



Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Omaha

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THANK YOU

...to all who graciously provided the prosphoro for the services in July: Joanne Sgourakis and Tom Denich

...to Mike & Nikki Moravec and Spiro & Mary Moustakes who graciously donated treats for our social hour in July.

GREEK SCHOOL

We are still taking names of those interested in taking Greek School Classes. Adults and Children are both welcome. Please call the Church office if you are interested (934-3688).

Nicholas Lambert will be teaching the classes and would like to start in August. Dates and times will be set when he has a chance to meet with the people interested in attending.

CONGRATULATIONS

Chris Bakke had an acting part this year in the small community production of Sound of Music at the Sumter Amphitheater in Papillion. (Papillion LaVista Community Theater put on the production). The last performance was July 15, 16 & 17.

The play had many great reviews. Chris was in South Pacific last summer and before that was in Fiddler on the Roof. Chris, please let us know when you are in another production.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Joe and Litsa Carter who celebrated their 50 Wedding Anniversary on Friday, July 16.

GOYA

All GOYA members mark your calendars for the GOYA Lock-in event planned for Saturday, August 14, watch bulletins for more information and time.

PICNIC! SAVE THE DATE

The parish council is sponsoring a Church Pot luck picnic Saturday, August 21.

It will be held at 90th and Q St. and will be outside weather permitting. In the case of extreme weather, heat or rain we will be able to move into the gym.

The council will be providing Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Gyros, Soda and Water. (Gyros donated by Greek Islands.)

More information will be coming on requests for side items and desserts that you will be asked to bring and share. Feel free to bring your own adult beverages along with any friends that might like to come.



Bring any outdoor games, and your favorite CD's (Greek or other wise).

The fun begins at 5 pm and lasts till ???

PHILOPTOCHOS

The Philoptochos Board Members will be meeting in August to get organized for the new ecclesiastical year starting in September. A tentative date of Sunday, August 22 after church has been set for this meeting. Board members, please mark your calendars.

A few members have already met and have committed to chairing our first fundraiser event. There is a lot of enthusiasm and we hope to have the support of the entire organization to have a successful event. More details will be forthcoming as the event plans start to solidify. Look at your weekly bulletins for workshop dates and times.

With Sisterly Love
Dora Bitsos

HOLIDAY EXTRAVANGANZA

Philoptochos is planning an expanded Bake Sale and Boutique this year to include a Festival of Tables. The event is scheduled for December 3, 4, 5. The boutique will focus on home decor while the bake sale will consist of presale orders as well as pastry sales during this special weekend. The tables sponsored by our ladies will be extravagantly decorated with holiday themes and available for viewing. Members will be contacted with specific workshop dates and times. We look forward to bringing our ladies together for a fun filled weekend! Please save the date.

BACK THE BOOKSTORE

The bookstore will be reopening August 29. A new selection of icons from Greece will be available as well as a full selection of reading material for reflection and enjoyment to strengthen your relationships with other Christians while drawing closer to our Lord. Bookstore proceeds go directly into making a wider selection of religious items available to our parishioners and visitors.

NEWS FROM AFGHANISTAN

Three months ago our newest GOCCO member began his tour in Afghanistan. He writes that it is so hot that "a thermometer went to 130 degrees and the liquid inside got so hot it broke the gauge." He says that they "get a lot of sandstorms...that are pretty bad....there's no way to get away from them..." In his short time there he has not been away from the pain of war. In his exact words..."I ask that you pray for the families who have had their sons killed out here. A lot of people have been dying and getting limbs blown off, and I don't see it in the news. Have you guys?" I'm sure that there are very few of us that can even remotely imagine what he is experiencing. He finished his letter with a wish of "May the Lord's peace be with you".

Nick Hogan is currently serving in the USMC in Afghanistan. Please include Nick and all of those serving our country in your prayers. It is with God's blessings that they will be strong in their mission and stay safe in our Lord's care.

AHEPA

Friday night, July 23, we held our 2010 Cornhusker Preview with great success. There we an excellent article in the World Herald on Saturday morning that summarized the event and they estimated the crowd at about 225.

Nick Petrow reported that the sales of food & ice cream were steady all night. Likewise, John Treantos said that bar sales were also very good.

Our Live Auction was a big hit with a surprise trip to the Washington Game that was donated by John & Mary Mitchell along with some tickets and a Jersey/Helmet from Grant Wickstrom that was signed. Also, our silent auction was a big hit.

Comments from some of our guests included the observation that the video screens and sound system were much better than last year.

Of course, our 2 speakers – John Papuchis & Tim Beck, were great. They fielded several questions from the crowd and everyone had a very nice time.

AHERA scored another touchdown with this event for the second year in a row. Thank you to all of the AHEPANS and other members of the church for all their work in making this event a success and special thanks to George Rakes for his efforts and leadership.

USHER SCHEDULE

August & September 2010, if you are unable to usher on your assigned Sunday please call the Church office 934-3688.

Aug. 1	Bill & Cindy Lambert Tom & Brenda Denich
Aug 8	Elias & Demetra Eliopoulos Chris Hoegemeyer
Aug. 15	George Poulos Jim McDonnell
Aug. 22	Mike Bouzis Robert & Maria Laws
Aug. 29	John & Michelle Sgourakis Steve & Heidi Thomson
Sept. 5	Elias & Demetra Eliopoulos
Sept. 12	John & Kathy Treantos
Sept. 19	Andy & Debbie Karavas
Sept. 26	John & Debbie Birge

