THE LADDER OF DIVINE ASCENT

The icon of the Ladder of Divine Ascent is located next to the icon of Moses in our holy church. I inform you of this so that the next time you look at the icon, you will understand its meaning. Saint John Climacus lived in the 7th century and became the Abbot of Saint Katherine Monastery at the base of Mount Sinai. His book, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, is likened to the Prophet Jacob’s ladder. The description of Jacob’s ladder begins in Genesis 28:10-12, “Jacob left Beersheba, and went toward Haran. He came to the place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!”

*The Ladder* describes how to raise one’s soul and body to God through the acquisition of ascetic virtues. Saint John Climacus uses the analogy of Jacob’s Ladder as the framework for his spiritual teaching. Each chapter is referred to as a “step,” and deals with a separate spiritual subject. There are 30 Steps of the ladder, which correspond to the age of Jesus at his baptism and the beginning of his earthly ministry. Within the general framework of a “ladder,” Saint John Climacus’ book falls into three sections. The first seven Steps concern general virtues necessary for the ascetic life, while the next nineteen (Steps 8-26) give instruction on overcoming vices and building their corresponding virtues. The final four Steps concern the higher virtues toward which the ascetic life aims. The final rung of the ladder—beyond prayer (προσευχή), stillness (ἡσυχία), and even dispassion (ἀπαθεία)—is love (ἀγάπη).

An icon known by the same title, Ladder of Divine Ascent, depicts a ladder extending from earth to heaven (cf. Genesis 28:12) Several monks are depicted climbing a ladder; at the top is Jesus, prepared to receive them into Heaven. Also shown are angels helping the climbers, and demons attempting to shoot with arrows or drag down the climbers, no matter how high up the ladder they may be. Most versions of the icon show at least one person falling. Often, in the lower right corner Saint John Climacus himself is shown, gesturing towards the ladder, with rows of monastics behind him.

I want us to be always climbing towards heaven. The 30 steps on the Ladder of Divine Ascent are:

**General Virtues Necessary for the Ascetic Life**

1. On renunciation of the world
2. On detachment
3. On exile or pilgrimage; concerning dreams that beginners have

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PROJECT UPDATES AND A PLEA

As we all prepare for Holy Pascha, I thought this would be a good time to update everyone on a number of ongoing projects. Let me begin by reporting we are in the final stages of completing a major restructuring of our community’s debt with new terms that are exceedingly favorable to us, generating considerable savings in interest payments on a yearly basis. We anticipate going to closing in mid-May.

As many of you will recall, our largest maintenance issue involved resurfacing our parking lot. However, the blessing of a mild winter has enabled us to defer repairs until next year. Meanwhile, the exterior of our church will receive a new coat of paint by Easter if scheduling permits. We trust everyone will appreciate the new paint scheme, which is designed to give our church added dimension. Reinstallation of the original mahogany doors to the side entrances of the sanctuary has proven to be a complicated major project that has taken numerous twists and turns, but we now expect this to finally occur by late summer or early fall. Additionally, our two candle boxes are being renovated with new granite tops.

Activity in our new Hellenic Education Center is in full swing. Our new video teleconferencing equipment is operational and we project significant educational benefits going forward. Additionally, a number of excellent candidates have applied for the Director’s position and we anticipate a hire before the end of the school year. Finally, the new Hellenic Education Center signage should be erected in May.

The expansion of our schools and other ministries has resulted in a general lack of storage space everywhere and we’ve made quite an effort to find innovative ways to deal with this pressing problem. Recently completed construction of a new store room in the gym and a reorganization and consolidation of all our storage areas has resulted in new efficiencies enabling us to realize valuable additional space in the lower level of Founders’ Hall for classrooms and other needs.

We will also realize multiple benefits by eliminating LP gas bottles currently used to fuel our grills during our annual festivals and replacing them with natural gas lines throughout our grilling areas. Wasting precious space storing the bottles will no longer be necessary and projected savings will allow rapid amortization of the cost of these improvements. Landscaping has also been a longstanding requirement and we plan significant upgrades late this spring.

Finally, I am making a plea to all parishioners who attend our forthcoming Holy Week services, especially the Anastasi...PLEASE help us avoid costly repairs and other maintenance issues by being mindful of candle drippings during the service. Each year, we spend untold hours cleaning and repairing our pews of wax damage due to careless, and frankly, inconsiderate parishioners. Last year, such carelessness resulted in a hole being burned into a seat cushion. The overwhelming majority of us would never dream of being so careless in a friend’s home, yet for some unfathomable reason, many attending these most holy of services, handle their candles so carelessly during the services they cause considerable damage in our Lord’s house. Please help us reverse this disturbing trend. On behalf of our Parish Council, I wish you all a Happy Easter. Kalo Pascha!

Your servant in Christ,

[Signature]
President, Parish Council

ITEMS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

- Q-tips/Cotton Balls for Holy Wednesday (May 1)
- Eggs for Easter and Tulle Bags
- Flowers for the Epitaphios on Good Friday (May 3)
- Good Friday Candles and Drip Protectors (May 3)
- Easter Candles and Drip Protectors (May 4-5)
- Easter Lilies

Saint Katherine is accepting donations in any amount to subsidize, or possibly cover the entire cost of, the above expenses. If you wish to contribute the full amount for any item, please contact Sophia Tsangali in the Church Office. Please make your check payable to Saint Katherine Church and submit it to the Church Office. Thank you.
CATECHETICAL (SUNDAY) SCHOOL

CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Amazingly, we are fast approaching the end of the 2012-13 Catechetical (Sunday) School year. The staff trusts that each of our students has had an enjoyable and productive year. We want to thank the parents for bringing your children to Church and to class. The teachers and staff appreciate your faith as we pursue this educational mission of our Holy Orthodox Church. This year we again registered in excess of 200 students! Important Schedule Change: Catechetical School graduation will be on June 9 not Memorial Day weekend in May. There will be only one Divine Liturgy at 10:30am this special day. Sunday school will be in session at 9:30am on June 9. Please note there will be no school over the Memorial Day or Festival weekends.

We continue to collect funds to meet our pledge towards the icon of Christ and the Children. This will be our last month to fundraise, so if you have not yet donated, please consider doing so now. Also a reminder that mission boxes will be collected on the Sunday of Saint Thomas, May 12. Thank you, parents and students, for your generosity.

As a Lenten project, the fourth grade Catechetical School class assembled 35 Power Packs that were distributed to elementary school children in our area through Food for Others food bank in Fairfax. The purpose of these power packs is to provide non-perishable nourishing food items that a child from an underprivileged background. Our fourth grade children approached this task with heartfelt enthusiasm, expressing an act of Christian charity that we hope will help to bring nourishment and Light to those in need.

Congratulations to all of our Oratorical Festival participants! In the judged competition Stephanie Vazquez, Cameron Edgington, and Eleni Zervos received, first, second, and honorable mention, respectively. All three will be invited to present their speeches in church after Pascha. Many thanks to Ray Vazquez for chairing the 30th anniversary of our festival, our volunteer judges, and time-keeper.

GOYA

GOYANS WILL FOLD PALMS INTO CROSSES following Liturgy on the Saturday of Lazarus, April 27 and wrap the Easter eggs in tulle bags on Good Friday morning, May 4, following the Hours. After that, they will help decorate the Epitaphios and prepare the church for Easter.

GOYA will host their 2013 basketball tournament the weekend of May 11-12. Games will be held at Kenmore Middle School and, possibly, our church gymnasium on Saturday and in our church gymnasium only on Sunday. We encourage parishioners to come to the games and cheer on our teams. ALL TEENAGERS of our community are invited to the Tournament Dance on Saturday, May 11, 8:30pm-11:30pm. GOYA thanks everyone who volunteered at and/or donated to our tournament and to all who supported our tournament by purchasing ads for our tournament ad book.

PAIDEIA

HELLO EVERYONE and ΚΑΛΟ ΠΑΣΧΑ!

We had a very exciting month of April. Everyone had a great time visiting the Reston Zoo. It was wonderful to spend the day with our Paideia families and children.

On April 18 we also had a Puppet Show for our students. The title was Easter Egg Hunt and the children enjoyed it very much.

In preparation for our Holy Easter, we created several activities for the children. We baked koulourakia, dyed Easter eggs, and had an Easter egg hunt. The children got to make their own Lambades and each child went home with an Easter basket filled with koulourakia, Easter eggs, and goodies from our teachers.

I’d like to also remind you that Saint Katherine will offer a Summer Camp again this year that will operate from July 1–August 8 for 3-5 year olds. We have decided to extend the hours for the 3-5 year old group until 6:00pm. For the first time, we have also created a Summer Program for children 6-8 years old. If there is adequate participation it will run from July 1-12. The registration deadline for all ages for the Summer Camp is April 26. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please do so promptly.

We also have some other wonderful news—this year, during the week of the Vacation Bible Camp (June 24-28), we are working to offer an extended camp in the afternoon from 1:30pm-3:00pm. This afternoon session will focus on Greek Language, History, and Customs of our culture. Please stay tuned for more details!

LOOKING FOR A TUTOR?

Najy Issa, Altar Boy Captain and GOYAn, is offering free tutoring for students, elementary through high school, in the following subjects: Sciences, Math, History. Contact Najy at 703-655-9144 or Najy.Issa@gmail.com.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Don’t forget the annual Easter Egg Hunt for our young children on Easter Sunday, May 5, following the Agape Service at 11:00am. The Agape Service is short and joyful, with gospel readings in several languages. Come to church, proclaim that Christ is Risen, and then gather your Easter candy.
**ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ**

ΈΝΑΣ ΑΚΟΜΗ ΣΧΟΛΙΚΟΣ ΧΡΟΝΟΣ ΦΘΑΝΕΙ στο τέρμα του! Αλλά, με την νίκη! Αυτό είναι και το επιδιώκομένο. Η καρδιά και ο νους των μαθητών μας όλο και περισσότερο γεμίζει με Ελληνορθοδόξη γνώση! Κι αυτό επετεύχθηκε με την σωστή κατεύθυνση και διδασκαλία των καταξιωμένων δασκάλων μας και με την βοήθεια εκ μέρους των γονέων. Με χαρά περιμένουμε τις εξετάσεις για να γιορτάσουμε τους κόσμους και να ανταμείψουμε με επάθλια νίκη. Όχι τόσο για τα υλικά επάθλια, που κι αυτά είναι κινήτρο μάθησης, όσο για εκείνα τα πνευματικά που γίνονται κτήμα μας και κανείς δεν μπορεί να μας τα αφαιρέσει. Στις 9 Ιουνίου, Κυριακή, θα λάβουμε χώρα οι εξετάσεις, ώρα 5:00 μ.μ. Οι δάσκαλοι με τους μαθητές ετοιμάζουν ένα χαρούμενο πρόγραμμα, στο οποίο η έμφαση δίνεται στην ανακοίνωση των ενδιαφέροντων, απολυτηρίων, βραβείων και επιδόσεων. Στην συνέχεια, με την βοήθεια των γονέων, θα ακολουθήσει πινέτες και cook out.

Οι διαγωνισμοί της Ελληνομάθειας θα δοθούν στις 14, 15 και 16 Μαίου. Η Ελληνική Πρεσβεία θα μας ενημερώσει προσεχώς για την ακριβή ώρα. Οι διαγωνισμοί της Αρχιεπισκοπής θα δοθούν στις 17 Ιουνίου, Δευτέρα απόγευμα, στις 5:00 μ.μ.

Θερμές ευχαριστίες στους μαθητές μας, που βοήθησαν στο πεπεισμό των σταυρών μας, το τίλεμα των πασχαλινών ιερών, καθώς και με το στολισμό του Επιστατού. Εκ μέρους όλων μας, της διωυδετής και των (Continued on page 14, column 2, Ελληνό Σχολείο)

**GREEK SCHOOL**

**HAPPY EASTER!**

The hearts and minds of our students are filling up with Greek Orthodox knowledge! This was accomplished with the direction and teaching of our worthy teachers and the help of parents. We joyfully await the celebration of the Greek School Graduation, rewarding the labor of our students, on Sunday, June 9 at 5:00pm. Material rewards are motiues for learning, but more important are the spiritual ones which remain forever and cannot be taken away. The teachers, with their students, prepare a wonderful program where emphasis is placed on the bestowal of the certificates, diplomas, and awards upon the students. Following the program a cook-out picnic will take place, with the help of the parents.

The Ellinomathia exams will be given on May 14, 15, and 16. The Greek Embassy will inform us of the exact time. The Archdiocese Comprehensive exams in Modern Greek will be given on Monday, June 17 at 5:00pm.

On behalf of our principal and the teachers, we would like to thank Fr. Costa, the parents, the volunteer assistant teachers—especially Christina Kosmakos who helped us so much this year, the Greek School Auxiliary, the Greek School Committee, the Parish Council, and our students who are the future of tomorrow’s society, for their help in making this year a successful one! The theatrical play Νί-(Continued on page 14, column 2)
2013 STEWARDSHIP FORM

STEWARDSHIP IS BASED on the fact that all that we have and all that we are comes from God. We commit ourselves to stewardship as a way of thanking God for all His blessings—returning to Him a portion of the time, talent, and treasure He has given us. *Good stewardship of time* means we share some the 168 hours in a week with God and caring for others. *Good stewardship of talent* means we identify our talents and use them to glorify God and help other people. *Good stewardship of treasure* means we give a portion of our income to the Church and other charities. During the year 2013, we ask that everyone consider fulfilling their stewardship on a weekly basis. This will allow our church to better plan activities and expenses.

I (my family) pledge(s) $_______ per week of financial stewardship to Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church.

Name:  ____________________________________________________________
Address:  _________________________________________________________
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OCMC MISSION BOARD BANQUET, TUESDAY MAY 21
6:30pm Dinner and Presentations
Tickets: $25 per person, $10 under 18
Reservation Deadline: Friday, May 17

For more info or to purchase tickets, contact: Dr. John Demakis (demakis9913@gmail.com), Skip Mersereau (jwmster@gmail.com), or Betty Slanta (slanta@verizon.net).

MARIA ROEBER, OUR MISSIONARY IN TANZANIA RETURNS

FURAH NA AMANI! JOY AND PEACE! I will be making my way back to the U.S., at the end of April and am rejoicing at the opportunity to celebrate Pascha with my parents in Pennsylvania. I will return to OCMC headquarters in Florida for a brief visit and am also looking forward to sharing my experiences at the OCMC board meeting which will be hosted at Saint Katherine in May. After that, I will take some time to visit with my siblings and other extended family members, as well as with friends and parishes who have been supporting me for the past two years. My hope is to return to work as a labor and delivery nurse in the DC area by mid-summer, and to begin graduate work toward a master’s degree in nurse-midwifery in the fall. Ultimately, my goal is to return to the mission field as a midwife and share the Gospel with families who seek my care.

In the 22 months of my first term I am happy to say that I have succeeded in adjusting to East African and Tanzanian culture, learned quite a bit of Kiswahili (although I am by no means fluent, I can understand a lot and communicate the essentials), and established many relationships with Tanzanians and other foreigners. My work at the Orthodox health center has contributed to its registration and opening. In addition, I have helped to welcome and host multiple teams of visiting medical and nursing professionals from the U.S. and Greece, both at the health center and also in rural outreaches in the villages. I’ve participated in two OCMC teaching teams, one to the Turkana region in Kenya, and one in Tanzania.

Finally, about a week ago, I was able to make a brief visit back to Gulu in northern Uganda where I participated in my very first OCMC medical mission back in 2008. Going back to Gulu at the end of this term was a real blessing for me, because it showed me how far God has brought me in 5 years—from a short-term team member, who’d never been on a medical mission or to a developing country, to an experienced long-term medical missionary who hopes it becomes a lifelong career. Thank you so much for all of your support, prayers, and encouragement. I will continue to work with OCMC even once I am back in the U.S. and in school, possibly by leading short-term teams to Africa. I will also continue to write and blog about missions for *The Sounding* on OCN, so if you’d like to follow me there, please do. God bless you all!

In Christ,

Maria Roeber
REGISTRY

**Baptisms**

Stavros Constantine (April 14)
son of George C. and Anastasia Giatas
Godparent: George Svolis

Paraskevi Sian (April 21)
daughter of Christopher and Anai Rhoads-Ford
Godparent: Sophia Tsangali

Christopher (April 21)
son of Thomas and Billie Ford
Godparent: Pierre Tavoularis

Andrew (April 21)
son of David and Diana Smith
Godparents: Gregory and Georgia McKinney

**Chrismation**

Theophania Ferrell (April 21)
daughter of Donald and Francine Lyles, Jr.
Sponsors: Gregory and Georgia McKinney

**Funeral**

Stavroula Xereas (March 28)
May her memory be eternal.

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4. On blessed and ever-memorable obedience (in addition to episodes involving many individuals)
5. On painstaking and true repentance which constitutes the life of the holy convicts; and about the prison
6. On remembrance of death
7. On joy-making mourning

**Instruction on Overcoming Vices and Building Their Corresponding Virtues**

8. On freedom from anger and on meekness
9. On remembrance of wrongs
10. On slander or calumny
11. On talkativeness and silence
12. On lying
13. On despondency
14. On that clamorous mistress, the stomach
15. On incorruptible purity and chastity, to which the corruptible attain by toil and sweat
16. On love of money, or avarice
17. On non-possessiveness (that hastens one Heavenwards)
18. On insensibility, that is, deadening of the soul and the death of the mind before the death of the body
19. On sleep, prayer, and psalmody with the brotherhood
20. On bodily vigil and how to use it to attain spiritual vigil, and how to practise it
21. On unmanly and puerile cowardice
22. On the many forms of vainglory
23. On mad pride and (in the same Step) on unclean blasphemous thoughts; concerning unmentionable blasphemous thoughts
24. On meekness, simplicity, and guilelessness which come not from nature but from conscious effort, and about guile
25. On the destroyer of the passions, most sublime humility, which is rooted in spiritual perception
26. On discernment of thoughts, passions and virtues; on expert discernment; brief summary of all aforementioned

**Higher Virtues toward Which the Ascetic Life Aims**

27. On holy stillness of body and soul; different aspects of stillness and how to distinguish them
28. On holy and blessed prayer, the mother of virtues, and on the attitude of mind and body in prayer
29. Concerning Heaven on earth, or Godlike dispassion and perfection, and the resurrection of the soul before the general resurrection
30. Concerning the linking together of the supreme trinity among the virtues; a brief exhortation summarizing all that has been said at length in this book

I leave you with these challenging words of Saint John:

Ascend, brothers, ascend eagerly, and be resolved in your hearts to ascend and hear him who says: Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of our God, who makes our feet like hind’s feet, and sets us upon high places, that we might be victors with His song. Run, I beseech you, with him who said: Let us hasten until we attain to the unity of faith and of the knowledge of God, unto a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, who, when He was baptized in the thirtieth year of His visible age, fulfilled the thirtieth step in the spiritual ladder; since God is indeed love, to whom be praise, dominion, power, in whom is and was and will be the cause of all goodness throughout endless ages. Amen.

Yours in Christ’s service,

Fa. Costas
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*Holy Confession will be offered at 6:00pm and by appointment.

**CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

- Arabic: Al-Masih-Qam! Hakkan Qam!
- French: Le Christ est ressuscité! Vraiment Il est ressuscité!
- German: Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!
- Italian: Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto!
- Greek: Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!
- Nigerian: Jesu Kristi Ebiiliwo! Ezia o Bilowo!
- Russian: Khristos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
- Spanish: Cristo ha resucitado! En verdad ha resucitado!
- Swahili: Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Ajukkide!

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**COMMUNITY POT LUCK DINNER**

**FRIDAY, MAY 24, 7:00PM**

The church will provide drinks and dessert. You should bring a main dish (enough to feed your family, plus one). Presentation on Children’s Books

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PHILOPTOCHOS (by Eleni Kanakos, President)

CHRISTOS ANESTI! CHRIST IS RISEN!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday. Thanks to all the ladies for a successful bake sale. Your hard work certainly paid off and I am grateful for your dedication. I am excited to continue working with all of you again as we prepare for our Spring Festival. Everyone is welcome. This is a great opportunity for all of us to get to know each other better and show off your baking skills, so please join us!

Many thanks to Trish Kapsidelis who organized our first Annual Yard Sale. It went well and we look forward to making this a profitable, annual fundraiser.

We are gathering donations for the Philoptohos raffle that will take place during our Spring Festival. Donations will include restaurant gift cards, jewelry, electronics, vacations, gift baskets, etc. Please let us know if you are interested in making a donation this year. We would appreciate it greatly! Let’s make our fundraising raffle a huge success!

My year as President is nearing its end and I can’t believe it’s gone by so quickly. At 12:30pm sharp, on Sunday, May 19, we are having elections for the 2013-2015 Philoptochos Board. Eligible voters are those who have paid their membership dues. Please be sure to vote!

The Loudon County Church will be hosting a Fashion Show Luncheon on Saturday, May 18 from 11:00am-2:30pm at River Creek Country Club in Leesburg. Contact Ava Walter at avawalter@gmail.com for tickets and reservations. Let’s all support our sister church!

SAINT KATHERINE BOOKSTORE

End of season clearance sale! During the month of May, all books, icons, and Orthodox gifts are 20% off retail price (rounded to nearest dollar). The bookstore is open most Sundays after each Liturgy.

WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB

WE ARE CONTINUING with our book, Remember Thy First Love, written by Archimandrite Zacharias after a short Easter Break. Our first meeting after Easter will be on May 15 and then again on May 29. This has been a great book for reading during Lent. Because of the great spiritual depth of this book, we have slowed the pace of our reading and we have been enjoying much discussion when answering our questions. Please join us, if you wish, at any time! We meet every second Wednesday, two doors to the right of our main office at 10:30am in the Conference Room. If you have any questions, please contact Fay Mpras at 703-865-5776 or faympras@gmail.com.

DAUGHTERS OF PENEOPE (by Jane Moore, Pres.)

CHRISTOS ANESTI! CHRIST IS RISEN! I hope this finds everyone doing well and enjoying the lovely weather! Please join me in congratulating Kathy Cavallo on being chosen Helle Chapter’s Penelope of the Year for 2012-2013! She was recognized for her wonderful service to the Chapter, Saint Katherine parish, including the Philoptochos and the Mission Outreach Ministry. Congratulations and many blessings to you, Kathy!

Our next meeting will be a “Tea Theme” and will take place on Sunday, May 19, 1:00pm in the Lecture Room of the Meletis Charuhas Center. This will be our last official Chapter meeting of the year and we will be having Chapter Elections for 2013-2014.

On Wednesday, May 22, Helle Chapter has plans to help the AHEPA Peter N. Derzis Chapter #438 again this year with their Annual Golf Tournament at the Westfield Golf Course. This is one of their major philanthropic fundraising efforts. If you have time and would like to volunteer your support, please contact Jane Moore at jmoore24@csc.com or 540-847-2215. We would like to have a good turnout!

Our District Convention is coming up on Saturday, June 29 in Annapolis and Helle Chapter is planning to attend. We look forward to seeing you then! On behalf of the entire Sisterhood of Helle Chapter, we wish you many blessings!

HELP US GET READY (for the Festival)!

We have been preparing for our Saint Katherine Spring Festival, May 31-June 2. Your help is greatly needed for our festival to be a success even well before the festival begins! If you would like to help prepare festival foods and/or help at the festival, please contact Andrea Ballard (703-250-5419 or andreaballard1@verizon.net) or Elvira Garnett (vilia45@hotmail.com or 703-425-3675) and let us know if you would prefer to help daytime or evening hours. Thank you!

REWARD FOR LOST BROACH (LADY’S PIN)

A gold-tone oval broach (lady’s pin) with an amethyst setting was lost at the church. High sentimental value. If found, please turn into the church office. Reward will be paid. Thank you.

SPRING GREEK FESTIVAL

May 31, June 1 and 2 | 11:00am - 10:00pm
ΠΡΟΣΕΥΧΗ ΓΙΑ ΤΟΝ ΕΣΩ ΑΝΘΡΩΠΟ

ΧΡΙΣΤΕ ΜΟΥ,

Εσύ γνωρίζεις πόση σημασία έχει για όλους μας η εσωτερική ομορφιά και η υγεία κατάσταση της ψυχής. Πέρα από τις πολλαπλές δραστηριότητες που μας απασχολούν καθημερινά, βοήθησε μας να αφηρένουμε και τον απαιτούμενο χρόνο για τον πνευματικό μας καταρτισμό.

Να μην παραμελούμε “τον κρυπτόν της καρδίας άνθρωπον”.

Να μάθουμε να βλέπουμε τις δικές μας ατέλειες και αδυναμίες. Να ερευνούμε μετά προσοχής τα βάθη της καρδίας μας και να αγγίζουμε “το έσωθον του ποτηρίου”. Να έχουμε διάκριση να κρίνουμε τον εαυτό μας και να βλέπουμε σε τι υστερεί.

Εσύ που είσαι ο καρδιογνώστης δείξε μας τον δρόμο να αγονιζόμαστε σωστά σύμφωνα με το δίκιο Σου θέλημα όπως μας δικάσκουν και οι Πατέρες της Εκκλησίας.

Να φθάσουμε στην πνευματική καρποφορία όπως μας συνιστά και ο πρωτοκορυφαίος απόστολος Πέτρος. Να στρέψουμε τον φακό της προσοχής μας στην καρδιά και να επιμελείσθε τον άσθραθο στολισμό με τις αρετές του Αγίου Πνεύματος.

Να καλλιεργούμε την αρετή της Αγάπης, της Χαράς, της Ευρήνης, της Μακροθυμίας, της Χρηστότητας, της Αγαθοδοξίας, της Πίστης, της Πραότητας, της Εγκράτειας.

Χριστέ μου, γέμισε την καρδία μας με ψυχική δύναμη και θάρρος. Να μην απογοητεύομαστε από τις πτώσεις μας, να αγονιζόμαστε και με τη δική Σου πάντα βοήθεια που Είσαι ο οδηγός μας να ανεβάινουμε την κλίμακα των αρετών. Βοήθησε μας να εντοπίζουμε τα σημεία που υστεροφύμα.

Με την ευχή του Μεγάλου Βασιλείου όπως μας προτρέπει να εξετάζουμε τον εαυτό μας στο τέλος της ζωής. Όταν υπάρχουν παραβάσεις του Θεού Θελήματος να τις κάνουμε αντικείμενο ερας Εξομολογήσεως για να θεραπεύεται το πάθος μας.

Χριστέ μου. Εσύ γνωρίζεις τις αδυναμίες μας και το κάθε τι που κρύβεται στα απόκρυφα της τραγωδίας. Σε παρακαλούμε βοήθησε μας να βρίσκουμε τον απαιτούμενο χρόνο, την διάθεση για αντοξέταση, για περίσσεως, και για πνευματικό ανάγκη. Κάθε φορά που βλέπουμε τις ατέλειες, τις αδυναμίες, τις αμαρτίες που πράξαμε με τα λόγια, ή με τις πράξεις, εν γνώσει ή εν αγνοία, εκατοσίως ή ακουστίως, εκ συναρπάσεως ή προμελέτης να τα εναποθέτουμε με Πίστη στο πάνω Σου γιατί Εσύ είσαι ο Σωτήρας μας! Αμήν.

The Daily Readings App for your mobile device is the easiest way to access the day’s Bible readings prescribed by the Lectionary of the Greek Orthodox Church. The Daily Readings App also lets you read the lives of the saints or look up fasting guidelines for each day right on your device. The Daily Readings App follows the typicon and lectionary of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

FEELINGS AND REACTIONS TO A SIGNIFICANT LOSS

Darwin Huartson

Grief is a necessary process that helps an individual adjust to a loss. Grief is not a lack of faith. Grief is a normal reaction to the loss of a significant someone or something in your life. Unfortunately, there are no written scripts for how to grieve or how long to grieve. Each person grieves in his or her unique way at his or her own pace.

FEELINGS OFTEN EXPERIENCED WHILE GRIEVING

Sadness. Most common reaction. Exhibited sometimes by crying.

Anger. Frequently felt. Can be one of the most confusing feelings experienced. If it is not acknowledged, it can lead to complicated grief. Anger comes from two sources: a sense of frustration that the death was not prevented and a regressive or more childlike reaction to being abandoned. The mourner sometimes blames another person for the death in order to make sense of their loss or to validate that it could have been prevented. Turned inward, anger can cause depression or even suicidal feelings.

Guilt. Guilt is often associated with something that happened or something that was neglected around the time of the death.

Anxiety. The more intense and persistent the anxiety, the more outside help is needed to process the grief reaction. Anxiety comes from fear of being unable to care for yourself and/or awareness of your own mortality.

Fatigue. Often seen and experienced as apathy and listlessness.

Shock. Can occur both with sudden and with anticipated deaths.

Loneliness.

Helplessness.

Yearning for the lost person.

Relief. Common when the deceased suffered before the death. Guilt can follow a feeling of relief.

Numbness. A lack of feelings often occurs shortly after the death.

Next month, we will share physical sensations often experienced while grieving, thoughts often experienced while grieving, and typical behaviors experienced while grieving.

The Church Fathers and Mothers tell us that Saint Gregory of Palamas once received a vision of a vessel overflowing with fragrant wine. The holy man was commanded by the Heavenly Powers to share this wonderful drink—a symbol of divine wisdom—with all whom he encountered. Constantina Palmer offers in The Scent of Holiness her own small cup of myrrh-infused knowledge that was poured out to her during her frequent visits to a women’s monastery in northern Greece.

Palmer, a convert, came to Thessaloniki to study more fully the theology of our ancient faith, but quickly realized that she needed to see “how Orthodoxy was lived, not merely stated” and began to visit the nearby cloisters of Orthodox nuns. She records her experiences with the holy women—who give off the powerful perfume of sainthood—in short, easy-to-read vignettes, as she calls them “knots on her prayer rope.”

Palmer works to give us a glimpse of the unique character of women’s monasticism, which she so beautifully shows is infused with much laughter (often spurred by Palmer’s pidgin Greek), tears, lots of food (for guests), and a focus on the angels. She says, that prohibited from living on Mount Athos, the sisters have created a Holy Mountain of their own, where through self-denial and obedience, they have attained great spiritual heights.

She relates that monks try to cut down their passions with an axe, while sisters strive to fight the power of the demons “consistently, but gradually.” She marvels at the nuns’ capacity for hard work—which she notes would tire the most well-conditioned athlete—and attributes this spiritual and physical strength to the power of the Holy Spirit. Palmer notes that the Holy Spirit shines clearly in the sisters’ radiant faces—youthful visages which often belie their chronological age. But, their hands are worn from doing God’s work.

Palmer comes to see during her many visits that the monastery is a vision of heaven, overflowing with “good and perfect things from above.” The abbess or gerontissa (woman elder) instructs the nuns in whatever they do, “whether it is watering flowers, baking, cleaning, or cooking...to do it for God alone.”

The final “knot” in the book tells of the funeral of Sister Markella, an elderly nun and one of Palmer’s loving spiritual teachers. Sister Markella died on the Sunday of the Holy Cross during Great Lent, an appropriate time for a funeral, according to Palmer because it underscores Christ’s impending Resurrection and “a race well run” by the nun. In heartfelt words, Palmer describes how Sister Markella embodied the perfect life, where one’s attentions are “focused on dying well” and “living properly so that death is the beginning of new life, true life.”

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For those young and old, male and female, who face spiritual battles, this book offers powerful lessons on love, humility, prayer, peace, forgiveness and friendship, and “ultimately the scent of holiness.”
MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

**OCMC Spring Meeting.** The Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) has chosen Saint Katherine for their semiannual board meeting May 20-22, 2013. They will hold a special banquet on Tuesday, May 21 in Founders’ Hall and all are welcome to attend. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see the entire OCMC board and hear about their exciting programs. There will be several speakers, including our own Maria Roeber, RN, who will have just returned from two years in Tanzania. Maria will share her experiences in Tanzania. (Please see her last update on page 6.) We will also hear from the president of the OCMC, Fr. George Liacopulos and the Executive Director of the OCMC, Fr. Martin Ritsi. Tickets are $25 for adults and $10 for those under 18. For reservations, email Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com or Betty Slanta at slanta@verizon.net. Mail checks, payable to Saint John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com or Betty Slanta at slanta@verizon.net.

**Apalachian Outreach.** We are working with FOCUS Appalachia for our group to undertake a 4-day mission to Mitchell and Yancey Counties, North Carolina. This is approximately a 7-hour drive from Falls Church. Like Habitat for Humanity, FOCUS Appalachia seeks to help disadvantaged, lower income people in this region of North Carolina. Past FOCUS groups have installed siding, roofing, built ramps for the handicapped, painted, and done yard work. FOCUS tries to set up a project based on the skill set(s) of the volunteers. The dates are, tentatively, Thursday, August 22 through Sunday, August 25. Our costs will be $200 per volunteer. This includes food, water, basic dormitory-type lodging, use of tools, and professional work site supervision. Stacey Kazacos and Daphne Papamichael are coordinating our Appalachian Outreach.

**Mission Walk on the National Mall.** Get your walking shoes ready! On Saturday, October 19, 2013, we will sponsor a Mission Walk on the National Mall. We will have a tent on the Mall, near a Metro stop, where people will stop first for orientation and to pick up materials. During the Walk, several of the national monuments on the mall will be visited. Special prayers will be offered at each site. Money raised during this event will be used for various ministries of the Church. Everyone is invited to participate—adults, teenagers, and children. We look forward to an inspiring and fun day. Carolyn and Joseph Perez are coordinating this project. Final details will appear in a future issue of DOXA. Stay tuned!

**FOCUS shoe distribution in the DC area.** The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve (FOCUS) has asked our parish to be their representative in the DC metropolitan area for distribution of shoes to homeless children. An anonymous benefactor has agreed to donate 400,000 pairs of children’s shoes to needy children in America every year. FOCUS, one of the newest ministries of the Assembly of Orthodox Bishops, has asked us to be the local distribution center. Our parish council has graciously agreed to set aside 450 square feet to receive and sort the 3,300 pairs of shoes for the DC metropolitan area. This is a great honor for our community and we will need volunteers. The first shipment of shoes will arrive on July 1. We will need volunteers to help sort the shoes into sizes and school districts. Eleni Porter has agreed to coordinate this endeavor, but she will need many helping hands. More details will appear in next month’s DOXA.

**Diaper collection for area food pantries.** We will again collect diapers for area food pantries on Palm Sunday, April 28. Collections will take place in the foyer of our Meletis Charuhas Center. Please bring unopened packages, sizes newborn to 6. No pull-ups, please. The diapers will be taken to Alternative House in Fairfax, Reston Interfaith, Food for Others and Catholic Charities. Since federal food stamps cannot be used to buy diapers, this is a great help to mothers with infants.

**Food for the Homeless.** The Mission and Outreach Committee will serve dinner at the Bailey’s Crossroads Homeless Shelter in May. Anyone is welcome to join us. The specific date will be posted on the Saint Katherine website when confirmed. Vacation Bible Camp will serve on June 27. Different groups from Saint Katherine continue to cook dinner for the Homeless Shelter once a month. If your group is interested, please contact Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com.

**Furniture donations.** The Shelter welcomes new and used furniture for people who are leaving the Shelter for arranged housing. To arrange pickup of furniture, within a 10-mile radius, or if you have any questions, call the Shelter Director, Thomas Nichols, on his cell at 703-659-3460. Please do not bring the furniture to the church.

**Missions and Outreach Meeting**
The next meeting for Missions and Outreach is on Tuesday, May 14, 7:00pm. All are welcome!
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(Continued from page 5, column 2, Greek School)

άρα was excellent! Our children enjoyed it so much! We thank the Hippo Theatre Group, the Washington Area Greek Education Committee, and Mr. George Philip-popoulos for this initiative.

Important dates to remember:

May 1-6  No classes – Holy Week, Easter, and Bright Monday

May 11  6th and 7th grade students will dance at the Greek Embassy European Community Day, 11:30am

Teachers’ meeting, 1:30pm

May 14-16  Ellinomathia exams

May 24-27  No classes – Memorial Day weekend

May 31-June 2  Festival – We do have classes

June 9  Greek School Graduation and picnic, 5:00pm

June 17  Archdiocese Comprehensive exams in Modern Greek, 5:00pm

Please remember that there are classes the first week of June—June 3 through June 8.

THREE ONLINE RADIO OPTIONS

The Rudder (Liturgical Chant)

http://www.myocn.com/rudder/

The Ark (Contemporary Music from an Orthodox Perspective)

http://www.myocn.com/ark/

The Anchor (Orthodox Online Talk Radio)

http://www.myocn.com/anchor/
SHOWN BELOW is a list of families and individuals who participated in the 2013 Saint Katherine Stewardship Program from January 1 through March 31, 2013. Thank you for responding to the needs of our church.

If you have not yet submitted your 2013 pledge, please complete the stewardship form on page 6 and return it to the Church Office as soon as possible. Alternatively, you may pledge online at www.saint-katherines.org/stewardship.

Any questions? Please contact Anna Vassilopoulos at avassilopoulos@stkchurch.com or 703-671-1515.

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