

SUNDAY BULLETIN - WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS WHO ARE HERE TODAY AND INVITE YOU TO JOIN US DURING COFFEE HOUR IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY.

TODAY 9th Sunday of Matthew

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY: NINA MICHAS

This Month's Co-host: Angela McBroom

USHERS SERVING IN THE NARTHEX TODAY: Will Dennis & Pam Valakas

Altar Boys Team Serving Today: Saint Markella

(Matthew Boolos, Chris Bastian, Zacharias Fletcher, Alexander Kratsas, Nathan Lloyd)

Altar Boys Team Serving Next Sunday: Saint Demetrios

(Rafael Bulz, Dustin Fitzwilliams, Samuel Fletcher, Justin Hunt, Zack Verzwylvelt)

✠ LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK ✠

Sunday, July 25th • 12:00 PM • Greek Dancing

Greek Festival Meeting Immediately Following Divine Liturgy

Monday, July 26th • 8:00 AM • Festival Cooking - Pastitsio and Moussaka -- CANCELLED

Tuesday, July 27th • 8:00 AM • Festival Cooking - Pastitsio and Moussaka -- CANCELLED

• 6:00PM • Choir Practice

Wednesday, July 28th • 10:00 AM • Divine Liturgy

• 7:00PM • Bible Study

Saturday, July 31st • 10:00 AM • Greek Dancing

✠ A N N O U N C E M E N T S ✠

NEW ARRIVAL - CONGRATS DENAMUR AND SIGLER FAMILY!

Constantine Alexander (DeNamur) Sigler, son of Christine and Kyle Sigler, arrived on 21 July 2010 @ 6:36 AM (9 pounds, 14 ounces).

Congratulations to Christine and Kyle, aunt Jasmine DeNamur, grandparents Barbara and Mike DeNamur, and great-grandmother Yasmeni Alemandou!

A REQUEST FROM THE OFFICE

If there is an event that you want in the **Church's Calendar** for July, please notify the office **no later than Wednesday, July 28th**. Thank you!

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR GREEK FESTIVAL

The Greek Festival committee is eagerly seeking volunteers with a desire to help make this year's festival a success. Also still needing committee chairs in several areas including advertising, publicity, designing, booths etc. Please contact Father, the church office or Sandra Horton (936-8647) if interested. Next festival meeting is **Sunday, 25 July following Divine Liturgy** in our fellowship hall.

GREEK ITEMS NEEDED FOR GREEK FESTIVAL

We are in need of an old Olympic Airlines boarding pass/ticket, and also a ticket from a Greek Ferry. Only color photocopies are needed if you do not wish to part with the original. Hannah is thankful for all the generous postcard and map contributions. More of each are always welcome! Please remember these items during your travels this summer. Much thanks. Hannah Hunt ~ 226-7099.

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR GREEK FESTIVAL

The festival committee is putting together a list of potential sponsors for the Greek Festival and we need your help. If you know of any potential sponsors, please contact either Sandra Horton (936-8647) or the Church office so that we might contact them. Thank you in advance.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED FOR GREEK FESTIVAL

Please bring your Auction items to the Church Monday Thru Friday between 9:00am and 2:00pm. NO RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS PLEASE!!! Please place your name and the value on the items you donate. If you have any questions, please call Joan Salazar at 217-3518

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FATHER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

We are in need of donations for Father's Discretionary Fund. These funds not only help those in our community who are in need, but they also help our very own members. If you are able to donate any funds, please see Father, Tina or a member of the Parish Council. We thank you in advance.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HOST REFRESHMENTS

We are in need of volunteers to host the refreshment hour after Liturgy July through December. If you are able to volunteer, please see Trina Fallon.

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED FOR CHOIR

The Church choir is in search of new members, especially altos. If you are interested in participating in our Church choir, please contact Tanya at 796-2300.

EMERALD COAST WILDLIFE REFUGE NEEDS DONATIONS/HELP

In support of the Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge's holding and stabilization areas, they are asking for donations of the following items:

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| Baby Blankets | Heating lamps |
| Towels | Rubbermaid troughs (can be purchased at Tractor Supply in Crestview or online) |
| Heating pads (w/o auto shut off if possible) | Large backyard portable pools (Wal-Mart) |
| Large Rubbermaid containers with lids | |

Also the ECWR is in need of people who are willing to answer the phone at the refuge. Please contact Susan at 650-1880 if you are interested.

Oiled wildlife will be suffering from shock, hypo or hyperthermia, and stress. If you find a suspected oiled animal, please call **850-650-1880** immediately! Please remember that once the oil is on the beach only individuals with specific training will be allowed on the beach to conduct rescues, and under no circumstances should you handle a suspected oiled animal. Kathryn Bastian is also available to answer any questions you might have. You may contact Kathryn at 609-8098.

2010 STEWARDSHIP CARDS

Those who have not filled out and returned pledge cards to Pam Valakas or to the office, please do so as soon as possible.

CARE PACKAGES

The Philoptochos Ladies are requesting Church members' participation to donate items for troops stationed overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. Items should be trial/travel sized (the current TSA carry-on bag rule applies). If you would like a copy of the requested items, please contact the Church office (244-0822) or Janice Hewlett (850-897-1890).

PRAYER REQUESTS: MAY GOD GRANT THEM HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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| * <i>Leonidas Benaquis (Stella Benaquis' nephew, surgery)</i> | * Michael Valakas (Pam and Mike Valakas' grandson, health) | * Stefan Pazevic (Type I Diabetes) |
| * <i>Bennett Foster (Joyce Walter's Family Friend, brain surgery and complications)</i> | * Zachary Fletcher (Asperger's) | * Mary Tamsen (Pazevic Family, Cancer) |
| * <i>Lucia Bottenfield (Joyce Walter's Family Friend, cancer)</i> | * Joe Mosley (surgery) | * Florence Plett (Sarah Shames' grandmother, health) |
| * Kyle Schneider (Jason Schneider's Father, health) | * James Fallon (Fallon Family, health) | * John Kubik, Matt Psilos and all service members who are currently overseas. |
| | * Sarah Shames (health) | |
| | * Jeanette Abraham (Tim Boolos' Godmother, health) | |

LIGHT THE ALTAR VIGIL & PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES: PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ARE EFFECTIVE

We light candles for different reasons. One reason is to seek the intercession of a particular Saint. We might place it in the sand or in front of an icon. On an Orthodox Altar, a vigil candle burns constantly. We give everyone the opportunity to receive a blessing for lighting the Altar Vigil candle (more than one may sign-up for the week). Please include in your personal prayers the names of those for whom the vigil candle is lit. This does not replace the traditional Memorial Service. Altar Vigil Forms are available in the Narthex or the office.

GEORGIA MOSTEFERIS PASSED AWAY ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 14TH. MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL!

NICK GRAMMAS PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY ON FRIDAY, JULY 16TH. MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL!

<p>SUNDAY - July 25 <i>9th Sunday of Matthew</i> <i>Repose of Saint Anna, Mother of the Theotokos</i></p> <p><i>No fasting</i></p> <p>Galatians 4:22-27; Matthew 14:22-34</p>	<p>One should enter the Church in a spirit of humility, for prayer is not accepted if we have something against someone; or if someone has been grieved by us.</p> <p>St. Macarius of Optina</p>
<p>MONDAY - July 26</p> <p><i>No fasting</i></p> <p>Galatians 3:23-29, 4:1-5; Matthew 5:24-34</p>	<p>...let us daily wait on God's providence towards us. And whatever form it takes, let us accept it gratefully, gladly and eagerly, so that we may learn to look only to God, who governs all things in accordance with the divine principles of His wisdom. If we do all these things, we are not far from God; for godliness is 'perfecting that is never complete', as one who was divinely inspired and spiritually perfect has said.</p> <p>St. Philotheos of Sinai</p>
<p>TUESDAY - July 27</p> <p><i>No fasting</i></p> <p>2 Timothy 2:1-10; Luke 21:12-19</p>	<p>It is evident that just as words of concern alone do not help a naked or hungry person if food or clothing is not provided, so faith observed in name only does not save, for it is dead in itself if it is not made alive by works of charity, by which it may be made to come to life. Nor is that contrary to this statement which the Lord uttered, 'He who believes and is baptized will be saved,' for it must be understood there that only he truly believes who carries out in deed what he believes. And because faith and charity cannot be separated from one another -- as Paul bears witness by saying, and 'faith which works through love' -- appropriately the Apostle John brings forward a statement about charity akin to James' about faith, saying, 'Anyone who has the world's substance and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the charity of God remain in him.'</p> <p>Venerable Bede</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY - July 28</p> <p><i>Abstain from meat, meat products, fish, dairy products, olive oil and wine</i></p> <p>Acts 6:1-7; Matthew 21:28-32</p>	<p>...only the good deed done for Christ's sake brings us the fruits of the Holy Spirit. All that is done for Christ's sake, even though it be good, brings neither reward in the future life nor the grace of God in this life. That is why our Lord Jesus Christ said: 'He who gather not with Me scatters' (Luke 11:23).</p> <p>St. Seraphim of Sarov</p>
<p>THURSDAY - July 29</p> <p><i>No fasting</i></p> <p>2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 21:43-46</p>	<p>I speak not to those who have been members of the Church only a year, but to those who from their earliest age have been attending the services. Do you think that to be religious is to be constant in Church-going? This is nothing, unless we reap some fruit for ourselves; if (from the gathering together in Church) we do not gather something for ourselves, it were better to remain at home. For our forefathers built the Churches for us not just to bring us together from our private houses and show us one to another, but to bring together learners and teachers, and make the one better by means of the other.</p> <p>St. John Chrysostom</p>
<p>FRIDAY - July 30</p> <p><i>Abstain from meat, meat products, fish, dairy products, olive oil and wine</i></p> <p>2 Corinthians 1:12-20; Matthew 22:23-33</p>	<p>Man wants to progress spiritually and asks God to give him love, prayer, obedience and all virtues. We should be aware that God will not give us what we are asking for, no matter how hard we try, unless we humble ourselves. If our only aim is humility, then God will give us everything for free.</p> <p>Elder Paisios of the Holy Mountain</p>
<p>SATURDAY - July 31 <i>Forefeast of the Holy Cross</i></p> <p><i>No fasting</i></p> <p>Romans 14:6-9; Matthew 15:32-39</p>	<p>Do not hold aloof from the Church, for nothing is stronger than the Church. The Church is your hope, your salvation, your refuge. It is higher than the heavens, it is wider than the earth. It never waxes old, but is always in full vigor.</p> <p>St. John Chrysostom</p>
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