

# *The Epistle*

*April 2013*

*Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church*

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## *Constantinople & Rome*

As Orthodox Christians around the world began Great Lent with the theme of forgiveness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople took another step in the process of the reconciliation of the Orthodox and Catholic Churches by attending the Installation of Pope Francis. True, the mutual anathemas (excommunications) of 1054, which marked the Great Schism between the two churches, were revoked in 1965 by the Pope and Ecumenical Patriarch, but this is an unprecedented event. Just how exceptional an event is explained in the article below.

While the two churches are still not in Communion, “the unity of the Christian Churches is surely our foremost concern” as stated by Patriarch Bartholomew in his address to Pope Francis. We Orthodox, in fact, fervently pray for this at every service. During this holy season of Great Lent, we Orthodox should likewise seek the forgiveness of our brethren for the sake of unity in “love and truth, in a spirit of humility, meekness, and honesty.”

### **The Extraordinary Historical Significance of His All-Holiness’ Presence at Pope Francis’ Installation as Bishop of Rome**

Amid the crush of news reports in the past month that followed Pope Benedict’s unprecedented resignation from the papacy, one of the most intriguing was the decision by His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, to attend Pope Francis’ installation as Bishop of Rome. The occasion is being presented in the media as something that has not happened since the ecclesiastical schism that separated Christian East and Christian West in the eleventh century. But that characterization is almost certainly wrong--this is quite likely the first time in history that a Bishop of Constantinople will attend the installation of a Bishop of Rome. And this is a profoundly bold step in ecumenical relations between the Orthodox and the Roman Catholics, one that could have lasting significance.

Prior to the sixth century, the election of a Roman bishop was a local affair. In most cases, the new pope was chosen from among the city’s clergy and was typically either the eldest priest or the eldest deacon. There were a few exceptions, but this was the typical pattern. News of an election would circulate throughout the Christian world but that news flow would have been too slow to enable high-ranking Church officials from the East to travel to Rome for the event.

During the sixth century, Byzantine armies conquered the Italian peninsula, returning the city of Rome to the imperial Roman government, now centered in Constantinople. In this context, which lasted from the mid-sixth century until the loss of Byzantine influence in Italy in the eighth century, the election of a new Roman bishop required the approval of the Byzantine emperor (the same, of course, was true of the election of a new Ecumenical Patriarch). Under such an arrangement, papal elections took longer but there still would be no reason for an Eastern Patriarch to travel to Rome for the installation.

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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

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There are a few examples from this Byzantine period, such as the election of Pope Pelagius I in 556, where the man elected to be the Roman bishop was actually in Constantinople at the time of his election. While it is possible that the sacramental ceremony to install the new pope could have occurred in Constantinople--whereby the Patriarch of Constantinople would have been present--it is far more likely that the official ceremony would have occurred in Rome and, therefore, would have been conducted without the Patriarch's presence.

At the conclusion of Byzantine influence in papal elections in the eighth century, the election of Roman bishops returned, again, to local considerations. And, as geo-political factors continued to push Italy and the Eastern empire in separate directions, relations between individual popes and patriarchs became more sterile and distant--indeed, between the ninth and fifteenth century there are only one or two occasions where a Roman bishop and an Ecumenical Patriarch ever met in person.

With all of this in mind, His All-Holiness' decision to travel to Rome for Pope Francis' installation as Roman bishop is an extraordinary event in the history of Christianity. And it is significant for reasons far beyond its novelty. First and foremost it is a powerful symbolic gesture for the cause of Christian unity. It demonstrates in unprecedented fashion the extent to which the Ecumenical Patriarch considers the relationship with the Roman Catholic Church to be a priority. For their part, members of the Vatican staff have responded to this grand gesture and have arranged for the reading of the Gospel at the installation to be sung in Greek (rather than Latin) in recognition of the fact that the Ecumenical Patriarch has taken this unprecedented step.

The Christian world has been divided for so long that the establishment of an authentic reunion will require courage, leadership, and humility. It will also require a foundation in common faith and concerns. Given Pope Francis' well-documented work for social justice and his insistence that globalization is detrimental to the poor, it would appear as though the Orthodox and the Roman Catholic traditions have a renewed opportunity to work collectively on issues of mutual concern. With our Lord's assistance, that common cause can be transformed into more substantive theological work. But such work requires a first step and it would appear as though Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is willing to take such a step.

George E. Demacopoulos, PhD - Archon Didaskalos tous Genous  
Historian for the Order of St. Andrew  
Orthodox Christian Studies Center, Fordham University

## *President's Report*

Dear Parishioners,

I am so pleased and grateful that our parish is thriving in so many ways in my observations. We are interacting more and more and talking within our faith and personal lives. Today as I write this it is Forgiveness Sunday which I happily and with love participated in. I know it's a little uncomfortable for many but the rewards are fantastic. It's a form of confession and submission of one's weakness in this life to another person. How cool is that! Being able to say that I am a sinner and forgive me and getting that forgiveness back is powerful and we can have a renewed start in our relationships with our faith.

I interacted with all that were present and felt a deeper connection to our faith and connections with our selves our families, our children and our God. The coffee hour was a fantastic success thanks to Catherine Yazadzhiev and her family. She owns a dance studio in Ojai and her husband runs a tennis club and other sports centers. They simply asked "what can we do for fellowship" one week and I simply said anything that you feel is from your heart will touch the parish. We just want you to feel at home here and be a part of the family.

This is what we want and look forward to in our parish. A union of mind and spirit and same goals for our faith. And of course let's have a great time getting there.

In Christ,  
Paul Tziouvaras.

## Liturgical Calendar

### **Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Great Compline – 6:00 pm

### **Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Presanctified Liturgy – 6:00 pm

### **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

3<sup>rd</sup> Salutation to the Virgin Mary – 6:00 pm

### **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

### **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Sunday of the Holy Cross**

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

### **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Great Compline – 6:00 pm

### **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

Presanctified Liturgy – 6:00 pm

### **Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

4<sup>th</sup> Salutation to the Virgin Mary – 6:00 pm

### **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

### **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Sunday of Saint John Climacus**

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

### **Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Great Compline – 6:00 pm

### **Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Presanctified Liturgy – 6:00 pm

### **Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Akathist Hymn – 6:00 pm

### **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

### **Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt**

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

### **Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Great Compline – 6:00 pm

### **Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Presanctified Liturgy – 6:00 pm

### **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Saturday of Lazarus**

Orthros – 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Great Vespers – 6:00 pm

### **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Palm Sunday**

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

Bridegroom Service – 6:00 pm

### **Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Holy Monday**

Bridegroom Service – 6:00 pm

### **Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Holy Tuesday**

Bridegroom Service – 6:00 pm

## 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 Jeronymos 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)

Michael Domagala (health)

Vasili Economidou (cancer)

Bill & Helen Gekis (health)

Sorel (Sophia) Kolendrianos (Rett Syndrome)

Jheri E. Redding (Lyme Disease)

Glenn Ritsema (health)

## The Epistle is Going Green!

As *The Epistle* is available on the parish website and via email we will no longer have a parish-wide mailing. If you would like to continue to receive *The Epistle* by mail, please notify the Church Office before the June edition. We have only received 4 requests to date!



## Saints Jason and Sosipater, Apostles of the 70

April 29<sup>th</sup>

The Apostle Jason was from Tarsus in Asia Minor. He was the first Christian in the city. The Apostle Sosipater was a native of Patra, Achaia. He is thought to be the same Sosipater mentioned in Acts 20:4. They both became disciples of Saint Paul, who even called them his kinsmen (Rom 16:21). Saint John Chrysostom (Homily 32 on Romans) says that this is the same Jason who is mentioned in Acts 17:5-9. Saint Jason was made bishop in his native city of Tarsus, and Saint Sosipater in Iconium.

They traveled west preaching the Gospel, and in 63 AD they reached the island of Corfu (Kerkyra) in the Ionian Sea near Greece. There they built a church in the name of the First Martyr Stephen and they baptized many. The governor of the island learned of this and locked them up in prison, where they met seven thieves, whom the Apostles converted to Christ: Saturninus, Iakischolus, Faustianus, Januarius, Marsalius, Euphrasius and Mammius. For their confession of Christ, the seven prisoners died as martyrs in a cauldron of molten tar, wax and sulfur. The prison guard, after witnessing their martyrdom, declared himself a Christian, and for this they cut off his left hand, then both feet and finally his head. The governor ordered the Apostles Jason and Sosipater to be whipped and again locked up in prison.

When the daughter of the governor, the maiden Kerkyra, learned how Christians were suffering for Christ, she declared herself a Christian and gave away all her goods to the poor. The infuriated governor attempted to persuade his daughter to deny Christ, but Saint Kerkyra stood firm against both persuasion and threats. Then the enraged father devised a terrible punishment for his daughter: he gave orders that she be placed in a prison cell with the robber and murderer Murinus, so that he might defile the betrothed of Christ. When the robber approached the door of the prison cell, he was attacked by a wild animal. Saint Kerkyra heard the noise and she drove off the beast in the name of Christ. By her prayers, she healed the wounds of Murinus. Saint Kerkyra enlightened him with the faith of Christ, and Saint Murinus declared himself a Christian and was executed.

The governor gave orders to burn down the prison, but the holy virgin remained alive. Then on her enraged father's order, she was suspended upon a tree, choked with bitter smoke and shot with arrows. After her death, the governor decided to execute all the Christians on the island of Corfu. The Martyrs Zeno, Eusebius, Neon and Vitalis, after being enlightened by Saints Jason and Sosipater, were burned alive.

The inhabitants of Corfu, escaping from the persecution, crossed to an adjoining island. The governor set sail with a detachment of soldiers, but was swallowed up by the waves. The governor succeeding him gave orders to throw the Apostles Jason and Sosipater into a cauldron of boiling tar. When he beheld them unharmed, he cried out with tears, "O God of Jason and Sosipater, have mercy on me!"

Having been set free, the Apostles baptized the governor and gave him the name Sebastian. With his help, the Apostles Jason and Sosipater built several churches on the island, and increased the flock of Christ by their fervent preaching. They lived there until they reached old age.

## Happy Name Day!

**23<sup>rd</sup> - St. George** – George Anthes, George Cosmides, George Dovas, George Fakinos, Georgia Gastouniotis, Georgia Hanges, George Hroundas, George Mamalakis, George Papador, Georgia Papador, George Papazacharioudakis, George Scarvelis

**29<sup>th</sup> - Jason** – Jason Argyropoulos, Jason McGillivray

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.

# Parish, Youth & Young Adult Ministries

## **Sunday School**

Sunday School students had their first Choir practice this month with Sofia Kenrick. The students did an excellent job singing and learning church hymns. There will be three more choir practices during Sunday School before the end of the year. Do come and learn the hymns with us before the year is over.

Saturday of Lazarus at the Ed Center last year was a big success and we will continue the tradition this year. Mark your calendars for a fun family breakfast and activity day on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **APRIL 2013**

- 4/07/13 Early SS ~ Veneration of the Cross
- 4/14/13 Sunday School
- 4/21/13 Sunday School
- 4/27/13 Sat. of Lazarus Breakfast & Workday
- 4/28/13 Sunday School ~ Palm Sunday

## **Orthodox Social Network**

Our last social gathering before Great Lent was a Wine and Cheese Party. We had a good turn-out of singles, couples, and friends! Everyone brought delectable appetizers and wine to share, great conversations and a really fun game of *Logos* at the end of the evening! Thank you to those of you who joined us!

*Please join us for Pot-Luck Dinners and Lenten Dialogues every Wednesday night following Presanctified Liturgies throughout Great Lent!*

## **Philoptochos**

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

### **MEETING DATES APRIL 2013**

- Apr. 07 12:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- Apr. 21 12:00 p.m. General Meeting & Election

**Please save the date of Saturday, April 20 (9:00-1:00) for spring cleaning of our church.** We will be polishing ecclesiastical items in preparation for Pascha. We did this right before our Feast Day and had a wonderful turnout. Cleaning supplies along with coffee and muffins will be provided. Students in grades 7+ who participate will have an opportunity to earn community service. Please contact Bessie Condos ([bcondos@cox.net](mailto:bcondos@cox.net)) or Mona Zozos ([monazozos@verizon.net](mailto:monazozos@verizon.net)) if you would like to participate.

## **V.I.P. Seniors**

The Seniors Group had their March meeting/lunch on March 14, 2013 in the Orthodox Center. The lunch was catered by John Demourkas and the food was enjoyed by everyone. On this occasion, we also celebrated Delight Vames' 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday, which included a delicious chocolate cake, candles and the "Happy Birthday" song. The gathering was attended by 18 members.

The business portion of the meeting this month was not conducted, instead members had a great time enjoying the get together.

There will not be a meeting in April due to the Lenten period, instead our next meeting will be in May. Look for the announcement of the date, place and time.

## **Youth Choir**

Youth choir practice will continue during Sunday School this month. We will have practice on April 14 and 28, focusing on the music of Lent and Pascha. On Holy Friday, I invite all girls aged 8 and up to participate as Myrrh Bearers (Μυροφορες) during the evening Lamentations service. For more information, contact Sophia Kenrick at 967-1470 or [louloudaki@gmail.com](mailto:louloudaki@gmail.com).

## **Toumba Dance Group**

Congratulations on a great performance at the March 25<sup>th</sup> Greek Independence Day Celebration! No practices until June and July for our Greek Food Festival. Please MARK your calendars for the last weekend in July! We need dancers the whole weekend - final practice at the park on stage will be Friday, with performances on both Saturday and Sunday! Kali Sarakosti!

## **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. For questions or books to order please contact Georgia Gastouniotis at [ginagaston@verizon.net](mailto:ginagaston@verizon.net).

If someone knows the Greek language and is willing and available to volunteer their time to teach Greek once a week for one hour, first or second level starting next year, please contact me (Georgia) or the Church Office.

## 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 PAIDEA.

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. Each of the meetings with a guest speaker will be open to members of the community and we invite you to join us, have dinner, and listen to an inspiring and informational speaker. We try to have the names and topics of the speakers announced in the Epistle in advance so that members of the community will be advised and may attend.

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 President 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 annual **Easter Koulourakia Sale** is on. Please complete the order form included in this Epistle! The **order deadline is Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**! Sale dates are Saturday of Lazarus, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and Palm Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Applications for the **AHEPA District 20 Scholarship** are now available on the information table in the Orthodox Center or by contacting Helen McGillivray, Scholarship Foundation Secretary. **The deadline to submit your application 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.

## Scholarship Program 2013

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the Scholarship Program guidelines for 2013. Applications can be picked up in the Church Office from April 7 until May 7. They can also be requested by email. Applicants must be high school seniors or students enrolled in a postsecondary institution who are, or whose parents/legal guardians are, stewards in good standing of Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church during 2012 and 2013. ("Good standing" is defined in the Uniform Parish Regulations, or UPR, as being current in stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish, abiding by all the regulations in the UPR and the Parish Bylaws, and cooperating in every way toward the welfare and well-being of the Parish.)

### **Selection criteria, in order of priority, are the following:**

(1) **Church Involvement:** Young people who are actively involved in the life of the parish will be given preference over those who don't participate or do so only marginally. Students who are attending college in another city and who participate in the life of the parish near their college will likewise be given preference over those who don't participate or do so only sporadically.

(2) **Financial Need:** Some students who are very active in the parish may not need financial help, while for others a parish scholarship may be a tremendous blessing. Thus applicants will be asked what they anticipate their financial need to be, whether they are applying for financial aid at their college or university, and whether they are currently receiving financial aid.

(3) **Academic Record:** This criterion includes grade point average as well as extracurricular activities.

(4) **Community Service.**

All materials must be received in the **Church Office by 5:00 P.M. on May 7, 2013**. No late materials will be accepted, and none will be returned. All information received will be kept strictly confidential.

## Missions Committee

“Be the change you want to see in the world” -Mahatma Gandhi

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for sharing your blessings and supporting the orphanages of India, Guatemala and Albania. Your generosity and love for God will make a difference to the orphans. The nuns who operate the orphanage are dedicated to helping children shunned by society. They take the uneducated, sick children from the urban slums and provide nourishment, medicine, shelter, clothing, and school. We collected less than \$2000 dollars this year, and we would like to have \$3000 to be able to send \$1000 to each orphanage. It is not too late to make a donation if you missed the Mission Awareness Luncheon. Over the last 37 years they wait each year for our help. A few years back they called me from Guatemala for help. They did not have diapers for the infants they take in who are abandoned on the streets. I asked some of you to help and you responded, I collected \$800 to buy the diapers in Florida and send them to Guatemala. I hope and pray by the grace of God you open your hearts and help us help them. Thank you for standing by me the last 37 years and helping me to continue God's work. Special thanks to Bill Poulis for providing and cooking the food, AHEPA for their \$300 donation, Costa Davlantes, Lynette, Ellen Fenger and Pam Alexander for their help in the kitchen and out front. May God Bless you today, tomorrow and forever.

Kali Sarakosti, Alex Haimanis

## Greek Independence Day Celebration

Thank you to all the students from Greek School & Members from the Saint Barbara Parish for your full participation and commitment to our play. Also my committee, Bill Poulis, Tina Winford, Brian Iorio, Valerie Richardson Katsikis, Ernest Kolendrianos, Bessie Condos, Lydia Swanson, George Papazacharioudakis, for all your support in making the Greek Independence Day Celebration a success and those that served in the bar and the clean-up crew. Thank you everyone!

Georgia Gastouniotis

## 2013 Festival Pastry Workshops

**All workshops begin at 8 a.m.** and we are ready for your helping hands to shape, bake, wrap and pack!!!

It takes many hands to prepare thousands of pieces of pastries.

Saturday, April 6, Melomakarona

Saturday, June 15, Koulourakia

Saturday, June 29, Kourabiedes

Friday, July 19, Yogurt Cake (workshop begins at 10 am)

Saturday, July 20, Walnut Cake (workshop begins at 10 am)

**Please call to volunteer. Bring an apron and a friend!**

Everything we know about pastries we learned in Saint Barbara pastry workshops!!

Please call to arrange your available times: **Helen McGillivray 965-6727, Georgia Gastouniotes 683-4919, Andriana Kolendrianos 685-8982 or Terry Keramaris 886-4104**

## A Book Signing - Just in Time for Holy Week!

*The Hidden Garden*, by Jane G Meyer, a parishioner at Saint Athanasius Orthodox Church, has finally hit the shelves! This children's picture book has been in the works for over three years and Jane is excited to share this story with you and the children in your lives. A book signing is being organized for Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> in the Orthodox Center. Jane is also hoping to spend some time with the Sunday School children that day, reading the book and talking about its themes. Please consider purchasing a copy for your family, friends, or godchildren. All proceeds go to the Saint Barbara's bookstore. This would make a great gift for an Easter basket, and Pascha is just around the corner! To see more about Jane, check out her website at [www.janegmeyer.com](http://www.janegmeyer.com)

## Stewardship 2013

\*Aldrich, Voula  
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Ballas, Gus  
Barth, Charles & Pam  
Baskous, Jeannette  
Benbow, Peter & Olya  
\*Canfield, Taylor & Angela  
Carlton, Gary & Karen Stathis  
Carralejo, Adam & Ana  
Carroll, John & Lexy  
Casserly, Terry & Eugenia  
Chachakos, Bill  
Chachakos, Jim  
\*Chuchas, Alex & Angeliq  
\*Cocores, Penny  
Condodina, Alice  
\*Condos, Bessie  
Davlantes, Constantine  
\*Day, Derrick & Darcy  
Demourkas, John L & Deneen  
\*Demourkas, John P & Dana  
\*Demourkas, Katina  
Domagala, Terilee & Michal  
Fanos, Virginia  
Fell, Ryan & Stacey  
Fenger, Ellen  
Fisher, Cleo  
Fryer, Laurel  
Gastouniotis, Dean & Georgia  
Gekis, William & Helen  
Georghiou, Diana  
\*Georghiou, Margo  
\*Goumas, Helen  
Haimanis, Alex  
Hanges, Andrew & Georgia  
\*Hillman, Chris & Connie  
Hroundas, George, Angelo & Joann  
\*Hunt, Barbara  
Iorio, Brian & Alexandra  
Kallas, Anthony & Agnes  
\*Kapemekas, Athanasios & Sasha  
\*Katsikis, Valerie  
\*Kenrick, Sophia  
\*Keramaris, Terry  
Khoury, Cherif  
Kingsbury, John & Katerina  
Kolendrianos, Chris & Megan  
\*Kolendrianos, Ernest & Andriana  
\*Kwiatkowski, Jackson  
\*Lamb, Glory  
\*Langel, Randy & Patti Stathis  
\*Mamalakis, George & Mary  
Manos, Michelle  
Martin, Nick  
Martin, Ted  
Matiosian, Mace & Phyllis  
McKinney, John & Cheri Rae  
Mendoza, Alexis  
Mendoza, Richard & Mary  
Moreno, Gary & Lindsey  
\*Nedic, Petar  
Nedic, Sofija  
Nicolaou, Soteri & Jamie  
\*Osborn, Michael & Kara  
\*Pahos, Mike & Vivian  
Papador, Georgia  
Papazacharioudakis, George  
Pappas, Anastasios & Carolyn  
\*Penoff, Dana  
Peters, Jim & Linda  
\*Petronakis, Sam & Anna  
Pollalis, Gikas & Stella  
Poulakos, Jennifer  
\*Poulis, William  
Poulos, Jayne  
Poulos, Steve  
Poulos, Tom & Isabel  
Ramirez, Alexandra & Michael  
Rishwain, Jeff & Connie  
\*Ritsema, Glenn  
Roen, Curtis & Gina  
Smith, Catherine McDavid  
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Stathis, Cy & Helen  
Stathopoulos, Pete & Lisa  
Swider, Bob & Christy  
Theofanous, Theo & Danae  
Thomas, Fr. Simon & Presvytera Stephanie  
Trigonis, Alex & Alexandra  
Tripodes, Nikitas & Dena  
\*Tullis, Bud & Barbara  
\*Tziouvaras, Paul & Vivi  
Velliotes, Louie  
Weeks, Michael & Jean Costopoulos  
Zozos, Presvytera Mona

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

## NEWS & NOTES

### *Births...*

**Eleanor Grace Osborn**, on March 13<sup>th</sup>, daughter of Michael & Kara Osborn

### *Memorial Services...*

**Lisa Stathopoulos (40 days)**, on March 10<sup>th</sup>, wife of Peter Stathopoulos and mother of Nicholas

**John Andrew Stamos (35 years) and Zoe Kottalis (18 years)**, on March 24, father and grandmother of Andriana Kolendrianos

**Bessie Triantafillou Champion (5 years)**, on March 31<sup>st</sup>, mother of Demetrios Kaltsas and Katherine Champion Saslow and sister of Constance Triantafillou Callinicos

**Penka Mitova (2 years) and Eftim Mitov (9 years)**, on March 31<sup>st</sup>, parents and grandparents of Olya and Olivia Benbow

### *In Memory of...*

**Mary Stamos**, by Alex Haimanis to Mission Tanzania, Mary Bekakos, Gicas & Stella Pollalis, Sofija Nedic, Tom & Carolyn Pappas, Dana Penoff

**Lisa Stathopoulos**, by Mr. & Mrs. William Futris, Ernest & Andriana Kolendrianos, Bessie Condos, Gicas & Stella Pollalis, Alice Anton

**Art Daniels**, by Ernest & Andriana Kolendrianos, Sofija Nedic

**Photini Plouffe**, by Ernest & Andriana Kolendrianos

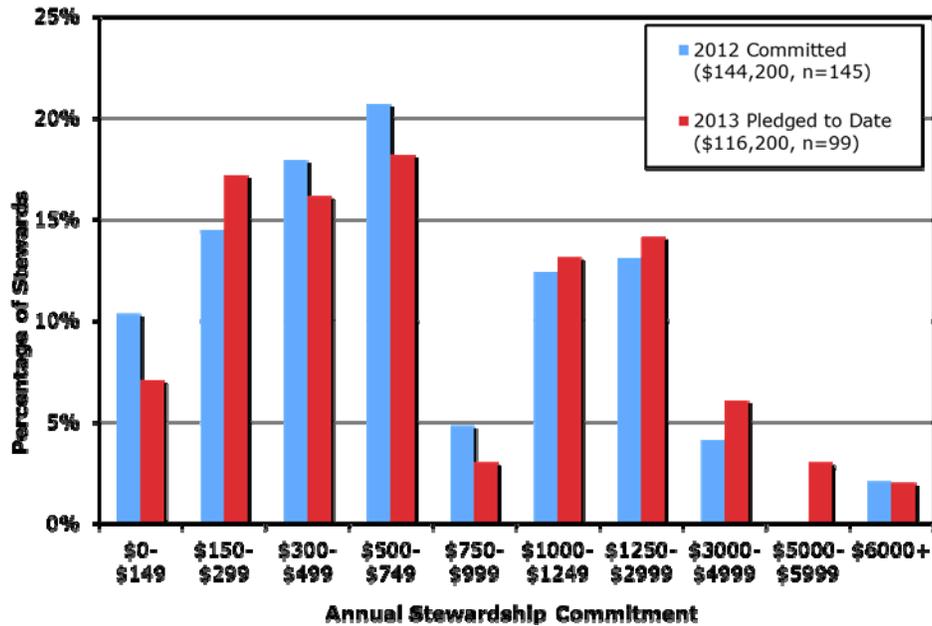
**Nasia Cosmides**, by Ernest & Andriana Kolendrianos

**Theony Condos**, by Helen McGillivray

# Stewardship 2013

As we continue our Lenten journey, the Stewardship Committee would like to thank all those who are working to fulfill their 2013 Stewardship Commitment. This time of year provides us with many opportunities to commit our time and talent in the life of the Church. Consider participating in a weeknight service, preparing a meal for Wednesday's Lenten dialogues, or helping to clean and decorate the church for Holy Week.

We've summarized the distribution of stewardship commitments below. **As of March 24**, we are >75% of the way to our 2013 goal. Keep up the good work!



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## 2013 Stewardship Commitment Card

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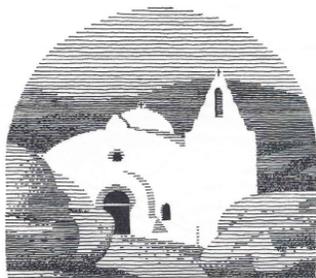
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Commit to Stewardship in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ and His Church for Jan-Dec 2013, in gratitude for the gifts He has bestowed upon us. This Commitment will be paid in installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on a (*please circle one*) weekly, monthly,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

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

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

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## *Volunteers for April 2013*

### Epistle Readers:

7 Greek: Xeni Tziouvaras	English: Randy Langel
14 Greek: Alex Trigonis	English: Theophilos Lasswell
21 Greek: Terry Keramaris	English: Ruth Angelos
28 Greek: Nick Pappas	English: Yianni Magoulis

### Acolytes:

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

### Ushers:

7 Mary Mamalakis, Bessie Condos  
14 Paul Tziouvaras, George Papazacharioudakis  
21 Alex Haimanis, Nick Pappas  
28 Jim Peters, Peter Stathopoulos

### Prophoro Bakers:

7 Georgia Gastouniotis  
14 Angeliqe Chuchas  
21 Valerie Katsikis  
28 Sophia Kenrick

### Altar Flowers:

7 Available  
14 Available  
21 Available  
28 Available

### Coffee Fellowship Hosts:

7 Available  
14 Available  
21 Michael & Kara Osborn  
28 Palm Sunday