

# *The Epistle*

*February 2013*

*Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church*

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## *Next Stop ... Paradise*

If you have ever flown on an airplane for a commercial flight you know that the first thing the crew does is announce over the PA system the destination of the flight. It sounds something like this: “Welcome aboard Flight 111, non-stop service to Santa Barbara, California.” The crew wants you to know that this plane will be going to a specific destination, and the expectation is that all the passengers are present, on time, and prepared to go to the announced place. I remember one time seeing a family, carry-on luggage and all, scrambling to get off, realizing they were on the wrong plane after hearing one of these announcements. The vast majority of the time, however, the announcement is a reassurance that we are heading to our anticipated destination.

We then usually hear from the Captain, explaining various details of the flight we are about to take. For most of us, he could be speaking a foreign language, because although it is nice to know that we will be flying at a certain altitude, at a specific airspeed, and arrive at a determined time, just *how* that is going to happen is well beyond our understanding. The amount of buttons, knobs, switches, and levers in the cockpit of an airplane is beyond intimidating – most people wouldn’t know where to start! What does comfort the vast majority of us (some people are afraid to fly, no matter what!), is that the Captain has been properly trained by an accredited authority (flight school), is regulated by a governing body (the FAA), and has previous experience. After all, we are putting our life in the hands of the Captain of the plane.

You know, this all sounds a lot like what happens in the Church ...

Every Sunday morning, the Divine Liturgy begins with the words, “Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...” With this exclamation, the priest announces our destination – the Kingdom of God! This too should be a reassurance that we can leave this fallen world behind in hope of a better place. Further, it is similarly expected that you are present, on time, and prepared for this journey. If that isn’t where you want to go, well, I guess you have some decisions to make – but it is your decision, because the Church will take everyone who desires to go on this journey.

It should be pointed out that there are a few notable differences between the Liturgy and the average airline: It is preferable that you leave your baggage at home; your ticket was secured at your baptism (or chrismation); but your fare was paid by Christ through His Crucifixion and Resurrection.

There is no question that the “Captain” is always Christ (when I see the bumper sticker, “Jesus is my co-pilot” I think – you better switch seats!). Nevertheless, Christ has ordained men to be priests and to serve at His Altar. I admit, celebrating the Divine Liturgy may not be as visually intimidating as working the cockpit of an airplane, but spiritually, there is no comparison, for “*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God*” (Hebrews 10:31). That is why the clergy also are properly trained (at the Seminary), are under the authority of the bishop (Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco in my case), and have spent time as an assistant in at least one other parish. After all, we are putting our soul in the hands of the Parish Priest.

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# Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

*The mission of Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church is to safeguard the 2,000 year old Traditions handed down by Christ and His disciples, by encouraging members to participate actively in the Sacramental life of the Church, and by furthering our knowledge of the Faith through education. In order to realize our role as stewards of God's vineyard and to grow spiritually as individuals and as a Parish, we will share our Faith with those who seek the knowledge of God, welcome and embrace all who join us in worship and fellowship, and reach out to those in need. Fulfilling our mission will draw us closer to God and His Kingdom, and allow us to experience the love of God (Agape) in our Parish and community.*

Rev. Father Simon Thomas  
Parish Priest

## SAINT BARBARA PARISH COUNCIL

PAUL TZIOUVARAS – PRESIDENT	TAYLOR CANFIELD
BESSIE CONDOS – VICE PRESIDENT	ALEX CHUCHAS
TERRY KERAMARIS – SECRETARY	CONNIE PAPPAS HILLMAN
RANDY LANGEL – TREASURER	TOM KAPERNEKAS
RUTH ANGELOS	MARY PAPADOR MENDOZA
TOM BLAKE	JAMES PETERS

## PARISH MINISTRIES

CHANTERS	ALEX TRIGONIS & RANDY LANGEL
CHOIR DIRECTOR	ANDRIANA KOLENDRIANOS
GREEK FESTIVAL	GEORGE PAPADOR
GREEK SCHOOL TEACHERS	GEORGIA GASTOUNIOTIS
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MISSIONS	ALEX HAIMANIS
ORTHODOX SOCIAL NETWORK (OSN)	VALERIE KATSIKIS
PARISH BOOKSTORE	PATRICIA DOVAS
PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY PRESIDENT	BESSIE CONDOS
V.I.P. COORDINATOR	SOFIJA NEDIC

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

ACOLYTES	ALEX TRIGONIS & RANDY LANGEL
DANCE GROUP DIRECTOR	FATHER SIMON THOMAS
YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR	SOPHIA KENRICK
SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR	ANGELA CANFIELD
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	YIANNI MAGOULIAS & MARGO GEORGHIOU

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

AHEPA PRESIDENT	BILL POULIS
DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE PRESIDENT	VALERIE KATSIKIS

## OFFICE PERSONNEL

VALERIE KATSIKIS – Office Administrator

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY \* 9 A.M. – 5 P.M.

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA \* METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO

Imagine what would happen if we approached air travel the same way we do the Church. Try telling the ticket counter that you don't need to pay because "that is between me and my travel agent!" Maybe you could show up for your next flight as late as you show up for church. What about telling everyone on board that *you* know more about flying the plane than the Captain does, and send a petition around to have the Captain removed so you can fly the plane properly!

All joking aside, perhaps the Church would be a healthier, more spiritual place if we were more attentive to it than to our next flight. After all, what is more important, the next vacation for our bodies, or the final destination of our soul?

With Love in Christ, Who is the Truth, the Way, and the Life,  
Father Simon

## *President's Report*

Fellow Parishioners:

At its regular meeting in January, the Parish Council elected officers for 2013. They are: Paul Tziouvaras, President; Bessie Condos, Vice-President; Terry Keramaris, Secretary; Randy Langel, Treasurer.

I want to thank Jim Peters personally, and from the Parish Council, for his service as president. He has been a cornerstone of devotion and attention to the parish and its needs. He has been and still is a responsive leader of the community - someone you can always talk to that will truly listen and respond as a devoted Orthodox parishioner. Following in his footsteps will be challenging, but at the same time a fulfilling opportunity to continue and nourish our faith in God and in our church.

I am confident that we all share the same vision for our parish. The details are how we get there. The path to this is love and faith. We have heard it before, several times, but it's worth mentioning again and again. In my opinion, without love there is no faith, and without faith there is no love.

Thank you Jim for your service and good work.

In the name of our Lord,  
Paul Tziouvaras

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### **BLESSING OF HOMES FOR THEOPHANY 2013**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT IS A CONVENIENT TIME/DATE THAT YOU WILL BE HOME? \_\_\_\_\_

(Please try to schedule times during the day)

*(Fr. Simon will bring basil and Holy Water. Please have a bowl of water prepared for the service.)*

## Liturgical Calendar

**Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Feast of the Presentation of  
the Lord to the Temple**

Orthros – 8:00 am  
Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am  
Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Saint Matthew**

Orthros – 9:00 am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

**Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Feast of Saint Photius**

Orthros – 8:00 am  
Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

**Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

**Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Saint Matthew**

Orthros – 9:00 am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

**Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

**Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday of the Canaanite**

Orthros – 9:00 am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

**Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**

Orthros – 9:00 am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

## Happy Name Day!

**3<sup>rd</sup> - Saints Symeon & Anna-** Symeon Argyropoulos, Fr. Simon Thomas

**10<sup>th</sup> - St. Haralambos-** Bob Swider

**17<sup>th</sup> - St. Theodore** – Ted Martin

As we are determining all the Names Days of our parishioners due to the many variations of names and baptismal names, please bear with us and inform the office if your name is omitted or listed on the wrong day to be added to future lists.

## Saint Barbara Prayer List

*Please contact the Church Office to add/remove someone from the list.*

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew  
Archbishop Demetrios of America  
Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco  
Metropolitan Jeronimos of Mwanza  
Father Simon & Presvytera Stephanie and children  
Parishioners of St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church  
Parishioners of St. Barbara's in Kazinga, Tanzania  
Father James King (heart surgery)

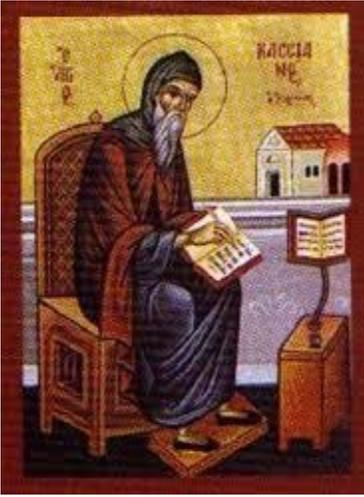
Monsignor John Yanek (surgery)  
Presvytera Krissy Flesoras (health)  
Vasili Economidou (cancer)  
Bill & Helen Gekis (health)  
Sorel (Sophia) Kolendrianos (Rett Syndrome)  
Jheri E. Redding (Lyme Disease)  
Glenn Ritsema (health)  
Mary Stamos (health)

## New 2013 Church Directory Available!

If you already have a 2012 Church Directory you will receive an update in the mail to add to your current binder. If you would like a Church Directory, on Sundays after church, look in our bookstore or contact the church office during the week. (We are requesting a donation for printing and binder expenses of \$5)

## Saint John Cassian

February 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>



Saint John Cassian the Roman was born around 360, probably in Lesser Scythia. His pious Christian parents gave him an excellent classical education, and also instructed him in the Holy Scriptures and in the spiritual life. St John entered a monastery in the diocese of Tomis, where his friend and relative Saint Germanus labored as an ascetic. In 380, desiring to venerate the Holy Places, Saint John went to Jerusalem with his sister and his friend Saint Germanus. The two monks stayed at a Bethlehem monastery, not far from where the Savior was born.

After five years at the monastery, Saints John and Germanus traveled through the Thebaid and the desert monasteries of Sketis for seven years, drawing upon the spiritual experience of countless ascetics. The Egyptian monks taught them many useful things about spiritual struggles, prayer, and humility. Like honeybees they journeyed from place to place, gathering the sweet nectar of spiritual wisdom. The notes Saint John made formed the basis of his book called “Conferences with the Fathers” in twenty-four chapters.

Returning to Bethlehem for a brief time, the spiritual brothers lived for three years in complete solitude. Then they went back to Egypt and lived there until 399. Because of the disturbances caused by Archbishop Theophilus of Alexandria to the monasteries along the Nile, they decided to go to Constantinople, after hearing of the virtue and holiness of Saint John Chrysostom. The great hierarch ordained Saint John Cassian as a deacon and accepted him as a disciple. John and Germanus remained with Saint John Chrysostom for five years, learning many profitable things from him.

When Chrysostom was exiled from Constantinople in 404, Saints John Cassian and Germanus went to Rome to plead his case before Innocent I. Cassian was ordained to the holy priesthood in Rome, or perhaps later in Gaul. After Chrysostom’s death in 407, Saint John Cassian went to Massilia [Marseilles] in Gaul (now France). There he established two cenobitic monasteries in 415, one for men and another for women, based on the model of Eastern monasticism.

At the request of Bishop Castor of Aptia Julia (in southern Gaul), Cassian wrote “The Institutes of Cenobitic Life” in twelve books, describing the life of the Palestinian and Egyptian monks. Written between 417-419, the volume included four books describing the clothing of the monks of Palestine and Egypt, their schedule of prayer and services, and how new monks were received into the monasteries. Through his writings, Saint John Cassian provided Christians of the West with examples of cenobitic monasteries, and acquainted them with the asceticism of the Orthodox East.

Saint John Cassian also wrote “Conferences with the Fathers” in twenty-four books in the form of conversations. Books 1-10 of the “Conferences” describe Saint John’s conversations with the Fathers of Sketis between 393-399. Books 11-17 relate conversations with the Fathers of Panephysis, and the last seven books are devoted to conversations with monks from Diolkos. In 431 Saint John Cassian wrote his final work, “On the Incarnation of the Lord, Against Nestorius.” In seven books he opposed the heresy, citing many Eastern and Western teachers to support his arguments.

In his works, Saint John Cassian was grounded in the spiritual experience of the ascetics, and criticized the abstract reasoning of Saint Augustine. Saint John said that “grace is defended less adequately by pompous words and loquacious contention, dialectic syllogisms and the eloquence of Cicero (i.e. Augustine), than by the example of the Egyptian ascetics.” In the words of Saint John of the Ladder, “great Cassian reasons loftily and excellently.” His writings are also praised in the Rule of Saint Benedict.

Saint John Cassian lived in the West for many years, but his spiritual homeland was the Orthodox East. He fell asleep in the Lord in the year 435. His holy relics rest in an underground chapel in the Monastery of Saint Victor in Marseilles. His head and right hand are in the main church.

# Parish, Youth & Young Adult Ministries

## **Philoptochos**

All meetings are held in the Education Center on Sundays following the Divine Liturgy.

MEETING DATES JANUARY - APRIL 2013

Feb. 17 12:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
Mar. 03 12:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
Mar. 17 12:00 p.m. General Meeting  
Apr. 07 12:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
Apr. 21 12:00 p.m. General Meeting & Election

## **Sunday School**

Dear Sunday school families, please mark your calendars for the **Sunday School Open House** that will be held after liturgy on **Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Come see how wonderful our teachers are doing teaching our youth, and see what fun the kids have together.

FEBRUARY 2013

2/03/13 Sunday School  
2/10/13 Sunday School ~ Open House  
2/17/13 Sunday School  
2/24/13 Sunday School

## **Youth Choir**

The youth choir will be meeting to discuss future plans for Lent and Pascha. Keep an eye on the weekly bulletin for practice schedule. Practice is open to all Sunday School children. For more information, contact Sophia Kenrick at 967-1470 or [louloudaki@gmail.com](mailto:louloudaki@gmail.com).

## **Choir**

Barbara Hunt attended the Metropolis Church Choir Federation Winter Business Meeting last month in San Diego. The Choir Conference this summer in L.A. at St. Sophia Cathedral is June 28-30. It is always an inspiring and joyful musical experience!

The [St. Irenaeus Orthodox Theological Institute](http://www.stirenaeusinstitute.org) in St. Louis, Missouri, is sponsoring a two-week, comprehensive, all-inclusive, professionally guided **tour of the Holy Land from May 18-June 2, 2013**. Those interested should contact **Dr. Michael Tschlis**, director of the Institute, at (314) 265-1961 or [info@stirenaeusinstitute.org](mailto:info@stirenaeusinstitute.org). A \$250 deposit toward the trip is due by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

We enthusiastically welcome new singers to join us for the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

## **Greek School**

Greek classes for children and adults are offered weekly at the Redding Education Center. We meet every Tuesday with first level beginning at 6:00 pm and second level at 7:00 pm.

Many of the students from Greek School and members from our Parish are starting rehearsals for a play to be performed **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, celebrating the **Greek Independence Day**. Please join us for a fun evening with food, dancing and a good time. See the enclosed flyer for details.

Questions regarding Greek classes contact Georgia at [ginagaston@verizon.net](mailto:ginagaston@verizon.net)

## **VIP's**

V.I.P. Seniors did not have a meeting in January. **Their next scheduled meeting is on February 7, 2013 at 12 noon in the Orthodox Center**. Please look for the upcoming flyer.

## **Orthodox Social Network**

All are welcome - singles, couples, or just friends! A great opportunity to socialize together outside of Sundays! *If you have not received an Evite for these events, this means we do not have your email address on file. Please submit your email to the Church Office so we can include you in future events! Looking forward to your company!*

This past January we met for dinner at Cadiz. It was a wonderful opening to the New Year with a gathering of 11 friends trying some spectacular tapas tastes and enjoying the social outing together.

## **February Gathering is at Zodos!**

Let's go bowling at **6 pm on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. You don't want to miss this! RSVP please through the Evite so we will know how many lanes we'll need!

**March Gathering - is a Wine and Cheese Social** at the Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church Redding Center. **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vespers at 5 pm and 6 pm Social**.

Here is what to bring: 1 bottle of wine, 1 paired cheese, and bring your own wine glass so we can sample all the wines and pairings together!

# Community Organizations

## **Order of AHEPA, Santa Barbara Chapter 243**

[www.ahepa20.org/chapters](http://www.ahepa20.org/chapters) E-mail [ahepa243@gmail.com](mailto:ahepa243@gmail.com)

The Mission of the Family of AHEPA, Santa Barbara Chapter 243, is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family and Individual Excellence. The Goal of AHEPA Chapter 243 is to expand and strengthen its educational efforts and the lifelong learning of mind and body, the Classic Hellenic definition of PAIDEIA.

We have our meetings on the third Monday of the month, usually at Harry's Plaza Café in the Ranchero Room, starting at 6:30 p.m.

In **January, 2013, our guest speaker, Michael Shenoda, M.D.**, an interventional cardiologist at Sansum Medical Clinic, who performs Angiograms, Stents, Pacemakers, etc., spoke on the topic "Heart risk factors and lifestyle modifications to prevent future problems." He and his wife, Rania, a Pharmacist at Sansum Clinic and their children, are members of St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church.

**On February 18, 2013 our speaker will be Dr. Helen Morales Argyropoulos, Professor of Hellenic Studies, Classics Dept. UCSB. Her topic will be "Aphrodite".**

We have had many superb speakers at our meetings and will continue to do so. AHEPA plans future events including a Santa Barbara Channel cruise and luncheon on the boat of Brother Bill Pertsulakes, a visitation to the studio of Sculptor Aris Demetrios and a program at the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society entitled "How to discover your ancestry." More details will be provided in upcoming Epistles.

We are open to new members who want to be a part of our organization. If you are interested in joining, or attending a meeting to see if you would like to join AHEPA, please call Bill Poulis at (805) 682-4733.

## **Daughters of Penelope, Santa Barbara Chapter Delos 103**

[www.dophq@ahepa.org](http://www.dophq@ahepa.org); [www.dopdistr20.org](http://www.dopdistr20.org)

Our joint District Visitation with the Ventura Hyperia chapter was January 17<sup>th</sup> at Pirates in Oxnard, an interesting sports bar where we had breakfast, got to visit with our sisters in Ventura and heard from Pam Martinez, our District Governor, District Marshall, Valerie Katsikis and District Maids of Athena Advisor, Georgia Gastouniotis. PDG Marlena Uchimura baked a vasilopita which was cut and Valerie Katsikis received the piece with the coin!

The AHEPA/DOP Midwinter Conference held in Anaheim on the 26<sup>th</sup>, was preceded by a dinner Friday night honoring our Grand President, JoAnne Saltas, our Grand Liaison, Demi Thomas and our Grand Maids of Athena Advisor, Niki Pallas at the home of Sister Catherine Vackrinos. From our chapter, Carol Arger, Georgia Gastouniotis, Valerie Katsikis, Helen McGillivray, Carol Stathopoulos and Lisa Stathopoulos attended.

Mark your calendar for the big **Mardi Gras event March 9<sup>th</sup> in the Orthodox Center!** Food, drinks, music and a decorated mask contest for \$15/adult and \$10/students & children, 5 and under free. **Reservation deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup>.** See the flyer for more details.

All qualified students are encouraged to apply for an **AHEPA District 20 Scholarship** which is available on the information table in the Orthodox Center or by contacting Helen McGillivray, Scholarship Foundation Secretary. **The deadline is April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

For more information about the Daughters of Penelope you can visit the national website at [www.daughtersofpenelope.org](http://www.daughtersofpenelope.org), as well as our district website at [www.dopdistr20.org](http://www.dopdistr20.org). If you are interested in becoming a Daughter, please call Helen McGillivray at 965-6727.

## *Santa Barbara-Patras Sister Cities Group*

If you have not driven to the Santa Barbara Airport recently, just take a u-turn from where ever you are and drive by. You will see the Greek Flag hanging high in front of the Airport entrance. If you do not see it, don't worry it will go up again. They take turns with the other Sister Cities' flags. It is emotional and exciting at the same time. A world plaque with all the Sister Cities flags is hanging upstairs in the new lobby of the Santa Barbara Airport. Santa Barbara-Patras Sister Cities Group is continuing strong.

Patras was chosen to be the Sister City due to the similarities with Santa Barbara, geographically, culturally, tourism, and higher education. Patras has an indigenous cultural scene that revolves around annual music, drama, and poetry festivals. The Carnival attracts thousands of tourists from throughout Europe. The two Universities, a Technological Institution and their connected research institutes, Patras is an important scientific center like UCSB. The region in Patras retains some of its traditional winemaking and a small agricultural and fishing sector. The Achaia Clauss winery, founded in 1861, produces and exports wines of excellent quality throughout the world.

Our advocate group is increasing with members of different origins of Greece and non-Greeks and we meet every other month. We welcome everyone, Greek or non-Greek to join our group. For a Membership Application and more information, please contact Georgia Gastouniotis, President at [ginagaston@verizon.net](mailto:ginagaston@verizon.net), Vivi Tziouvaras, Vice President at [v.tzxan@gmail.com](mailto:v.tzxan@gmail.com) or George Papazacharioudakis, Secretary at [gpapazach@msn.com](mailto:gpapazach@msn.com).

### *Missions Luncheon*

*My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)*

Please plan on attending the **37<sup>th</sup> Annual Mission Awareness Luncheon on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** (see enclosed flyer). If you cannot attend please consider sending in a donation to support the orphans in India, Guatemala, and Albania. With the gift of your love to the orphans we create a healthy environment, provide education and a brighter future for them. Please help those in need reach the potential for a better life. Thank you for your support. God Bless you always.

### *NEWS & NOTES*

#### *Weddings...*

**Alexis LeBeouf and Barry Enright**, January 19<sup>th</sup>, the koumbara is Lauren LeBeouf

#### *Memorial Services...*

**Rosalie Forinash (5 years)** on January 13<sup>th</sup>, wife of Dr. Robert Forinash

#### *In Memory of...*

**Rosalie Forinash**, by Dr. Robert Forinash

**Photini Plouffe**, by Alice Anton

**Nasia Cosmides**, by Alice Anton

**Marjorie Kobus and Dick Ryan**, by Ellen Fenger to Mission Tanzania

**Jenny Alexander, Michael Alexander, Fred Fenger, Mike Fenger, and Joe Prochot**, by Alex Haimanis to Mission Tanzania

**Christos Maziotis and Petros Spiroglou**, by Katerina & John Kingsbury for her friend and her brother

**Christos, Arguiro, Aram, Panaiota, Karo and Maria**, by Nick Matosian

# Volunteers for February 2013

## Epistle Readers:

3	Greek: Voula Aldrich	English: Theophilos Lasswell
10	Greek: Tom Pappas	English: Ruth Angelos
17	Greek: Xenia Tziouvaras	English: Yianni Magoulias
24	Greek: Alex Trigonis	English: Dean Papazacharioudakis

## Acolytes:

Connor Blake, Costa Gastouniotis, Cainan Iorio, Dean Richardson, Dimitri Richardson

## Ushers:

3	Jim Peters, Peter Stathopoulos
10	William Poulis, Brian Iorio
17	George Mamalakis, Art Markos
24	Mary Mamalakis, Bessie Condos

## Prosporo Bakers:

3	Angelique Chuchas
10	Valerie Katsikis
17	Sophia Kenrick
24	Connie Pappas Hillman

## Altar Flowers:

3	Available
10	Available
17	Available
24	Available

## Coffee Fellowship Hosts:

3	Fr. Simon Thomas
10	No Host
17	Terry Keramaris
24	Missions Committee

## Stewardship 2013

*Aldrich, Voula	Iorio, Brian & Alexandra	Papazacharioudakis, George
*Angelos, Dr. James & Ruth	*Kapemekas, Athanasios & Sasha	Pappas, Anastasios & Carolyn
Ballas, Gus	*Katsikis, Valerie	*Penoff, Dana
Canfield, Taylor & Angela	*Kenrick, Sophia	Peters, Jim & Linda
Carlton, Gary & Karen Stathis	*Keramaris, Terry	Petronakis, Sam & Anna
Carralejo, Adam & Ana	Khoury, Cherif	Poulakos, Jennifer
Carroll, John & Lexy	Kingsbury, John & Katerina	*Poulis, William
*Chuchas, Alex & Angelique	*Kolendrianos, Ernest & Andriana	Poulios, Jayne
Condodina, Alice	*Kwiatkowski, Jackson	Poulos, Steve
*Condos, Bessie	*Lamb, Glory	Poulos, Tom & Isabel
Davlanes, Constantine	*Langel, Randy & Patti Stathis	Rishwain, Jeff & Connie
*Day, Derrick & Darcy	Mamalakis, George & Mary	*Ritsema, Glenn
Fell, Ryan & Stacey	Martin, Nick	Smith, Catherine McDavid
Fenger, Ellen	Martin, Ted	Solomon, Karen
Fisher, Cleo	McKinney, John & Cheri Rae	Stathis, Cy & Helen
Fryer, Laurel	Mendoza, Richard & Mary	Stathopoulos, Pete & Lisa
Gastouniotis, Dean & Georgia	Nedic, Petar	Swider, Bob & Christy
*Georghiou, Margo	Nedic, Sofija	Trigonis, Alex & Alexandra
Haimanis, Alex	Nicolaou, Soteri & Jamie	Tripodes, Nikitas & Dena
*Hillman, Chris & Connie	*Osborn, Michael & Kara	*Tziouvaras, Paul & Vivi
Hroundas, George, Angelo & Joann	*Pahos, Mike & Vivian	Weeks, Michael & Jan Costopoulos
*Hunt, Barbara	Papador, Georgia	Zozos, Presvytera Mona

\*Indicates Stewards contributing at or above the 2% level

# Stewardship 2013

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone has turned in their completed 2013 Stewardship Commitment Cards—with a special thank you to all who have resolved to give 2% of their income in stewardship to Christ and His Church! We are truly heeding our calling to “Go and bear fruit.” Participation from our entire community is *essential* for keeping our church and ministries going.

The table below shows the distribution of stewardship commitments for 2013, including those received at our January 27 coffee hour. We’ve already come a long way to increase our commitment of *treasure* to the Church. In the next few weeks, we’ll also work hard to connect interested stewards with the appropriate ministries to share their particular *time* and *talent* with the community.

## 2013 Stewardship commitments and contributions as of Jan. 27

Annual Stewardship	Number of Stewards		
	2012	2013	
\$0-\$149	15 (10%)	4 (6%)	
\$150-\$299	21 (14%)	8 (12%)	
\$300-\$499	26 (18%)	8 (12%)	
\$500-\$749	30 (21%)	14 (21%)	2012 Median: \$600
\$750-\$999	7 (5%)	3 (4%)	Jan 2013 Median: \$750
\$1000-\$1249	18 (12%)	11 (16%)	
\$1250-\$2999	19 (13%)	10 (15%)	
\$3000-\$4999	6 (4%)	6 (9%)	
\$5000-\$5999	0 (0%)	2 (3%)	
\$6000+	3 (2%)	2 (3%)	
<b>Total</b>	145: \$144,200	68: \$94,242	

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## 2013 Stewardship Commitment Card

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Print*

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please check if address has changed

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

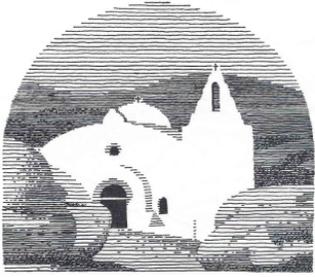
Commit to Stewardship in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ and His Church for Jan–Dec 2013, in gratitude for the gifts He has bestowed upon us. This Commitment will be paid in installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on a (*please circle one*) weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis.

The amount being committed is 2% or more of our annual household income.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

The dollar amounts above are CONFIDENTIAL.  
 You are advised to consult your CPA or other tax advisor regarding the deductibility of all or part of this gift.

*For Authorized Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church Personnel Only*



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