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"Come and See"

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*Thanks to all for a
successful Festival !!*

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Summer Worship
 Hours Begin:
June 21st

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Newsletter Deadline—15th of each month

Please submit entries for this newsletter as early in the month as possible but no later than the 15th. **Email your articles to: office@stphilipnh.org.** Articles may also be faxed to the office at 603-889-3763 or dropped off to Cheryl Petren at the church office during normal office hours.

ON THE COVER

BY CHRISTY HOUPIS

My Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I don't believe these words will do justice to the experience but here goes...**it was amazing, spectacular, awesome, incredible, and stupendous** as well as too many other adjectives that are too lengthy to list here. Do you believe in miracles? Well, on May 15th and 16th at 500 West Hollis Street in Nashua, NH, a miracle definitely occurred. This year's St. Philip Greek Food Festival quite simply put ... was a miracle. While Dale Cooney is still calculating all the numbers, one thing is certain, **we met last year's attendance and food sales!!! WE ARE OVER THE \$100,000 mark!!** Now, consider last year was a record for the amount of money raised and that would be an astonishing feat in and of itself. Now, think about what it means to beat your record setting year in the midst of the country's deepest recession since WWII. Yes, it becomes nothing short of...well a miracle. How did it happen??? Well, you all took the email we sent and BANG suddenly we reached dozens, hundreds and maybe even thousands of people FREE!!!! Thanks to our Parishioner's email lists the word started spreading like wild fire. Just as we had hoped! Add a great article in the Hippo the Thursday before the event and Saturday morning in the Telegraph during the event and you start hitting critical mass. Still the biggest tell tale foreshadowing of what was to come...***Friday before we even opened the doors at 11 AM***, there were dozens of people waiting to come in to enjoy our wonderful Greek cuisine that is so sought after. By 1:30 PM in the afternoon we had already exceeded last year's 3:30 PM sales!! By the end of Friday, we were ahead of last year's total by over \$7,000!!!!

Thousands of people from in the Nashua community were served, and everyone enjoyed the delicious food and unrivaled hospitality that has become the hallmarks of our event. Yes, we ran out of many food items by early Saturday night including Spanakopita, Baklava, Meatballs, Dolmathes, and Pastichio. Basically it was just rice, beans, and lamb left over! FANTASTIC!!!!

A few short weeks ago, I wrote about many hands making light work. Well each and every one of our parishioners proved that to be true beyond any measure.

There are **so many** to thank for our success:

Sia Juris who again led the Ladies AGAPE Society and other female parishioners who were on the serving line smiling and greeting visitors.

The AHEPA men continued to roll out salads and the lads did DOUBLE the number of gyros this year too!

George Eftimiou for setting up the hall and getting the signs printed and hung!

Don and Marsha Lebrun kept things going with the Coffee Shop.

Maria Donati and crew cranked out the Chocolate covered strawberries, rice pudding, Baklava ice cream, frozen chocolate covered bananas and extra items including chocolate covered pretzels, marshmallows and chocolate lollypops.

Matthew Matsis coordinated the High School student volunteers on both Friday and Saturday.

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Presidents Remarks (cont.)

Thank you to the talented Hellenic Dance Troupe for the wonderful Greek Dance performances on Saturday.

Many thanks to Diana Juris and Nancy Pappo for spreading the Greek culture at the Import Table!

And John Pappas was looking down smiling as the tradition of the Raffle was kept alive by Litsa Delage and Mary Torosian! May his memory be eternal.

We owe Athena Pappas, Ellen Murphy and Stefanie Murphy in the Pastry booth double thanks...note only did they SELL OUT of pastries but they helped by donating some of their inventory to the serving line when they ran out!

The chicken was marinated perfectly and cooked by Doug Philipon, Joe LaJeunesse, Peter Pitsas, Chuck Koustas, Dean & Kirk Liberty, George Demetri, and Bryan & Dick Murphy. And special thank you to Joe Lajeunesse who worked all day Friday!

Thanks to Christopher Gosey for the Iconography demonstrations and discussions that SO many people commented on. A wonderfully spiritual way to share our faith with others!

The Lamb was succulent and tender thanks to the 'Boys with the Grill.' Nick Kaklamanos, Jorge Panteli, Maggie Panteli, Joey Pappo Jr., Charlie Paskaley, Ed Mardin, Bill Polychronopoulos, and Charlie Kolocotronis all did an outstanding job keeping the meat ready and the lines served!

A heart-felt thanks to Lori Pitsas and all the kids from JOY as well as GOYA. Their efforts keeping the trays clean, the rubbish emptied and the seating areas neat was incredibly valuable!!!

Katherine Richo, Marilyn Whitmore, Sharon Harakas and the Zis-Sweeney Girls from Zis-Sweeney Funeral Home along with Father Tom pushed out more Loukoumades than I could count!

Joe and Mike Pappo, Charlie & Lori Trearchis, Gail Philipon, Shannon Whitmore and Stella Bloom kept the food cooking and the kitchen humming like a well oiled machine with some help from Jim Spargo when he wasn't trading his apron to be with the boys cooking lamb!

Thank you to Stellos Electric for the donation of all the electrical work for the Food Fest.

And who could forget David Lavoie who stood by that washing machine ALL DAY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY! Amazing!!

I am sure to have missed many individuals and I hope you will accept my apologies as I couldn't be everywhere to see everyone on both days...but that is just the point...to serve THOUSANDS of people it took hundreds – yes, hundreds – of Parishioners! In fact many times over the two day event there were often as many as ***three generations of a family*** working the Food Fest at the same time!!!

And you all did it! Many hands made light work. I hope all of you will feel the same pride and joy Jamie Pappas and I do as co-Chairs watching our community bring St. Philip Food Festival to new heights. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!



2009 Greek Food Fest Ad Book Update

I would like to personally thank all those who helped support this year's ad book. Our major sponsors, Dave's Quality Dry Cleaning, Giorgio's Ristorante, Nashua Eye Associates, Martha's Exchange Restaurant & Brewery, Market Basket, Stellos Electric, and Zis-Sweeney Funeral Home each deserve a tremendous amount of credit for their ongoing support. Likewise, our advertisers and our patrons should be congratulated. Without their assistance, our efforts would not be any where near as successful. And, finally, thank you to Hippo Press and Ace Printing for their fine work with the book production/printing, posters and our place mats!

I would also like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to our team that has worked since January to make this possible...Charlene Grecco, Jamie Pappas, Joyce Powell, Gail Philipon, Maggie Titus, Father Tom and Lou Juris. We got a lot done with very few people and their time and efforts are very much appreciated. And, not to be forgotten, a big thanks to Cheryl and Sophie for their office paperwork, emails and phone calls throughout the campaign.

I can't stress enough how important this effort is to our overall success of the festival. We should easily be able to double this effort but, we need help. Please consider getting more involved and let us know if you can lend a hand.

Also, if you are interested in advertising or becoming a sponsor, we can keep that in mind for next year. And, as always, ideas are always welcome!

Doug Philipon doug@icentrix.com 603-893-3922 x25.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Month of April 2009			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Stewardship	\$ 12320.00	Salaries	\$ 10687.00
Candles & Trays	6208.00	Utilities	2565.00
Other Income	<u>2302.00</u>	Other Expenses	<u>8113.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 20,830.00	TOTAL	\$ 21,365.00
YEAR TO DATE			
Cumulative Income	\$ 89,688.00		
Expenses	\$ 90,910.00		
Shortfall/Increase	\$ <1,222.00>		



Summer Worship Hours Begin June 21st

Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am

Summer Is Here...So Is The Church

As we welcome the coming of summer and the accompanying change of schedules and activities, don't forget that the Church is still here. Though the services may begin a little earlier and Sunday School may not be in session, the doors are still open and the call for the faithful of the parish to worship is still loud and strong. Make plans throughout the summer to participate on Sundays. We eagerly wait to see you.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

Congratulations...

... are extended to Bill and Anne Juris whose daughter, Madeline, was baptized on May 2.

... are extended to George & Christina Eftimiou whose son, Alexander, was baptized on May 9.

Weddings

Congratulations are extended to Ted & Mary Ellen Sarandis who were married on May 9.

Funerals

Condolences...

... are extended to the family of Demitrios Batzoyianis who fell asleep in the Lord on May 1. May his memory be eternal

... are extended to the family of Mary Trojan who fell asleep in the Lord on May 2. May her memory be eternal

... are extended to the family of Rose Antonopoulos who fell asleep in the Lord on May 8. May her memory be eternal.

Nick Kallan To Receive Metropolis Award

The St. Philip Parish Council is pleased to announce the selection of Nicholas Kallan as this year's Metropolis Award recipient. Nick's life-long dedication to the Church and his unwavering commitment, leadership, and hard work for our parish and for the AHEPA befit his selection. He has served as a member of the Parish Council for twenty plus years having been president, vice-president, secretary, and asst. treasurer. He faithfully sings in the choir and has helped lead the choir when called upon, served on numerous committees and ministries of the parish, and has chaired events as well. Additionally, Nick has been an active leader in the AHEPA on national, district, and local levels. He was, and continues to be, a driving force and leader for the local AHEPA Housing project.

We extend to him our congratulations. If you wish to join him at the annual Metropolis Award Dinner on June 14 at Lombardo's, please contact the parish office to make your reservation. The donation for the dinner is \$75 per person.

Join us for the 23rd ANNUAL METROPOLIS OF BOSTON AWARDS DINNER

SUNDAY JUNE 14, 2009

**LOMBARDO'S
Six Billings Street
Randolph, MA**

COCKTAILS 5:30PM DINNER 6:30PM

**An evening of fellowship to express our appreciation
to the dedicated stewards who serve our parishes.**

Donation: \$75 per person

Holy Trinity Church Feast Day- Lowell MA

All are invited by Rev. Anastasios Coulouras to the celebration of the Feast Day of Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, June 7th (7:00pm) and Monday morning June 8th (9am Orthros and 10am Divine Liturgy).

Saint Nicholas Church - Manchester, NH

**Lamb Barbeque
Saturday, June 20, 2009
11:30am-7:00pm
Please join us!**

ST. PHILIP HELLENIC DANCE TROUPE

Dance Instructors: Maria & Marisa Donati 603-672-1914



CONGRATULATIONS ST PHILIP HELLENIC DANCE TROUPE 2008-2009

Angelina Spilios
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Alexia Philipon
Grace Gentile
Georgie Gentile
Gianna Gentile
Christina Katsioulis
Athena Lajeunesse
Katherine Lymberopoulos
Olivia Koutsos
Samantha Abraham

**The Saint Philip Community is very proud of you!!!
We will gather again in September...Have a fun and safe summer!**

Sunday School Year Comes to an End

The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, June 14th, this year. We extend to the Sunday School staff our heartfelt appreciation for their dedication and hard work throughout the academic year. Their stewardship of time and talents is the heartbeat of the program. We extend a special thanks to Cathy Reed and Bill Chouramanis for their leadership and through them to all the teachers. We look forward to seeing the program up and running again in September.

2008-2009 Greek School Year Closes

We thank Greek School Teacher George Kitsis for all his hard work this year and parents for bringing their children faithfully throughout the school year.

Hopefully, next year, we will have more children participating in our Greek School Program!!

**The July/August Newsletter will include the
2009-2010 Greek School Registration information.**

Those
Graduating
In Our
Church



2009 Graduates!

Please contact the church office to submit the names of the 2009 High School and College grads to be published in the July/August issue of "The Voice".

AGAPE NEWS

BY MARYANNE SQUEGLIA

There will be a GENERAL MEETING AND COOKOUT held at the church on MONDAY, JUNE 8TH @ 6PM. Please try to make every effort to attend this meeting, it will be our last one until September. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm, after which we will have our business meeting, coffee and dessert.

Thank you to Elaine Vrouhas for hosting the Cookout, it is sure to be delicious!

Asst. Treasurer Marion Pleakas will be available at the meeting for those members who need to pay their 2009 dues.

Thank you to all the Ladies of Agape for helping make the Food Festival a great success!

Thank you to the Pitarys Family for their generous donation of the five breads in memory of their parents for the Artoclasia.

The AGAPE Scholarship Award will be presented on Sunday, June 14th following the Divine Liturgy.

AHEPA News

BY DON LEBRUN, PRESIDENT

- Our June meeting and scholarship dinner will be on June 16th.
- AHEPA continues to sell commemorative wall tiles to display prominently at the AHEPA Manor Tiles are available to everyone wishing to display their name or that of a loved one. See Don LeBrun for an application at any time.
- AHEPA helped with Coffee, Gyros, and salads at the Food Festival.

2009 Sponsorships Welcomed!

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