Very Reverend Timothy G. Bakakos

This year 2015 has been a wondrous and most meaningful one in the life of our Panagia Parish. On October 18th, our Church culminated a year-long celebration of ninety years of ministry as a Parish with a spectacular Ninetieth Anniversary Banquet at the Carlisle in Lombard, IL. We had the opportunity to share in this most happy occasion, and were given the opportunity to look and reflect upon the accomplishments of the founders, the many stewards, parishioners and friends that helped mold this blessed and beloved family of Panagia.

We also appropriately honored our propsalti of this Parish, Mr. Nicolaos Georgiafentis, for fifty years of dedicated service as chanter of this Parish. And recognized on this evening were two of our past proistamenoi, Fr. Demetrios Treantafeles and Fr. George Massouras, for their combined thirty-six years of priestly ministry at Panagia.

Perhaps most special on this evening was special recognition to the Sunday Church School (SCS) who, under the direction of Mrs. Christina Arvanites, spearheaded our youth involvement in the program, “90 Acts of Kindness.” Throughout this past year, our children performed ninety acts of kindness to various, hospitals, shelters, nursing homes, food kitchens, etc., all in honoring the ninety years of our Panagia Parish. Christina and the children are to be commended for their tireless and enthusiastic involvement in this most important ministry. For this, we give glory to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

I would like to quote from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Galatians, chapter 3, verses 23-25: “But before the time for faith came, the Law kept us all locked up as prisoners until this coming faith should be revealed. And so the Law was in charge of us until Christ came, in order that we might then be put right with God through faith. Now that the time for faith is here, the Law is no longer in charge of us.”

In his book entitled, “Some Things Are Too Good Not To Be True,” Author James Moore recalls the story called Rapunzel that is very familiar to most, if not, all of us. As you probably recall in that ancient fairy tale, there was beautiful girl named Rapunzel who lives with a wicked witch in a drab and dingy tower. The old witch is holding Rapunzel captive, and to keep the girl “in her place,” the wicked witch does two things: first, she removes all the mirrors from the tower, so Rapunzel cannot see what she looks like. And then, the old witch tells Rapunzel repeatedly that she is ugly. In fact, the witch says to her, “Rapunzel, you look just like me.” Since there are no mirrors in the tower, poor Rapunzel believes it. She can’t see how beautiful she is, so she remains a prisoner in the tower, a prisoner of her own supposed ugliness. The witch believes that if Rapunzel is convinced that she is ugly, she will never try to escape.

But then, as the story goes, one bright day, Prince Charming comes riding by on his white horse, just as Rapunzel is leaning out of the tower for a breath of fresh air. Their eyes meet, and it is love at first sight.

“Rapunzel! Rapunzel! Let down your hair,” says the prince. And she does just that: she lets her long, flowing hair hang down from the balcony, and Prince Charming, using her hair like a rope ladder, climbs up into the tower.

As they gaze at each other, Rapunzel sees in the sparkling eyes of her prince, a clear reflection of her own face. In the mirror
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of his eyes, Rapunzel sees for the first time, that she really is beautiful. And, in that moment, she is set free; free from the witch, free from the tower, free from the past, free from the feeling that she is ugly! Then, as we all know, the story ends with Prince Charming taking Rapunzel into his arms and parachuting onto his horse where they ride happily off into the sunset.

Obviously, Grimm’s Fairy tales is not Holy Scripture, but this author has done us a great favor in analogizing it to the passage of Saint Paul that appears above. The story of Rapunzel, just like the Gospel of Jesus Christ, contains good news. And we can use it as a springboard to these holy words from the Epistle to the Galatians. But I would like to ask two questions with regard to this ancient fairy tale. The first one is this: from the standpoint of faith, who is it that tells “us” we are ugly? And secondly, into whose eyes may “we” peer in to see ourselves as beautiful children of God?

I address the first question: ‘Who is it that tells us “we” are ugly?’ It may surprise you to know the scriptural answer to that question. According to Saint Paul, it is the Law that tells us we are ugly. Listen to his words again: I repeat Saint Paul’s words again: “Now before faith came, the Law kept us all locked up as prisoners until this coming faith should be revealed”. That sounds a lot like the witch who kept Rapunzel captive, doesn’t it? Earlier in the same chapter, Saint Paul calls the law a “curse.” Why? Why would he say that? Because very simply, under the law, we are all failures.

Who among us today can ever abide by the law fully and keep the law perfectly? The answer is, none of us. Not a single one of us could possibly fulfill all the law’s requirements. The law provides for us a standard that is unattainable. And even if we were able to keep the law without any deviation, we would probably be guilty of spiritual pride, we would conclude that we are better than other people, and that may be the deadliest sin of all. So, in essence, it’s a lose/lose situation.

That is how growing up under the Law made Saint Paul feel..... “constrained,” “confused,” “unloved and unfulfilled,” and “under a curse,” as he calls it. Instead of making him more loving and more accepting, it filled him with self-righteousness and resentment. It gave him permission to be cruel toward those who had different beliefs than he did. But then something happened in Saint Paul’s life that made him realize he wasn’t a failure, he wasn’t a loser, that he wasn’t ugly. I often refer to Saint Paul because he was and is a model of what Christ wants to see in us. Saint Paul experienced the living Christ himself in his own conversion to Christianity, like on the road to Damascus. Paul hated Christians, and on that day, He heard Christ say, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me.” And upon hearing and realizing this, Saint Paul felt something break from within. Suddenly he wasn’t ugly anymore.

And with regards to the second question I asked earlier: Into whose eyes can we look to see the beautiful creation we were intended to be?” Saint Paul writes, “But now that the time for faith has arrived, the Law is no longer in charge of us.” It means that in Jesus Christ we are all sons and daughters of God. We are not losers at all. We are not unlovable at all. In fact, because we have met the Master, we are really quite beautiful. The greatest and most fundamental need of all humanity is to know that a person is of worth, and that he is needed and is beautiful in the eyes of God. In Jesus Christ, as sons and daughters, we are all that, and more!

Each of us, no matter how successful we presently are, has at one time or the other, been told that we are unacceptable, unlovable, unworthy. In Saint Paul’s case, it was the law. And what is usually our response to such negativity? When we have a low opinion of ourselves, we have a tendency to lash out at others. We have a tendency toward the destructive and the inferior. What we need more than anything in the world, is to look into the eyes of Jesus, just as our analogy in the fairy tale of Rapunzel, and see ourselves as we really are: sons and daughters of God.

Finally, there is one more thing that I would like to say from this passage to the Galatians: WE CAN BEGIN LIVING THE CHRIST LIFE TODAY. Saint Paul says, “It is through faith that all of you are God’s sons and daughters in union with Christ Jesus. You were baptized into union with Christ, and now you spoke, with the life of Christ Himself. So there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles, between slaves and free men, between men and women; you are all one in union with Christ Jesus.”

In celebration of the ninetieth anniversary of our blessed Panagia Parish, we can look to our beloved children who put Christ’s words into action. They offered what they could, what they were taught, and what they knew, and brought that love of Jesus to each ‘Act of Kindness’ event they were presented with. Our children are the ones we honor as they truly showed us what Christian Acts of Kindness really mean. May they and our Parish continue the work in Christ’s Name and in His glory!

+AMEN
As we complete our 90th Anniversary celebration—Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future—there are two items of unfinished business. On November 1, we will have our Fall General Assembly and all stewards are invited to participate. Past-president and current Vice President of Finance and Budget, Dean Sarantos, will present our 2016 budget. Past-president and chair of the ad hoc Bylaws Committee, James Lakerdas, will present a comprehensive revision of the Assumption Church bylaws. Both of these seemingly mundane activities have important historical precedents. On January 6, 1925, the church’s first act in her birth year was the filing for legal status with the Clerk of Cook County. Three months later, on April 5, 1925, the newly organized parish purchased property on the corner of Central and Harrison—property which we occupy to this day. Budgeting and bylaws 90 years ago gave us the Church we have today!

A revision of our church bylaws affords us an opportunity to review our ecclesiastical structure. The Assumption Church is part of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. This structure was not always this way. Some may recall that Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed Memory was the Archbishop of North and South America, a title dating from 1922. When Archbishop Iakovos retired in 1996, the Patriarch wisely divided the old Archdiocese into four parts—America, Canada, Central America, and South America. The next major structural event was: (a) the promulgation of a new Archdiocesan Charter in 2003 and (b) the simultaneous elevation of the local Bishops to the rank of Metropolitans. A total overhaul of the Archdiocesan governing documents (“the Archdiocesan Regulations”) followed in 2007. While in recent years the Assumption Church has revised sections of our bylaws, a complete rewrite of our governing document is long overdue. Jim Lakerdas has undertaken the herculean task of reviewing our existing bylaws—line by line—and bringing them into compliance with the most recent version of the Archdiocesan Regulations (2014). The Parish Council has reviewed the work of the Bylaws Committee and recommends adoption of the proposed revisions.

An important element of our bylaws—both the existing version and the proposed revision—is the role that the General Assembly plays in the budgeting process. We frequently consider the Parish Council to be the supreme lay body within our Church. That is not correct. The General Assembly is superior to the Parish Council and must pass a budget annually. The Parish Council is charged with implementing the budget approved by the General Assembly. Dean Sarantos has done a masterful job carefully reviewing income and expense trends over the last several years leading to the compilation of a multi-page document replete with categories and figures which we call "the budget." Having gone through several budgeting cycles, I can testify to the importance of the process and the accuracy of the results. Budgeting means that in September, 2015, the Finance and Budget Committee using data available through June, 2015 predicts where the Church will be financially in December, 2016. Amazingly, Dean gets it right every year!

We recall the founders of 1925 whose foresight, courage, and commitment, have bequeathed us a Church we now call Panagia. The next chapter in that story is being written on November 1. Come to Church to pray and then stay for the General Assembly. If we are to celebrate our centennial in 2025, there is still work to do in 2015.
The summer months are some of the busiest for the Philoptochos ladies. New officers and board members received the oath of office and began the two year term, led by president Ann Dervis. This group brings energy and enthusiasm for a creative, productive Philoptochos calendar.

In July and August we baked sweets, sweets and more sweets to sell at the parish festival and to serve at some of the receptions in Plato Hall. We helped host myriad receptions: bidding farewell to Father Athanasios and Presvytera Katherine Papagiannis, and welcoming (then) Deacon Dimitrios and Deaconess Danielle Burikas.

Following Great Vespers on August 14th we provided refreshments to hundreds of visitors to Panayia. The next day, August 15th, we celebrated the Feast Day of our parish, the Dormition of the Theotokos, with a luncheon in the hall following the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. We were also blessed to host a luncheon celebrating the Ordination of Father Dimitrios, welcoming Father and Presvytera’s family and friends to Plato Hall for fellowship with our parishioners. In addition, we visited with residents at the Greek American Rehabilitation Center in June, raised funds for the St. Nicholas Shrine project in New York along with other philanthropic projects.
At our recent general meeting September 17th we had the pleasure of a guest speaker Maria Delis, RD, LDN, a registered dietician from our parish. She shared her passion and knowledge about food and its connection to good health, particularly the Mediterranean diet. She posed a question to the audience of Philoptochos members, spouses and friends: How would you like to:

- Lengthen your life
- Improve Brain Function
- Defend yourself from chronic diseases
- Fight certain cancers
- Lower your risk for heart disease, high blood pressure and elevated Bad cholesterol levels
- Protect yourself from diabetes
- Aid your weight loss and management efforts
- Keep away depression
- Safeguard yourself from Alzheimer's disease
- Ward off Parkinson's disease
- Improve rheumatoid arthritis
- Improve eye health
- Reduce risk of dental disease
- Help you breathe better

Of course, we answered a resounding “Yes!” Maria then shared with us highlights from the enormous amount of evidence supporting the “gold standard” status of traditional Mediterranean eating patterns. She emphasized the foods and their nutritional benefits, the importance of being physically active, and enjoying relationships with family and friends as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Later in the month we celebrated our parish’s 90th anniversary. Ann Dervis and Betty Tsiolis served on the 90th Anniversary Gala committee. They want to thank all the ladies who baked for the sweets table and Marina Demos for offering her fabulous computer skills to Betty and Ann for the reservations. It was a beautiful event to celebrate our parish's rich history.

In November we will begin our membership drive and hope to welcome returning members as well as new members to join in our mission.
Youth Ministry...

The Home as the First Church

Saint Families of Orthodoxy

By Fr. Dimitrios Burikas

I am overjoyed to have started our youth programs for the 2015-16 ministry year! On Sunday, September 13th, we celebrated the first Divine Liturgy as a Sunday School in the chapel of St. Catherine, and on Friday, September 25th we begin our youth programs with Youth Kickoff Night. To minister to the youth of our parish is a challenge I approach with fear and awe, depending on the grace of God to illumine us all with His wisdom and love. I also appeal to each and every family to support and reinforce the lessons learned during Divine Liturgy, Sunday School, and our youth programs within the walls of your homes, for it is in the home that the young people are planted and grown into faithful Orthodox Christians.

How fitting is it, then, that in the month of September our Holy Church celebrates two saint families: St. Sophia and her daughters on September 17th as well as St. Efstathios and his family on September 20th. These holy families are both intercessors for us in our own families as well as role models for us on our journey to God’s kingdom.

St. Sophia was a Christian living in Italy during the time of the pagan emperor Hadrian. She was widowed at a young age and left with three daughters: Faith, Hope and Love. It is said that while living in Rome, St. Sophia lived a virtuous life and taught her daughters to follow her example. Thus, the three young girls learned at a young age the fear of God and desire for the eternal kingdom of heaven. They were betrayed to the emperor as Christians and resolved to stand firm in their faith for Christ, the daughters following the holy example of their mother. In front of the emperor himself, the three maidens – being only 12, 10, and 9 years old – boldly testified that Jesus Christ was the true God and endured many torments, finally giving up their lives in martyrdom. Their mother buried their relics and reposed three days later, joining them in God’s heavenly kingdom.

St. Efstathios was a general in the Roman army with the pagan name Placidas. One day, the great and renowned leader went hunting in the woods, and came upon a great deer. He chased the deer to a cliff’s edge, but the deer leaped over the chasm to the other side. Then Placidas noticed a large and shining cross in between the deer’s antlers. Then, he heard the voice of the Lord, who spoke to him and called him to the ranks of Christianity. Thus, he was baptized with his wife and two sons, taking the name Efstathios and they the names Theopiste, Agapios and Theopistos. They decided to leave their homeland for Jerusalem, but along their travels they fell upon many misfortunes were separated from one another so that none of them knew the whereabouts of their family members. But God did not abandon his holy ones! The Emperor, needing to suppress a rebellion, searched for and restored Efstathios to his position as general. After a successful campaign, his family was miraculously reunited by the grace of God. The Emperor called on the saint to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods as thanks for receiving his family alive, but the saint refused on account of him being a Christian and follower of the true God. His whole family was brought before the judgment seat, and they, refusing to give up their love of Christ, were martyred as a family for the Lord.

What faith and courage these saintly families showed! Glory be to God that He has given us such mighty examples to follow! Let us be fearless, then, in striving for that same holiness and faith in our own lives that we may embed it into the hearts and souls of our families. May God bless all of you and your families throughout this ministry year!
Sunday School News...

90 Acts of Kindness Complete!

By Christina Arvanites

We kicked off our Sunday Church School year on Sunday, September 13th. We welcomed several new families, new teachers and of course a new priest. We continued to work on our 90 Acts of Kindness during the month of September.

Over the last thirteen months the children of Assumption did a tremendous job representing our parish and more importantly they were living examples of our faith. They inspired us to be better Orthodox Christians and provided the perfect model for others to emulate. On October 11th the children had an opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments along with representatives from some of the various organizations we had worked with. Act of Kindness #90 was presented to His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos and His Grace Bishop Demetrios at our anniversary gala on October 18th. A framed print, signed by each student wishing them Many Years so they may continue to teach us about our faith. Please enjoy some photo highlights (below) from our 90 Acts of Kindness celebration.

The 2015-2016 promises to be just as inspiring as we continue to do God's work. The Sunday Church School students are the future we should all be so very proud to embrace!!
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MRS MARIKA XINOS
MR & MRS CONSTANTINE YANNIAS
MS DONNA YANNIAS
MRS ELAINE YANNIAS
MRS MARY YANNIAS
MS TRACY YANNIAS
MR & MRS JOHN ZENDOL
MR & MRS IOANNIS E ZOGRAFOS
MR & MRS PETER ZOURAS
40 DAY BABY BLESSING:
- The son of Maria and Konstantinos Kordopitoulas was Churched.
- The son of Mark and Diana Patterson was Churched.

BAPTISM:
- Daughter of Michael and Jessica Pullos was Baptized, and given the name, Aria Rose.
  Godparent: Luke Politis and Georgia Politis
- Son of Nicholaos and Jennifer Solomos was Baptized, and given the name Theodore.
  Godparent: Athena Margaris

WEDDING:
- Stacy Kostopoulous and Mark Boksa were joined in Holy Matrimony
  Sponsor: Kellie Kostopoulous
- Athanasia Sotiropoulos and George Patrianakos were joined in Holy Matrimony
  Sponsor: Anton and Eleni Flessa
- Eleni Metrou and Dino Koutsoukos were jointed in Holy Matrimony
  Sponsor: Anthony Andrikopoulos

ARTOCLASIA:
The Artoclasia was offered for the Health and Welfare of the Brotherhood of Kerasea.
The Artoclasia was offered for the Health and Well Being of the Floros and Stavropoulos Families.
The Artoclasia was offered for the Health and Well Being of the Nicholas Family.

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD
+ John D. Ellis + William Diamant + Nicolette Demitropoulos
+ Donald Bianucci + Tula Diamant + Bessie Trihas
+ Joanne Maroutsos + Antigoni Koulouris + Esther Polydoros

MEMORIALS

40 Days:
- Mary Panton
- Claudia (Eftihia) Panos
- Mary Arvis
- Stefan Wiseman
- Olga Mantzakides
- John (Ioanni) Ellis
- Donald (Pavlos) Bianucci
- William Diamant
- Toula Diamant

3 Months:
- Peter Varvitsiotis

6 Months:
- Emile Mantzakides

9 Months:
- Sophia Karagiannis

1 Year:
- Jennie Bounardj

3 Years:
- John Gianakopoulos

5 Years:
- Kathryn (Ekaterini) Lanos

10 Years:
- Helen G. Kanel

21 Years:
- George J. Kanel
Fourth, 2015

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Dates to Remember:

November 14th
Youth Bowling Event

November 15th
Christmas Fast Begins

November 20th
Youth Night, Oakbrook Park District, 7:30 p.m.

November 24th
Great Vespers for Feast of St. Catherine

November 25th
Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Feast of St. Catherine

November 26th
Thanksgiving Day

December 4th
Ladies Philoptochos Society Christmas Party
Greek Islands, Lombard, IL, 11:30 a.m.

December 4th
Annual Decorate the Hall Event, Plato Hall, 4:00 p.m.

December 12th
Christmas Caroling at Hellenic Nursing Home

December 18th
Youth Night, Oakbrook Park District, 7:30 p.m.

December 24th
Christmas Eve
Great Vespers, 5:00 pm

December 25th
Christmas Day
Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30 a.m.