LOVING FROM THE HEART
I Peter 1:17-23

Very Rev. Timothy G. Bakakos

We look at the world today and some people will see it as a difficult and oftentimes not a very nice time to be living in. Others, however, will look at this world and see the beauty in it and derive strength by the actions and goodness in so many people around them.

As we are fast approaching the great event of Pascha, I chose as my message to share with you, a passage from the New Testament Epistle of Saint Peter. It was written to Christians who were suffering during a time of intense and severe persecution. It was written to give counsel and to give comfort to them during a most trying and frightening time. Beautifully written, it is a letter brimming with hope and confidence in God. Saint Peter reminds his readers that they were not redeemed "with perishable things like silver or gold, but rather, with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, literally the blood of Jesus Christ." And then Saint Peter says something quite interesting: "Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, I ask that you fervently love one another from the heart....."

"Love one another from the heart . . ." Now some of us might think, ‘what has love got to do with suffering and persecution’? Why, when people are confronting unspeakable evil, would this disciple counsel them to love one another? Well, there are at least three reasons.

FIRST OF ALL, IT WAS LOVE THAT BROUGHT CHRIST INTO THE WORLD. The early Christian community was being persecuted because of their faith in Jesus Christ. They proclaimed Him as the Son of God who left His heavenly throne to give His life as atonement for all. He was their Lord, their Savior, the Source of their new life. It was not so much that they loved Him, but rather, that He loved them.

The message that permeates Saint Peter's Epistle is that we were not saved by our own hand, we were saved by Christ’s love poured out on the Cross through His crucifixion, the Holy and Sacred Cross that we processed around our Church a few Sundays ago to give us hope and to remind us why we are in this Season of Great Lent. And it was this love that brought Christ into the world.

Shortly after the tragic events in New York City of 911, there appeared an editorial letter in the December 2001 issue of Time magazine. A woman wrote of her six-year-old son's reaction to the Sept. 11th bombing. For some reason, this woman’s son, Parker, developed a fascination with the firemen he saw on television reports. He repeatedly asked his mother to take him to the local firehouse. Finally, this mother gave in. Parker ran around the fire house, asking questions and inspecting equipment. And then he did something that confounded his mother. In front of a candle-studded memorial to the dead firemen, six-year-old Parker bowed his head and began to pray. This is a boy who, by his own mother's admission, had never been taken to, nor ever stepped foot inside a church in his life. Yet, this innocent child's first instincts were to pray.

And after he prayed, Parker walked over to a fireman and said, “I am sorry your friends died trying to save everyone. They were very brave. Remember they are with God now.” What a testament, and out of the mouth of a babe! What do you believe about people who suffer and die? Do you believe they are with God now? We need to always remember that it was love that brought Christ into the world, in order that He may die and resurrect to save us all!
LOVING FROM THE HEART ...Continued

SECONDLY, IN REFERENCE TO THIS BIBLICAL PASSAGE FROM SAINT PETER’S EPISTLE, IT WAS LOVE THAT SUPPORTED THE SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN THEIR DARKEST HOURS. They prayed together, they ate together, they sang together, they had all things in common. No wonder the power of the whole Roman Empire nor the prejudice of the Jews could break them. The whole, the Body of Jesus Christ, is more than the fragmented individual parts. When people love and support each other like those early Christians loved and supported one another, nothing but nothing can break them. Too many of us choose not to do that. Too many of us place ourselves, many times, above the ‘family’, the “Church family” that we all belong to.

But, IF we looked at the local Church as Christ intended, we would respond differently. The “I and ME” would be replaced by “sharing and caring and bonding together”, and that would be Christianity at its finest. Whenever we see someone sinking into despair or addiction or whatever their vice might be, we need to reach out with love and concern. This is why our Sunday Church School classes and other small groups that gather together like our Bible Studies or the Adult Education Program AEP) within our Church are so important. It is not only for the study involved, though that, of course, is important. But those opportunities are where the seeds of caring take place and nurture in the Church. And there is no substitute for that. We may ask, “what has love got to do with persecution and suffering”? Well, I say again, it was love that brought Christ into the world. And, it is the love of others in our Church family that helps us keep going in our darkest hours.

FINALLY, IT IS ALSO LOVE THAT GIVES US HOPE FOR TOMORROW. Ultimately we have one hope in this world, and that is that we are not alone. We like to think we are self-sufficient, don’t we? And maybe we are 90% of the time. But there are those times in life when we are helpless. And that is usually the time when most of us turn and throw ourselves on the mercy of God. And, heaven forbid, if God should not be there. May we all pray that we never experience that void of God’s intercession.

There is a very moving and beautiful story by an unknown author that was circulated on the Internet a while back that perhaps reflects the outlook of Saint Peter's Epistles letter to the Churches in Asia Minor. In fact, I have shared it with you in one of my past sermons in Church. It is about a little boy who is about to have open heart surgery. The doctor sat with the boy to explain the process of what was about to happen to him during surgery.

“Tomorrow morning,” the surgeon began, “I'll open up your heart . . .”
“And you'll find Jesus there,” the boy interrupted.
The surgeon looked up, annoyed by the interruption. He continued, “and I'll cut your heart open to see how much damage has been done…”
“But when you open up my heart,” the little boy said, “you'll find Jesus in there, won’t you?”
The surgeon looked to the parents, who just sat quietly, and then continued. “And when I see how much damage has been done, I will then sew your heart and chest back up and I'll plan what to do next.”
“But you'll find Jesus in my heart,” the young boy insisted. “Doctor, the Bible says He lives there. My Church says He lives there. You'll find Him in my heart.”
The surgeon had had enough. “Listen, I'll tell you what I'll find in your heart,” he said coldly. “I'll find damaged muscle, low blood supply, and weakened vessels. And I'll find out if I can make you well.”
“But, you'll find Jesus there too,” the young boy insisted, “because the Bible tells me He lives there.”
The surgeon left the room and returned to his office where he proceeded to record his notes about the surgery, “Damaged aorta, damaged pulmonary vein, widespread muscle degeneration. No hope for transplant, no hope for cure. Therapy: painkillers and bed rest. Prognosis,” and here he paused, “death within one year.” The doctor then stopped the recorder, but that’s not all he had to say.

“Why?” he asked aloud. It was clear he was speaking to God. “Why did you do this? You've put him here; you've put him in this pain; and you've cursed him to an early death. Why?” The surgeon's tears were hot, but his anger was hotter: “You created that boy, and you created that heart. And he'll be dead in months. Why?”

And thus, a dialogue began between the surgeon and God. And in that dialogue, this frustrated physician discovered a new understanding of God's providence and love. And the surgeon wept. Well, the next day following the surgery, the doctor sat beside the boy's bed; the boy's parents sat across from him. The boy awoke, saw the doctor, and whispered, “Did you cut open my heart?”
"Yes, I did" said the surgeon.
"What did you find?" asked the boy.
"I found Jesus there," said the surgeon.

My dear brothers and sisters, in times of persecution and suffering, in times of grief and stress, when it all comes down to it, we have only one place to turn, and that is to the power of the Jesus Christ, the Son of God. If there is not at the heart of the universe a heart of love, then nothing else we believe really matters. So, if anyone asks you why all the fuss about Great Lent, why all the depriving of oneself, why all the Services, why all this buildup?......you will know why and what to answer. We do it because God loved the world and mankind so much that He would always be here for us. The key word during this Season is ‘LOVE!’

So, as we approach the Feast of Pascha, take a fresh and new look at its meaning! We all need the love and direction of our Lord each day, As the Epistle of Peter says, “Fervently love one another from the heart...” So, if we are ever asked what is and should be the ultimate secret of the Christian?......the correct and only answer is “Love.”

+ AMEN

President’s News...

President’s Message
By Chris E. Limperis

How many of us remember the electric trolley buses on Harrison Street and the grid of electric power lines above the street? I remember them, which means I have been around a long time. I am proud to be a life-long member of our beloved Panagia.

Having been born at Loretto Hospital, and with my family living just down the street near the grocery store, Assumption Church has always been a large part of my family life. My father, Edward Limperis, served as Parish Council President; and my mother, Helen Limperis, was very active in the community’s philanthropic activities. I am honored to serve as President of the Parish Council, and promise to do the very best I can during the next two years.

With sadness we mourn the passing of Nicholas Georgiafentis, our protopsaltis for 54 years. For many of us, if not for most of us, we cannot remember a time when he was not at the chant stand favoring us with his beautiful voice. His dedication to our Church was remarkable. He will be greatly missed.

During this season of Lent each of us has an opportunity to improve our spiritual lives and ourselves. This may come in the form of an increase in personal prayers, greater attendance at Church services, fasting, sacrificing our own comfort and desires for the good of others, and acts of charity that involve not just our treasury, but also our time and talents. This may involve many changes, including a re-dedication to serve the Church and those around us.

Although all of us would like to see an increase in the number of stewards, it is also important to increase the involvement of our current stewards. Increased involvement can be just as important, if not more important, than increasing the number of stewards. The more involved one becomes with the Church and its ministries, the more happiness and satisfaction one receives. Hopefully each one of us will find that the more one gives, the more one receives.

With these thoughts in mind, remember that there are a handful of openings on the Parish Council. Please come join us. If you are interested, please contact me or any member of the Parish Council. Hopefully you will find the experience to be rewarding and fulfilling.
Stewardship News...

Growing Spiritually During Lent
By Dr. Stavroula Spyropoulos and Thomas Demos

“Let us stress once more that the purpose of Lent is not to force on us a few formal obligations, but to “soften” our hearts so that it may open itself to the realities of the spirit, to experience the hidden “thirst and hunger” for communion with God. We understand that it is simply impossible to pass from our normal state of mind made up of almost entirely of fuss, rush, and care, into this new one without first “quieting down,” without restoring in ourselves a measure of inner stability.”

--Fr. Alexander Schmemann, Great Lent

How blessed are we! Our church gives us so many opportunities to grow in faith. During the Triodion, we have a gentle easing into the disciplines of repentance while we learn about God's unconditional love for his children through the story of the prodigal son. We are taught about humility and the danger of pride by the parable of the Pharisee and the publican. We learn about judgment and forgiveness.

As Great Lent begins, our church continues to help us grow both spiritually and physically throughout the many worship services, fasting and alms giving. We are reminded of the lives of the saints and their love for Christ. We learn how Christ gave the ultimate sacrifice for us. Though very difficult at times, lent is an opportunity to be true stewards of our faith through this joyful yet sad journey and grow towards salvation.

Let us be awake to what we need to battle bitterness, resentment, anger and holding onto grudges. Let us be awake to true "metanoia" and continuously change our mind and accept Christ. Let us be awake to daily living our Orthodox faith by forgiveness, repentance and love. Let us be true stewards of the faith by doing the hard work of living every day aware and grateful for the gifts we have been given by God.

Achieving anything worthwhile is difficult. A marathon runner trains for years prior to running the marathon. A gardener tends to their garden for months prior to harvest. A student studies diligently to achieve good grades. Being a true steward may be difficult, but essential in our path towards salvation. Lent is a blessed, yet challenging time in our ecclesiastical year to help us wake up and grow spiritually and physically. After which, we are given the gift of Pascha to celebrate and be thankful for Christ's unconditional love for His children.

Thank you for your support and love for our Panagia community! Let us continue our spiritual growth by not only attending our many worship services and fellowship events, but also to invite our family and friends to join us at our Panagia home.

Wishing you a blessed Lent, wonderful Holy Week and a Pascha full of love and joy!
2019 Sacred and Holy Week Schedule…

Saturday, April 20
Saturday of the Resurrection of Lazarus
+ 8:30 a.m. Matins (Ωρός)
+ 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Θεία Λειτουργία) Main Church

Sunday, April 21
Palm Sunday
+ 8:30 a.m. Matins (Ωρός)
+ 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Θεία Λειτουργία) and
  Sunday Church School in St. Catherine Chapel
+ 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Θεία Λειτουργία) Main Church
  Annual Palm Sunday Luncheon following services
+ 7:00 p.m. Service of the Bridegroom

Monday, April 22
Great and Holy Monday
+ 7:00 p.m. Service of the Bridegroom

Tuesday, April 23
Great and Holy Tuesday
+ 7:00 p.m. Service of the Bridegroom

Wednesday, April 24
Great and Holy Wednesday
+ 2:30 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Unction
+ 7:00 p.m. Service of the Bridegroom
  (Holy Unction will be distributed after the service.)

Thursday, April 25
Great and Holy Thursday
+ 9:00 a.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil
+ 7:00 p.m. The Holy Passion of Our Lord

Friday, April 26
Great and Holy Friday
+ 9:00 a.m. Reading of the Royal Hours
+ 3:00 p.m. Removal of Christ from the Cross
+ 7:00 p.m. Service of the Lamentations

Saturday, April 27
Great and Holy Saturday
+ 9:00 a.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy
+ 11:00 p.m. Canon of the Holy Resurrection

Sunday, April 28
HOLY PASCHA
+ 12:00 a.m. Midnight Resurrection Service and Divine Liturgy
+ 11:00 a.m. Agape Vespers
On Sunday, February 3rd, the Assumption Philoptochos observed the annual GoRed for Women promoting Heart Health Awareness (photo below). We distributed heart health information to both women and men. We urge you to take a look at the Rush Oak Park Hospital’s website [https://www.roph.org/health-wellness/classes-events-support-groups](https://www.roph.org/health-wellness/classes-events-support-groups) for a schedule of health related lectures, workshops and support group meetings, all free of charge. Thank you, Mary Bouzoukis, for bringing this invaluable information to our attention!

The Assumption Apokreatiko Glendi was celebrated on Sunday, March 3rd, at The Diplomat West Banquets. The chair, Marina Demos, and her team, Maria Kartsimas, Demetra Lakerdas and Nikki Massouras, provided a festive backdrop for this occasion. This year’s theme, ‘The Greatest Glendi on Earth’ was selected by Georgia Rombakis Tsaganos. The inspiration was based on the theme of the movie ‘The Greatest Showman on Earth’ presenting the imagination of P.T. Barnum, a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.

The Best Buddies chapter of the Brooks Middle School of Oak Park, was the charity selected to benefit from the raffle proceeds of $730. Best Buddies is a Middle School chapter of an international organization that provides opportunities for friendship and activities between students with developmental disabilities and general education students. There are monthly meetings, field trips, service projects, and a fundraiser. Thank you all for a wonderful evening! Και του χρόνου!

As we mentioned in the previous Newsletter, the Assumption children and Philoptochos were planning a fundraising partnership – ‘Lemonade and Loukoumathes’ on Sunday March 17th and 31st. On Sunday, March 3rd, Philoptochos Corresponding Secretary, Maria Kartsimas kicked off the event by presenting a lively and meaningful video of her own creation to the children in St. Catherine’s Chapel explaining the purpose of the fundraising activities which is to help provide funding for innovative pediatric programs and hospitals throughout our Chicago Metropolis.

Two weeks ago the first of two ‘L & L’ Sundays was completed. The children made their own Lemonade stand banner and Maria Kartsimas decorated the table and cart beautifully. Children of all ages participated as SCS Director, Lynn Voulgarakis and moms rotated the children so that many had the opportunity to serve and sell the Lemonade from the table and cart in Plato Hall. As you can see from the photos, Plato Hall was bustling with energy, activity, and children taking their responsibilities very seriously! We are delighted to report that the children collected $237 on the first Sunday.

As for the Loukoumathes, together with the expert Loukoumathes dough makers, the Woods Family, Pat Karabas, Joan Leakakos, Jette Georgopoulos and Sophia Papafotopoulos were working diligently to keep up with the Loukoumathes orders. I believe the consensus was that the Loukoumathes were delicious and very much enjoyed by the Parish!

The ticket sales were meticulously managed by Sophia Vlahos, whose station was the first stop in the Loukoumathes sale process. Next, Evie Maggos and Sophie Koutselas distributed orders to the long line of customers and Demetra Lakerdas singlehandedly served coffee. The Loukoumathes sales were $556.

We are so appreciative of all your efforts and teamwork making the event successful and especially for the participation for the Assumption Parish children! We hope it was an enjoyable and meaningful experience for them.

The Easter Bake Sale is just around the corner, less than one month as of this writing. Orders have been taken for three weeks and pick up is on Palm Sunday, April 21st. Also upcoming is the Board Election on Thursday, May 16th. Please attend this important meeting.

For the past several years, Francine Kott has arranged the annual visit to the Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Centre and we are delighted that she has again secured a date for our visit, Tuesday, June 18th. Please watch for details. Thank you, Francine!

Details are also forthcoming for our June outing and our Oak Park Farmers’ Market Bake Sale.
Philoptochos News…continued

Below pleas enjoy some photos from the events mentioned on the previous page.

We wish you all a Joyous Resurrection! Καλό Πάσχα!

2019 Apokreatiko Glendi, “The Greatest Glendi on Earth!”

Loukoumathes and Lemonade, and Go Red Sunday
Youth Ministry...

“Behold, the Bridegroom Cometh”
Christ’s Love in Humility
By Fr. Dimitri Burikas

During Holy Week, one of the themes in our hymns and iconography is that of Christ the Bridegroom. In this depiction of Christ, we see Him clothed in the robe of mockery, with a reed in His hands, and the crown of thorns on His head. He is bloodied and weary, His hands bound as He goes to the Cross. Our Church titles this icon the “Bridegroom” because this is the deepest expression of Christ’s sacrificial love for us, just as a husband or wife is called to sacrificially love their spouse. We are reminded again and again that Christ chose to die for our sake because He loves us. It is this love and sacrifice that unites us to Him, just as a husband and wife are united in marriage.

If we think about Jesus Christ and His life on this earth, everything He did - from His Incarnation and birth as a human being to His death, burial, and resurrection - was an act of self-emptying. Being God, He took on our frail human existence. Being the King of Heaven, He lived in poverty, moving from place to place to preach the Good News, healing the sick and feeding the hungry. Being all-powerful, He accepted to be arrested, spit upon, and mocked. Being the Author of Life, He chose to die on the cross that the power of death might be destroyed once and for all.

The events of Holy Week highlight Christ’s humility in His love toward humanity. Christ chooses to approach us in humility so that we can experience His love in the deepest chambers of our hearts, for true love is not possible without humility (only self-love). We know that Christ loves us because of His actions towards us and for us, particularly this image of Christ going to the cross and death. There can be no question.

During Lent, our Church offers us many opportunities to come and experience the love of God for ourselves: more church services, intensifying our prayer, increasing our charity, fasting (not only from food but from sin in general) all open our hearts to be touched by God’s love. Christ Himself reaches out His hand to us again and again that we may walk with Him to His Kingdom.

What God waits for is our response. Here, God again shows us His humble approach to humankind. He does not force us to accept Him or live by His commandments. He calls us to be righteous, but does not command. He knocks on the door of our heart, but He does not barge in. God doesn’t want us to be His servants, simply obeying a transcendent deity we do not know on any personal level. God wants us to be His children and to share our love with Him, receiving from God the inheritance of life everlasting.

Will we accept Him, or will we reject Him? Only we can answer.

This Lent, I pray that we, as a Church family, will give God the opportunity to show us His love in a personal and meaningful way by availing ourselves to the many opportunities He gives us to do so. I pray that we will embrace Him as a Father and pour out our love for Him as He has done for us, that in doing so we will experience a renewal of life, a transformation, and our own personal resurrection with Him on the Great and Holy day of Pascha.

May God bless you and your families this Lenten season! Kali Anastasi!
As I think about the first Sunday of Great Lent, I was heartened to see so many families present on the Sunday of Orthodoxy. The children reflected our faith so well in the procession of the icons, both in the main church and in St. Catherine's Chapel. Some Sundays, though, St. Catherine's is not so full. That raises the question: why do people attend services at our parish? I believe that there are four main reasons: 1) it is Panagia's parish; 2) the beauty and majesty of the structure; 3) people have a family history of attending the parish; and 4) the second Divine Liturgy in St. Catherine's Chapel.

As time goes by, the third reason may fade. Families develop histories at other parishes, particularly in the suburbs. As to the second, with care, the structure should remain beautiful. The first reason should stand the test of time. Number four, however, is not necessarily a timeless constant. The fact that we have an active chapel with a second priest is really not a given. It is a privilege and a blessing, because it does so much for our Sunday Church School.

The liturgy in St. Catherine's, while open to all, is one that is very family-friendly. Yes, parishes can and do have Sunday School with one Divine Liturgy each Sunday. Children often attend the first half or so of the liturgy and then attend classes. They may not hear a sermon, much less one tailored to children. They might miss portions of the liturgy. They may not have the opportunity to participate on a weekly basis, either serving as an altar boy, singing in the junior choir, playing the organ, making an offering in the mission box, or passing the trays.

We have the privilege of having all these things in St. Catherine's Chapel, from September through May. However, this privilege will only exist if it is utilized. For that reason, I urge all the families to take advantage of St. Catherine's. Come to church at the beginning of the service in the chapel, as often as you can. Tell other families about what we have to offer. St. Catherine's cannot do us any good if we do not celebrate liturgy in the chapel and let others know about it. To not do so would be hiding our light under a bushel. I pray that we will all make use of the gift of St. Catherine's Chapel, as it is a great asset to this parish. With your support, it will continue to be so for years to come, and its light can shine brightly in the world.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5

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Parish Registry...January 1, 2019—March 31, 2019

**WEDDING:**
Lauren Callahan and Adam Stribling were joined in Holy Matrimony
   **Sponsor:** Christina Callahan

Dimitria Siliras and Santino Scarlato were joined in Holy Matrimony
   **Sponsor:** John Vranas

**40 Day Blessing**
Baby Girl
Parents ~ Anthony & Nicole Abruzzo

**FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD**
Lillian Stamas
Vasilios Tsaganos
Louis Demos
Peter G Poulos
Nicoilaos A Georgiefentis
Peter Mettevelis
Jean Leontios
Emmanouel Dimitrakopoulos
Georgia Apostol
Steve Agos

**MEMORIALS**

**40 Days**
Louie Demos
Emmanouel Dimitrakopoulos
Nicoilaos Georgiefentis
Diamantis Mantis
Panagiotis (Peter) Mettevelis
Panagiotis (Peter) Poulos
Spyridoula (Lillian) Stamas
Vasilios Tsaganos

**1 Year**
Demetra (Tula) Ellis
Theodora Ellis
Ilias Loulousis
Helen Raptis
John Sandors
Dr. Nick Thomopoulos
Gerasimos Vasilatos
Elaine Yannis

**2 Years**
Fr George Massouras
Maria Papagiannopoulos

**3 Years**
Athanasia (Soula) Boudros
Stamatia (Toula) Kokolis
Michael Walsh

**4 Years**
John Ellis

**5 Years**
Presbytera Christina Blathras
Georgia Loulousis
John Vlahos
Penelope Vlahos

**6 Years**
Stavroula (Mary) Maniatis
Andriana Vasilatos

**7 Years**
Efimia (Effie) Gekas
Evangelos Glotsos

**10 Years**
Ioanna (Jeannie) Bottis-Flesor

**12 Years**
Michael Gekas
Panagiotis (Peter) Papagiannopoulos

**25 Years**
Dr. Louis G Stamas

**56 Years**
Athanasiou (Thomas) Bottis
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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 8th
6:00 p.m.
Compline Service

April 10th
6:00 p.m.
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

April 12th
7:00 p.m.
The Akathist Hymn

April 13th
6:00 p.m.
Youth Night (Addison IL)

April 15th
7:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study

April 29th
8:30 a.m.
Feast of Saint George (Observed)

April 30th
8:30 a.m.
Feast of Panagia Portaitissa

May 1st
8:30 a.m.
Feast of Life Giving Fountain