Christ Is Risen! In the book entitled, “Do Yourself A Favor: Love Your Wife!”, there is a story about a certain little boy who was asked one day what his father did for a living? The boy said, “he watches”.

“You mean he is a night watchman”.

“Oh, no”, the little boy exclaimed, “he just watches”.

“Well, what does he watch”? “I don’t know if I can tell you everything, the boy continued, “but I can tell you a few things”. “He watches TV, he watches mom do the housework, he watches for the paperboy, he watches the weather, he watches the stock market, football games, all the sports, in fact. He watches Mother spank us, and he watches us do our homework. He watches us leave to go to Church, PTA meetings, and shopping. He watches mom write letters and me play with my dog. He watch mom pay the bills…..but mainly, he said with a touch of sadness, “he just watches”!

And having just witnessed again the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we can reach out to that same subject…watchers! But I also want to write a few things about walkers and worshippers as well. Following Pentecost (which this year falls on Sunday, June 3rd), the glorious celebration 50 days after the Feast of Pascha, and just having received the gift of the Holy Spirit, the twelve Apostles were renewed and filled with a new sense of confidence and power. Because they were witness to His resurrection, and given the power on the day of Pentecost, they had a flame burning in their hearts; they had a message on their lips; and they had a great desire to accomplish wonderful things, all in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus.

In the New Testament Book of Acts, it tells about one day as Peter and John were approaching the Temple, they saw a man who was unable to walk. Now it wasn’t unusual to see such people near the Temple, but perhaps seeing this man lying there reminded Peter and John of Jesus, and how He always showed love and compassion for the seemingly forgotten people of the world. They instructed the paralytic to look at them. And Peter said to him, “I have no silver or gold, but what I have, I give you in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Stand up and walk”. And the two of them grabbed the paralytic’s hands and helped him to his feet. And suddenly, here was a man who had never walked in his life, now jumping for joy. He was healed. His ankles were strong. He was no longer lame. His friends would no longer have to carry him. And the man was so overjoyed that he began praising God.

Since it was time for prayer at the temple, many people saw what had happened. They saw this man walking and jumping about, and they were amazed. And Peter saw this as an opportunity to tell them about the Risen Lord.

And this brings us to watchers. On the steps of the Temple, Peter tells his listeners that they had been blind to God’s activity in their world. For Jesus Christ the Messiah, had been right there in their midst, but they failed to recognize Him. And even more than that…they rejected Him outright….they dismissed Him with the wave of a

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hand. And Peter told those at the Temple that day, “You rejected the holy and righteous one”!

It’s easy for us to look back now, some 2,000+ years later, and wonder how in the world those people failed to see Jesus when He was right there in front of them. But what would our response have been? Would it actually have been any different? Many people even today continue to not see Jesus for a variety of reasons. Some people are indifferent. Others are preoccupied with activities, while others are just plain lazy.

But, my dear brothers and sisters, there is a positive side to being a watcher, because we need to be on the lookout for God’s activity in our world. Maybe we can take the case of a gentleman named Michael. Michael was driving to a business appointment one day, and he was in a hurry as well as annoyed with traffic. He was stopped at a busy intersection where the light was just in the process of turning red. “All right”, Michael thought to himself, “I can beat the next light if I race ahead of the pack”. He was ready to take off the split second the light turned green. But then he noticed a young couple, both visually impaired, crossing the street. The woman had a baby in her arms. And both the man and woman were using white canes to help them navigate across the busy intersection.

With horror, Michael realized that the couple were not walking in the crosswalk, between the lines, but were instead veering diagonally, directly into the intersection and cross traffic. Without knowing the danger they were in, the couple was walking right into the path of oncoming cars.

Michael said, “As I watched, I saw a miracle unfold before my eyes: every car in every direction came to a simultaneous stop. No screech of the brakes, or even the beep of a car horn. Nobody even yelled, ‘Get out of the way!’” The traffic just stopped. In that moment, time seemed to stand still for this family as they made their way safely across the busy intersection. It was as if God had broken in to Michael’s world. It was as if God was telling him to look around, to be conscious of God’s presence in the world. To be a watcher! Sometimes we are so busy with other things that we miss God’s activity in our lives and in our world. So, in a very positive way, there are times when we do need to be watchers.

But, we also need to be walkers. Watching is good as far as it goes, but more is needed. We recall that days following our Lord’s crucifixion, and weeks before Saint Peter healed the man at the Temple, the disciples were hiding behind locked doors, fearing for their very lives. We also remember hearing how Peter, the leader of the disciples, had even denied that he knew Jesus. But all that was changed and forgotten once the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

The gift of the Holy Spirit was a moment of transforming faith for the disciples. Suddenly the things Jesus had taught them while He was with them made sense. They discovered parallels between the prophecies of Isaiah of the Old Testament and the things that happened to Jesus. Now they understood; Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection were the fulfillment of God’s plan. His coming was no accident, but rather an act from God. And now was the time to live out the faith as Jesus instructed them.

And that is why Pentecost is so important and vital for us. As Orthodox Christians, it is time we put our heart where our mind and body are. We need not watch and witness our faith from the sidelines. It is about time that we put our action at work and back up what our eyes see and our mouth speaks. We need to walk ‘hand in hand’ with Jesus Christ.

But as humans, we are weak. Sometimes, even when we do hear teachings of what is right and what Jesus expects from each of us, they just don’t take hold of our lives. Other times, we do know what we should do, but we lack the will to do them. We are as handicapped as the man lying outside the Temple. In fact, we have even coined the phrase: we call them lame excuses. There are times when we need to take those first, but important few steps of faith….to be not just watchers, but also walkers! But we need one more thing: we also need to be worshippers.

Finally, the people at the Temple were amazed to see a man who could not walk, now jumping around for joy. They turned to Peter and John as if they were some kind of miracle workers. But Peter would have none of it. He said to them, “Why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?” Peter was very clear about it. He wanted the people to know that neither he nor John were the source of healing; it was the power of the Risen Lord working through them! And, rather than gawking at the miracle, the crowd was
told they should be giving thanks to the Master, to God, because the highest activity that we are capable of is not watching, or even walking, it is worshipping!

How many times have we heard that our Holy Orthodox Church is a “Eucharistic Community”? Many times, I’m sure. But what does that really mean? It means that the Holy Chalice is the essence and center of our Faith; not the coffee hour, not the festivals, or dinner dances, or other things that clutter our calendar. Those things are a result of the Holy Eucharist, a result that happens when we share common bonds as a result of being Orthodox Christians. We need to be less of watchers, like the many who look and glare from the sidelines, as if sitting there with a scorecard to make sure the Church, its clergy, and leaders abide by, not necessarily what God wants, but what they, themselves, desire.

Remember, Orthodox Christians need not wear their faith on their sleeve. Rather, they need to keep it in their heart and soul. Being a watcher is good, but it is not enough. Walking in the way of the Lord is also good, but that is still not enough either. We need to listen intently to Christ when He tells us to be watchers, walkers, and worshippers. Each is an important component of Jesus Christ discipleship, but only when we worship our Lord, only then do we view our Faith, live our Faith, and ultimately experience our Faith as a worker and true follower for Jesus Christ, will we then come to understand the joy that His disciples experienced on that great day of Pentecost!

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Parish Council President…

President’s Report
By Andrew Kanel

Christos Anesti!
I would like to thank Ted Pappas, James Tsiolis, Rosemarie Stewart and the Woods family for preparing Plato hall and the lamb for our meal after the Anastasi service. I would also like to pass on my gratitude to the individual who underwrote the meal, as well. Many thanks to Fr. Timothy and Fr. Athanasios, Georgia Psychogios, Gail Holguin, Ray, Marika Panton and the choir, Niko Georgiatitis and the chanters, the Mirofores, Nancy Pilafas and the Philoptochos and of course the Parish Council.

Dr. Peter Panton and his committee have put a great deal of work into the planning of the consecration of St. Catherine’s, May 6th event. Thank you for the many contributions to St. Catherine’s and supporting the ad book.

One of the spring initiatives will be to assist AQS/Plato Academy staff and students plant flowers in pots around the flag pole and along the fence. During the school year, Plato Academy partners with Junior Achievement “JA” volunteers who teach a set curriculum to the students. Teachers remain in the classroom. The curriculum is easy to grasp and share with the students. Please let Dean Sarantos or me know if you are interested in participating in volunteering your time to teach a class. Feel free to partner with a spouse or friend. Dean and I will keep you posted regarding dates the JA will select in the next school year.

It feels as if Sunday Church School just got back from last year’s summer break and here we are at the end of another year. I extend many thanks to Christina Arvanites and her staff for all of their endless contributions to our youth. Our Sunday Church School program continues to flourish and grow. It’s fantastic to see all of the children participate and learn about our faith.
A Word or Two from Our President
By Nancy Pilafas

Bake Sale Success

The Philoptochos wishes to thank everyone for supporting our Easter Bake Sale. Also, a big thank you to those who came out and helped us on our baking day. We truly appreciate everyone who gives of their time, talent, and treasure.

Consecration Vespers

On Saturday, May 5th, at the conclusion of the vespers services, Philoptochos will be serving refreshments in Plato Hall. This is a special weekend for our community and we invite all to participate.

Metropolis President's Meeting

Three times a year, a President's meeting is held at various churches and we have been asked by our Metropolis president, Irene Arsoniadis, to host the next meeting on May 19th. Our ladies are busy preparing for yet another occasion to let our church "shine" for the metropolis representatives to enjoy the warm hospitality of Panagia.

Visit to GARNC

On Thursday, June 21st, we will visit the residents at the Greek American Rehabilitation and Nursing Centre in Wheeling, Illinois. If anyone is interested in attending, and needs transportation, please contact Nancy Pilafas at 708-246-7833. Besides visiting with the residents, we provide refreshments for them which they all seem to REALLY enjoy. Please join us to help brighten the day of the residents at GARNC.

Summer Activities

Please check the bulletin on Sundays for any activities that may be held in the summer. Our baking dates for Panagia vespers will be noted in the bulletin and we welcome your help.

Volunteer Opportunity...

The parish has a new volunteer opportunity related to coordinating the production of the Assumption Church newsletter. The newsletter is produced six times a year and requires coordination for the submission of articles, layout of the newsletter in Microsoft Publisher (a standard Microsoft application) and submission to the printer via email. If you are a steward looking for a way to increase your involvement in our Church community and would like to learn more about this opportunity, contact Tina Sarantos, (708) 660-0154.
Youth Ministry...

The Light of the Resurrection
By Father Athanasios

It’s one of the greatest images of Pascha. Shortly after the Divine Liturgy, in the early hours of Easter Sunday Morning, many Orthodox faithful carefully exit the Church with the hopes of preserving a lit candle they clutch in their hand. Then they keep the flame intact until they reach the comfort of their home, where the candle remains lit for days, sometimes weeks.

And just what is the secret to keeping that candle lit, one may ask? The answer to that question has everything to do with desire. Each year the flame we so want to preserve blows out because of ignorance or laziness or some other reason. Human beings tend to let foolishness of the world somehow blow it out. For so many people, it tends to lose its meaning, importance and priority. Indeed, what that candle stands for gets lost as the days after Pascha turn into weeks and the weeks into months.

One of the more wonderful aspects of that first post Resurrection liturgy involves the readings the church gives us. On Easter Sunday we begin with the gospel reading taken from the Gospel of John, who describes how the Word entered humanity and how He was like a spark amidst the darkness, and the darkness, no matter how great it was, could not overcome it.

The light of Christ, in other words, was meant put evil in its place and light up the world with divine love and with the Holy Spirit. Somehow the message of the Good News was meant to inspire us; it was meant to create a spark inside us, a spark that through participation in God’s love eventually fans it into a flame. This was and continues to be God’s plan.

And yet for us to fan that spark into a flame takes a lot of work. We always have to recognize in our hearts that the Resurrection did something for all of us. Somehow intimacy with God can be accomplished on an incredible level; somehow, through Christ’s saving action, we can become Sons of God.

All this depends on how we perceive the Resurrection. Is it just another day for us? Does the joy of that day take precedence over our respective birthdays or our individual accomplishments? Does it change every relationship we have with others? Or do we celebrate it like any other holiday?

Indeed, so many people take the message of the Resurrection and the promise of a new life in Christ and figuratively pack it away the way they pack away the old Christmas tree after the holidays each year. Sadly, in a matter of a few minutes our beloved Church, on the most important night of the year, goes from being packed to being half empty.

This is the reality we live in. And yet, those who are able to make it to the Orthros service each and every Sunday morning notice how the Church refuses to let the message of the Resurrection go away. Each Sunday, the Church praises the Resurrection because she knows she is a product of it, and in remembering that event, the Resurrection never loses its importance.

Brothers and sisters, the meaning of the Resurrection changes the minute we realize that we ourselves are that lit candle we try so hard to preserve.

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The normal response to the Resurrection is to keep the Good News intact. When we internalize the Resurrection and apply it to our lives we become the new creation St. Paul speaks of. We become like Christ. Somehow the Resurrection lights up a spark in our hearts, and it’s up to us not to just keep it alive but to fan it into a flame. And we do that through action, the Church tells us. This is why the first epistle reading of the first liturgy comes from the Book of Acts. The Church sends us the message that we’re not passive recipients of the Resurrection, but that the Resurrection puts us in motion; it moves us to move others. Our activity with those around us is to take on a missionary flavor. One cannot keep the love God displayed through the Resurrection to himself; it has to naturally spill over to the next person.

In this way we preserve the inner flame. We secure it each day when we work to light up our neighbor, when we converse with God through prayer, when we partake in the Divine Liturgy and when we participate in the sacraments of communion and confession.

All these things keep this inner candle of ours lit.

May the light of Christ keep your inner candle lit until we meet the Resurrection next year, and may God’s grace continue to strengthen you as you work keep that candle lite.

In Christ’s abiding love,
Fr. Athanasios Papagiannis

Stewardship...

Are You Bearing Fruit?

Excerpt taken from Stewardship Ministries, Department of Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, Stewardship@goarch.org

We all know the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand in the wilderness --- there was no food, except for one boy who had five loaves and two fish – not much when you consider 5,000 men. But Jesus blessed the loaves, multiplied them and used them to feed the 5,000. That boy did his best with what he had. And Jesus used it to perform a miracle. Just like the boy who offered his five loaves and two fish, we offer what we have – however great or small our gift. If we do this prayerfully and in humility, God will take our gifts and multiply them in order to feed His people.
Parish Happenings

Streaming Video of Assumption Services is Now Available!

Exciting news: professional-quality online video of Assumption’s services is now available on our website, www.assumptionchicago.org.

During the winter, the Parish Council approved the purchase and installation of video cameras, wiring and production equipment so that video and audio is available to anyone in the world with access to a computer. This is a great way for those who may physically unable to attend in person, potential visitors and future parishioners to take a look at services taking place in our beautiful and historic church.

The link to the online services is shown to the right of the arrow on the first picture below.

Links to archives of services beginning with April 1st, 2012 are also on the Assumption website. Additionally, the streaming video and audio is available for viewing on a flat panel TV monitor in the brides’ room, so that those using the room can also stay connected to the services until they can return to the nave. The equipment will also provide the benefit of reducing the cost to broadcast the Assumption vespers downstairs on August 14th and other events, such as the consecration of St. Catherine’s Chapel.

We thank John Vassiliades, who spearheaded this initiative, along with the video production team of Peter Kouvelis, Jack Woods, Steve Juras, Walter Kott, Vincent Nicholas, Chris Panos, Joann Stavropoulos, Vasilios Tsagonas, and William Woods who enable the services to be broadcast each week.
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MR & MRS CONSTANTINE YANNIANS  
MS DONNA YANNIANS  
MR & MRS STEVE YANNIANS  
MS TRACY YANNIANS  
MR IOANNIS ZOGRAFOS  
MR & MRS PETER ZOURAS  

Parish Happenings...

The 2012 Junior Olympics

May 25th - 27th

Sign up today!

The Junior Olympics, held at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Palos Hills, is a chance for youth from throughout the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago to meet each other and compete with a spirit of Christian sportsmanship.

Ages 7 thru 12:
- Track & Field
- Basketball (7-10 / 11-13)
- Soccer (7-9 / 10-12)
- Swimming
- Chess
- Checkers
- Backgammon/Tavli

Ages 13 thru 18:
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Swimming
- 10K Run
- Tennis
- Bowling
- Chess
- Checkers
- Backgammon/Tavli
- Table Tennis
- Softball
- Wrestling
- Soccer (13-15, 16-18)

Ages 19 and over:
- 10K Run

How do I sign up?

Please see Fr. Athanasios or Mrs. Christina Arvanites, or call the Church Office at 773-626-3114

Host Parish:
Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church
11025 South Roberts Road
Tinley Park, Illinois 60477
708-974-5400
Parish Registry February– April, 2012

40 DAY BLESSING
Son of Daniel and Effie Kickert Nash

CHRISMATION
Jessica E. Weller was Chrismated, taking the name, Elizabeth
Sponsor: Stephanie Pullos

BAPTISMS
Son of Nick and Michelle Kanel, was Baptized, taking the name, Demetrios
Godparents: Basil and Mata Spyropoulos
Daughter of Jay and Hollie Kott, was Baptized, taking the name, Francine
Godparent: Katherine Jones
Son of Gus and Kelly Xinos, was Baptized, taking the name, Vasilios
Godparents: Barbara and Brendan Ashagy
Son of Stavroura Kallas and Michael Holleman, was Baptized, taking the name, Demetri
Godparents: Mr. Faris (Gabriel) and Mrs. Maria Nijim

WEDDINGS
Nick Parras and Patricia Prokopios were joined in Holy Matrimony.
Sponsor: Anastasia Prokopios
Michael Pullos and Jessica Elizabeth Weller were joined in Holy Matrimony.
Sponsor: Lucas Vassiliades

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD
+ Angelo Glotsos + Antonia Choporis
+ Gust Vasilides + Christopher Siliras
+ Emily Karalis + Jayne Terovolas
+ Effie (Efthimia) Gekas + Steve C. Yannias

MEMORIALS
40 Days:
Gus Tsironis
Vasilla (Vasiliki) Leonard
Helen G. Psychogios
Terry Kokas
Chris (Christos) Lageotakes
Angelo Glotsos
Christopher Siliras
Andrew Georgalas
Gust Vasilides
Effie Gekas
Antonia Choporis

3 Years Cont’d:
Peter (Panagioti) Mestousis
Jane (Demetra) Gagomiros
Demetrios Kouimelis

5 Years:
George Sepsis
Nick Levaditis
Thomas Darrus

8 Years:
Maria Dallas

10 Years:
Christ (Christo) Soulides

11 Years:
Marie (Maria) Rodel

15 Years:
John (Ioanni) Gagomiros
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Important Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, May 13th
Sunday Church School
Mother’s Day Program

Sunday, May 20th
Sunday Church School Awards Day

Sunday, June 3rd
Pentecost

Sunday, June 10th
Outdoor Divine Liturgy and Picnic

August 14th
Great Vespers of the Dormition of the Theotokos

August 15th
The Feast Day of the Dormition of the Theotokos