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SPECIAL EDITION:

**HOLY TRINITY
CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN
2008-2020
PLEDGES AND
DONORS LIST**

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Page 9: Metropolitan Savas uses his pastoral staff to knock on the doors of the new Holy Trinity Church during the Opening of the Doors "Thyranoixia" Service on June 22, 2013.



All illumined by the Holy Spirit, irrigated by the living waters that the Savior provides, O all-lauded Saint, when you had drunk of the waters of salvation, to those who thirsted you shared them abundantly. O Great Martyr and Apostles' equal, St. Photini, to Christ our God pray fervently, entreating Him to save our souls.

Apolytikion of Saint Photini, the Samaritan Woman (February 26)

THE NEWS MAGAZINE OF HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA



Father John Touloumes
Proistamenos

What is impossible with men is possible with God." (Luke 18.27)

Welcome to an unusual and historic issue of *The Herald*. It is unusual because it is not yet filled with news of many upcoming events and photos of the active life of the Holy Trinity community as usual because of the on-going COVID limitations. As your priest I offer my sincere thanks for your patience, endurance, cooperation and dedication during the past 11 months. Yes, it's hard to believe, but the restrictions and safety precautions we are hopefully working our way out of soon started nearly a year ago on March 13, 2020.

If someone had said to us all back then, "You will need to keep various COVID-response measures in place for the next 11 months, we would have probably responded, "Impossible!" Yet here we are. If we also would have been told, "Most of your community life activities will be curtailed, and even the capacity of your worship services will be restricted, but don't worry, you will still be able to sustain the financial health of the community," we would also probably have said, "Impossible!"

But the biggest "Impossible!" of all would probably have been the unlikely prediction that even in the midst of the worst economic shutdown and financial crisis many of us have ever seen, the Capital Campaign would—8 years ahead of time!—pay off our mortgage and draw to a close. To that we would almost certainly have all said, "Impossible!"

But, glory to God, as the Lord Himself said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." Thanks to the sacrificial love of the people of this community for Christ and His Church, what started out as a plan, a hope and a prayer in 2008, to "Raise Up the Foundations of Many Generations" (Isaiah 58.12), has indeed come to pass. In doing so we have written the next chapter of the Holy Trinity story started by generations before us on the North Side who established the community and set the example to follow: love the Lord and serve your Church with all your heart.

Neither the brief comments here nor the larger list of Capital Campaign pledges and donors found in the pages of this issue can fully encompass the many ways the Lord motivated, equipped, inspired and blessed everyone who participated in so many acts of faith and love. It is impossible for us to know them all. But the Lord knows each precious offering. So please allow me to simply end with this blessing from the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil. It is a eucharistic prayer which applies quite well here as a prayer of thanks for all who have offered and for everything they have done:

Remember, Lord, those who have brought You these gifts, and for whom and through whom and the intentions for which they were offered. Remember, Lord, those who bear fruit and do good works in Your holy churches, and those who remember the poor. Reward them with Your rich and heavenly gifts. Grant them in return for earthly things, heavenly gifts; for temporal, eternal; for corruptible, incorruptible....Remember, Lord our God, all Your people, and pour out Your rich mercy upon them, granting them their petitions for salvation.

With paternal blessings and love in Christ,

FEBRUARY

WORSHIP LIFE

Weekday Services

Weekday Divine Liturgies are normally held at the Saint George Chapel, but due to current Metropolis COVID safety regulations, they are being held at Holy Trinity Church. Orthros is at 8:30am, followed by Divine Liturgy at 9:30.

- **Feb. 2: The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple**
- **Feb. 6: St. Photios the Great**
- **Feb. 10: St. Haralambos the Hieromartyr**

Saturdays of the Souls..... March 6, 13, 20

Preceding the start of Lent and during the first week of Lent, the Church offers the "Saturdays of the Souls" to commemorate those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. These memorial services are traditionally held at the Saint George Chapel located at Holy Trinity Cemetery... **However**due to current safety/space requirements they are being temporarily relocated this year to Holy Trinity Church. Orthros is at 8:30am followed by Divine Liturgy at 9:30am and the Memorial Service. See the enclosed flyer or download it online at HolyTrinityPgh.org/documents/worship to submit names for commemoration and be sure to attend and commemorate your departed loved ones. All those able to bring "kollyva" memorial wheat for offering during the memorial prayers are asked to do so. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Church School Has Resumed In-Person

Reflecting changes in local civil and school guidance regarding recent restrictions, we are glad to announce that

Coffee Hour, in-person meetings and Church School classes will continue – with appropriate precautions in place. Physical distancing, masks and capacity limits of 50% remain in place. Please also note that until we resume full Coffee Hours, sponsorships are not available, as the offerings will be limited to coffee and juice. Hopefully this crisis is beginning to end ... let's stay the course and not let down our guard! Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and desire to keep this community and all who participate in its worship and life



safe.

PHILOPTOCHOS MINISTRY NEWS

Philoptochos Zoom MeetingFebruary 21

The next Ladies Philoptochos Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 21, beginning at 6:30pm via Zoom. The Philoptochos hopes that you will attend this meeting. Topics include the budget and other important items related to the essential work of this philanthropic ministry. Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

GOYA Valentine's Brunch-To-Go.....February 14

The GOYA is adapting its annual Community Valentine Brunch to our current situation and will be offering a Valentine Brunch-To-Go this year on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14. Pre-orders will be accepted online and in the Gallery during Coffee Hour on February 7.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish Council Members and Officers for 2021

As directed by the Metropolis, due to the difficulty in holding elections under pandemic restrictions, the 2020 Parish Council has all had their term extended one year. The Council was installed on Sunday, January 3 and the election of officers was conducted immediately afterward.



The officers elected are: President - George Danis; Vice-President - George Dickos; Treasurer - Michael Passodelis; Secretary - Jean Willow.

Other Council members: Alvin Backeris, Anthony Balouris, Ashley Bournias, Karen Georgiadis, Tom Germanos, Richard Paese, Dean Passodelis, Stephen Stearns and Gerri Valliant.



Capital Campaign 2008-2020

As the original Capital Campaign for the construction of the new Holy Trinity Church has come to a close, the community extends its prayerful thanks to all who have pledged and donated from the beginning of the campaign in August, 2008, through its conclusion in December, 2020. Every gift, no matter the size, has been a sacred offering of love to Christ and His Holy Church. Glory to God!

Pledges and Donors: 2008-2020

His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos of Pittsburgh
His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh
Touloumes, Rev. Fr. John & Presvytera Becky
Bordeianu, Rev. Fr. Radu & Presvytera Loredana

Adamczyk, Mark & Teddi
Aggelou, Sotris & Amy
Agras Foundation
AHEPA First Party
AHEPA, Aristoteles Chapter
Alexiades, Mary
Alexiades, Nicholas
Alexiadis, Alex
Aliquippa Senior Citizens Group

Amurgis, Victor & Patricia
Anargyros, Georgiana
Andromalos, Chrysanthia
Andromalos, Marjorie
Andromalos, William & Beatrice
Andromalos-Dale, Michael & Diana
Andromalos-Dale, Victoria
Anetakis, Alexander & Georgia
Angelou, Gus
Apostolis, Michael
Areheart, Henry & Lynda
Arista Catering & Event Planning
Armanious, Mark & Amy
Athanasίου, Rev. Fr. George

Capital Campaign Pledges and Donors: 2008-2020

Athanasiou, Harry & Joyce
 Athanasiou, Stella
 Avlon, Christina
 Backeris, Alvin & Tammy
 Backeris, Estate of Marie
 Backeris, Van & Karen
 Ballas, Rhea
 Balouris, Anthony
 Balouris, Anthony & Helen
 Balouris, Chris & Chrysoula
 Balouris, Chris J & Debbie
 Balouris, Christ A. & Kathy
 Balouris, Constantine & Diane
 Balouris, Dean & Lisa
 Balouris, Elaina
 Balouris, James & Yvonne
 Balouris, Katherine M
 Balouris, Polyxeni
 Barker, Lynn & Efthalia
 Barron, Joseph & Anastasia
 Beasley, Robert & Jessica
 Beckas Miller, Georgia
 Beckas, George
 Beckas, George, GNB Sons
 Beckas, Georgia
 Bellios, George
 Bellios, Gus & Vickie
 Benfield Group, The
 Bengal, Eric & Carolyn
 Berexa, Chris & Maria
 Bertos, Rebecca
 Blackwell, Harry
 Bober, Athena
 Bodganovich, Todd
 Bolkovac, Pamela
 Bonfield, Christopher & Stefany
 Bonfield, Jonathan
 Bonfield, Reggie & Marianne
 Borsch, Daniel & Paula
 Bossick, Dennis & Penny
 Bossick, Pandora
 Bounos, Georgiann
 Bounos, Michael & Maria
 Bournias, Alexander & Karen
 Boyaci, Freda
 Brady, Kirk & Mary Ann
 Bridges & Co., Inc
 Bridoux, Sophia

Brubaker, Clifford and Balouris, Sondra
 C & G Ranch, LLC
 Cameron, Alexandra
 Casey, Robert & Natalie
 Castellano, Georgia
 Castellano, Peter
 Cervenak, Doug & Jody
 Chapas Trust
 Chapas, Frank & Anne
 Chapas, Charles & Mary Lee
 Chapas, Helen
 Chapas, Thomas
 Chapas, William
 Chapas, William & Constance
 Chapas, William & Sophea
 Cherpes, Louis & Penny
 Cherpes, Theodore
 Christ, Zora
 Christou, Antonios & Christina
 Christou-Liwosz, Barbara
 Christulides, Presvytera Rozlia
 Clayton, Betty
 Clayton, John



August, 2008: The Capital Campaign for the new church is launched with the theme, "Raise Up the Foundations of Many Generations," a quote from Isaiah 58.12.

Capital Campaign Pledges and Donors: 2008-2020

Cocheres, Gabriel & Johanna
Cocheres, Johanna
Cole, Steven & Jill
Conomos, John & Janet
Constantine, Miltiadis
Contacos, Phillip & Christine
Contemporary Concepts North
Copeland, Amanda
Countouris, Andrew & Joyce
Criss, Cynthia
Cuslos, Nan
Dahar, Lorraine & Richard
Dalson, Maria
Danis, Evan & Kelly
Danis, Evdoxia
Danis, George & Sophia
Davis, Angeline
Dayton, James
Dedousis, Fedra
Demetri, Gregory & Mary Irene
DeMoss, Helen
Dickos, Christine
Dickos, Dean
Dickos, Dinos
Dickos, George & Stacy
Dickos, Peter
Dickos, Rebecca
Doris, Nikolas & Mary Lou
Doris, Sotirios & Mary Lou
Duroske, Jeff & Mina
Elderkin, Alexander
Elderkin, Bryan & Eva
Eliou, James & Katina
ER Automotive
Erdeljac, Frank & Katina
Fakles, Theodora
Family Dentistry
Farmakis, Christian & Becky
Farmakis, Jackson
Farmakis, Jason
Ferrari, Harry & Velma
Ferrari, Matthew & Melissa
Festas, Anna
Festas, Georgann
Festas, Nicholas
Fidago, Joseph
Fiedler, William & Katrina
Fiedler, William & Nikole



October 19, 2008: Holy Trinity parishioners gather around His Eucharist at the new church property in McCandless Township following the dedication.

Fiffas, Carol
Fitzpatrick, Brian & Angela
Fitzpatrick, John & Kirstie
Fournaridis, Andreas
Fournaridis, Andrew & Anna
Fraley, Thomas & Georgianna
Franciscus, John & Georgia
Franklin Pharmacy & Health Care
Frankos, Tessie
Fries, Constance
Fries, Diana
Fries, John
Gagianas, Peter & Theanne
Gallaher, Shirley
Gandis, Clifford & Stella
GAPA

Capital Campaign Pledges and Donors: 2008-2020



Eminence Metropolitan Maximos for the first community photo
g the First Divine Liturgy and the Ground Blessing on the land

Garifalakis, Isidoros & Maria
Garrity, Kevin & Louise
Geanopulos, Athanasia
Geanopulos, George & Phyllis
Geanopulos, Nicholas & Sophia
Geanopulos, Thomas & Elizabeth
Geanopulos, Troy & Annika
Gelis, Nicholas & Deanne
Gensante, Leo & Elizabeth
Georgallis, Nicholas & Fabiola
George, Cheryl
Georges, George & Arnette
Georgiadis, Andrew
Georgiadis, Chrissie
Georgiadis, Gus & Penny
Georgiadis, Mark & Karen

Georgiadis, Michael
Georgiadis, Steven & Leslie
Georgiadis-Athanas, Maria
Georgiou, Christos & Fontini
Germain, Peter & Lisa
Germanos, Elias & Eleni
Germanos, Thomas & Joanne
Giannoutsos, John & Tula
Giannoutsos, Peter
Gidas, Becky
Gidas, Jason & Laura
Glew, Gary & Connie
Glyptis, Peter & Marlene
Gracik, Jeremy & Alexandra
Graser, Eugenia
Greenwood, Michael & Despina
Greig, Thomas & Joanna
Gross, Timothy & Nichole
Grove, Ken & Nancy
Grover, Munish & Athena
Guimond, Guy & Stephanie
Hampilos, Gloria
Hampton Banquet Hall
Handrinos, Nick & Joann
Handrinos, Panagiotis & Maria
Haniotakis Anthony & Theresa
Hareras, Pennie
Hareras, Voula
Hilton Head Long Term Rentals
Hionedes, Sally
Hodge, Steve & Athena
Holy Trinity Choir
Holy Trinity Church School
Holy Trinity GOYA
Holy Trinity "Omonia" Ladies Philoptochos Society
Holy Trinity Over 50 Club
Holy Trinity Three Hierarchs Bookstore
Houmis-Connors, Tina
Iasella, Carlo & Zita
Janis, Andrew & Sofia
Jewell, Brian & Deborah
Johnson, Kristina
JonesPassodelis, PLLC
Kachulis, George & Athena
Kakavis, Nick & Elizabeth
Kalamaras, Mary Ann
Kalaris, Gus & Stella
Kalas, Theodore

Capital Campaign Pledges and Donors: 2008-2020

Kalogeras, Areta
Kamaras, Dean & Callie
Kaparakos, Evangelo & Kelley
Kapetanios, Anastasios
Karavolos, Irene
Karavolos, Kelly
Karavolos-Seibert, Charles & Irene
Karis, Margaret
Karnavas, Joan
Karpakis, George & Scarlet
Katres, Irene & Todd
Keffalas, Alex & Shelly
Kermes, James & Bettina
Khalil, Zelfa
Kohan, Jonathan
Kolias, Charles & Catherine
Kolovos, James & Lauren
Komninos, Penelope
Kort, Erinn McClain
Kort, Louis
Kostopolos, Presvytera Louella

Kostos, Fanny
Kourouklis, Vasso
Kraniou, Dimitris & Maria
Krastsas, Jon & Jenna
Kratsas, Jonathan
Kremmel, Laura
Kristakis, Dino & Kathleen
Kritiotis, Marios & Julia
Kritiotis, Michael & Julie
Krutz, Wayne & Janice
Kukunas, James & Riley
Labiaux, Carole
Ladacos, Despina
Ladacos-Watson, Joanne
Lakes, James
Lalikos, George & Canella
Lamprinakos, Joan
Lawson, Nina
Lein, Michelle Leah
Leone, Barbara
Leontiadis, Nektarios & Jill



December 11, 2011: His Eminence Metropolitan Savas makes his first pastoral visit as the newly-enthroned hierarch of Pittsburgh and presides over the Ground Breaking Service to officially begin construction of the new church

Capital Campaign Pledges and Donors: 2008-2020

Levendos, Georgia
 Ligeros, Joanne
 Liokareas, Peter & Maria
 Logue, Jenna
 Lolis, Mary
 Loomis, Anthony & Amy
 Loomis, Chris & Sarah
 Loomis, Louis & Luciana
 Loomis, Nicholas & Joy
 Lupnacca, Doug & Vaia
 Mackrell, Bryan & Christina
 Magnuson, Curtis
 Majcher, David & Michelle
 Mancini, James & Trude
 Manesiotis, Gregory & Susan
 Manesiotis, Michael
 Manesiotis Sr., Louis & Nelle
 Manganas, Toni
 Manias, George & Despina
 Manis, Gregory & Karen
 Manning, Kelly
 Manolakis, John
 Marsh, Robert & Nikki
 Mason, Jeffrey & Maria
 Mason, Michael & Nikki
 Mason, Stacey
 Masonic Village
 Massaro Corporation
 Matejevich, Mark
 Matsulus Whan, Mary
 McCann, John & Kim
 McCann, John & Tassie
 Melacrinis, Joanne & Chris
 Mellis, George & Veronica
 Mellis, Mitila
 Melonakos, John
 Mermigas, James & Judith
 Metropulos, Arlene
 Mexi-Casa Inc
 Miller, Verner
 Mitaras, Meno & Jean
 Morris, Gregory
 Morris, Amy
 Morris, Stanley & Helen
 Motta, Maria
 Mourtacos, Thomas & Linda
 Mustakis, James & Karen
 Netphytu, Kathy



June 22, 2013: His Eminence Metropolitan Savas uses his pastoral staff to knock on the doors of the new church to officially open them during the "Thyranoixia" Service

O'Neill, Michael & Kristen
 Opacic, Mark & Julia
 Paese, Richard & Doreen
 Pagonis, William & Cheryl
 Palamara, Matthew & Nancy
 Panagulias, Robert & Lillian
 Pandelios, George & Judy
 Panos, Chris & Debbie
 Panos, Peter & Mary
 Pantelakis, George & Rhea
 Pantelas, George & Wendy
 Pantelas, Marian
 Pantelas, Paul & Constance
 Papadopoulos, George & Eugenia
 Papakroni, Vasil
 Papanikolaou, Xenophon & Elaine
 Papas, Maria & Robert
 Papatheodorou, Loukia
 Papoutsis, Basil & Elena
 Pappas, Andrew & Angela
 Pappas, Deno Michael
 Pappas, Joann
 Pappas, Nicholas
 Pappis, Anthony & Marlene
 Paras, Orestes & Arlene
 Parikakis, Eleftherios
 Paschaledis, Basil
 Passodelis, Constantine & Ann
 Passodelis, Michael & Julie
 Pastor, George & Mary Ann

Capital Campaign Pledges and Donors: 2008-2020

Patitsas, Phillip & Maria
Patricia Woertz Trust
Patsilevas, Anna Gahagan
Patsilevas, Chris
Patsilevas, James
PDQ Industries, Inc
Pefanis, Peter & Pauline
Pefferman, Gregory & Kelly
PEO Sisterhood
Petredis, Charles & Jan
Petredis, Charles & Maria
Petredis, Christian
Petredis, Irene
Petroopoulos, Dimitrios & Voula
Phaturios, Joseph & Arlene
Pickios, Stephen & Sharon
Pilafas, Michael
Piso, John & Helen
Pittsburgh Foundation, The
Polamalu, Troy & Theodora
Pontikos, Pauline
Pontikos, Rania
Portellos, James & Mary
Preisinger, Diane
Purvis, Mary Katherine
Pyros, Katherine
Rae, Tracy
Raftis, Anastasia
Rangos, John & Jill
Regas, Sophia
Rigas, Evan & Teri
Rolles, Marian
Roman, Angie
Roman, Stephen & Electra
Ross, Richard & Bridgitte
Russell, Corine
Russillo, John & Alice
Sakellarides, Maria
Salamo, Phyllis
Sarandou, Christopher
Sarandou, Nicholas & Jane
Saros, Nickoletta
Savvides, Marios
Scaltz, James & Dena
Schrauder, Martina Helga
Scioscia, Oresete
Scopelitis, Steven



June 22, 2013: Hundreds of Holy Trinity family members and friends gather for a gala celebration at the Grand Opening Banquet of the new Holy Trinity Church

Scoumis, Angeliki
Scoumis, Dean & Jessica
Scoumis, Vasilios
Sedor, Presvytera Eileen
Sedor, Stephanie
Sedory, Richard & Michelle
Selevos, Archie & Mary
Sfakianos, Helen
Sicalias, James
Sideris, Emmanuel & Joanna
Sirinakis, Kyparissia
Sotereanos, Dean
Spanos, Samuel
Spiros, Greg & Sharon
Spokane, David
Stackpole, Susan
Statheas, James
Stavropoulos, George
Stearns, Robert & Marianne
Steeb, Raymond & Claudia
Steiner, Craig & Nicole
Stephanow, Sam & Jennifer
Stephen M Brady Funeral Home
Stephen, Kirk & Frances
Stewart, Theodore & Mary Ellen
Stewart, Robert & Donna
Stipanovich, Jon & Judith
Tanner, Katina
Thomas, James & Lori
Thompson Decorators, Inc.
Tom Rengers Automotive Equipment
Touloumes, George

Capital Campaign Pledges and Donors: 2008-2020

Touloumes, Georgia
Touloumes, Harry & Mary
Touloumes, Maria
Touloumes, Nikolas
Trant, John & Virginia
Triantafillos, George
Triantafillos, George & Maria
Trilivas, Alex & Amelia
Tsamis, Alkiviadis
Tselepis, Conrad & Lea
Valliant, Alexandria
Valliant, Eleni
Valliant, Gerri & Paula
Valliant, Harriet
Verizon Foundation, The
Vignovich, Nancy
Vlahakis, Nick
Vozos, Anna
Walker, Anastasia
Walters, Constance
Waterstone
Weaver, Robert & Elaine
Welsh, Mary-Magdalene
WesBanco Bank, Inc
Whigham, Ken

White, Eric & Kathleen
Willow, Daniel & Iphigenia
Wissinger, Joseph
Wright Automotive Group
Wright, Steve & Pam
Yeates, Peter & Pitsa
Young, Keith & Monica
Yukevich, Michael & Karen
Zagnacky, Danielle Nicole
Zagnacky, Michael & Virginia
Zamagias, Effie
Zamagias, Marcus & Theresa
Zappas, George & Linda
Zikos, Antonios & Susan
Zikos, Christina
Zikos, Dorothea
Zissis, Anna
Zissis, Anthony & Aspasia
Zombek, Gregory & Janet
Zozos, George & Persephone
Zozos, Louis & Julie
Zuck, James & Effie
Zuniga, Deborah

❖ TO GOD BE THE GLORY! AMEN.

THANK YOU: In addition to these pledges and donations, many thanks to those who over the years have attended and supported Capital Campaign events like the Thyranoxia weekend, social events and the Paver Project. Thanks also to the many who have made memorial contributions to the campaign. May the memory of those loved ones be eternal. And thanks to all who have designated special events such as birthdays to benefit the Capital Campaign in place of personal gifts.

LISTING FORMAT NOTE: As this listing covers 13 years, some names have since changed due to marital status and others who pledged or donated have since reposed. The original names when the pledges and offerings were made have been preserved here as a historical record. Every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list. Please forward any errors to the Church Office at office@HolyTrinityPgh.org.



June 29, 2015: Dozens of golfers gather for the Holy Trinity Golf Classic, an annual fund-raising event to benefit the Capital Campaign



Celebrating the Bicentennial of the Greek Revolution in Western Pennsylvania:

A synaxis of friends; to remember where we started from, to realize where we stand, and to decide where we want to go.

Dear Friends: The working group consisting of members of the **American Hellenic Foundation of Western PA, the Greek, French, English, Russian Nationality Room Committees, and the European Art Center of Greece**, are very happy to announce the events that are now formally scheduled in the month of March 2021 to celebrate this once in a lifetime event in our area.

All the events are “virtual” (Website, Youtube, or ZOOM) and open to the public. Over the coming weeks, we will provide a link for the central landing page on the internet from which these events can be accessed on their scheduled day and time. Commemorative Program Books will be available for download at these sites, on those days.

***We are kindly asking all of you to consider sending us a short video (you can shoot it on your smartphone) of up to 3 minutes offering your greetings to the people of Greece (in Greek and/or English), offering your thoughts about what the Greek Revolution means to you, as history, ethos, aspiration, challenge for Greeks in America. Families are highly encouraged to participate (as a group). These videos will be presented on the evening of Saturday March 27th, 2021 and will be broadcast to Greece via news and lifestyle social networks. To participate, please email us before February 15th at contact@pahellenicfoundation.org

****If anyone wants to co-sponsor any one, or all of these events, please let us know before February the 15th, 2021 (email us at contact@pahellenicfoundation.org). All donations are tax-deductible.

Scheduled Events:

1. *Το Ελληνικό Έθνος και η Επανάσταση Μέσα από το Κλέφτικο Τραγούδι (Μέρος Α')* [Στην Ελληνική γλώσσα (In Greek)]
The Greek Nation and the Revolution inside the Kleptiko Song (Part 1)
[Program in Greek]

Friday March 5th, 2021, 8:30 PM

2. *Το Ελληνικό Έθνος και η Επανάσταση Μέσα από το Κλέφτικο Τραγούδι (Μέρος Β')* [Στην Ελληνική γλώσσα (In Greek)]
The Greek Nation and the Revolution inside the Kleptiko Song (Part 2)
[Program in Greek]

Saturday March 6th, 2021, 8:30 PM

3. *Το Ελληνικό Έθνος και η Επανάσταση Μέσα από το Κλέφτικο Τραγούδι (Μέρος Γ')* [Στην Ελληνική γλώσσα (In Greek)]
The Greek Nation and the Revolution inside the Kleptiko Song (Part 3)
[Program in Greek]

Sunday March 7th, 2021, 8:30 PM

4. *Greece in America – America in Greece: First-in-History, Public Unveiling of Correspondence between the Greek Revolutionaries and the American Founding Fathers on the Matter of the Greek Revolution (Part 1)*

Saturday March 13th, 7:30 PM

5. *Greece in America – America in Greece: First-in-History, Public Unveiling of Correspondence between the Greek Revolutionaries and the American Founding Fathers on the Matter of the Greek Revolution (Part 2)*

Sunday March 14th, 7:30 PM

6. *First Principles: What America's Founders Learned from the Greeks and How That Shaped Our Country-A Conversation with the Scholar and Best-Seller Author, Thomas E. Ricks;*

Co-sponsored by the Department of Philosophy of the University of Pittsburgh, GAPPA, and the Icarian Brotherhood

Saturday March 20th, 6:00 PM

7. *Giannis Davaris – A Revolutionary Hero at the Acropolis*

A Narrative and Virtual Exhibit of a Lesser-Known Hero of the Greek Revolution

A Joint Presentation with the European Art Center (Peania, Attica, Greece)

Sunday March 21st, 7:30 PM

8. *In the Beginning was the Logos and the Logos became Flesh:*

A Byzantine Concert-Presentation Celebrating the Unparalleled Christologic Canon of the “Annunciation Dialogue”

Featuring members of the Byzantine Choir of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh

Thursday, March 25th, 8:00 PM

9. *Bridges of White and Blue: A Commemoration and Celebration of the Descendants in Western PA of the Lesser-Known Revolutionary Heroes*
(A Joint Project with the European Art Center [Greece] under the Auspice of the “Greece 2021” Committee),

Co-sponsored by the Icarian Brotherhood

Saturday March 27th, 7:30 PM

10. *Prometheus Resurrected: The London Protocols- Celebrating the friendship of France, Great Britain, Russia, and Greece in the Rise of the Modern Greek Nation through the London Protocols of 1827-1830*

A Joint Program of the French, English, Russian and Greek Rooms of the Nationality Rooms Program at the University of Pittsburgh and the European Art Center [Greece]. Formal Bicentennial Proclamations by Mayor William Peduto and County Executive Richard Fitzgerald

Sunday March 28th, 6:00 PM

For updated information, please contact us at
contact@pahellenicfoundation.org

- Through our common memories, lives and dreams,
all of us have – inside of us - some part of Greece



HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CEMETERY

SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHAPEL

Location: 8941 Ringeisen Road, Allison Park, PA
 Mailing Address: Holy Trinity Church, 985 Providence Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237-5951
 Reverend Father John Touloumes, *Proistamenos* / William J. Fiedler Jr., Cemetery Chairman



Graves & Grave Services Rates for 2021

The following is the schedule of Cemetery costs and fees for use of the Cemetery

1- Cost to purchase the Right of Burial in Holy Trinity gravesites ⁽¹⁾.

One:	\$800	Seven:	\$5,600
Two:	\$1,600	Eight:	\$6,400
Three:	\$2,400	Nine:	\$7,200
Four:	\$3,200	Ten:	\$8,000
Five:	\$4,000	Eleven:	\$8,800
Six:	\$4,800	Twelve:	\$9,600

2- Burial Costs, Opening & Closing Fees⁽²⁾: Standard Monday-Friday burial times are 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Adult w/concrete vault,	Standard-----	\$750
	Double deep-----	\$1,050
New born in small plastic vault: -----		\$0
Small child w/small concrete vault,	Standard-----	\$350
	Double deep -----	\$600
Child w/ concrete vault,	Standard-----	\$500
	Double deep -----	\$900

3- Exhumations,

Sealed vault with coffin inside ⁽³⁾ -----	\$1,050
Coffin, vault to remain ⁽³⁾ -----	\$750

4- Additional charges added to the above prices:

Saturday burials before noon-----	\$50
Saturday burials after noon-----	\$100/per hour
Hand Dug Graves -----	\$350/per hour
One-day opening notice-----	\$75
Sunday & Holiday ⁽⁴⁾ Burials-----	\$600
Extra for use of jackhammer when needed -----	\$250

5- Monuments, Stones and Markers:

Vertical or flat stone or metal maker costs are to be arranged between the family and the Monument Company of your choice. Additional costs are incurred for the monument foundation. Costs vary with the type and size of the monument. These can only be established after the purchase of the monument. Size of monuments is dictated by the Cemetery Rules and Regulations and the Cemetery Chairmen must be contacted prior to installation of any monuments.

6- Monuments, Stones and Markers Foundation

Repair: -----	Time (\$50/per hour) & Material
New single width stone foundation 36" -----	\$300
New double width stone foundation 72" -----	\$400

Notes:

- (1) Right of Burial in a grave can be purchased by lump sum payment (preferred) or by installment payments. Installment payments are to be completed within one calendar year.
- (2) Costs include a one-time application of topsoil and seed after ground has settled. Subsequent addition of topsoil and seed is the responsibility of the family.
- (3) Some additional fees would be incurred for transportation, if opening/closing fees are required for another gravesite or legal/court fees are required.
- (4) Holidays include: Christmas, New Years Day, Good Friday, Easter, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Veterans Day. Orthodox burials will not be permitted on some of these and other days due to the canons of the Church. See your priest for clarifications.

HOW TO DEAL WITH ENVY

He who buries his own gifts of God's grace, envies the gifts of others.

Geronda, how can an envious person be helped to overcome his jealousy-ness?

If he becomes aware of the gifts with which God has endowed him and fully utilises them, then he will stop being envious and his life will be Paradise. Many people take no account of their own gifts; they see only the gifts of others and are overcome by envy. They view themselves as having been wronged, as lesser, and end up tormenting themselves, making their lives miserable. They say to themselves, "Why should he have those gifts and not I?" But, you see, he has his own gifts, and you have others. Do you remember Cain and Abel? Cain did not seek out his own gifts, but looked upon the gifts of Abel, which is how he cultivated malicious envy toward his brother; then he turned against God, and from envy, went on to murder. Yet, he might have had more and greater blessings than Abel.

Geronda, how can one, seeing the gifts of others, not be envious but rejoice?

One can rejoice over the gifts of others if he utilises his own gifts instead of burying them. For years now at this monastery, I have been watching a very devoted sister who, in spite of having a lovely voice, does not want to chant. Since she buries her own gift and refuses to chant, she gets distressed when she hears the chanting of the other Sister, whose voice is

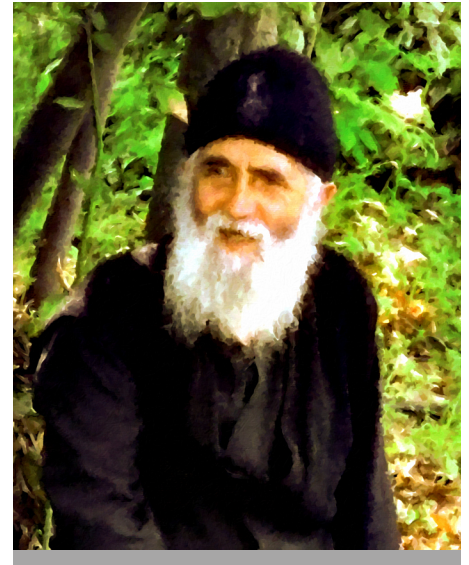
not very good. You see, she does not realise that although God has given her a better voice, she does not cultivate it. This is why I say that each person should look to see if they actually have within themselves the very same blessing they envy in someone else, or that perhaps God has given them a different one. You see, God is not unjust to anyone; He has given each person a unique gift which will help him with his spiritual progress.

Each person should find the gift that God has given him and praise the benevolent God—not with pride or hypocrisy, but with humility—by recognising that he has not measured up to God's blessings and should do so in the future.

Geronda, I am envious of some sisters because they have certain gifts which I do not have.

We should not be ungrateful to God our Good Father, Who has endowed all His creatures with various gifts, because He knows what each one of us needs so that we will not be harmed. But we often act like little children who complain because the Father has not given us a dollar or two, as he has to our siblings, when in fact he has given us an hundred. We imagine that what was given to us is nothing because we take it to be only paper, while the metal coins given to our siblings seem more attractive, and so we cry and are indignant with our Good Father.

Geronda, I am envious of a Sister be-



Saint Paisios of Athos (+1994)

cause I see that she has humility, simplicity and devotion.

I will pray that she die. Do you want her to die?

No, Geronda! By no means do I want anything bad to happen to her. I don't wish that the other person has no virtues. I only wish that I, too, could have some.

Well then, let's split the virtues in two so you can each have half! Don't worry. You have the good kind of envy; you "covet earnestly the best gifts."

Is there such a thing as good envy?

Yes, when one is envious for the good the others have and at the same time rejoices in their progress, then such envy is good. However, if one is upset when he sees someone else progressing, or if one is secretly pleased by another's hardship, then that kind of envy is bad. When a person gets to the point of rejoicing over the progress of others, then Christ will grant him all the progress of the others so that he will rejoice as much as all of them, and then, naturally, both his progress and his joy will be immense. ❖

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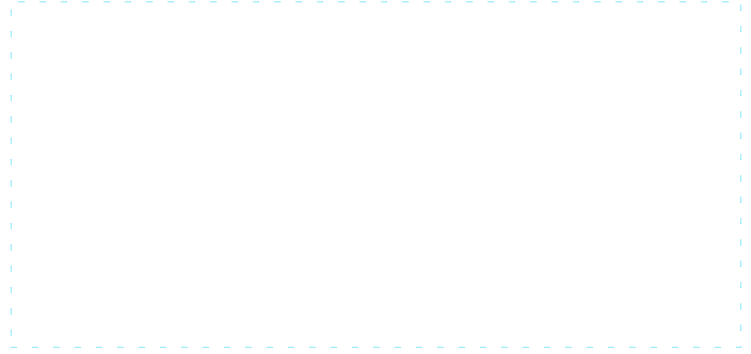
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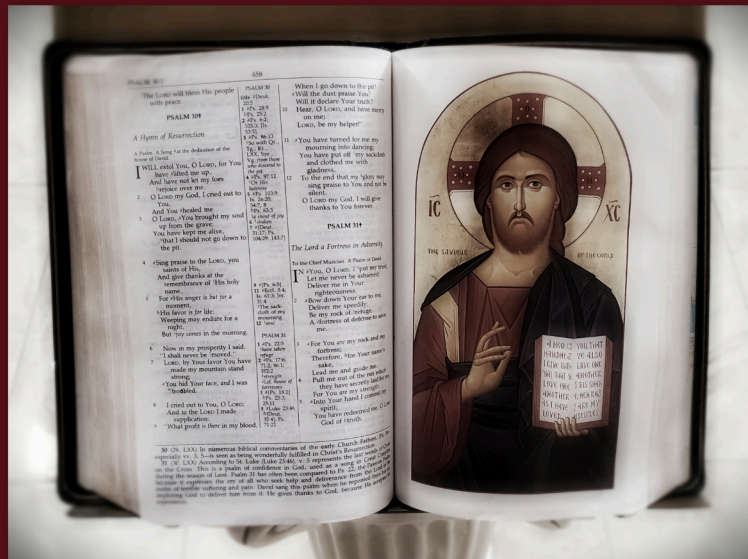


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All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for training in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16). The soul therefore gains great advantage from the reading of the Bible.

"Like a tree planted by streams of water," (Ps. 1:3) the soul is irrigated by the Bible and acquires vigour, produces tasty fruit, namely, true faith, and is beautified with a thousand green leaves, namely, actions that please God.

The Bible, in fact, leads us towards pure holiness and holy actions. In it we find encouragement to all the virtues and the warning to flee from evil.



The Bible is a scented garden, delightful, beautiful. It enchants our ears with birdsong in a sweet, divine and spiritual harmony, it touches our heart, comforts us in sorrow, soothes us in a moment of anger, and fills us with eternal joy.

Let us knock at its gate with diligence and with perseverance. Let us not be discouraged from knocking. The latch will be opened.

We shall taste a joy that will never dry up, because the grace of the Bible garden is inexhaustible..

St. John of Damascus, *On the Orthodox Faith* (7th c.)

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