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A protection of Christians unshameable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering; reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us for you are good, your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you!

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Father John's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters and Christ,

I have heard stories for years about how well people remember where they were and what they were doing when President Kennedy was assassinated. It seemed to be one of those watershed moments in American history that affected everyone. I now understand in a deep and personal way—as we all do—how such an event can be so dramatically seared into one's sense of identity. I cannot imagine ever forgetting that morning: preparing to leave the house when the call came from Presvytera Becky's mother about an attack on New York City; rushing downstairs to the television to see the horrible news; protecting our children from the devastating and disturbing images and trying to explain the unexplainable to them; arriving at church only to discover that the television was on in the library and the first tower had fallen, then the second; hearing about the attack on the Pentagon and the plane crash in Somerset; gathering the staff and the ladies preparing for Wednesday lunch for a special service in the church, for prayer must be our first response. The list goes on.

The terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001, have affected us all. As a Church, a beacon of the light, hope and faith of Jesus Christ, it has challenged us to our core. What could we do? What should we do? Could we help? How?

Many agencies, companies and others brought volunteers to help, to comfort and to feed; we were there. Counseling and grief centers were set up for the survivors and the rescuers; we did our part. Appeals went out around the country and the world for financial help for the wounded, the orphaned and the widowed; we rose to the occasion. These were the visible efforts, the ones we saw on TV.

In all these areas, the Church found much-needed ways to reach out in compassion and love according to the commandment of Christ. But the most important contribution of the Church, as the Body of Christ, is not found in propping up beams and buildings; it is found in the lifting of souls, of wounds, of lives to our almighty God and Savior Jesus Christ in a motion that most exemplifies who are what we are called to be as the Church: people of prayer. That is why we must continue to spread out the spiritual safety net of prayer in the weeks and months ahead, for it is only in the depths of God's mercy and love that we will find all that which is needed. The following prayer of Archbishop Demetrios, offered in New York on September 23, expresses that calling:

We give thanks to You, O Lord, for in Your mercy, you have filled our hearts with love and compassion. The sacrifice, generosity, and concern of people throughout the world has been a visible sign of the bonds that lead us to You. Continue to grant to us from Your inexhaustible power the strength to meet the challenges and needs of the days to come. We give thanks to You, O God, for the enduring peace that You have given to us from above. In the assurance of your guiding presence may we seek divine wisdom so that our decisions and our deeds reveal our love for justice and life, for one another, and for You.

In this most challenging of times, may the call of God not be lost in the thunder of the crash, the cries and the pain. It is a call to prayer, love, mercy, forgiveness, repentance and, ultimately, eternal life. May the Lord receive the souls of those lost in this tragedy with mercy, may He help us bring comfort to those who grieve and may He bring us all to the keen awareness of our need to prepare for His Kingdom, perhaps now more than ever.

News & Events

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES

Church School Starts with Worship

The first two weeks of classes for the 2001/2002 Church School year are behind us and the year is off to a great start! Thank you, parents, for your commendable efforts and your support of your children's spiritual well-being!

Also, please don't forget: the Sunday morning experience for children starts with worship! All the



Church School lessons in the world will be only academic exercises unless they are confirmed and supported by the worship life of the Body of Christ, His Holy Church. An athlete cannot become a champion by studying his sport in a book without practicing, and a Christian cannot become a champion in the Faith by learning and not "practicing" in worship. Please be sure to bring our children on time (10:00 a.m.) for the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, since

the children's sermon—which follows the Gospel reading—is designed just for them. Thank you, parents and staff!

Church School Open House. October 28

The Church School ministry will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, October 28, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Classes will be open for parents to visit and see their children's curriculum and learning materials and to meet with their children's teachers. During that time, the JOY children (ages 8-12) will be holding the St. John Chrysostom JOY Oratorical Festival Workshop and the rest of the students will be involved in an organized activity.

St. Lydia's Women's Fellowship Oct. 11 & 25

The St. Lydia Women's Study Fellowship is a ministry for women to share in fellowship and to study scripture, the Orthodox Faith and family life in today's world. The meetings take place twice a month on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at a home in the North Hills. New participants are always welcome! The fellowship is enjoyable and the approach is casual, but the subjects are important for today's families. The main source material for studies this year



is the book, "Diary of a Russian Priest," which provides scriptural guidance, pastoral direction and spiritual insights into every day life. For further information on this worthwhile and informative group or for directions to the meetings, call Paula Valliant at 412-487-3977.

St. Nikodemos Men's Fellowship Oct. 11 & 25

The St. Nikodemos Men's Study Fellowship meets on the second and fourth Thursday each month from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the office of TriadUSA, Suite



460, Two Gateway Center, downtown. The group features prayer, Bible study, topics of interest to Orthodox Christian men and how to live our Faith in the working world. It is open to all interested men and has been centrally located downtown to accommodate those who need to be at work early.

For directions, call Gus Georgiadis at 412-880-4999.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

St. John Chrysostom JOY Oratorical Festival. . . Oct.

New this year! Our JOY-aged children (8-12 year-



olds) will have an exciting new opportunity to learn and share their faith this year through a new "entry-level" St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. Instead of the various levels (local, regional, diocese, etc.) and the judging that the older children use, the JOY version of this event is designed to be a local event which

gives the children an opportunity to learn how to prepare a brief speech on their faith and deliver it in a non-competitive environment. There are four topics available for the children to choose:

- My Favorite Saint
- My Favorite Bible Passage
- My Favorite Prayer
- My Favorite Part of the Divine Liturgy

A workshop to help the children prepare will be held on Sunday, October 21 during the Church School Open House. All our JOY-aged children are asked to participate. For information, please see or call Faith or Sophia Williard at 412-343-0329.

News & Events

COMMUNITY NEWS

Youth Family Hayride Oct. 12

The youth of our parish and their families are once again invited to participate in the annual Youth Family Hayride at Reilly's Summer Seat Farm. It will be held on Friday, October 12 starting at 6:15 p.m. All the JOY children, GOYans and their families are invited to participate. The cost is only \$4.50 (adults and kids over 12) or \$3.50 (children ages 3-12). Children under 2 are free. The group will ride the haywagon first, then gather at the bonfire to roast marshmallows, 'smores and have snacks. Dress warmly and don't forget to bring your roasting sticks!



As a *special added bonus* this year, His Grace Bishop Jeronymos of Tanzania (who is visiting the country on a Missions Tour) will join the group, share in the fun and also share some stories from his mission work in Africa. Please call Arnette Georges at 412-364-5589 by October 9 to reserve your spot!

GOYA Bake Sale Oct. 21

The GOYA will hold a fund-raising Bake Sale on Sunday, October 21 during Coffee Hour. Please plan on supporting our GOYans; your donations will support an exciting and growth-filled year of youth ministry for our teenagers.

Youth Sunday October 28

Our parish will celebrate Youth Sunday on Sunday, October 28, in conjunction with our Church School Open House. Information on participation will be provided to our young people on how they can participate in this event.

LITURGICAL LIFE

Services for the September 11 Tragedy

In addition to the services and prayers already offered on behalf of those who have died and suffered in the attacks of September 11, Holy Trinity Church will continue to offer special Paraclesis services and prayers throughout the initial 40 day period. They are as follows:

- Wed Oct. 3, 6pm Paraclesis
- Wed. Oct. 10, 6pm Paraclesis
- Wed. Oct. 17, 6pm Paraclesis
- Sun. Oct. 21 40 day Memorial Service

Medea Encore Event October 21

After the tremendous success of the Medea premier on September 26, the committee has had numerous requests for an additional performance date, this time without dinner, just the show. Arrangements have, therefore, been made for an additional date: Sunday, October 21 for the 2:00 p.m. matinee. Tickets are available for \$20 (adults) and \$10 (ages 26 and under). Our own parishioners, Nicholas and Philip Georges, will be performing on this date. The deadline for purchasing tickets is October 19. Please call Kathy Balouris at 412-635-0482 for reservations or information.

Holy Trinity Church to Host International Bishop

Holy Trinity Church will host the historic first visit of an international bishop on October 12-14. Visiting as the featured speaker on the Orthodox Christian Mission Center's 2001 Missions Tour will be His Grace Bishop Jeronymos of Bukoba, Tanzania. He will be joining us for our Youth and Family Hayride on Friday, October 12, then again for Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 14. Finally, His Grace will join our JOY, GOYA and other parishioners at the Walk for Missions in South Park. Information about this visit and about the important work of Bishop Jeronymos is enclosed in a multi-page flyer enclosed in this issue of the *Herald*.

Please consider either walking or sponsoring a walker on this year's Walk for Missions as a gift of support for His Grace's visit and on-going ministry.

Fall General Assembly November 4

The regular Fall General Assembly will be held on Sunday, November 4. An agenda and information on Parish Council elections will be sent to the homes of all Holy Trinity Stewards this month. Please remember that a signed pledge card and commitment are an important part of maintaining the good standing required to vote in the General Assembly in November, to be placed on the ballot for Parish Council and to vote in the Parish Council elections.

Stewardship Statements to be Mailed October

It's that time of year when many people make a conscientious effort to be sure they are caught up with the regular offerings on their Stewardship pledge. The Stewardship Committee will be mailing statements in October. Please be sure to check your progress and continue to maintain your offerings as pledged.

The St. Spyridon Children's Library

This is the month of October with cool weather and campfires that I just adore with great stories and good food. Speaking of food, the Saints are celebrated in many ways from feast days to naming our churches after them. This reading is highly recommended for the older children and we have four volumes of Orthodox Saints. These make great stories for campfire conversations and we can also learn a lot from them.

This month we are dedicating to the Orthodox Saints by George Poulos. "Lives of the Saints and Major Feast Days." Also, we use this book for reference in Orthodox Studies Fellowship.

Reading these books on saints, we learn that for some of the saints, we have very little information. But we know that some of them were rich and poor, priests and laymen, kings and peasants, those with children, etc. (For example, St Sophia and her daughters.) Those who changed their lives by faith and repentance. (For example, St Mary of Egypt.)

Saints are apostles who spread the Logos of God. Prophets predicted the coming of Jesus. The Fathers of the Church and the Hierarchs taught and defended their faith, along with the monastics, the desert fathers, monks and nuns. Martyrs are those who give up their lives for their faith. Then there were those who just lived a good Christian life.

How do we honor saints? We honor them on their feast day. We name our churches and children after them. We venerate their icons to show our love and respect for them. We have their relics, for example, in every Orthodox Church. There is a relic of a saint in our altar. When our church was built in 1960, the relic from our old church was removed from the altar and the laboratory technicians at Mellon Institute learned it was a bone chip of St. Eftemia. She was a young maiden who had been martyred on 288 AD, because she refused to renounce her faith near Constantinople and it is now in our altar at Holy Trinity.

We also honor saints because they show us the way of God (theosis) by the Holy Spirit, who allows us to know God. We are made in the image of God. We are all living saints. In the liturgy, we ask God to accept the prayers and the intercessions of the saints. Even the Liturgies of the church were written by saints, (St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great, Two of the church fathers). Then, there are certain prayers written by different saints of the church. For example, prayers by St. Ilihon, St. Symeon, St. Eustratios, just to name a few. Many of the hymns of our church were written by St. Romanos. We pray to certain saints who have been given special gifts from God. For example, there were three sets of Cosmas and Damian, St. Panteleimon for physicians, St. Phanourios for finding lost things, St. Nectaries for cancer, St. Paraskeve for eyes, etc.

Some of the ways the Apostles and other saints were martyred was through crucifixion. Special note of interest-St. Paul was beheaded because, at that time, there was a Roman law that if a person was a Roman citizen, they couldn't be crucified and St. Paul was a Roman citizen. Some were flogged, eaten by lions, skinned alive, the forty martyrs of Sebastia were frozen on the ice of a lake, boiled in tar, torn apart, etc. The emperor Nero used Christians as torches to light his city all night. Many of the saints were put to death by their own fathers, for example, St. Barbara. During the first three centuries of the church, there were twelve million Christians who died for their faith. The saints are God's friends. Because we are God's children, the saints pray for us. They love us. Through the prayers of the saints, we are lead to the Kingdom of God.

Love In Christ, Spero



Saint Gerasimos of Cephalonia Ο Άγιος Γερασίμος της Κεφαλληνίας~

Στης 20 Οκτωβριου ολοκληρο το νησι της Κεφαλληνιας γιορταζει την εορτη του Αγιου Γερασιμου, πληθος κοσμου ερχονται στο νησι να τιμησουν τον θαυματουργο Άγιο.

Ο Οσιος Πατηρ Γερασιμος εγεννηθη εις την πολιν τρικαλα της Πελοποννησου, απο ευγενεις θρησκευομενους και πλουσιους γονεις. Οταν ηλθε σε νομιμον ηλικιαν εγκατελειψε ολα τα αγαθα του, και περιηγηθη την Ελλαδα ζητωντας την ψυχικη τελειοτητα.

Εμεινε στο Άγιο Ορος αρκετα ως μοναχος ασκουμενος και προσευχομενος. Κατοπιν μετεβη στα Ιεροσολυμα χαριν προσκυνησεως, εμεινε ομως αρκετα χρονια εις τα περιχωρα του Ιορδανου οπου για 40 ημερες νυστευε και προσευχοταν.

Οταν εφθασε σε γηραια ηλικια, και αφου περιοδευσε πολλα μερη διδασκοντας την Χριστιανικην πιστη. Εφθασε στην νησο Κεφαλληνια, οπου αποφασισε να μεινει εκει. Βρηκε ενα ερημοκλησι στην τοποθεσια ομαλα, και αφου το ανοικοδομησε, αρχισε την ασκητικη του ζωη νηστευοντας και προσευχομενος, εργαζοταν σκληρα φυτευοντας διαφορα, μοιραζοντας ολα τα αγαθα στους φτωχους, και διδασκοντας την του Χριστου διδασκαλια.



Σιγα σιγα η Αγιοσυνη του αρχισε να διαφαινεται, και κοσμος ετρεχε να λαβη την ευλογια του. Αρκετες γυναικες που λαχταρουσαν την μοναχικη ζωη αφιερωθηκαν στον Θεο ως μοναχες και τον βοηθουσαν στο Θεαρεστο εργο του.

Την Μεγαλη Χαρη που του εδωσε ο Θεος ηταν να εχει την δυναμι να Θεραπευει τους δαιμονιζομενους, παρα πολλους ειχε και εχει γλυτωση απο τα δαιμονια, ομως και αλα ατελειωτα θαυματα εχει ο Άγιος κανει. Εζησε 30 ολοκληρα χρονια εκει και ευλογουσε και διδασκε τα λογια του Θεου. Εκοιμηθη ο Οσιος το ετος 1579 στις 15 Αυγουστου, και η ανοικομιδη λειψανων εγινε το 1581.

Η ευσεβεια των απανταχου Κεφαλληνων εκτισε λαμπρο Μοναστηρι που κατεστραφη ολοτελα με τους σεισμους το 1953, ομως οι Κεφαλλονιτες ξανα χτισαν λαμπροτερο Ναο, για την δοξα και το μεγαλειο του προστατη Αγιου τους; που σεκαθε αναγκη τους τον καλουν για βοηθεια.

Ας εχουμε ολοι την ευλογια του.

— Βουλα Χαρερα

Memories of “The Greatest Generation”

The following article was published by the Beaver County Times on July 5, 2001. It features the story of a long-time Holy Trinity parishioner, Steve Kish, and his life story as recently published in one Tom Brokaw’s “Greatest Generation” books. Congratulations, Steve, and may God grant you many more years to share your story and inspire coming generations! (The on-line version of this article can be found at www.timesonline.com/archive/news/4519139.htm.)

Steve Kish is happy with his life. He’s proud of the character-building challenges that helped to shape his 80 years.

Take the Depression, for example.

The Crescent Township man earned money working in a grocery store and a factory to support his family after his father died in 1937.

“We helped our families,” he said. “If you made 50 cents, you knew where it went - on the table.”

He respectfully served his country when drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942.

The same year, he met his wife, Freda, to whom he’s been married for 56 years. Their family grew over the years to include a daughter and two grandchildren.

“We’ve lived a good life,” he said.

“NBC Nightly News” anchor and author Tom Brokaw likes Kish’s story.

He thinks he fits right into the “Greatest Generation.”

Brokaw included a letter written by Kish in his new book, “An Album of Memories - Personal Histories from the Greatest Generation.”

Kish’s heartfelt correspondence is published on pages 17 and 18 of the Random House hardcover book, which sells for \$29.95. A photo of a dapper 22-year-old Kish dressed in his military police uniform also is featured.

Kish wrote the letter to Brokaw after being touched by “The Greatest Generation” and “The Greatest Generation Speaks,” two earlier works recognizing stories of triumph, difficulty, heroism and heartache.

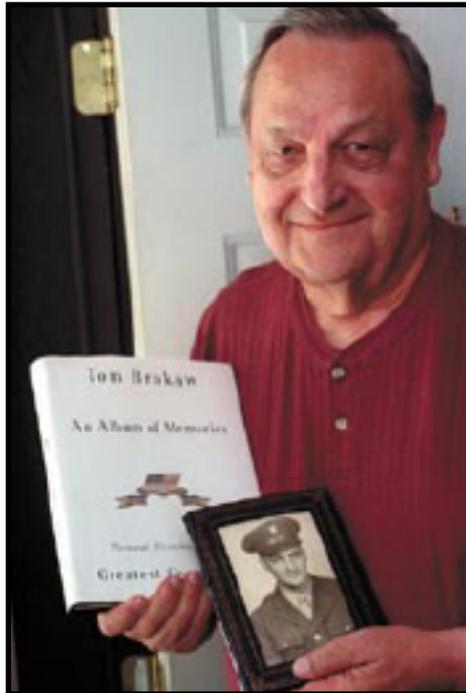
Kish and so many others sent letters to Brokaw, who responded by compiling “An Album of Memories,” a collection of letters from men and women whose sacrifice, honor and courage shaped America.

Men and women who served in the armed forces wrote most of them, but some also are included from

widows, children and grandchildren.

A Random House spokeswoman said the response to the earlier books was overwhelming. Brokaw received thousands of letters. The ones that spoke to him were picked for the third book, she said.

Brokaw wrote “I LIKE THIS” on the top of Kish’s letter. Random House personnel were then on the phone asking Kish for permission to use it in “An Album of Memories.”



He never expected his letter to be used in a book. He wrote it from the heart to let Brokaw know he appreciated the earlier books.

“It surprised me. It never entered my mind,” he said, showing off his military photo in his Needham Street home.

Even more surprised by the phone call was Freda, who didn’t know her husband had sent the note to Brokaw. The call came about a year after he sent the letter.

“I didn’t know anything about it. He never said nothing,” she said. “I got the call from Random House.”

She also read the earlier books and understands why her husband was stirred to write.

“He was quite moved by it. He wrote a letter about his life,” she said. “He wrote it from the heart.”

Random House asked for permission to run the letter and use Kish’s photo. The publishing company asked him what he wanted in return. He said he didn’t want anything.

Random House sent him an autographed copy of “An Album of Memories.”

Kish and his wife are touched by the letters in the book, which is divided into three sections: “The Great Depression,” “The Home Front” and “The War in Europe.”

“You can cry on some of the stories,” said Freda. “There are happy ones and sad ones. You wonder how

(...continued)

they survived.”

Her husband echoes her sentiments.

“I read it in two days,” Kish said. “It was a tear-jerker in spots and had some funny spots.”

Kish, who lived in Coraopolis for 70 years and served on the borough council, said common sense helped him to get by during tough times, he said. He’s happy to have served in the Army for more than two years before receiving a medical discharge for a leg injury.

He remembers being sent to Fort Meade, Md., in September 1942.

“I left to go into the service with \$5 in my pocket,” he said.

He later traveled across the country until he landed at a base in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Freda at a dance.

Steve remembers their courtship.

“She gave me a bunch of baloney. She had her sister bake a chocolate cake and told me she made it,” he said, chuckling with his wife.

Steve doesn’t expect fame or fortune to come from being included in the book, however, a relative happily called when his military photo was flashed on the TV screen during a Brokaw interview on CNN’s “Larry King Live.”

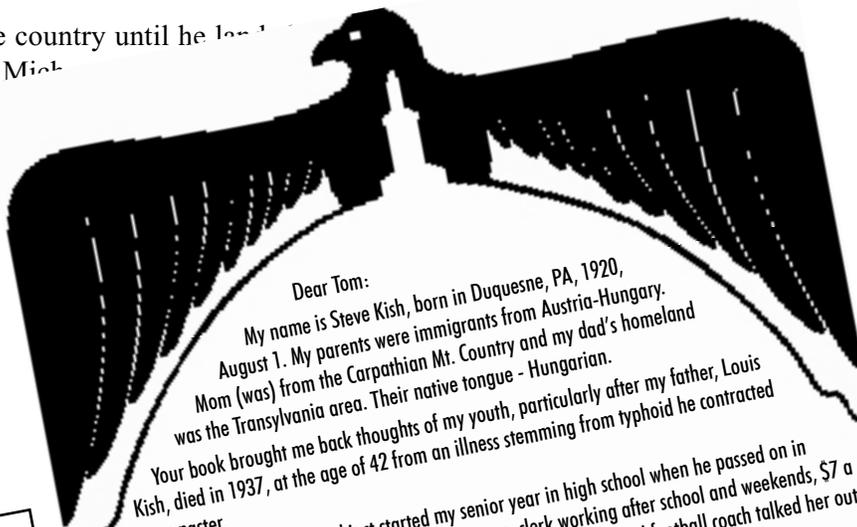
Steve is proud of the photo and his life.

“We live comfortably because we earned it,” he said. “I say I’m successful because I’m going to leave it (the world) better”

Steve’s Letter to Tom Brokaw:

Another interesting piece of Steve’s history:

During his years as an estimator for Pittsburgh Des-Moines Steel Co. in Neville Island, Steve had the responsibility of estimating a very large job: the structural steel of the first three stories of the World Trade Center. His wife, Freda, was also employed there as a secretary to the Plant Manager. The two of them saw the whole thing manufactured, with the most notable feature being the enormous like 3-pronged “forks” that were an important part of keeping the building up so long, even after the planes struck on Sept. 11, buying important and life-saving time for people to escape. “It was the strongest steel we ever produced,” notes Steve.



Dear Tom:

My name is Steve Kish, born in Duquesne, PA, 1920, August 1. My parents were immigrants from Austria-Hungary. Mom (was) from the Carpathian Mt. Country and my dad’s homeland was the Transylvania area. Their native tongue - Hungarian.

Your book brought me back thoughts of my youth, particularly after my father, Louis Kish, died in 1937, at the age of 42 from an illness stemming from typhoid he contracted as a youngster.

I was the oldest at home and had just started my senior year in high school when he passed on in October of 1937. At the time I was employed as a grocery clerk working after school and weekends, \$7 a week. My mother was going to take me out of school, but the principal and football coach talked her out of that, promising to get me work if she let me graduate.

They were good to their word. I was (one of) four out of ninety students who went to work. I worked steadily until Sept. of 1942, when I was drafted into the service. When I was called before the Draft Board, they asked me what I contributed to my family’s upkeep. My entire paycheck from the factory, I answered. Where do you get your spending money. From a second job at the grocery store.

I was to go in November of 1942. But a young man broke his leg, and they were kind enough to send me in September. All my friends went with me, and I was elated to go. Learned more during the next two and one-half years than I did in twelve years of schooling.

Spent my time as an M.P. until I was injured (bad leg) and received medical discharge at the end of 1944. From then until now (I’ve) had many forms of employment - steel mills, machine shops, catering company, and finally for seventeen years a bridge estimator.

Publicly (I) was a union president, president of Hungarian Social Club, board member of Greek Orthodox Church. My wife of Greek parentage. Got involved in politics as a councilman and was president of Council for ten years or so.

We have a daughter, special ed. teacher, and two good grandchildren, one girl and one boy. Two things make me proud and happy. If I could not help anyone, I would not harm them with words or deed. I am successful because I am going to leave it better than I got it.

With great sincerity,
Steve A. Kish

“The Powers of Death Will Not Prevail”

Below is a full-page advertisement placed by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in the New York Times on Sunday, September 16, following the destruction of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in the September 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center. For a news releases, photos and information on this tragic event and our church's response, visit www.goarch.org/september11.



“Upon this rock I will *rebuild* my church.”
—Matthew 16:18, for New York City, September, 2001.

Athens: White smoke billows from the shadow of the Trade Towers. Since 1916, the white staves of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church have brightly welcomed all who came for peace.

But at 9:59 a.m., September 11, these smiles were suddenly extinguished. The great swirl of smoke was blown away by the wind and the shock waves from within. And the walls came tumbling down.

Our hearts were crushed. But our spirits will never be.

Like so many other Americans, the founders of our churches were hardworking immigrants. They came with a non-negotiable belief in God, in liberty and in the opportunity to build great things. Our tradition has carried all of us.

To help our city and this nation, we have founded The September 11 Relief Fund for the children of the missing. To sustain our belief in all that is good and right, the entire Greek Orthodox community of America, and of the world, has united to mourn. In defense of the innocents who were persecuted on that fateful date.

We offer our blood and our shoulders to healing and restoration through our nation. We thank all those who courageously came to help. And we fervently pray for those who fell and those who gave for them.

We know that the church founded 15 years ago for our beloved St. Nicholas, patron protector of all who travel, will rise in glory once more in the same sacred light as a symbol of a determined faith which advances what is just and true, noble and holy. Because we believe in God!

We will again be in heaven. We will light every candle. And there will shine brighter than ever.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios
Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

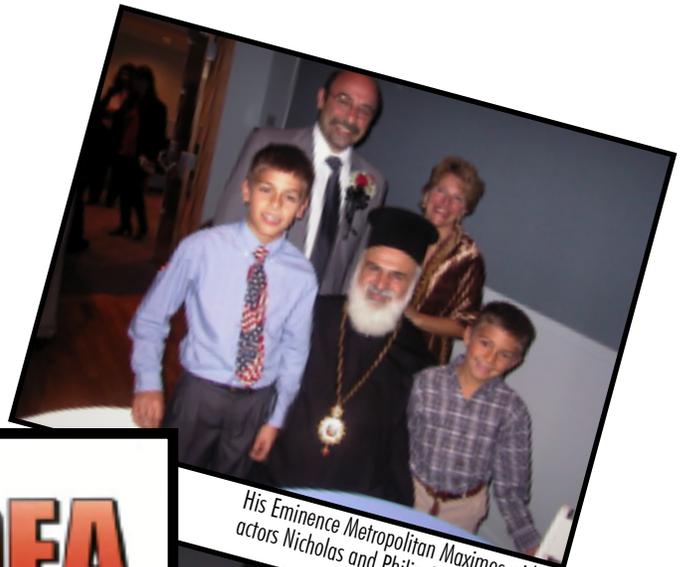
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Medea Performance a "Classic Success"

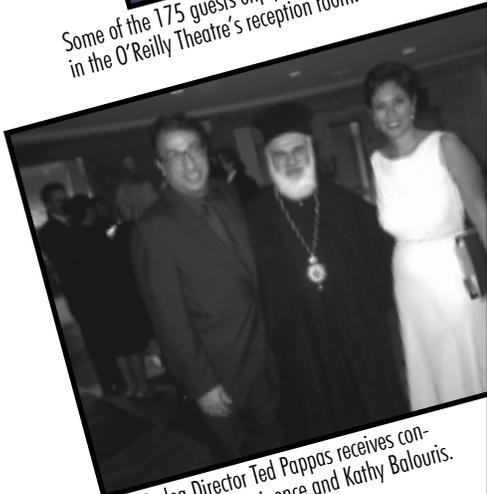
On Wednesday, September 26, 2001, classic Greek tragedy made a triumphant return to Pittsburgh with the Pittsburgh Public Theatre's production of "Medea" by Euripides. Through a special, exclusive arrangement, the final dress rehearsal was made available as a "Greek Night" preview for Holy Trinity Church. Watch for a full write-up in next month's Herald. In the mean time, the following photos provide images of a very enjoyable evening! Congratulations, Committee, on a wonderful job ... and thanks to everyone who attended!



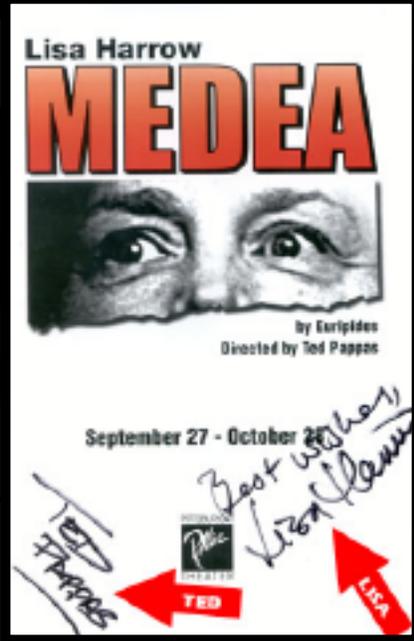
Some of the 175 guests enjoy dinner before the show in the O'Reilly Theatre's reception room.



His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos with "Medea" actors Nicholas and Philip Georges and parents.



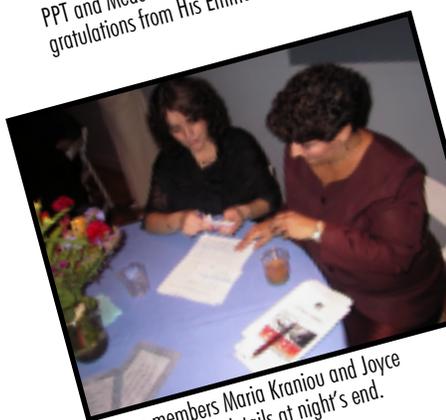
PPT and Medea Director Ted Pappas receives congratulations from His Eminence and Kathy Balouris.



The Medea program book, signed by Director Ted Pappas and star actress Lisa Harrow.



His Eminence congratulates "Medea" star Lisa Harrow and committee members Christ and Kathy Balouris.



Committee members Maria Kraniou and Joyce Athanasiou wrap up details at night's end.



Actors Philip and Nicholas Georges sign program books for those attending the Greek Night performance.



Father John, Presvytera Becky and parishioners on the O'Reilly Theatre stage after the performance.

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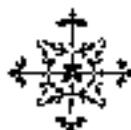
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IF I KNEW... (LOOKING BACK AT SEPTEMBER 11)

If I knew it would be the last time
That I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly
and pray the Lord, your soul to
keep.

If I knew it would be the last time
that I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss
and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time
I'd hear your voice lifted up in
praise,
I would video tape each action
and word,
so I could play them back day
after day.

If I knew it would be the last time,
I could spare an extra minute to
stop and say "I love you,"
instead of assuming you would
KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time
I would be there to share your
day,
well I'm sure you'll have so many
more,

so I can let just this one slip away.
For surely there's always tomor-
row
to make up for an oversight,
and we always get a second
chance
to make everything just right.
There will always be another day
to say "I love you,"
And certainly there's another
chance to say our
"Anything I can do?"
But just in case I might be wrong,
and today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love
you
and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to
anyone,
young or old alike,
And today may be the last chance
you get to hold your loved one
tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow,
why not do it today?
For if tomorrow never comes,
you'll surely regret the day,

That you didn't take that extra
time
for a smile, a hug, or a kiss
and you were too busy to grant
someone,
what turned out to be their one
last wish.
So hold your loved ones close
today,
and whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love
them
and that you'll always hold them
dear

Take time to say "I'm sorry,"
"Please forgive me," "Thank you,"
or "It's okay."
And if tomorrow never comes,
you'll have no regrets about
today.

Today is here
show LOVE.
Tomorrow will never come
and yesterday is gone
forever."

Author Anonymous