the rummage sale, the OCAF Holiday Market, An Evening in Greece dinner, St. Philothea Name's Day dinner, and most recently the Bid n' Buy. Currently, Philoptochos has 18 members. Those who still want to join are encouraged to talk to one of the Board members as to how to sign up. Philoptochos' main mission is to support the poor and this is done through money raised through their various fundraisers.

Philoptochos will be in the financial position to meet both their Metropolitan and National obligations as they did the previous year. In addition, Philoptochos has made other charitable donations such as a refrigerator for the Athens homeless shelter and has earmarked \$200 for an Athens charity. At their next meeting Philoptochos will discuss volunteer opportunities with St. Mary's Hospice, Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, and determine the specific donations to be made for the upcoming year as they project their budgetary needs. Furthermore, OCAF's Southworks has asked Philoptochos to have a pastry booth Memorial Day weekend, similar to the one at the Holiday Market. Although many members will be out of town at this time, Tara Mahoney said she would organize it and solicit help from St. Philothea parishioners.

Also discussed was to have quarterly business meetings and then for the remaining months have the meetings emphasize spiritual enrichment and fellowship. Finally, officers for next year were voted in. They are:

- Karen Kimbaris (President), Tara Mahoney (Treasurer), Ann Volk (VP), Dana Johns (2nd VP), and Nina Lamson (Secretary)

It was decided that we would have a Women's spiritual enrichment night, June 8th at Presbyteria's home and the next business meeting will be in August.

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President: Dean Kimbaris
Vice President: Kurt Knisely
Treasurer: Bill Mahoney
Secretary: Stacey Cramer
Members: Frieda Dekazos, Alex Johns, Karen Kimbaris, Angie Shih, Ann Volk

Sunday school:

Dana Johns

Music Director:

Mari Iakovou

Philoptochos Board:

President: Karen Kimbaris
Vice President: Mari Iakovou
Secretary: Nina Lamson
Treasurer: Tara Mahoney

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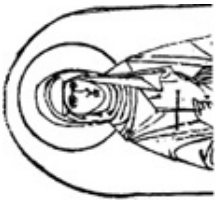
Liaisons to the Caterer:

Dean and Karen Kimbaris

Treasurer's Report

Expenses for the month of March exceeded income by \$2434, with the shortfall being made up from the Building Fund. Total expenses were \$15,506. Income from Marswood Hall was \$5,232.

For the 1st quarter, expenses exceeded income by \$8,800.



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May 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 2:00p Agape Vespers and meal	2 St. George the Trophybearer	3	4	5 6:00p Theotokos of the Lifegiving Font, Divine Liturgy	6	7
8 9:00a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. 12:00p Mother's Day	9	10	11 6:00p Greek School, Mens Group, Catachumen Class.	12	13	14
15 9:00a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.	16	17	18 6:00p Greek School, Mens Group, Catachumen Class.	19	20	21 9:00p SS Constantine and Helen, Divine Liturgy
22 9:00a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.	23	24	25 6:00p Greek School, Mens Group, Catachumen Class.	26	27	28
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