St. Photios the Great
February 6

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἑχος δ’.

Ὀς τῶν Ἀποστόλων ὁμώτροπος,
καὶ τῆς Οἰκουμένης διδάσκαλος,
τῷ Δεσπότῃ τῶν ὅλων ἰκέτευε Φώτιε,
εἰρήνην τῇ Οἰκουμένῃ δορησάθαι,
καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion Mode 4.

Os ton Apostólon omótropos,
ke tis Ikouméni didáskalos,
to Despóti ton ólon ikéteve Fótie,
irínin ti Ikouméni dorísathe,
ke tes psihês imón to méga éleos

Apolytikion Mode 4.

Resembling the Apostles in way of life,
O Photios, the teacher of the universe,
intercede with the Master of all,
to grant peace to the whole world,
and great mercy to our souls
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The Holy Martyr Agathodoros

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EPISTLE: II Timothy 3:10-15
GOSPEL: Luke 18:10-14

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EPISTLE: I Corinthians 6:12-20
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February 23 Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)
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EPISTLE: I Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2
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ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ: Εβραίους 7:7-17
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9 Φεβρουαρίου  Κυριακή τοῦ Τελώνου καὶ Φαρισαίου
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Ἐπίσκοπου Σικελίας, Φιλαγρίου Ἐπισκόπου Κύπρου,
καὶ Παγκρατίου Ἐπισκόπου Ταυρομένιου. Παγκρατίου
Ἐπισκόπου Ταυρομένιου.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ: Β΄ Τιμόθεον 3:10-15
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Τῶν Ἀγίων Μαρτύρων, Παμφίλου καὶ τῶν σὺν αὐτῶ.
Τοῦ Ὅσιοῦ Πατρός ἡμῶν Φλαβιανοῦ, Πατριάρχου
Κωνσταντινουπόλεως.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ: Α΄ Κορινθίους 6:12-20
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Σμύρνης καὶ Προτερίου, Ἀρχιερείας.

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NAMEDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

We wish everyone who has a Feast Day in February
"CHRONIA POLLA" "HAPPY NAMEDAY."

February 10th ..................................... SAINT HARALAMBOS
Harry G. Plomarity
Robert Rubio, Sr.
Robert Rubio, Jr.
Christ is in our midst!

With the holidays in the rear-view mirror, let us focus on the year ahead. I am asking everyone to prayerfully consider how we can be the Stewards God is calling us to be. I believe our community has made great progress. But we must think about where we should be in the near and distant future. We must ask ourselves a fundamental question, is living out the Orthodox faith the center of our being? Is church something we just come to for worship, sacraments and fellowship? Do we view it as our way to serve God? Is our present commitment of our time, talent and treasure adequate to accomplish the calling of the church? Are we being good stewards of the Church? As a community we need to improve our Stewardship. I have included an overview of Orthodox Christian Stewardship provided by the Archdiocese for us to reflect on as we evaluate our commitment to our parish.

Orthodox Christian Stewardship is a way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith. Becoming a Steward begins when we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs. As Stewards, we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed.

An Orthodox Christian Steward is an active participant in the life of the Church. The parish encourages all who accept the Orthodox Faith to become practicing Stewards. Each year the Steward is expected to carefully review his or her personal circumstances and make a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to support the Parish and her Ministries, which in turn support the National Ministries of our Archdiocese, Metropolises, and institutions.

A successful Orthodox Christian Stewardship should provide for the entire Parish Ministries and Operating Budget as well as the growth of those ministries. The parish, in time, will not find it necessary to depend on fund raising events to meet its financial responsibilities. When a parish first enters into the Orthodox Christian Stewardship Program, proceeds from such events supplement Stewardship revenue shortfalls in meeting the parish budget. After a few years of concentrated effort and a positive attitude, Stewardship revenues should completely support and provide total coverage and even allow for growth of the budget. Once this has been achieved, festivals and other events may be seen as community events and outreach opportunities, with proceeds going to capital improvements and/or the philanthropic work of the Church.
A budget is an expression of the vision of the parish – its priorities, concerns and plans for the future. Members who see a church doing more than “paying the bills” will be inspired by the vision of a church that seeks to serve its parishioners, neighbors and people in need throughout the world. The parish might consider budget line-items for Charitable Programs, Missions, Outreach, Youth Worker training, Adult Education, Educational Outreach Materials and more. Though some may balk at this extra burden on the budget, others will be inspired by the vision of a parish interested in improving and adding to its ministries.

Why do we give? To participate in Theosis. Theosis is working out our salvation to become Christ like and experiencing the kingdom of heaven now. Stewardship is a practice that can help shape our world and ourselves in such a way that we can experience God’s grace, love and communion in the present. This puts more emphasis on stewardship being about what is possible for us as humans now rather than later. It also shifts the tone from fear to the potential for experiencing joy.

We are not giving to the parish for any specific purpose. We are giving to God. We are returning to God in thanksgiving for what He has done for us. God is never outdone in generosity. A steward is a manager, someone who looks after someone else’s property. That is what we are. We are all managers in God’s kingdom, and we have a responsibility to protect and grow God’s gifts.

Let us honestly reflect, are we willing to be the stewards God has call us to be and are we willing to make the commitment and sacrifice?

Blessings

Fr. John Hayden Haby

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St. Photios the Great, Patriarch of Constantinople

As for the thrice-blessed Photios, the great and most resplendent Father and teacher of the Church, the Confessor of the Faith and Equal to the Apostles, he lived during the years of the emperors Michael (the son of Theophilos), Basil the Macedonian, and Leo his son. He was the son of pious parents, Sergios and Irene, who suffered for the Faith under the Iconoclast Emperor Theophilus; he was also a nephew of Saint Tarasios, Patriarch of Constantinople (see Feb. 25). He was born in Constantinople, where he excelled in the foremost imperial ministries, while ever practicing a virtuous and godly life. An upright and honorable man of singular learning and erudition, he was raised to the apostolic, ecumenical, and patriarchal throne of Constantinople in the year 857.

The many struggles that this thrice-blessed one undertook for the Orthodox Faith against the Manichaeans, the Iconoclasts, and other heretics, and the attacks and assaults that he endured from Nicholas I, the haughty and ambitious Pope of Rome, and the great persecutions and distresses he suffered, are beyond number. Contending against the Latin error of the filioque, that is, the doctrine that the Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son, he demonstrated clearly with his Mystagogy on the Holy Spirit how the filioque destroys the unity and equality of the Trinity. He has left us many theological writings, panegyric homilies, and epistles, including one to Boris, the Sovereign of Bulgaria, in which he set forth for him the history and teachings of the Seven Ecumenical Councils. Having tended the Church of Christ in holiness and in an evangelical manner, and with fervent zeal having rooted out all the tares of every alien teaching, he departed to the Lord in the Monastery of the Armenians on February 6, 891.

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020
Immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

Menu
Pancakes
Scrambled Eggs
Bacon
Hash Brown Potatoes
Orange Juice

$10.00 for Adults and $5.00 for Children

Sponsored by
St. Nicholas GOYA
Apokries Luncheon

Sunday, February 23, 2020
Following the Divine Liturgy

Salad
Spaghetti and Meat Sauce
Roll
Dessert
Soda or Water

Beer and Wine $2.00
Adults $15.00
Children $7.00

Hosted by the Delphi Club and the Catechism School
Costume ~ Food ~ Music ~ Games ~ Kids’ Activities
St. Theodore Stratelates (The Commander)  
February 8

The holy Martyr Theodore was from Euchaita of Galatia and dwelt in Heraclea of Pontus. He was a renowned commander in the military, and the report came to the Emperor Licinius that he was a Christian and abominated the idols. Licinius therefore sent certain men to him from Nicomedia, to honor him and ask him to appear before him. Through them, however, Saint Theodore sent back a message that it was necessary for various reasons, that Licinius come to Heraclea. Licinius, seeing in this a hope of turning Saint Theodore away from Christ did as was asked of him.

When the Emperor came to Heraclea, Saint Theodore met him with honor, and the Emperor in turn gave Theodore his hand, believing that through him he would be able to draw the Christians to the worship of his idols. Seated upon his throne in the midst of the people, he publicly bade Theodore offer sacrifice to the gods. But Theodore asked that the emperor entrust him with the most venerable of his gods, those of gold and silver, that he might take them home and himself attend upon them that evening, promising that the following day he would honor them in public. The Emperor, filled with joy at these tidings, gave command that Theodore's request be fulfilled.

When the Saint had taken the idols home, he broke them in pieces and distributed the gold and silver to the poor by night. The next day a centurion named Maxentius told Licinius that he had seen a pauper pass by carrying the head of Artemis. Saint Theodore, far from repenting of this, confessed Christ boldly. Licinius, in an uncontainable fury, had the Saint put to many torments, then crucified. While upon the cross, the holy Martyr was further tormented -- his privy parts were cut off, he was shot with arrows, his eyes were put out, and he was left on the cross to die. The next day Licinius sent men to take his corpse and cast it into the sea; but they found the Saint alive and perfectly whole. Through this, many believed in Christ. Seeing his own men turning to Christ, and the city in an uproar, Licinius had Theodore beheaded, about the year 320. The Saint's holy relics were returned to his ancestral home on June 8, which is also a feast of the Great Martyr Theodore.

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Άγιος Θεόδωρος ο Στρατηλάτης
8 Φεβρουαρίου

Ο Άγιος Θεόδωρος ο Στρατηλάτης καταγόταν από τα Ευχάιτα της Γαλατίας και κατοικούσε στην Ηράκλεια του Εύξεινου Πόντου. Στρατιωτικός στο επάγγελμα, διακρίθηκε για την γενναιότητά του και γρήγορα προήχθη στους υψηλότερους βαθμούς της στρατιωτικής ιεραρχίας. Αθλητής γενναιότατος ο Θεόδωρος, ήταν συγχρόνως και υπόδειγμα σεμνότητας όπως αρμόζει σε έναν γνήσιο Χριστιανό.

Όταν το 320 μ.Χ. ο Λικίνιος διέτριβε στη Νικομήδεια, άκουσε περί του Θεοδώρου ότι είναι Χριστιανός και βδελύσσει τα είδωλα. Αμέσως απέστειλε στην Ηράκλεια ανώτερους αξιωματούχους, για να τον συνοδεύσουν με τιμή στη Νικομήδεια. Αλλά ο Θεόδωρος διεμήνυσε διά των ιδίων απεσταλμένων στον Λικίνιο, ότι για πολλούς λόγους η παρουσία του στην Ηράκλεια ήταν συμφέρουσα και τον προέτρεψε να μεταβεί εκεί. Αποδεχθείς την πρόταση ο Λικίνιος μετέβη στην Ηράκλεια, όπου τον προούπαντησε με λαμπρότητα ο Θεόδωρος, προς τον οποίο ο Λικίνιος άπλωσε την κεφαλή της θεάς Αφροδίτης και καταφρόνησε τον Θεόδωρο ως εμπαίκτη και καταφρονητή των ειδώλων. Για τον λόγο αυτό τον συνέλαβαν και αμέσως άρχισαν να τον υποβάλλουν σε πολλές τιμωρίες. Τον κτυπούσαν, έκαιγαν και έγδερναν το σώμα του Μάρτυρος. Στην συνέχεια οι δήμοι αποκεφαλίστηκαν, αποκεφαλίστηκαν και καταφρόνησαν τον Μάρτυρο. Ο Λικίνιος, φοβούμενος την οργή του άλλου οχλού, διέταξε να τον αποκεφαλίσουν. Στη συνέχεια οι δήμοι τον σταύρωσαν και διαπέρασαν τα πόδια, τα χέρια και τα κρυφά μέλη του. Εκτός τον κτυπούσαν και έγδερναν από το κεφάλι του. Ο Λικίνιος, υποστήριζε την θέση του στη σταυρολύπηση. Το σεπτό σκήνωμά του μετετέθη, στις 8 Ιουνίου, στην Εκκλησία της Ηράκλειας, στα Ευχάιτα, κατά την επιθυμία του Αγίου την οποία εξέφρασε προς την εκτομή του Αγίου στην Ιερά Μητρόπολη του Ούαρο. Η Εκκλησία μας εορτάζει στις 8 Ιουνίου την ανακομιδή των λειψάνων του.

http://www.saint.gr/536/saint.aspx
Άγιος Χαράλαμπος ο Ιερομάρτυρας

Ο Άγιος Χαράλαμπος ήταν ιερεύς στη Μαγνησία της Μικράς Ασίας και έζησε επί αυτοκρατορίας του Σεπτιμίου Σεβήρου (193 - 211 μ.Χ.). Όταν το έτος 198 μ.Χ. ο Σέβηρος εξαπέλυσε απηνή διωγμό κατά των Χριστιανών, ο έπαρχος της Μαγνησίας Λουκιανός, συνέλαβε τον Άγιο και του ζήτησε να αρνηθεί την πίστη του. Όμως ο Άγιος όχι μόνο δεν το έκανε αυτό, αλλά αντίθετα ομολόγησε στον έπαρχο την προσήλωσή του στον Χριστό και δήλωσε αρνητικά ότι σε οποιοδήποτε βασανιστήριο και να υποβληθεί δεν πρόκειται να αρνηθεί την πίστη της Εκκλησίας. Τότε η σκοτισμένη και σαρκική ψυχή του Λουκιανού επέτεινε την οργή της και διέταξε να αρχίσουν τα φρικώδη βασανιστήρια στο γέροντα ιερέα. Πρώτα τον γύμνωσαν και ο ίδιος ο Λουκιανός, παίρνοντας το ξίφος του προσπάθησε να πληγώσει το σώμα του Αγίου. Όμως αποκόπηκαν τα χέρια του και η σκοτισμένη και σαρκική ψυχή του Λουκιανού επέτεινε την οργή της και διέταξε να αρχίσουν τα φρικώδη βασανιστήρια στο γέροντα ιερέα. Πρώτα τον γύμνωσαν και ο ίδιος ο Λουκιανός, παίρνοντας το ξίφος του προσπάθησε να πληγώσει το σώμα του Αγίου. Όμως αποκόπηκαν τα χέρια του και η σκοτισμένη και σαρκική ψυχή του Λουκιανού επέτεινε την οργή της και διέταξε να αρχίσουν τα φρικώδη βασανιστήρια στο γέροντα ιερέα. Πρώτα τον γύμνωσαν και ο ίδιος ο Λουκιανός, παίρνοντας το ξίφος του προσπάθησε να πληγώσει το σώμα του Αγίου. Όμως αποκόπηκαν τα χέρια του και η σκοτισμένη και σαρκική ψυχή του Λουκιανού επέτεινε την οργή της και διέταξε να αρχίσουν τα φρικώδη βασανιστήρια στο γέροντα ιερέα. Πρώτα τον γύμνωσαν και ο ίδιος ο Λουκιανός, παίρνοντας το ξίφος του προσπάθησε να πληγώσει το σώμα του Αγίου. Όμως αποκόπηκαν τα χέρια του και η σκοτισμένη και σαρκική ψυχή του Λουκιανού επέτεινε την οργή της και διέταξε να αρχίσουν τα φρικώδη βασανιστήρια στο γέροντα ιερέα. Πρώτα τον γύμνωσαν και ο ίδιος ο Λουκιανός, παίρνοντας το ξίφος του προσπάθησε να πληγώσει το σώμα του Αγίου. Όμως αποκόπηκαν τα χέρια του και η σκοτισμένη και σαρκική ψυχή του Λουκιανού επέτεινε την οργή της και διέταξε να αρχίσουν τα φρικώδη βασανιστήρια στο γέροντα ιερέα. Πρώτα τον γύμνωσαν και ο ίδιος ο Λουκιανός, παίρνοντας το ξίφος του προσπάθησε να πληγώσει το σώμα του Αγίου. Όμως αποκόπηκαν τα χέρια του και η σκοτισμένη και σαρκική ψυχή του Λουκιανού επέτεινε την οργή της και διέταξε να αρχίσουν τα φρικώδη βασανιστήρια στο γέροντα ιερέα. Πρώτα τον γύ...
St. Charalambos
February 10

Charalambos was Bishop of Magnesia also in Assyrian Mar Zaia[2] and spread the Gospel in that region for many years. However, when news of his preaching reached the authorities of the area, the proconsul Lucian and military commander Lucius, the saint was arrested and brought to trial, where he confessed his faith in Christ and refused to offer sacrifice to idols.

Despite his advanced age, he was tortured mercilessly. They lacerated his body with iron hooks, and scraped all the skin from his body.[3] The saint had only one thing to say to his tormentors: "Thank you, my brethren, for scraping off the old body and renewing my soul for new and eternal life."

According to the saint's hagiography, upon witnessing Charalambos' endurance of these tortures, two soldiers, Porphyrius and Baptus, openly confessed their faith in Christ, for which they were immediately beheaded with a sword. Three women who were watching the sufferings of Charalambos also began to glorify Christ, and were quickly martyred as well.

The legend continues to say that Lucius, enraged, seized the instruments of torture and began to torture Charalambos himself, but suddenly his forearms were cut off as if by a sword. The governor Lucian then spat in the face of the saint, and immediately Lucian's head was turned around so that he faced backwards.[3] Apparently, Lucian and Lucius both prayed for mercy, and were healed by the saint, and became Christians.

More tortures, the legend says, were wrought upon the saint after he was brought to Septimius Severus himself. Condemned to death and led to the place of execution, Charalambos prayed that God grant that the place where his relics would repose would never suffer famine or disease. After praying this, the saint gave up his soul to God even before the executioner had laid his sword to his neck. Tradition says that Severus' daughter Gallina was so moved by his death, that she was converted and buried Charalambos herself.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charalambos
Presentation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple
February 2

When the most pure Mother and Ever-Virgin Mary's forty days of purification had been fulfilled, she took her first-born Son to Jerusalem on this, the fortieth day after His birth, that she might present Him in the temple according to the Law of Moses, which teaches that every first-born male child be dedicated to God, and also that she might offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons, as required by the Law (Luke 2:22-24; Exod. 13:2; Lev. 12:6-8). On this same day, a just and devout man, the greatly aged Symeon, was also present in the temple, being guided by the Holy Spirit. For a long time, this man had been awaiting the salvation of God, and he had been informed by divine revelation that he would not die until he beheld the Lord's Christ. Thus, when he beheld Him at that time and took Him up into his aged arms, he gave glory to God, singing: "Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, O Master. . ." And he confessed that he would close his eyes joyfully, since he had seen the Light of revelation for the nations and the Glory of Israel (Luke 2:25-32). From ancient times, the Holy Church has retained this tradition of the churching of the mother and new-born child on the fortieth day and of the reading of prayers of purification.

The Apodosis of the Feast of the Meeting in the Temple is usually on the 9th of February. This, however, may vary if the Feast falls within the period of the Triodion. Should this occur, the Typicon should be consulted for specific information concerning the Apodosis of the Feast.

https://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints?contentid=410
Το γεγονός αυτό εξιστορεί ο ευαγγελιστής Λουκάς στο κεφάλαιο Β', στ. 22-35. Συνέβη σαράντα μέρες μετά τη γέννηση του παιδιού Ιησού. Σύμφωνα με το Μωσαϊκό νόμο, η Παρθένος Μαρία, αφού συμπλήρωσε το χρόνο καθαρισμού από τον τοκετό, πήγε στο Ναό της Ιερουσαλήμ μαζί με τον Ιωσήφ, για να εκτελέσει η τυπική αφιέρωση του βρέφους στο Θεό κατά το «πάν άρσεν διανοίγον μήτραν (δηλαδή πρωτότοκο) άγιον τω Κυρίω κληθήσεται» και για να προσφέρουν θυσία, που αποτελούνταν από ένα ζευγάρι τρυγόνια ή δύο μικρά περιστέρια. Κατά τη μετάβαση αυτή, δέχθηκε τον Ιησού στην αγκαλιά του ο υπερήλικα Συμεών (βλέπε 3 Φεβρουαρίου). Αυτό το γεγονός αποτελεί άλλη μια απόδειξη ότι ο Κύριος Ιησούς Χριστός δεν ήλθε να καταργήσει τον Μωσαϊκό νόμο, όπως ισχυρίζονταν οι υποκριτές Φαρισαίοι και Γραμματείς, αλλά να τον συμπληρώσει, να τον τελειοποιήσει.

Κατά την ολονυκτία της Υπαπαντής στην Κωνσταντινούπολη, οι βασιλείς συνήθιζαν να παρευρίσκονται στο Ναό των Βλαχερνών. Η συνήθεια αυτή εξακολουθήσει μέχρι τέλους της βυζαντινής αυτοκρατορίας.
EPIPHANY CELEBRATION:

On January 20, 2019, the “Blessing of the Waters” Service was held at the Lawrence Street T-Head immediately following the Divine Liturgy. There were two age levels of participants. The cross was retrieved by George Diakomanolis, son of Sofia Piperis Sakelis, for the older group. Also competing for the cross in the older group were: Abigail Gwin, Daria Hodis, and Manoli Maragakis. The cross for the younger group was retrieved by David Hodis. Also competing for the cross were Vasili Danika, Caroline Holmes and Patrick Holmes. Congratulations!

Following the seashore service, the parishioners returned to the Church for the cutting of the Vasilopites and the Epiphany Day luncheon sponsored by Philoptochos. Many thanks to the generous donations to St. Basil’s Academy.

BIRTH:

On January 15, 2020, Griffin and Georgea Haby welcomed the birth of their third child (BOY) Haby. BOY Haby measured 21 inches and weighed eight pounds, eight ounces. BOY Haby’s grandparents are: Fr. John and Presvytera Kandi Haby and Chris and Maria Pappas. BOY Haby’s great-grandparents are: Doris Haby and the late Hayden Haby, Sr., and Becka Kouvelis and the late Chris Kouvelis. Congratulations!

COFFEE HOUR:

February 2, 2020 ................................................................. OPEN
February 9, 2020 ................................................................. OPEN
February 16, 2020 ................................................... GOYA PANCAKE BREAKFAST
February 23, 2020 ................................................ APOKRIES LUNCHEON

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

We wish everyone who has a Wedding Anniversary in February a “Happy Anniversary”.

Nikolaos and Evangelia Alexiou ......................... February 4, 2017
Bill and Mary Sissamis ................................. February 6, 1999
Griffin and Georgea Haby ............................ February 7, 2015
Theoharis and Sophia Dimarhos ......................February 17, 2018
John and Irina Baker ........................................ February 14, 2004
Ioannis and Matina Chryssos Diakolios ..............February 18, 2012
Gilbert and Constance Sanchez .......................February 21, 1998
George and Alyson Sabbagh ............................February 26, 1997
BIRTHDAYS:

Eleni Paloukos ................................................................. February 1th
Pamela Carter ................................................................. February 4th
Lt. Dominic Deganutti ..................................................... February 4th
Pamela Carter ................................................................. February 4th
Penelope Livaditis .......................................................... February 4th
Harry G. Plomarity .......................................................... February 4th
Tracy Andreadis ............................................................. February 5th
Sophia Massad ............................................................... February 6th
Rev. Fr. John Haby .......................................................... February 8th
Gregorio Solis ............................................................... February 8th
Todd Stegall ................................................................. February 10th
Viorel Hodis ................................................................. February 13th
Ioanna Spentzos ............................................................. February 14th
Vincent Noe ..................................................................... February 12th
Griffin Haby ................................................................. February 18th
Todd Stegall ................................................................. February 19th
Nicolas Coalson ............................................................. February 20th
Jalil Hamauei ................................................................. February 20th
Demetrios Piperis ............................................................ February 20th
Stephanie Gialouris Rosales .............................................. February 22nd
Matina Pflaum ................................................................. February 24th
Aaron Valverde ............................................................. February 27th

IN LOVING MEMORY:

It is fitting that we remember our loved ones who have fallen asleep during the month of February. If we have omitted anyone, please let me know so we can include them in the future. The Editor

Konstantinos Gouziotis ...................................................... February 1, 2003
Mary Constant (Victoria, Texas) ......................................... February 2, 1987
John S. Bassous ............................................................... February 3, 1979
Tasia Paul ........................................................................ February 3, 2008
Dimitri John Kitrinas ........................................................ February 4, 2009
Vasilios G. Hartofilax ......................................................... February 5, 1995
Elizabeth Glaros Lewis ..................................................... February 5, 1998
Helen Nicols .................................................................... February 5, 1999
IN LOVING MEMORY, continued:

George Vassilaras ........................................... February 6, 2005
Marian Alexander ........................................... February 7, 1991
George H. Plomarity ........................................ February 8, 1984
James Ioannou ............................................... February 8, 1995
Achille James Psimarlis .................................. February 9, 1987
Rose Spiro ...................................................... February 9, 2002
Nicholas Vogiatzis ........................................... February 10, 1998
Anna Piperis ..................................................... February 10, 2005
Badseha Nicolas .............................................. February 13, 1972
John Stratakis ............................................... February 13, 1972
Pete John Govatos .......................................... February 15, 1967
Panagiota Kavouridou ...................................... February 16, 1990
James K. Lontos ............................................. February 16, 2002
John G. Govatos ............................................. February 18, 1967
Mary Lee Nicols (Nicolinakos) ............................. February 18, 1991
Lula Christos .................................................. February 18, 2018
Peter Kopulos .................................................. February 20, 1962
Demetrios Souris ............................................ February 20, 1976
Clay Moore ...................................................... February 20, 2001
Naseeba Bassous ............................................. February 20, 2002
Miltiades Zouvia ............................................. February 20, 2002
Nina Bekiarov ............................................... February 21, 2009
Homer Cazamias ............................................. February 22, 1993
Vick Pollakis .................................................. February 23, 2001
William Tell Hayes ......................................... February 23, 2010
Tom Cotter (Athanasios Hristaras)......................... February 24, 1981
Despina G. Economides (McAllen, Texas) ............... February 26, 1955
Ann Hartofilax ............................................... February 26, 2011
William Rozakis ............................................. February 27, 2001

May their memory be eternal!
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