

A NOTE FROM OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

Our Choir thanks all who helped with our recent fundraising. Many have been incredibly generous. This past spring it became obvious that, with a new facility and associated expenses, that the Parish Council could not nor should be expected to underwrite Choir expenses.

So for the first time in memory the Choir set out to raise its own funds for several capital outlay items. The goal was to acquire new robes, risers and microphones by June 2010. With unmatched zeal and determination the Choir managed to raise the monies needed for robes and the first set of risers in just *five short months!* Moreover, our singers didn't just ask for a handout. They contributed *over \$2,300* from their own pockets!

Though we have come a long way in these five months, fundraising will continue. We still need more risers, robes for new singers and better microphones. You each have our thanks and gratitude for supporting this aspect of our parish ministries. More importantly, we hope you appreciate our singing and that we bring special meaning to your worship.

HOUSING NEEDED NEAR IUPUI

A freshman who lives in Marion and attends Holy Trinity in Ft. Wayne is in dire need of housing near IUPUI from November to May 2010. If you can help, please respond to neofitos125@aol.com.

PARISHIONER MEETS PATRIARCH IN NYC

Anne Neuendorf, a Fordham University sophomore, recently made a presentation to His All Holiness during his visit to the US: [www.fordham.edu/campus Resources/eNewsroom/topstories_1693.asp](http://www.fordham.edu/campus/Resources/eNewsroom/topstories_1693.asp).

FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS OF OCT. 27

Income needed for 2009 Budget:	\$ 702,200
Income budgeted to date:	\$ 582,826 (Help make up this roughly \$35,000)
Income received to date:	\$ 548,138 <u>shortfall</u> thru generous stewardship.)
Building pledges:	\$ 7,494,971 (377)
Building pledge payments received:	\$ 5,908,838
August Building Fund trays:	\$ 1,040 (three)

FRONT COVER - The Mayflower II is an accurate replica of the ship that carried the Pilgrims on the arduous journey to the new world. As we commemorate the Pilgrims during Thanksgiving let us also remember that, for us, the Church is the "Ark of Salvation" which, like the Mayflower and Noah's Ark, safely carries us through the stormy seas of life. Support your Church and your Faith!

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THANKSGIVING EVE LITURGY

Is it *really* Thanksgiving if it is not observed in Christ's Temple by participating the **Holy Eucharist/Θεία Ευχαριστία**, — a remembrance of the *first* Thanksgiving meal, the **Mystical Supper/Μυστικός Δείπνος**?

Join fellow parishioners in celebrating Thanksgiving Vespertal Liturgy in honor of Thanksgiving and the Feast of Saint Katherine the Great on **Wed., Nov. 25 @ 7:00 p.m.** A Bread Blessing/Αρτοκλασία will also be celebrated and blessed bread for the Thanksgiving table given to all in attendance. Our Choir, directed by Bill Christoff, will also be singing the responses of the Liturgy along with our chanter, Dean Manaikas.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

NOV. 15 - Lynn (3 mo.) & Christine (9 mo.) Plaster — trisagion offered by sister Nancy Ajango & family. **Fr. Harry Apostolakis (9 yr.), Aglaia Sarellas (9 yr.), Anna Sarellas (27 yr.)** — trisagion offered by Sarellas/Sarris/Apostolakis family.

NOV. 29 - Vasiliki Bossynakis (1 yr.) — memorial by daughter Kathy Pappas and family, who also offer the Sunday altar flowers.

TRIPLE 40-DAY BLESSING ON NOV. 15

Alexander Nicholas, son of **John & Sharon Kandris** of Greenwood. He was born Oct. 8 at Methodist hospital at 8lb.,8oz. & 21½ in.

Panagiotis Antoniou & Eleni Evangelia, twins of **Antonios & Anna (Americanos) Kantzavelos** of Carmel. They were born Oct. 10 at Clarian N.. They were both 20 in. and, respectively, 6lb.,6oz & 6lb.,8oz.

Fr. Anastasios visits newborns and mothers at the hospital for the 1st Day Prayer and at home for the 8th Day Prayer. May Christ bless and keep these new arrivals until they are joined to his Body, the Church. New parents should contact Father immediately when a child is born, so that he may start the newborn on the road to initiation in the Faith.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRYAN HADIN

Noble of Indiana recently awarded three board members, including our own Bryan Hadin and Jim Irsay, with Lifetime Honorary Board Member status. Bryan is a longtime altar server leader of our parish.

NOVEMBER 15 YAL BRUNCH MEETING

There will be a YAL brunch after Liturgy on **Nov. 15** at 106th Street Grill, at Michigan & 106th. Direct questions to indy.yal@gmail.com.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON NOV. 8

Come to the fall Assembly! Nominations for 7 two-year Council terms will made. Agenda, past minutes and financial statement have been mailed to all stewards. GOYA will be selling boxed lunches.

BIBLES & LITURGIES GIVEN ON NOV. 8

On **Nov. 8**, 3rd graders will receive Orthodox Study Bibles. This symbolizes that they've reached the age where they begin assuming responsibility for their own spiritual walk. A new tradition is also being introduced, with 6th graders receiving Liturgy books. It is hoped that these books will become lifelong possessions and symbols of the love our parish has for its children and the hope placed in them as future Church leaders. Please plan to be present and on time for this special event.

OCTOBER 18TH CHRISTENING

Demetrios Christos (b.3/13/09), son of **Likurgos & Jessica Strati-gakos**, was christened in our parish. Steve & Nicole Hackett were his sponsors. God bless and keep this new soldier in Christ's Army.

CHRIST KEPT HIS APPOINTMENT WITH THE CROSS — CAN YOU BE ON TIME FOR LITURGY?

Our parish moved to Carmel because, over time, many had moved north and away from our old location. It was thought that this would facilitate participation in services and activities. Sunday attendance *has* increased considerably. Yet, significant numbers *persist* in arriving late for Liturgy. This is inconsiderate to those who arrive by 9:30 a.m. and who are disturbed by commotion. Furthermore, it betrays lack of basic respect and understanding of our Lord's love and His suffering for our salvation. Finally, it is embarrassing to justify this attitude to the many visitors who join us for worship — *and who arrive on time.*

MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Paraklesis to the Theotokos.....Wed., 11 Nov., 6:15 p.m.

Paraklesis to the Theotokos.....Wed., 18 Nov., 6:15 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve Liturgy.....Wed., 25 Nov., 7:00 p.m.

Paraklesis to the Theotokos.....Wed., 2 Dec., 6:15 p.m.

Please note change in Paraklesis start time to 6:15 p.m.

There will be no Paraklesis on Nov. 4 & Nov. 25.