WALKING INTO THE HEART OF GOD
1 John 3:1-2, 16-24

Very Rev. Timothy G. Bakakos

A Sunday Church School teacher once asked her students to talk about how they felt about their Church. The students responded in the usual ways: some said something silly to get the rest of the class to laugh, while others tried to be more serious.

One of the girls was new to the class, and she felt uncomfortable about entering into class discussions, so she never raised her hand or volunteered an answer. That Sunday, however, she did have an answer for her Sunday School teacher, and it was unforgettable. She said that going to church was, “like walking into the heart of God.”

And I believe that is a beautiful answer, and a very meaningful answer by a young child, and something that helps sum up why we attend Church and Worship Services because that is a perfect description of the Church as it ought to be….”like walking into the heart of God.”

Of course, we know that not every Church fits that description, however. We may even have had the occasion to see how, at times, so-called good parishioners act inappropriately and treat and hurt the Church for a variety of reasons. But still, even so, we know, in our hearts, what the Church ought to be, and that our faithful, by and large, truly love and respect their Church.

We have just finished another productive and spiritually uplifting Sunday Church School year, And we are appreciative to the SCS Director, Mrs. Christina Arvanites, for all her hard work and dedication to the SCS program. We are also thankful to the teachers and aides who commit themselves to the spiritual development of our children. One of the first things children in Sunday Church School learn is that the Church is not just a building, but rather, the Church is the people. The Church is also a fellowship, a Community of faith…men and women, boys and girls, who share and partake of the same set of beliefs and traditions.

Throughout the Epistles and Gospels of our New Testament Bible, we see the writers like Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and Saint Paul, writing to encourage Church people to be more loving toward one another and to those in need. If we can’t do that, Saint John tells us, for example, then we’ve missed the very heart of the faith that Christ gave us.

The essence of Christian faith is love. I share with you these beautiful words from Saint John in His Epistle Reading: “Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God…..for this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. This is how we know that God loves us, because He laid down his life for us: and we, likewise, ought to lay down our lives for one another. Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” By reading these words from Saint John in His Epistle, it is easy to conclude that at the very heart of the Christian Gospel is love…and we would be exactly right to think that way!

But, as we all know, it is not always easy to love all the time, is it? And here is a story about just that! Many years ago while a man named Dr. Albert Beaven was in college, one of his friends did something that hurt him deeply. Albert was so angry with this person that he swore he would get revenge. As he was walking around campus, he thought of various ways to even

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the score. He saw a sticky burr covered with sharp, porcupine-like thorns that had fallen from a tree. He bent down, picked it up, and put it in his pocket. Albert's plan was to carry the burr with him until he found the person who had hurt him. Then he would throw the thorny burr down his friend's back and rub it all over him causing great pain. Perhaps we can all identify with Albert. When someone hurts us, sometimes our tendency is to want to hurt them back, to get revenge to the point that we even want to hurt them more than they hurt us.

But something interesting took place that day as Albert walked around campus with that burr, looking for the young man who had offended him. Every time he took a step the burr would pinch his leg. Every time he sat down, it hurt him even more. Finally, at the end of the day, Albert pulled the burr from his pocket and discovered that all the thorns were gone…they were all now stuck in his leg. Here he had wanted to even the score, but instead he discovered that he had only hurt himself. And that happens sometimes, doesn’t it? When we want to hurt someone else, we end up hurting ourselves even more. But if we took the teachings of Jesus seriously, we would not have that problem.

The essence of Christian faith is love. Just as Jesus Christ laid down His life for us, so ought we to lay down our lives for others. But, that means loving all people, even those who misuse us. And that means doing good to all people, even those whom we may not approve of. That may mean even leaving our comfort zone from time to time for acts of extraordinary concern. The essence of Christian faith is love. That brings us to something else that I feel is important for us to realize and I want to share with you.

Love is our primary witness to the world. If the day comes when the Christian Church is as loving as its Master, the world will beat a path to our door. Saint John asks, How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Love is more than just an emotion or a feeling. Love is “acting out on those feelings, like feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned. Love is a response as we are instructed by our faith to do, and it is the primary way we share Christ with the world.

Where love is absent…..whether it be in a Church or school or home…so is the absence of God! The Church is here to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ…not to compromise it! If we have ideas other than what the Church teaches, we need to re-think our understanding of our Church and the command of our Lord. As it has been said repeatedly, our baptism makes us soldiers for Christ, but we sometimes need to remind ourselves that we are to be soldiers in HIS army, not ours! And that is what we must always and constantly remind ourselves…that we are His servants in His vineyard.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ and beloved faithful of Panagia, that is the kind of Church that is like walking into the heart of God that the little Sunday Church School girl wrote about in her class. Love is our primary witness to the world. As the saying goes, People don't care how much we know until they know how much we care."

Finally, I would like to share one more thing with you. Love is a gift from God. There's a bumper sticker that I saw a few years ago that caught my attention. It read: Perform an unnatural act...love somebody." And that is so true. Pure love is not an attribute of humanity, but of God. Man is born with sin…but is only God Who can replace that sin with love! Our nature is to strive for survival, but God's nature is self-giving love. The closer we are to God, the better able we are to love others. Saint John writes, And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Holy Spirit that He has given us." And that Spirit, my dear friends, is love.

The words Saint John wrote centuries ago are still true for us today, where he says, And this is His commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He commanded us."When the love of God truly abides in our heart, we are able to look into the faces of others and see God's face.

Love is the essence of Christian faith. Love is our primary witness to the world. Love is a gift from God. And, my dear friends, we love, and have that capacity to do so, because God first loved “us”. And it is only as we abide in God that His love can abide in us. And, only then will coming to Church be like that little girl wrote in her Sunday School class, like 'walking into the very heart of God'.

+ A M E N
Parish Council President...

*President’s Report*
*By Dean Sarantos*

How do you plan to spend your summer? Perhaps you plan on relaxing on a nice vacation to a new destination? Maybe you are going to do a “stay-cation” and enjoy all that Chicago has to offer during the summer months? Or, perhaps you plan on catching up with family and friends who are out of state? Summertime is also a time for spiritual growth and renewal. In fact, this year, we celebrate Pentecost in the month of June. Pentecost was a time when the Apostles were both establishing the church and having fellowship with the multitudes.

“So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. “ - Acts of the Apostles 2:41-42.

So, let us both enjoy our time in the summer, but not forget our worship and time, talent and treasure supporting our church. The Apostles gave us a great example of fitting both fellowship with many and the work of the church into their schedule.

As the Sunday School Church School year has concluded, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our director, Christina Arvanites, and all of the teachers for their efforts in this vital ministry of our church. It is difficult to overstate the importance of this program in educating our youth in the Orthodox Faith. In addition to nurturing our youth with the weekly lessons, our Sunday Church School program, with guidance from our clergy, also helps develop lasting, positive relationships among the children with many additional events and programming throughout the year. Thanks again to all who work to support our Sunday Church School!

Thank you and congratulations to Chris Caprio and the committee who organized Assumption’s first golf outing, which was held on May 20th. It was by all measures a success. The turnout was strong (about 45 players), the weather was excellent, and fun was had by golfers and non-golfers alike. There were also many comments received regarding how new types of events such as these are such a nice complement to the time-honored ones we hold each year.

On June 9th, we celebrated our annual Liturgy in the Park event. It was a great opportunity to experience the Divine Liturgy with our Assumption family in a different setting and enjoy the warm weather. Thank you to Christina Arvanites, Bob Gonzini, Ted Pappas and all who help organize and support this event, which is enjoyed by all ages.

At the end of summer is the Festival, which will again take place on Sunday and Monday of Labor Day weekend this year. There are many preparations made in the months preceding this event to make it a success. There are a number of ways to participate, including promotional material development, obtaining donations of food and supplies, food preparation, conducting tours, manning food booths, and helping with the raffle, among other activities. If you would like to find out more about how you can help with this event, please let me or another Parish Council member know.

Enjoy your summer, and see you in church!

_Elevator In Use!_
As my presidency comes to an end, I wish to thank the entire Assumption community for all the help and support you have shown me and our chapter for the past four years. It has been a privilege to serve my church and I express my love and gratitude to my hard-working board, chapter members and stewards who worked so diligently for our beloved parish. I will be serving as chapter advisor for the next 2 years and am proud to announce the officers and board of directors for the 2013-2015 term.

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### Officers

- **President:** Betty Tsiolis
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- **Joan Leakakos**

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On May 19th, our chapter presented a gift to three entrants in the Metropolis Oratorical Festival. They were: Eleni Caprio, Christen Massouras and George Sarantos. We are proud of their enthusiasm and commitment to their faith.

The summer as always, will find us preparing for Panagia vespers and Feast Day. We encourage all women to join us to see what role they may be able to play in the life of their church.

Likewise, help will be needed as we prepare for the church festival. We know this is an "all community" endeavor and we look for your assistance and time.

The new officers and board will be meeting to set the Calendar of Events for the coming year. Please be on the lookout in the Pangari for these fliers. Philoptochos wishes EVERYONE a safe and happy summer!

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### Stewardship...

**By Jack Woods**

#### My Church Dues

I have never liked the term "my church dues." You see. There really are no Church dues. A person can be a member of the congregation in good standing and still not be able to contribute anything toward the work of the church. God has never expected anything from individuals who do not have the financial ability to give. Therefore, I like terms as "my church pledge," "my church gift" or "my church commitment." Each of these words has the connotation of a voluntary contribution.

When the Apostle Paul spoke to the congregation at Corinth, he said, "Upon the first day of the week, lay thee in store as you have been prospered." This I believe is the God-pleasing way of giving toward the work of one's church. Each week we give as we have been prospered. If all people did this, the church would have few financial problems.
Parish Happenings...

Sunday Church School Participates in the Junior Olympics
By Christina Arvanites

Christ is Risen!!
What an AMAZING weekend at the Metropolis Junior Olympics! We were in the company of 37 Parishes and about 1600 participants. Congratulations to all of our participants!

Many thanks to our coaches for all their hard work and dedication: Chris Caprio, Alex Facklis, Jette Georgopoulos, Erin Godellas, Lisa Gonzini, Jeanne Jurasek, Dena Koulouris, and our swim timer Dean Godellas. Also, a thank you to Fr. Timothy and Fr. Athanasios, as always, your support is appreciated! Special thanks to Fr. Athanasios for all the hard work putting our teams together!

A few highlights from the weekend. Friday was a fun-filled evening of bowling; both of our teams had a great time! Congratulations to Madeline Szubert on earning a bronze medal on her individual score in bowling!! On Saturday, Marika Maggos received a gold medal for the 10K run. Our remaining track participants did an outstanding job as well. Our boys and girls volleyball teams played fantastically. Our 7-9 year old Basketball team did an outstanding job playing against the much larger team of Sts. Constantine and Helen of Merrillville, IN. Both of our soccer teams did a tremendous job, our 10-12 year old team won their first round.

On Sunday, our swimming team received several medals. George Kouloris received silver for freestyle, and bronze for both breast stroke and backstroke. Lea Arvanites received the bronze medal for breaststroke.

But most importantly the gold medal goes to the Assumption participants for great sportsmanship and team spirit. As the saying goes “It doesn’t matter if you win or lose, it’s how you play the game” As a parent, Sunday Church School Director and above all as a parishioner I can honestly say our children represented our parish with dignity, great love and enthusiasm. I was proud to wear the maroon and gold tshirt that was designed by Mary Maniatis several years ago and worn this year in her loving memory. Teaching children how to dribble a ball, swim a lap or kick a goal is easy. Teaching them how to treat their fellow brothers and sisters with respect and love is the true challenge and I can honestly say from what I saw this weekend I believe the Assumption Children have this successfully mastered.

Thank you, and once again congratulations to everyone on a job well done!
Youth Ministry...

Christ’s Resurrection
By Fr. Athanasios Papagiannis

Christos Anesti!

On the night of Anastasi, when everyone gathers around midnight to celebrate the Resurrection, something beautiful takes place. No, it’s not the lighting of the candles; nor is it the image of a crowded Church. It’s something more profound.

This beautiful experience I speak of comes from St. John Chrysostom, one of the greatest saints of our Church. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, when everyone in the Church is tired and probably looking to go home, someone is appointed to read St. John’s wonderful letter about the Resurrection, and how much joy it’s supposed to impart on those who believe.

St. John begins his wonderful sermon – a sermon written over 1700 years ago - in the following manner: “Whoever is a devout lover of God let him enjoy this beautiful Festival. And whosoever is a grateful servant let him rejoice and enter in to the joy of his Lord.”

He then calls for us to rejoice and enjoy the festival because, “the universal Kingdom has been revealed.” Somehow the work of Christ, the Son of God, has reconnected man with his creator in a most intimate and profound way. The new Kingdom has been established!

St. John wants us to know that a great shift of the ages occurred with that Resurrection we celebrate, and he wants us not only to acknowledge that, but to make that one event – the Resurrection of Christ – the event that changes us and draws us closer to God.

What stands out about St. John’s wonderful sermon the most is the leniency he displays for those who didn’t prepare themselves appropriately for the feast of feasts. St. John says that it doesn’t matter if you came late to celebrate – even if you came at the eleventh hour. You are excused and forgiven, if this is the case. It doesn’t matter, he says in his sermon, if you didn’t fast, either; you, too, are invited to the great festival and celebration. It’s proper, he says, to look past these things, so long as we are present to celebrate. He says: “Let all then enter into the joy of our Lord. Ye first and last receiving your like reward; ye rich and poor, rejoice together. Ye sober and slothful, celebrate the day. Ye that have kept the fast, and ye that have not, rejoice today, for the Table is richly laden.”

St. John makes provisions for each and every person in his wonderful sermon. He speaks of the rich and poor, of those who are sober and those who are slothful; he speaks of those who fasted in preparation and of those who didn’t, and of those who came on time and those who were late.

St. John speaks of everyone, save one particular type of person – the person who lights his candle and leaves the festivities early. For some reason, St. John doesn’t talk about this person. He doesn’t talk about him most undoubtedly because it’s unfathomable that someone could leave this type of festivity early to go home and sleep. For St. John the natural reaction to the Resurrection of Christ is to be festive and joyful – so much so that all you want to do is stay and celebrate. The last thing a Christian should do is leave the festivities early. This is the expectation of not only him but of the Church, too.

To put this in proper perspective, let us switch contexts. Many of us are sports fans. Have we ever seen a sports team celebrate a championship for two minutes and then leave? Of course not, they would consider it a great disrespect to their coaches, to their players and to their fans if they simply said “Congratulations” and then

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left. The appropriate thing to do is celebrate with you teammates and coaches, right? 
So why doesn’t it happen with something that’s much more profound than the winning of a trophy? By leaving early, 
don’t we somehow make a statement about what we think of the Resurrection of Christ? 
\We sing *Christ is Risen!* And then, when the priest turns his back, people leave. What about the festival? What about 
the Resurrection? What about what God did for us? Is it not natural for us to celebrate to be festive, to not be able to 
sleep until the early hours in the morning? 
“*Christ is Risen!*” we proclaim, and we go home. “*Christ is Risen!*” we proclaim, and we look at our watches to see 
what time it is. “*Christ is Risen!*” we proclaim, and we try to locate the door so as to make a fast exit. 
So many of us miss out on the joy of this momentous event!
There’s a reason, beloved, why this wonderful sermon is read at the end of the service. It’s placed there because the 
Church is telling us to stay to the end of the festivities and celebrate. If we can do it on New Years Eve, then we can do 
it for Christ’s Resurrection!
So the next time we have some free time around the house, pick up the Holy Week book and find the sermon I speak of. 
It’s located within the Easter Sunday service, towards the very end. Read it and behold the beauty of the words written 
by such a wonderful Saint some seventeen centuries ago. 
Remember that no matter how beautiful you may find it to be, it always sounds better when you’re hearing it in the 
Church and on that one special night.

Sunday Church School…

*A Few of the Classes on Graduation Day* 
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Liturgy in the Park…

On Sunday, June 9th, Assumption held its “Divine Liturgy in the Park” at the Historic Log Cabin in Lombard. After the liturgy families and friends enjoyed food, games, and fun. Many thanks to everyone who attended and contributed for helping to make this event a huge success!

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Parish Registry…

March 1, 2013 through June 2, 2013

40 DAY BABY BLESSING
Son of Bill and Carla Dagiantis

CHRISMATION
John Szubert was Chrismated, taking the name, John
Sponsor: Rose Marie Stewart

BAPTISMS
Daughter of Frank and Mary Paganis, was Baptized, taking the name Eleni.
   Godparent: Demetra Vagias
Daughter of Michael and Roula Borkowski, was Baptized, taking the name, Olivia.
   Godparent: Terry Raftopoulos
Daughter of Telly and Doris Psaradellis, was Baptized, taking the name, Antonia.
   Godparents: Bill and Alexander Laskaridis
Ms. Linda Ardehali was Baptized, taking the name, Natalia.
   Godparent: Catherine Vlahogiannis
Daughter of Dimitrios and Michelle Zografos, was Baptized, taking the name, Eleni.
   Godparents: Nikki and Jason Stratton
Son of Haroula Giannikopoulos, was Baptized, taking the name, Joshua.
   Godparent: Angie Giannikopoulos

WEDDINGS
Christopher Leludis and Natalia Ardehali were joined in Holy Matrimony.
   Sponsors: Paraskevi Thanasenakis and Danny Zezas
Dimitris Roditis and Angela Cascella were joined in Holy Matrimony.
   Sponsors: Terry and Voula Pope

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD
+ Mary Maniatis     + Nancy Costas     + Eugenia Kribales     + Dorothy Nichols
   + Gus Pappas      + Vasiliki Trambas + Marguerita Nikols   + Angela Patrakis

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40 Days:
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Diane Psarras
Vasiliki Peliotis
George Georgiou
Mary Maniatis
Vasiliki Trambas
Gus Pappas
Demetra Coston
George Kanellopoulos
Eugenia Kribales

6 Months:
Kay Politis
George Strike

1 Year:
Effie Gekas
Antonia Choporis
Christopher Siliras
Andrew Georgalas
Steve C. Yannias

2 Years:
Patricia Rombakis

3 Months:
Eleni Theodorakos

3 Years:
Connie Coussis

5 Months:
Alexander Psarras

4 Years:
Helen Patrinos

6 Years:
Michael Gekas

8 Years:
Peter Apostol

9 Years:
Maria Dallas

10 Years:
James Simms
Ted C. Yannias
Angeline Patrinos

20 Years:
Anton Zogas
Vasilios Panos

29 Years:
Theodore Coussis

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Important Upcoming Dates:

August 13th
Akathist Hymn, Epitaphios and Lamentations
of the Virgin’s Repose

August 14th
Great Vespers of the Dormition
of the Theotokos

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

September 1st and 2nd
Annual Labor Day Festival

September 8th
Sunday Church School Begins

October, 2013
Annual Metropolitan Iakovos
Namesday Banquet

October 19th
Harvest Days

November 3rd
Parish Fall General Assembly Meeting