

Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral **News**

January 16 & 23 2005 Vol. XVIII No. 2

Worship Services

Orthros 9:15 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Priest: Fr. Tom Pistolis

Youth Director: Daniel Miles

Choir Director: Fanya Paouris

Organist: Mary Koutroulis

Chanters: Sotiris Basilakos, Tony Thermos, Forrest Palmer, David Bowden, John Blackstone, Tim Demas

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

Tuesday, January 18 9:30am

Divine Liturgy - Saints Athanasios and Cyril



Sunday, January 16

ALTAR BOY GROUP H:
Joseph Foster, Chris Pourlos,
Shelby Bowden, Anthony
DeLucia
NURSERY: FAMILY SUNDAY
EPISTLE READER:
Allie Papajohn
COFFEE SERVERS:

**NARTHEX: Charles Joiner,
Jimmy Georgiades, John
Sfiris, Tom Mantekas, Bill
Stathakis**

Sunday, January 23

ALTAR BOY GROUP A: John
Cannon, Michael Zographos,
Tony Cheros, Stephen
Georgiades
NURSERY: Kevin & Lisa Taylor
EPISTLE READER:
Amalia Serpanos
COFFEE SERVERS:

**NARTHEX: John Kiriakides,
Gus Stathos, Jimmy Melehes,
George Manos, Harry Zolides**

DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the families of **John Paleologou**, brother of Iris Tassiopoulos, who fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, January 1. We all join in asking God to be merciful to the soul of His servant, John, and to keep him constantly near Him. May his memory be eternal.

Tommy Stathakis, son of Mike and Diana, brother of George and Frank, and father of Neysa, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, January 7. We pray for God's strength and peace upon the family as they mourn the loss of their son and brother. May God keep him in His embrace. May his memory be eternal.

MEMORIAL

.... Sunday, January 16 is offered for **Kosta Athanasiou**, son of Nick and Angela Athanasiou. This is the 3 year anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord. We pray that God grant him His eternal repose while granting the family peace and strength to cope with their loss.

Saints Athanasios and Cyril

On Tuesday we honor these saints in our Divine Liturgy at 9:30am. Come worship.



SAINT ATHANASIOS

Saint Athanasios the Great, Archbishop of Alexandria, was a great Father of the Church and a pillar of Orthodoxy. He was born around the year 297 in the city of Alexandria. He received a fine secular education, but he acquired more knowledge by diligent study of the Holy Scripture. In his childhood, Athanasios became known to St. Alexander the Patriarch of Alexandria. A group of children, which included Athanasios, was playing at the seashore. The Christian children decided to baptize their pagan

playmates. The young Athanasios, whom the children designated as "bishop", performed the Baptism, precisely repeating the words he heard in church during this sacrament. Patriarch Alexander observed all this from a window. He then commanded that the children and their parents be brought to him. He conversed with them for a long while, and determined that the Baptism performed by the children was done according to the Church order. He acknowledged the Baptism as real and sealed it with the sacrament of Chrismation. From this moment, the Patriarch looked after the spiritual upbringing of Athanasios and in time brought him into the clergy, at first as a reader, and then he ordained him as a deacon.

It was as a deacon that St. Athanasios accompanied Patriarch Alexander to the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea in the year 325. At the Council, St. Athanasios refuted of the heresy of Arius (Arius was a priest from Alexandria who denied the divinity of Jesus Christ. Seeking to preserve the supreme transcendence of Holy God, he taught that Jesus Christ was simply the most perfect created being, gifted with saving power by Holy God.). Athanasios's speech met with the approval of the Orthodox Fathers of the Council, but the Arians, those openly and those secretly so, came to hate Athanasios and persecuted him for the rest of his life. It was at this First Ecumenical Council that the Arian ideas were condemned, affirming the Orthodox Truth that Christ was both fully man and fully God. From his brilliant defense of Orthodoxy, Athanasios earned the title of Father of Orthodoxy.

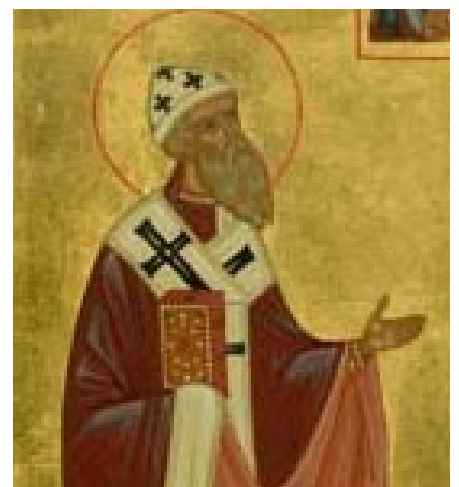
After the death of holy Patriarch Alexander, St. Athanasios was unanimously chosen as his successor in the See of Alexandria. He refused, accounting himself unworthy, but at the insistence of all the Orthodox populace that it was in agreement, he was consecrated bishop when he was twenty-eight, and installed as the archpastor of the Alexandrian Church. St. Athanasios guided the Church for forty-seven years, and during this time he endured persecution and grief from his antagonists. Several times he was expelled from Alexandria and hid himself from the Arians in desolate places, since they repeatedly tried to kill him. St. Athanasios spent more than twenty years in exile, returned to his flock, and then was banished again.

There was a time when he remained as the only Orthodox bishop in the area, a moment when all the other bishops had fallen into heresy. At the false councils of Arian bishops he was deposed as bishop. Despite being persecuted for many years, the saint

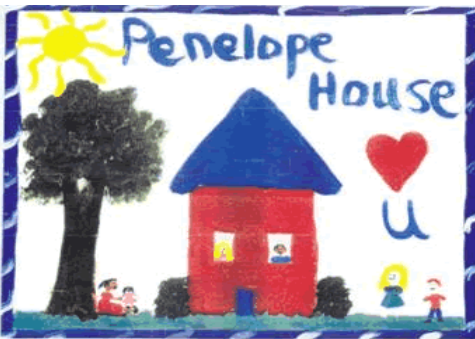
continued to defend the purity of the Orthodox Faith, and he wrote countless letters and tracts against the Arian heresy.

When Julian the Apostate (361-363) began a persecution against Christians, his wrath first fell upon St. Athanasios, whom he considered a great pillar of Orthodoxy. Julian intended to kill the saint in order to strike Christianity a grievous blow, but he soon perished himself. Mortally wounded by an arrow during a battle, he cried out with despair: "You have conquered, O Galilean." After Julian's death, St. Athanasios guided the Alexandrian Church for seven years and died in 373, at the age of seventy-six.

Saint Cyril was also from Alexandria, born about the year 376. He was the nephew of Theophilus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who also instructed the Saint in his youth. Having first spent much time with the monks in Nitria, he later became the successor to his uncle's throne in 412. In 429, when Cyril heard tidings of the teachings of the new Patriarch of Constantinople, Nestorius, he began attempting through private letters to bring Nestorius to renounce his heretical teaching about the Incarnation. When the heresiarch did not repent, Saint Cyril, together with Pope Celestine of Rome, led the Orthodox opposition to his error. Saint Cyril presided over the Third Ecumenical Council of the 200 Holy Fathers in the year 431, who gathered in Ephesus under Saint Theodosius the Younger. At this Council, by his most wise words, he put to shame and convicted the impious doctrine of Nestorius, who, although he was in town, refused to appear before Cyril. Saint Cyril, besides overthrowing the error of Nestorius, has left to the Church full commentaries on the Gospels of Luke and John. Having shepherded the Church of Christ for thirty-two years, he reposed in 444.



SAINT CYRIL



Penelope House is a non-profit organization established in 1979 by the Daughters of Penelope to help victims of domestic violence regain social and economic independence. The Family Violence Center is the only shelter for battered women and children in Mobile, Alabama, although services currently span across Mobile, Escambia and Washington counties in Alabama.

Services offered by Penelope House include advocacy, community education, counseling, on-site medical care, schools prevention education, transitional living, and victims' support groups. For more information on these programs and services, go to www.penelopehouse.org

In addition to its services, a 24-hour crisis line (251) 342-8994 was established by Penelope House to provide prompt counseling, information and referral services to individuals in abusive and/or violent situations.

Penelope House Shower - Sunday, January 23 the Daughters of Penelope will be hosting the coffee hour again in honor of Penelope House. It is a shelter for battered or abused women and children located in Alabama. The Daughters will provide refreshments and information about this very special place. We are asking the community to bring in any new toiletries for women and children (soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc.), baby items (diapers, wipes, bottles), children's medicines, adult pain relievers, and used clothing items in good condition. Please bring them in on Sunday the 23rd, or you can drop them off anytime at the church office as long as they are clearly marked for "Penelope House". Monetary donations are also welcome. For more information please call Patti Kolokithas or Lena Trakas.

GREEK SCHOOL FIELD TRIP

To all parents of Greek School Students: We are planning a field trip to tour the Parthenon in Nashville, Tennessee on April 2-3, 2005. If you would like to be a Chaperone for the trip, please let us know. Seats will be available on a first come basis. The bus accommodates 55 passengers. Students in grade K-5 through 3rd grade who would like to attend must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A deposit of \$40 to reserve your seat is required by January 16. Hotel rooms accommodate four (4) people. There will be at least one chaperone per room. The price of \$155 per person includes transportation, meals, tickets and hotel. Priority will be given to Greek School Students and then to members of our church. For additional information, contact George Coundoussias at 919-3124

Saturday, April 2, 2005
6:00 AM Depart from Church
Lunch en-route

2:30 PM Tour Parthenon
5:00 PM Dinner at Hard Rock Café
7:00 PM Visit The Opryland Hotel and Convention Complex
Hotel: Drury Inn
555 Donelson Pike

Nashville, Tennessee (615) 902-0400
Sunday, April 3, 2005
Breakfast at Hotel
Sunday Church Services
Lunch en-route
7:00/8:00 PM Approximate arrival home



CREATED AS AN EXACT REPLICA OF THE PARTHENON IN ATHENS FOR TENNESSEE'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN 1897, THE BUILDING HOUSES ATHENA PARTHENOS, THE LARGEST PIECE OF INDOOR SCULPTURE IN THE WESTERN WORLD AT 41 FEET 10 INCHES TALL. IN THE PALM OF THAT STATUE'S HAND STANDS NIKE, A 6-FOOT GODDESS OF VICTORY. DOWNSTAIRS, THE PARTHENON ART GALLERIES INCLUDE THE COWAN COLLECTION, A PERMANENT EXHIBIT THAT CONTAINS WORKS BY WILLIAM MERRITT CHASE AND WINSLOW HOMER. THE GALLERY ALSO HOSTS NATIONAL TOURING EXHIBITS.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE will meet on Thursday, January 20 at 7pm in the small hall of the Hellenic Center. Initiation of new members will take place and all members are urged to attend.

NOTICE: PLEASE DO NOT USE POST OFFICE BOX

to mail items to the church. This post office box is for ballot use ONLY and is not checked on a regular basis. If you have mail for the church, please use the following address:

SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
406 NORTH ACADEMY STREET
GREENVILLE, SC 29601

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!

AHEPA Convention

The Greenville AHEPA is proud and pleased to host the 2005 Mid-Winter Conference. We have planned a wonderful convention and hope you join us February 4-6, 2005. The Hyatt Regency Hotel downtown Greenville will be our headquarters for the conference.

Activities and Events

Hospitality Room - Open Friday Night
Basketball Tournament---
Division I (AHEPA Chapters)

Division II (All 14 to 18 year olds)
Luncheon - by Daughters of Penelope
Greek Night with Nick Trivelas - A Night in Athens

GREENVILLE DOES WELL AT WINTER YOUTH RALLY

On Monday, December 27 at 6AM in the morning, 52 youths from Saint George set out for Atlanta for the annual Winter Youth Rally. Saint George was once again represented strongly at the Rally. We had a senior boys basketball team, a girls basketball team, a junior boys basketball team, and two bible bowl teams. For the first time this year we also brought with us a co-ed volleyball team.

All of our teams performed exceptionally well this year. Even though it was their first year competing, the volleyball team won its first match. All three of our basketball teams made it to the final game in their respective divisions. Our junior boys won the division. This is the first time that a junior boys team from Greenville has won the Winter Youth Rally. The girls team put up a good fight against Atlanta, but, Atlanta managed to pull out a victory. Our senior boys team was down as many as 11 points in the finals against Marietta, and brought the game back to within 2 points, but it wasn't quite enough to get them over the top. Our bible bowl teams also performed well, making it deep into the tournament.


While our teams certainly performed well, it was their attitudes and the way they conducted themselves throughout the Winter Youth Rally that we should be most proud of. Our youth have been recognized by leaders at the Metropolis for their outstanding behavior and positive attitudes. Let's all continue to encourage our kids to treat one another the way they would like to be treated themselves. It was another great Winter Youth Rally. Thank you also to all of the adults who served as chaperones, coaches and advisors at the Winter Youth Rally. We couldn't do it without you.


JUNIOR DIVISION CHAMPS



PATTI KOLOKITHAS AND MARY KOUTROULIAS

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 9:15a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy 1:00p Intermediate/ Adv. Intern. dance practice	10 4:00p Greek School 6:00p Parish Council 7:00p Laconian Society - small hall	11 HOUSE BLESSING 7:00p AHEPA	12 + HOUSE BLESSING 10:00a Adult Bible Study 4:00p Greek School 6:00p Jr. II dance practice 7:30p Choir Practice	13 HOUSE BLESSING	14 HOUSE BLESSING	15 11:00a Sr./Adv. Intern. dance practice
16 Family Sunday Memorial - Kosta Athanasiou 9:15a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy 1:00p Intermediate/ Adv. Intern. dance practice	17 4:00p Greek School	18 HOUSE BLESSING 9:30a Divine Liturgy - Saints Athanasios and Cyril	19 + HOUSE BLESSING 10:00a Adult Bible Study 12:00p AGAPE Luncheon 4:00p Greek School 6:00p Jr. II dance practice 7:30p Choir Practice	20 HOUSE BLESSING 7:00p Daughters of Penelope	21 +	22 11:00a Sr./Adv. Intern. dance practice 3:00p Joy & Hope meeting
23 9:15a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy Penelope House Shower 1:00p Intermediate/ Adv. Intern. dance practice	24 4:00p Greek School	25	26 + 10:00a Adult Bible Study 4:00p Greek School 6:00p Jr. II dance practice 7:30p Choir Practice	27	28 +	29 11:00a Sr./Adv. Intern. dance practice
30 Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, & John Chrysostom 9:15a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy 12:00p Stenoma Luncheon 1:00p Intermediate/ Adv. Intern. dance	31 4:00p Greek School	1 7:00p Philoptochos	2  PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD Greek Letters Day Celebration 10:00a Adult Bible Study 4:00p Greek School 6:00p Jr. II dance practice 7:30p Choir Practice	3	4 + AHEPA Convention	5 AHEPA Convention 11:00a Sr./Adv. Intern. dance practice

Fasting guidelines from the Archdiocese calendar:  fish allowed  Wine and oil allowed  Strict Fast  Dairy, eggs and fish allowed

Youth Ministries Corner

1) GOYA Officers meeting. Thursday, January 13 at 4:30PM

1) JOY and HOPE: Three Hierarchs Celebration: January 22 at 3PM.



Daniel Miles Youth Director

GOYA Lenten Retreat will be April 15-17th! The attachment is the flyer for the event. Please send a note if you think you might be bringing a group! The youth department of the Metropolis has limited spaces (120 people).... so begin the process and note the **registration deadline is April 1st!!!** This Retreat will be wonderful, as +Father Anthony Salzman of Athens, GA has put lots of time in the planning!

Contact Daniel phone: (864) 233-8531, email: dkmiles@bellsouth.net

GOYA LENTEN RETREAT

Friday April 15th - Sunday April 17th



"So, how do 'you' stand out from the crowd?"

BUILDING AND MAINTAINING A STRONG ORTHODOX IDENTITY

DIAKONIA CENTER

Arrival Friday April 15th 6:00 pm - 8:00pm

Departure Sunday, April 17th, after brunch

Cost is \$75 per person (less \$20 each additional child, need based scholarships available).

Includes all meals (Friday dinner, Saturday meals, and Sunday Brunch).



Κυριακη
16 Ιανουαριου

Ορθρος
9:15πμ
Θεια Λειτ.
10:00πμ

Κυριακη
23 Ιανουαριου

Ορθρος
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ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΕΣ

Τριτη, 18 Ιανουαριου – Αγιου Αθανασιου
– 9:30πμ

ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΟ

Την Κυριακη, 16 Ιανουαριου θα ψαλλη μνημοσυνο προς μνημη του αμνηιστου Κωστα Αθανασιου ο οποιος μας εφυγε ξαφνικα πριν τρια χρονια. Ο Κωστας ηταν πολυ αγαπητος και μας εχη λειψη παρα πολυ.

Στους πονεμενους γονεις του, Νικο και Βαγγελιω και αδελφια του Χριστοφορο και Αγγελο προσευχομαστε ο Θεος να τους δινη δυναμη, κουραγιο , και υπομονη.

Αιωνια σου η μνημη, Κωστα.

ΕΚΔΡΟΜΗ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟΥ

Το Ελληνικο Σχολειο σχεδιαζη εκδρομη στο Νασηβιλλε, Τεννεσ–σεε στις 2–3 Απριλιου για γονεις και μαθητες. Η τιμη του ταξιδιου ειναι 150 δολλαρια για τις δυο μερες. Πρεπει να βαλετε προκαταβολη 45.00 δολλαρια για να κρατησομε θεση. Για πιο πολλες πληροφοριες τηλεφωνησετε στον

Γεωργιο Κουντουσσια στο 919–3124.



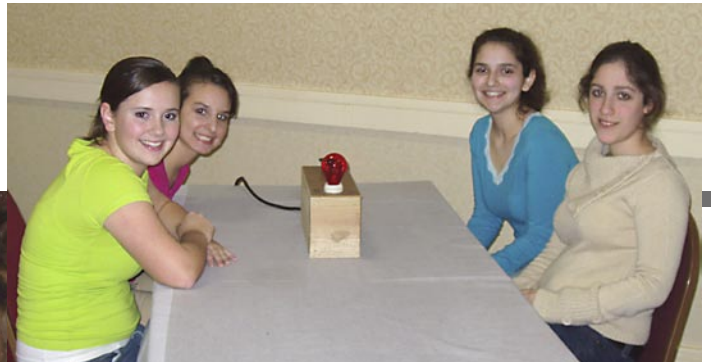
SENIOR BOYS TEAM



GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM



VOLLYBALL TEAM



BIBLE BOWL TEAMS



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