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## LIFE IN CHRIST

by *Father Peter Salmas, Pastor*

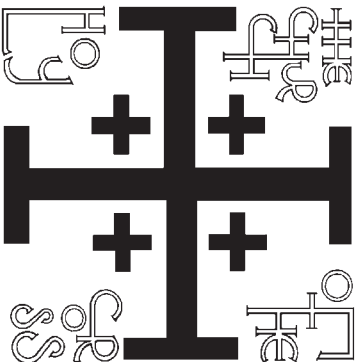
There is a beautiful stanza sung in Ode Six during the Great Paraclesis that warrants our focus and study. It states the following:

“The turmoil of this life encircles me like unto bees about a honeycomb, O Virgin, and they have seized and now hold my heart captive, and I am pierced with the stings of afflictions, Maid; yet be, O all-holy one, my defender and helper and rescuer.”

These are perilous times...morally, ethically, spiritually, economically, intellectually, emotionally, psychologically, philosophically, and scientifically. Everything is subject to scrutiny and relativism. We live in a world that is all about “me” and thus a precipitous edge lies before each of us as we contemplate and live out our daily existence.

Truly we can see the turmoil around us that seeks to seize and take hold of our heart. Yet, we also know that when we are focused in our work personally, professionally and as a community, the turmoil around us is of no significant effect. And, as Orthodox Christians, when our attention is on our Lord Jesus Christ, especially during this time as we seek the intercessions of His Mother, the Theotokos, to intercede on our behalf, we experience His abundant love and mercy.

In a few weeks we will begin a new ecclesiastical year and celebrate our Feast day, the Exaltation of the Life-Giving Cross of our Lord. There is no better time to re-direct our gaze and re-commit our life to our Lord and His Church. Perilous times demand determination, focus, and the strength of our heart and soul. We are blessed as a community to have so many who step forward, who roll up their sleeves and place faith in God



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above all else. After all, this is the goal of our Orthodox life, to commit to God and live the Gospel message...each moment.

Father Alexander Elchaninov writes in “the Diary of a Russian Priest”:  
“Our continual mistake is that we do not concentrate upon the present day, the actual hour, of our life; we live in the past or the future; we are continually expecting the coming of some special moment when our life will unfold itself in its full significance. And we do no notice that life is flowing like water through our fingers, sifting like precious grain from a loosely fastened bag.

Constantly, each day, each hour, God is sending us people, circumstances, tasks, which should mark the beginning of our renewal; yet we pay them no attention, and thus continually we resist God’s will for us. Indeed, how can God help us? Only by sending us in our daily life certain people, and certain coincidences of circumstance. If we accepted every hour of our life as the hour of God’s will for us, as the decisive, most important, unique hour of our life—what sources of joy, love, strength, as yet hidden from us, would spring from the depths of our soul!

Let us then be serious in our attitude towards each person we meet in our life, towards every opportunity of performing a good deed; be sure that you will then fulfill God’s will for you in these very circumstances, on that very day, in that very hour.”

When we are strong spiritually, then our ethical and moral dilemmas dissolve. Psychologically, we remain healthy and strong and our intellect can confront the deceptions of a pluralistic society and successfully stand up to re-visionist efforts and pervasive relativism existing in today’s America.

Saint Paul states in his Second Letter to the Corinthians that... “we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even to life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us.”

Saint Paul also states earlier in Second Corinthians, “For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.”

Placing our true hope in Christ will never disappoint but will only help us endure to greater faith, from strength to strength. May the new ecclesiastical year be filled with His grace, His strength, His love and abundant mercy for us and our spiritual growth and benefit in overcoming the turmoil around us and combat the piercing sting of afflictions.

## HOLY CROSS TO RECEIVE HOLY RELIC OF SAINT JOHN OF SAN FRANCISCO

On **Sunday, September 13** at 7:00 PM our church community will be honored and blessed to receive a holy relic of Saint John of San Francisco. In a special Service of Gifting, **His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos** of San Francisco will receive the holy relics from **His Eminence Archbishop Kyrill** of San Francisco and Western America. Following the Gifting service the Office of Great Vespers, commemorating the Exaltation of the Life-Giving Cross, will be chanted. For further information log on to our Parish web site, [www.goholycross.org](http://www.goholycross.org) or call 650.591.4447.

# ECUMENCIAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW TO VISIT THE U.S. IN OCTOBER

**NEW YORK** – Archbishop Demetrios of America announces the visit of **His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew** to the United States this coming October for a three-stage visit, which will include an Environmental Symposium on the Mississippi River and visits to New York, Atlanta and Washington D.C.

The Ecumenical Patriarch will arrive in Memphis, Tenn. **October 17** and between **October 18-25** will lead the 8th Environmental Symposium titled “**The Great Mississippi River: Restoring Balance.**” His All Holiness is the patron of this series of environmental symposia on various water bodies around the world and he is internationally known for his many efforts for environmental awareness and the well-deserved title “Green Patriarch.”

On the second leg of his trip, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew will come to New York on **October 25**. His All Holiness’ program in New York will include two Patriarchal Divine Liturgies, meetings with the clergy, ecumenical leaders, members of the Archdiocesan Council and the Archons and the bestowing of an honorary doctorate degree from Fordham University. The Ecumenical Patriarch will make a short visit to Atlanta Oct. 29 and will be back in New York **October 30**. Finally, the following week, **November 2-5** the Ecumenical Patriarch will visit Washington, D.C.

Details of the schedule of His All Holiness’ visit will be forthcoming as they become available.

## REFLECTIONS REFLECTIONS

### BLANKETS OF WATER

by *Konstantine Salmas*



People are often looking for conversation starters. Sometimes the starter comes from an unexpected source. The myrrh streaming icon of the Portaitissa was at Holy Cross during the weekend of the feast of the Dormition. For three days, I heard people talking about the icon. Even though the Resurrection of Christ and the presence of Christ at the Eucharist are more amazing events, oil coming from wood moves something in people. The presence of this icon has caused people to be stirred on the inside. Even the presence of a drop of oil is a blessing and a wonder. But the streams of oil on the glass case and the strings of oil climbing through the icon and down into the cotton balls has caused many people to talk in a way they normally don't.

As Orthodox, we can list off objects associated with church. We can talk about the icon of Saint John Climacus or communion, or the singing of *Xristos Anesti* at Easter. We can talk about these things and not be too moved. The event of this icon of the Theotokos is different. People are trying to wrap their minds around the reality of oil coming in streams from myrrh and in so doing, I think there is an unclogging that happens. The event of this particular icon causes the build up of all the other important things in our life to fade. We are made aware of the presence of God in an unexpected way, in a way that causes us to talk about Christ and the Panayia covered by oil.

I have heard many musings. They are not really stories. They have been more like verbal reactions that were forced out, unthought by the people speaking, like blankets of water that end up stacked when ocean water climbs up the sand and meets from different angles. How does this happen? Is it the wood? Is it the icon? Is it the keeper of the icon that causes a

reaction with the icon? Then they talk about what they noticed. Did you see the glass? Fr. showed me the holes in the frame through which the oil slides into cotton balls. In short, the myrrh streaming icon has forced people to pay attention to what they are looking at. I think there is a carry over effect. Because of the myrrh we think about the Holy Spirit and then we take a bit of account of our habits. This is a good thing. This shows movement in the mind, movement in the soul. We have to keep paying attention, seeing things for what they are and not glossing over things without reactions. Specifically, we have to consider the Resurrection more. This is the wonder that was worked, a wonder with a much more lasting effect on us, and like the myrrh streaming icon, a wonder worked by God.

## YOUTH & PARENTS

### COMING SOON : THE KINGDOM

by *Father Pangiotis Sotiras, Assistant Priest*



As another year of school begins, there's excitement but there's also stress. For many of you, that excitement and stress comes from the concern of fitting in. Many of you will try and figure out which group of people you want to surround yourselves with. As you're well aware of, there are all kinds of different groups: there are those involved in student leadership; there are the cool kids, the skaters, the popular crowd, the artists, the musicians, the "computer/video game" crowd, and plenty of other groups that are too many to mention. There's of course overlap between these groups. The point is that we all want to be part of some group because we all want to be noticed, valued, happy and to have fun. These feelings are natural and God-given.

As you search for people you want to associate yourself with, you have to be careful to join the right group. How do you know which groups are the right ones and which ones are destructive? Quite simply: the right

groups don't change who you are. If you have to compromise who you are, if you have to sell out, you're in the wrong group.

Who are you? As we talked a lot about in BLAST\* last year, you are icons of Christ. An icon represents someone. You represent Jesus Christ. What does that mean? It means that groups that are honest with each other, supportive, kind, positive, and who allow you to be like Christ and follow His teachings are the right groups. Those groups that are negative, verbally (and physically) abusive, dishonest, and who encourage you to be less like Christ, are destructive.

God wants all of us to experience what it means to be in the right kind of group. BLAST is that group. The times you've connected to healthy groups, such as BLAST, you've gotten a taste, a glimpse, a sneak preview, of a very special place. You have gotten a sneak peek of God's Kingdom.

Year 2 of BLAST is all about "The Kingdom". That's our theme. Last year, we looked at what it meant to be icons of Christ. This year, we will try and figure out what the Kingdom of God is all about. Why "The Kingdom" as our theme you may ask? If we took all the things that Jesus did and taught while He was on this earth, we could narrow it down to one main message: the Kingdom of God. Jesus Himself said that "I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent" (Luke 4:43). He also said, "seek first the kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33) as well as "The kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21). And in the most important prayer He taught His disciples, the Lord's Prayer, He says, "Thy Kingdom come" (Matthew 6:10). There's no question about it: Jesus' main message was the Kingdom.

If you plan on joining us for our second year of BLAST, be ready to make new friendships, strengthen old ones, have fun and grow closer to God. In other words, be ready to get a sneak preview of the Kingdom.

\* BLAST stands for Building Lives Around Spiritual Truths, and is the youth group for middle school and high school at Holy Cross. We meet every Thursday night from 7-8:30 PM in The Oaks. Our first official BLAST night will be on **Thursday, Sept. 17**.

## "PRINCE ALBERT"

by *Rev. Deacon Niko Bekris,*  
*Metropolis Youth Director*



"The Return of Heroes." That's what the media called the home-run race between **Mark Maguire** and **Sammy Sosa** the summer of 1998. Maguire finished with 70 and Sosa with 66, but not before both had become overnight sensations in the sports world, and heroes in American culture... until a few years ago. Allegations of steroid usage of baseball players started circulating in 2002 and many, many players, including Maguire and (just a few months ago) Sammy Sosa, have been accused of heavily taking performance-enhancing drugs and inflating the home run numbers that had made them heroes to baseball fans everywhere. It was a black eye that the game of baseball still has not recovered from.

What a relief then, what a breath of fresh air the city of St. Louis experienced when another slugger quickly took Mark Maguire's place as the hero of their city. **Albert Pujols**, who entered baseball in 2001, at age 29 has already been named baseball's Rookie of the Year, MVP twice, and has led the St. Louis Cardinals to a World Series Championship (and another great season this year). "Prince Albert," as he's been nicknamed, has become a hitting machine as well as a great first baseman, and has never tested positive for any performance-enhancing drug. He has won the admiration of his teammates and his coach, and has often said that he will take a steroid-test any time, any where. Despite all these accolades and all-star stats, though, whenever Pujols is asked what aspect of his life is most important to him, he says his faith.

In an article in *USA Today* a few months ago, Pujols' wife, **Diedre**, said about Albert, "As he gets older, he realizes how important [his faith] is. He hungers to use his resources to empower others. He realizes that if God is going to promise salvation as a free gift, he's going to do what God re-

quires. It is that simple. That's the kind of person he is. That's what makes him special." Pujols is heavily involved in working for charity and has already set up his own foundation for such work, including public speaking, youth activities, and going on mission trips. In 2006 after the Cardinals won the World Series, Pujols skipped the traditional trip to the White House to be congratulated by the President to take a team of dentists on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. A dentist on that trip, **Homer Sedighi**, said that "[Albert] loaded 20 suitcases of equipment and supplies in our minivan. I wanted to help, but he said, 'You do the doctoring. I don't want anything to happen to your fingers.' "

When I read this, I admired how this baseball superstar wanted to fulfill his calling as a Christian. God gives each of us gifts, whether we're an athlete, a computer whiz, a lawyer, priest, cook, you name it- and He calls each of us to live according to the example that Jesus showed us: with faith in God, reflecting the love that Jesus Christ has for each of us. Whatever our gifts are, if we commit to live a Christian life, it's not just good for our well-being but it is also a powerful message of God's love to anyone who sees us. Each of us can use our talents, our time, or monetary treasure (or like Albert's case on this mission trip, all three) for God and His people. Our Lord also said, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, when you have love for one another." (John 13:35) Saint Paul said, "be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, knowing that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." (1 Cor 15:58) "Prince Albert" has not been timid about doing just this, or about living his faith, a beautiful example of how we can all send this kind of a message if we commit to doing it. It's not about how many home runs you hit- this is what true heroes are about. I'll close with another quote from Prince Albert: "I've always had the responsibility to God to be a role model... I play to represent God, something bigger than baseball. This is not about me. I leave everything up to God." And so should we.

## READY, SET, GO

by *Adrienne Roberts, Youth Religious Education Teacher*



As summer is slowly starting to wind down, it's time to start thinking about a new year in school, and not just regular school, but Church School too. Church School is great for the kids not only because they get a snack within minutes of walking through the door, but more-so because of the depth of knowledge and breadth of experience they get. Sunday school at Holy Cross is an important way to reaffirm for our kids our Greek Orthodox religious beliefs and traditions as well as some of the underpinnings of our culture.

One of the first events we celebrate every year in Church school is the Feast of The Holy Cross. All of the students will review the history of this feast where Saint Helen, at the behest of her son, the Emperor Constantine, discovered The Holy Cross of Jesus' Crucifixion in the sands of Golgotha after a long, arduous search. The Feast of the Holy Cross is such a perfect way to start of the new Church School Year. The structure-less bliss that is summer can sometimes feel like a challenging search for what is meaningful and true. Is there meaning at the pool? At basketball camp? There is definitely meaning in not having to do homework all summer! Let's face it: it has probably always been tougher to get the family to Church in the summer. Liturgy just seems longer, hotter, and harder when you are 8 or 9 years old, and you don't get to cut-out early for Sunday school. But come September, and the start of Sunday school, the kids get the treat of leaving for Sunday school right after Holy Communion. They get to hang out with their Church School buddies; teachers have all kinds of interesting and important information that mom and dad may not have ever mentioned to them (or perhaps they ignored when mom did mention it). The moms and dads get a few peaceful moments in the house of our Lord. There is meaning in all of that!

All kids are always welcome in Sunday school. Of course we like for them to come on time and with an OTEC card, but what we really like is having our classrooms full of kids and fun. As September approaches, all of

the Sunday school staff are looking forward to welcoming back our kids. There are a few dates you should mark down on your calendar or in your PDA, or just write on the back of your hand as you get yourself organized for the start of school(s).

**Sunday, Sept. 13** : Registration for Religious Education. You'll fill out the same form as you do every year. It is really crucial that we get everyone's email address, as we try to go easier on our environment by doing more via email.

**Sunday Sept. 13** : Tithing Program Begins! Envelopes will be available at Sunday school registration table. Be sure to pick up 4 envelopes for each child you are registering. They'll know to put their name and grade level, or just their grade level if they prefer anonymous giving. They bring one envelope to Church each week, enclosing their donation to the church, be it a dime or a dollar. We're less concerned about how much each child gives, and more concerned with helping the kids to develop the habit of giving to their Church.

**Sunday September 20** : First Day of Sunday school. Registration forms will be available if you forgot to will one out the week before.

## CHOIR NOTES

### AUGUST : IRENE AND YANNI'S FRUITFUL ESCAPE

by *Eva Canellos, Choir*

Hard to believe that anyone would ever want to leave our choir. Once you join and get your 15-pound binder of music and your luxurious, purple robe, you're in for good, and there's no looking back. Right??!!

Well, two young whipper-snappers apparently thought otherwise and have traded in their choir robes for doctor's coats.

**Irene Iuppa and Yannis Paulus** →  
enjoy their choir farewell party as they move on (for now) to pursue their careers in medicine.



**Irene Iuppa** is off to a pre-med program at Bennington College in Vermont, and **Yannis Paulus** is settling in at Sloan-Kettering Hospital in New York for his internship in ophthalmology, after graduating from Stanford Medical School.

We're very proud of them, but we're going to miss them! Fortunately, both programs are for one year, so we hope to see them back in Belmont and up in the choir loft again in the near future.

The choir held a farewell party for the future singing doctors in lieu of our regular rehearsal. It was a pot-luck dinner, and THREE choir singers brought a big bowl of fruit salad. I hope Irene and Yannis will remember us as the "healthy choir that loves fruit salad." What doctor wouldn't want to re-join a choir with such impressive health habits?

## SEPTEMBER : MISSING FRANK, AND TALL TALES FORM CARDIFF CONFERENCE

by *Eva Canellos, Choir*

We are saddened at the passing of one of our choir family members, Frank Valavanis, whose wife, **Helen**, has sung in the choir for many years. Frank was a most kind and wonderful man, and a giant of our parish. Almost everyone who's been around Holy Cross for awhile loved Frank, including my nine-year-old son **Christian**.

Christian and Frank had a special tradition each Sunday in church. Frank always sat toward the center aisle, and Christian, after receiving communion, would walk down the aisle, spot Frank, stride up to him, thrust out his hand, clasp onto Frank's hand and join him in a hearty hand-shake. Frank taught Christian to do a proper, firm hand-shake, and it made Christian feel grown-up. Christian always looked forward to their special greeting, and so did I. May Frank's memory be eternal.

I had the privilege of directing the Youth Choir at this summer's San Francisco Metropolis Church Music Conference. About 25 young people, ranging in age from 8 to 17 (all extremely tall, by my standards), participated in the conference and sang beautifully! The youth singers were very nice, well-mannered and respectful (if you don't count a few who patted their director on the head), and they really bonded at the pool party. I loved working with them to sing for the glory of God.

At the Saturday banquet, the youth choir sang the meal blessing and performed two other songs. At the Sunday liturgy, they sang portions of the service by themselves and other portions with the adult choir. The hierarchical liturgy was celebrated by **His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos** and several clergy and was held at the host parish, Sts. Constantine and Helen, in gorgeous Cardiff-by-the-Sea. The amazing adult choir had 175 singers and was directed by **Neal Desby**, conducting his father's (Frank Desby's) liturgy music. I'll never forget that beautiful service and the heavenly sounds that were created by the choirs as they sang in worship!

Along with the liturgy, my favorite part of the conference was the exciting visit to the aircraft carrier museum USS Midway. We ate dinner on the flight deck, surrounded by awesome fighter jets and the American flag flying high and lit-up by huge flood lights. It was a little cold—okay, freezing—but still magnificent!

Here at Holy Cross, the full choir is back in action on Sundays, and we're also getting ready to sing at the Sunday church tour at the Belmont Greek Festival! During the choir's break in July, my husband **Chris** directed a small *a cappella* choir group which sang during Sunday liturgies. Choir members who weren't on vacation sang, along with a few guests like the Nemchik family. It was wonderful, and Chris did a fantastic job leading us. Now we're back to our complete group, led by Director **Steve Cardiasmenos** and accompanied by organist **Anita Mottola**.

Rehearsals are the first three Wednesdays of the month, with some exceptions. We welcome new members! For a limited time, we'll dispense with the rigorous audition and the astronomical participation fee. To join the choir, simply contact Steve ([slcardiasmenos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slcardiasmenos@sbcglobal.net)) or any choir member.

## NEWS & INFORMATION

### TO OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

To our Holy Cross Family and Friends:

Thank you all for the prayers, support and kind words that have been offered for our husband and father, Frank. May his memory be eternal. - *The Family of Frank Valavanis*

↓ *Adult and youth choir singers gather with **His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos** and clergy after liturgy at the Cardiff Church Music Conference.*



## SERVICES

*subject to change - please check your Sunday Bulletins*

**Sunday Services are (regular schedule) 8:30 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy; (summer schedule) 8:15 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy; Saturday Vespers are at 5:30 PM**

**Sunday, August 23** – 11th Sunday of Matthew – 8:15 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 29 – Beheading of Saint John – 9 AM, Divine Liturgy; 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

**Sunday, August 30** – 8:15 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, September 1 – Day of Indiction – 9 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 5 – no Great Vespers today

**Sunday, September 6** – 12th Sunday of Matthew – 8:15 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, September 8 – Nativity of the Theotokos – 9 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 12 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

**Sunday, September 13** – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy; 7:00 PM, Vespers for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday, September 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross -- 8:00 AM, Orthros, 9 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 19 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

**Sunday, September 20** – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 26 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

**Sunday, September 27** – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 3 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

**Sunday, October 4** – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 10 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

**Sunday, October 11** – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 17 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

**Sunday, October 18** – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

## EVENTS & MEETINGS

Please check your Sunday Bulletins for the dates and times of all meetings.

first Tuesdays of the month - 11 AM, ORA

second Monday of the month - 7:30 PM, Executive Council

third Tuesdays of the month - 7:30 PM, Parish Council

third Fridays of the month - service at the Samaritan House Kitchen

first Thursdays of the month, Daughters of Penelope

Thursday - 7-8:30 PM in The Oaks - BLAST (starting 9/17)

Dance - please check with your Directors

## BELMONT GREEK FESTIVAL

### FROM THE FESTIVAL CO-CHAIRS

by *Gary Brenner and Mark Simon, Festival co-chairs*

We are days away from our 39<sup>th</sup> Greek Festival and our entire community is buzzing with activity.

Hundreds of people are helping to prepare for an event that will draw thousands and thousands of visitors to our church – in the kitchen, gathering vendors, rehearsing artistic performances of music, dance and drama, planning for the agora and the kaffenion, volunteering for the dining room and the food booths and the pastry booths.

Hundreds more are spreading the word, collecting passes for family, friends and colleagues, buying food tickets, picking up posters and flyers to post at their offices and their clubs.

This is Christian fellowship at its best – all of us working together to support our church.

If you haven't volunteered yet, we can use your help. Contact either one of us and we'll make full use of your time and talent.

Some day passes remain – they're in the office.

We are selling aprons again this year in blue and black with white print. Parishioners can buy them in advance of the Festival – \$15 each or two for \$25. Ask about those at the office or look for them in The Oaks after church.

The discounted food tickets are just about sold out, so if you want some, better hurry.

Every other Bay Area festival is reporting record crowds and profits, and none of them offers the quality and variety of homemade food that is the trademark of the Holy Cross Festival.

We could be poised for a great year. Thank you for making it happen.

**BELMONT GREEK FESTIVAL**



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*please let the church office know if we are missing your sacrament or have incorrect information as presented below*

### BAPTISMS

- Jun 27 - Danielle Michell, daughter of Randall & Carol Monk, Theodora Kounalakis, sponsor  
July 11 – Bri Christine, daughter of Michael & Gail O'Brien, George Peter Demakas, sponsor  
July 12 – Lucas Evangelo, son of Basil and Sandra Karampelas, Elizabeth Poulos, sponsor

### CHRISMATIONS

Aug 1 - Rafael Antonio Ballagas

### WEDDINGS

*in Greece - Eugenia Bazigos and Spiro Karatzis*  
*in Greece - Danielle Monk and Athanasios Paschalidis*

### FUNERALS

Michael Sande Boyar, who fell asleep in the Lord July 3  
Basil Kockos, who fell asleep in the Lord July 16  
Bessie "Betty" Karampelas, who fell asleep in the Lord July 20  
James George Hadres, who fell asleep in the Lord July 24  
Frank Valavanis, who fell asleep in the Lord July 26