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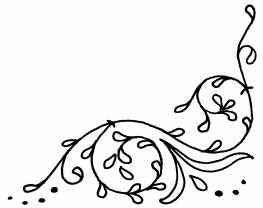
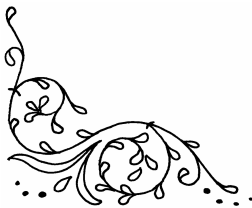


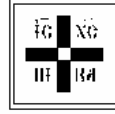
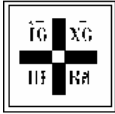
Merry Christmas!

THE STOYCOS FAMILY

TED, MARY HELEN, STEPHEN, CAROL, ALEX, MICHAEL, THOMAS, PETER, ELENI,
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GOD BLESS AMERICA!





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Schedule of Regular Services at St. John's Summer Schedule

Sunday, December 6:	Holy Liturgy,	9:30 A.M.
Sunday, December 13:	Holy Liturgy,	9:30 A.M.
Sunday, December 20:	Holy Liturgy,	9:30 A.M.
Thursday, December 24:	Vesperal Liturgy,	6: 00 P.M.
Friday, December 25:	Holy Liturgy,	9:30 A.M.
Sunday, December 27:	Holy Liturgy	9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Calendar

*See enclosed calendar for dates, times, and places for the
Special services and other events this month*

Council Capsule

This will be my last Forerunner message to you as Council President. I announced to the Church Council at our 25th of October meeting that I would be stepping down as a council member effective 1 January 2010.

The time comes to all of us when we realize that it is proper and appropriate to step aside and allow someone new to bring fresh ideas and perspectives to the organization. That time has come for me.

The Council will also be losing two of its key members and strong leaders, Bill Wright and Cynthia Pursley. There are not enough words to express how much all of us owe these two outstanding Church members who have given so much of their effort and heart to insuring that St. Johns would prosper and grow.

I want to thank each of you for allowing me to serve as your Council President over these past two years. I was encouraged by your trust and support.

We have come a long way and are well down the road toward our new Church and a bright future. This is due to your dedicated devotion to our Orthodox faith and to an outstanding organization of unselfish and hard working parishioners.

Again, my thanks and appreciation to all of you for your continued support and devotion to each other and to St. Johns.

The Church is in good hands with Fr. Vasile, an outstanding Council, and a congregation of

Orthodox Christians dedicated to building our future.

Please remember that we will have six vacancies on the Church Council to be filled. The election will be held on Sunday, December 6th. There are seven names to be considered for the positions; four are incumbents and three are new nominees as follows:

The names of the incumbents are:

- 1 .Nancy Medvic.
2. Barbara Vittas.
- 3 .Raj Shah.
4. Allison Medvic

The three new nominees are:

1. Stacia Leeders.
2. George Genovezos.
3. Terry Poriotis

This information is provided for your consideration in anticipation of the election on 6 December.

God bless you, our Church, and this great country in which we live.

Harry G .Karegeannes

Council President

Father Vasile's Message

How to build our future

He shall build a house for My name. And he shall be My son, and I will be his Father. And I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.
(1Ch 22:10)

The name we chose for the capital campaign associated with our New Church is “*Building our future*”. It is a memorable phrase that captures the spirit but not enough by itself to explain the fullness of our undertaking. We need to further qualify our motto in order to understand why, what and how we will build the future of our community.

In the old times, the descendents of Noah built themselves a “*city and a tower*” for pride, to suit their own ego, to fulfill earthly, selfish and limited aspirations. “...*they said, come, let us build us a city and a tower, and its top in the heavens. And let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered upon the face of the whole earth.* (Gen 11:4)

They built the massive structure that we call the tower of Babel, for the wrong reason, a colossal mistake, repeating in fact the error Adam made when he listened to the serpent in paradise: the error of seeking self determination, separation from the Creator in the illusion that man can achieve and become something isolated from God.

This is not the type of project we want to undertake here, because we are not building any structure that will increase our earthly glory or feed our self esteem, but we want to increase

and make known the glory of God. As King Solomon when he started building the temple in Jerusalem we say: *behold, we purpose to build a house to the name of Jehovah our God, we shall build a house to His name.* (1Ki 5:5).

We are building a proper house of God, a house in which we will be able to worship our God according to the Holy Tradition of the Orthodox Church. We are not seeking a parting from God in this endeavor but, on the contrary, a place where we could meet Him in the most meaningful of ways. I say this because a church building is not just a shelter for the body, but is also an expression of our relationship with God. For this purpose it cannot receive any shape or form, but has to conform to the symbolical traditional architecture becoming a manifestation in brick and mortar of our sacred Theology.

The church represents more than simply the walls and, although we build it from stone, brick and other traditional means, to reach its desired spiritual purpose we need to employ a whole other series of construction materials that are first of all spiritual. I don't say this denying the need for the physical resources that are indispensable for its completion, but until we understand the need for our spiritual involvement we will either participate in it half heartedly or we will not participate at all.

A traditional prayer we read at the laying of the foundation of an Orthodox Church expresses this very fact:

“O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who are the true God and the Brightness and Image of the Father which is from everlasting,

and the Life Everlasting; You Who are the Corner-stone, born without the aid of seed of man from the Virgin Mount; You Who are the Foundation immovable of Your Church; Who also, through the shedding of Your precious blood, have founded Your Church, and raised it up by Your death, and perfected it by Your Resurrection and blessed it by Your Ascension, and have sanctified and enlarged it by the descent of thy Holy Spirit: Unto You do we now humbly pray: Send down the grace of Your Holy Spirit, and bless our undertakings.“

The real foundation of our project is not one based on concrete piers but it rests on Christ: He is *“the foundation immovable”* of His Church. His blood, shed for us on the Cross, His sacrifice is what made our salvation possible and the Church to even exist. His sacred Blood continues to feed the entire Church through the Holy Communion giving it strength and substance. The churches of old were built on the tombs of the martyrs that were giving their lives for the edification of faith. The churches of new should also be built on sacrifice, not necessarily of blood, but nevertheless a sacrifice that would express a spirit of renewal, a rechanneling of our resources for what really matters into eternity, not just here on earth.

The walls of the church, *raised by His death and perfected by His Resurrection* are a symbol of our needed spiritual reconstruction that has to happen along with our building plans. Our commitment should be not only to build a church of stone but also a church of people united and growing together in Christ; people dying to sin to be refashioned into virtue.

A Church erected in this way has a sacred purpose: to follow Christ into His Ascension, to keep climbing the ladder of divine ascent until we reach our final destination in heaven.

The Church as the body of Christ was born at Pentecost through the descent of the Holy Spirit. The Apostles were united then into a common cause: *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”* (Mat 28:19) The same Holy Spirit should unite us today in our mission to build a new earthly abode for Him and a place of unity in peace and brotherly love for us; a place where we can hand down our faith to our children and share the Gospel with anyone willing.

These are the genuine building blocks at the foundation of our new church: sacrifice, commitment, purpose and unity. They are the secret ingredients of a project that will endure not just for some short earthly years but into eternity. United together in this effort we will truly be able to build a holy future for us and for the generations coming after us.

May God Grant you a blessed Nativity, with peace, light and all your loved ones around you!



Financial Report

YTD thru 10/31/2009

Financial Report Thru 10/31/2009

Stewardship Pledge		\$140,090
Stewardship Received		\$108,641
Total Net Income including Doanations & Fundraisers		
Year	2008	2009
	\$141,327	\$133,836
Total Net Expenses		
Year	2008	2009
	\$162,234	\$141,996
Total Net Income		
Year	2008	2009
	(\$20,907)	(\$8,160)

Stewardship News

As of **11/15/09** we have **116 pledges** for a **total of \$144,090 pledged**. The actual amount received at the end of October is \$106,881, which is \$13,189 below what it should be. We would like to encourage everyone to bring their pledge current and fulfill it by the end of

December. Let's close the year on a positive note.

2009 Stewards

Alexander, Leo & Teresa
 Anderson, Dr. Anthony
 Antahades, Dr. Lou & Judyth
 Arapis, Minoli & Marsha
 Arlington, Linda
 Ball, David
 Ballas, Andy & Pat
 Basiliadis, Dr. Marge & Nick
 Began, John
 Berca, Sorin & Carmen
 Bitner, Carol
 Blake, John & Harriett
 Bogdos, George & Sotera
 Bogordos, George & Kasandra
 Bokoyas, Jim & Kiki
 Boutris, Charalambe
 Brandon, Roberta
 Cain, Michael & Melina
 Callesen, John
 Chokas, Margaret
 Chokas, Mitch & Maretta
 Clay, Aria & Wayne
 Cline, Tim & Angela
 Cortinas, Ruben & Laurie
 Demetriades, Gus & Andi
 Dempsey, Margaret
 Dempsey, Walt & Dorothy
 Eftimie, Michael & Tamara
 Englezakis, Mike
 Feichtinger, Pavlina
 File, Hope
 Fondulis, Paul
 Fox, Mike & Kathy
 Geil, Christopher & Sandra
 Genovezos, George & Olympia

George, Ken & Maggie Milanovich
Gianulis, Bill & Bertha
Gigliotta, Leonard
Grumbos, Dr. Peter
Henderson, Ecaterina
Henry, Michael & Julie
Hooe, Jane
Howton, Lucille
Ibrahim, Basil & Mary
Ioannou, Kyriakos
Johnson, Marshall & Velva
Jones, Daniel
Karegeannes, Harry & Ginny
Katsikas, Constantinos
Kerbow, Joe & Maria
Kinman, Buck & Karen
Koumbarides, Nicos
Lavery, Connie
Leeders, Larry
Leeders, Stacia
Maayeh, Bishara & Mary
MacPherson, Doug & Andi
Manos, George & Vicki
Manos, Michael & Debbie
Matheson, Trevor & Sherri
Mavias, John
Mavias, Michael & Mary
Medvic, Allison
Medvic, Nancy
Mihalakeas, Andreas & Laura
Molhoek, Mike & Tina
Morcovescu, Serban & Anca
Moutafis, George & Khanh
Nahatis, Arthur
Naval, Marc
Nazzal, Alfred
Nicholas, Toni
Noulas, Athanasios

Pachares, Tony & Athena
Papadimitriou, Alex & Linda
Papadopoulou, Olga & Theoni
Papaliodis, Georgia
Papaliodis, Louie
Paulos, Sophie
Petercsak, Steve & Esther
Peters, Danny
Peters, Elise
Peters, Paun & Lynn
Peters, Tommy & Dolly
Plock, Eleni
Poletes, Bill & Rena
Poletes, John
Poriotis, Terry & Gail
Poulakos, Kathy
Pursley, Peter & Cynthia
Rafailedes, Connie
Ruppel, John & Joanie
Russo, Joseph & Athena
Ryan, Joanne & Chad
Samaras, Johnny
Sardos, George & Janet
Shah, Raj & Kirsten
Skelley, Stephanie & Brad
Steffaro, Robert & Karen
Stoycos, Ted & Mary Helen
Sullivan, Charles & Ann
Sullivan, Joe & Nina
Talleos, Peter
Thomopoulos, Stephanos & Tanya
Tudora, Fr. Vasile &
Presvytera Mirela
Villanueva, Junior & Maria
Vittas, George & Barbara
Vittas, Johnny & Mel
Vloitos, Nick & Rayanna
Walenty, Lisa

Walker, Jim & Harriett
Wozniak, Matthew
Wright, Bill & Christine
Yalmaz, Diana
Yiantsou, Dr. Chris & Margo
Zingas, Ari & Olga

Philoptochos News

Season's Greetings!!

Due to the diligent efforts of several individuals we now have our Chapter's dates, times, forms and information on our Philoptochos page at: <http://www.stjohndfw.info/philoptochos.html> . Please reference this page for any and all information regarding dates, events, meetings, calendars and of course we welcome your comments as well. This is a new adventure for us, we are excited in offering our information on line, and we hope you will be too.

Thanks to all who supported our Thanksgiving Basket Program, it is a privilege to be allowed the opportunity to help these needy families during the feast of Thanksgiving.

Once again this year we are providing Poinsettias for the holidays, please see Angela Cline for more information and the order form is on our webpage as well.

Our annual Philoptochos Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 13, 2009 at Café Italia in Grapevine. We will all be gathering at 6:00 pm. Our own GOYAN's will be there to ring in the season with our favorite Christmas carols. Please see Barbara Vittas or Margaret Chokas for details as well as our

webpage. This is a wonderful way for all of us to get together during the holidays.

Pre-order Bake Sale forms are in the Parish Hall and on our webpage. Please complete and drop in the appropriate box for some of our famous goodies for the holidays. Orders will need to be picked-up no later than December 13, 2009. Please join us in the Church Hall, December 12, 2009 as we prepare to fill all our Christmas Bake Orders while concurrently having our monthly meeting. Start time is 9:00 AM.

Joanie Ruppel will once again coordinate the "Adopt A Family" gift program. An email will be forth coming however; you may contact Joanie directly for more information. This is such a worthwhile cause; I believe we truly make a difference in the lives of several families.

Additionally, this year, St. Irene's will be participating in a charitable project called "Shoes for Orphan Souls". These shoe donations go to help children in need both here in the United States and over seas. We thought it would be appropriate to begin the collection on Sunday, December 6th, the feast day of St. Nicholas, Patron Saint of children and continue collecting through Forgiveness Sunday on February 14, 2010.

Please bring a pair of new shoes and socks for either a boy or girl. (Any size or style is acceptable.) A donation box will be set up in the hall. Please see Kathy Fox or Roberta Brandon if you have questions.

Lastly, again this year, we are hosting our 3rd annual Christmas Ornament Exchange event for all of St. John's. We ask that each individual

that wishes to participate bring a wrapped ornament to church on Sunday December 20th and place it in one of our Christmas baskets. Those that bring an ornament will then have an opportunity to pick an ornament as they leave church to place on their trees at home. These ornaments can be personalized, handmade, store bought, etc. Just think in a few years time, we will all have enough ornaments to decorate our trees at home, all from our church family. There is no cost to participate, it is simply a way to all share in the holidays.

With the richest blessings of joy during this holiday season,

With Christ's Love,

Bertha

Youth Ministries on the Move

I wanted to feature our parish ACOLYTES in this issue. What delightful, self-disciplined, organized group of young people! We are all very thankful for their participation and dedication to our Lord's service and to our church. They probably don't realize it now, but the memories will be forever.

A warm welcome to our newest servers: Chris Eftimie, Chris File and Luca Tudora! The others are: Joey Basiliadis, Ovi Berca, Alex Genovezos, John Molhoek, Peter Pursley, James Seals, Alex Shah and Philip Sullivan. Again, THANK YOU!

Our GOYA basketball teams are busy practicing and looking good! The tournament is in Dallas this year, so let's plan to go and support them.

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More info later. These young people have an active schedule; fun fellowship and community involvement, too.

Church School is also having a successful year but as always attendance can definitely improve. Thank you, teachers for your loving attitude. We are truly looking forward to the Christmas program. (Don't you love Father Vasile's "talk" with the children before Communion?)

I would love to have news of special accomplishment by our individual children...please see me with information.

Youth Ministries will meet in January with the date to be announced soon.

Athena Pachares, Y. M. coordinator

pachares@sbcglobal.net

GOYA

GOYA would like to thank you for your support in this year's turkey raffle. On Sunday, December 13th, we will be Christmas caroling. If you would like for us to come to your home or event, the sign up sheet is located in the church hall and will be available after Thanksgiving.. Free will donations are appreciated and will go towards our basketball tournament to be held in Dallas this January. We have a great group of participants for both our boy's and girl's teams.

Thank you for your support of GOYA!

If you are between the ages of 12 and 18 and would like to be a member of GOYA, please contact one of the officers.

Maggie Mohloek, President
Philip Sullivan, Vice President
Mallory Chokas, Treasurer
Nina Papadamitriou, Secretary

Philip Sullivan
Vice-President

Orthodox Observer

We have recently learned that there are several parishioners that have not been receiving the Orthodox Observer. If you wish to receive this publication, you can contact them at 212- 570-3555 or go to www.observer.goarch.org

Gladsome Light Dialogues

Gladsome Light Dialogues continues in December with another spiritually challenging series “Struggling with Faith”. We all struggle in our faith on a higher or lower level. This cycle is an opportunity to find out that more people than just us struggle with their faith and find spiritual ways to overcome it. Here is the schedule:

11/25/2009	Evening Film Dialogues
12/2/2009	The struggle of Praying
12/9/2009	The struggle of Fasting
12/16/2009	The struggle of Love
12/23/2009	Evening Film Dialogues

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Don't forget to visit our redesigned blog for additional info, materials and reflection at: <http://dialogues.stjohndfw.info>

Practical Faith

To a modest man who is repenting for some of his words

By St. Nikolai (Velimirovic)

You have done well for repenting right away. God has left repentance for salvation. If that was not the case, not even the Apostles would have been saved, far less other people. You have sinned with the tongue, re-pented with the heart. You said an evil word against your neighbor. As if you threw a spark into dry straw. The whole village heard it and made a mockery of it. The neighbor was bitter and sued you. You paid a lot, and became more miserable. You are bitter with yourself. It is not so hard for you that the court has punished you, but it is hard that your offended neighbor keeps punishing you. He does not wish to speak with you anymore. He keeps quiet and turns away from you. What should you do?

Leave it to God and time. Pray to the all-seeing Creator that He would give some goodwill to your neighbor. Use every opportunity to say a good word about your neighbor, and wait. God, a good word and time will do their job. And one day, you will again go to church together with your pacified neighbor.

And as the lesson for the future, remember the words of the Savior, I say to you that in the day of the tenable judgment, people will give

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account for every empty word they uttered. Does this say to you that each vicious and false word strikes against the order of the universe and offends the Creator? A good or bad word that we say about a person, even if said in the greatest secrecy, is felt by the whole universe and by the Creator of feelings. Or how could we keep our words unknown from Him to whom even our thoughts are all known! Ancient Greeks said that the spear of their hero Achilles could wound with one side and heal with the other. We do not know about Achilles' spear, but we do know for sure that this is true for the human tongue. Wounds are caused by the tongue and are also healed by the tongue. With it we bless God and curse men. (Jas. 3: 9)

In one of our villages, this terrible event took place. A mother had an only son, a student in school. The mother was mad at the son and in her anger she said these senseless words, "If I were to never see you again, I'd be happy!" The child was so distraught by these words that he took a gun and shot himself. Beside himself, he left a student's writing board on which he wrote, "Here mother, I remove myself forever from before your face, just to make you happy!" O, the miserable happiness of the mother! After that happened, the mother sat by the fireplace every night, putting out the fire with her tears until she was eventually found dead one morning, wasted, by the putout fireplace.

Do you see what a senseless word does? But I will not leave you without an example of what a sensible word can do. During the war, a soldier who was easily frightened was sent into patrol. Everyone knew how easily scared he was. Everyone laughed when they heard that the

commander was sending him out. Only one soldier did not laugh. He came up to his friend to encourage him. But the scared soldier said, "I will surely die. The enemy is very close." The friend answered, "Don't worry brother, God is closer!" These words rang out in the scared soldier's soul like a big bell. And they kept ringing until the end of the war. And that frightened soldier came back from the war decorated with medals for courage. That good word transformed and strengthened him so much - "don't worry, God is closer."

Peace and health to you from God!

Choir Notes

A very merry Christmas and a blessed and happy new year.

Choir members of St. John the Baptist

Festival Wrap Up

We would like to thank everybody for all the help for the food festival. Big thanks to all the chairs, baking coordinators, all the people that worked endless hours to make this happen. Despite the bad weather we had a great turn out. We're looking forward to next year's food festival. Thank you, George, Olympia and Chris.

Church School News

Dear Students and Parents,

Thank you all for the donations to the Thanksgiving Food Basket Program. We have learned to be giving to others and to be thankful for what we have.

Every year, the church school children have provided a Christmas program. This year's program is a musical presentation. We need more participation from our children.

December is a busy month with all the holiday festivities. Sometimes we get so busy that we overlook the reason for these celebrations. Church School will have the Advent Retreat on December 12 from 10AM – 1PM. We'll learn why we celebrate Christmas, have a session with Father Vasile as well as rehearse for our Christmas program. We'll provide lunch and do a craft for the holidays. We will have final preparations for the Christmas Program after Holy Communion on December 13th.

May God Bless you and Keep you safe,

Khanh Moutafis

Here are some calendar dates for the December newsletter:

Dec. 12 Advent Retreat, 10AM- 1PM

Dec. 13 Christmas Music Program

Dec. 20 No Church School – Christmas holiday

Dec. 27 No Church School – Christmas holiday

Jan. 3, 2010 Church School resumes

Ageless Wonders

The Ageless Wonders are having their annual Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 1st,

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2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the "Rolling Hills Country Club" in Arlington, Texas. It is at the intersection of Lamar and Cooper and easy to find. Cost is \$25.00 per person and parking is free. Please bring a \$10.00 gift for exchange. I'll be calling everyone for reservations.

Margaret 817-354-7731

Building Committee

We have reached a significant milestone as 2009 comes to a close! The Building Committee is happy to report that the design of the new Church and overall site plan has been completed and is at an "Issued for Construction" level. We thank all of you for your time spent reviewing the plans and offering insightful suggestions. We trust that the end product will be met with a great degree of satisfaction that our new Church offers a proper facility in the Byzantine-style architecture for practicing our Orthodox faith.

Based upon feedback at last month's General Assembly meeting, the Building Committee will be offering a revised concept plan for replacing the functionality of the Paulos Center via a cost effective first phase of the Church Hall expansion and renovation. On December 6th after Liturgy, we will host an Open House review session to again seek your feedback and comments on the initial concept plans for creating space necessary to provide classrooms and offices for the parish prior to the Paulos Center demolition to make way for the new Church.

Joe Sullivan, Building Committee Chairman

Websites

Don't forget pay us an often visit at our parish websites <http://stjohndfw.info> and <http://dialogues.stjohndfw.info>. The sites are continuously updated with news and information about our faith. Also visit us on our new Capital Campaign website at <http://buildingourfuture.stjohndfw.info/>

Yours in Christ,
Sorin Berca, Website Administrator

Usher Schedule

1st Sunday: George Moutafis, Cynthia Pursley
2nd Sunday: Peter Talleos,, Raj Shah
3rd Sunday: Bill Wright, Tim Cline
4th Sunday: Barbara Vittas, Larry Leeders
5th Sunday: Nancy Medvic, Allyson Medvic

Acolyte Schedule

1st Sunday : Phillip Sullivan, Peter Pursley, John Molhoek, Bennet Kerbow
2nd Sunday : Chris Eftemie, Ovidiu Berca, Phillip Sullivan, Chris File
3rd Sunday : Jackson Wright, Joey Basiliadis, Alex Genevezos, James Seals
4th Sunday : Luca Tudora, Ovi Berca, James Seals, Alex Shah
5th Sunday: Phillip Sullivan, Jackson Wright, Ovi Berca, James Seals

Coffee Hour Schedule

1st Sun.: Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wright
2nd Sun: Philoptochos
3rd Sun: Parish Council
4th Sun: Ageless Wonders
5th Sun: Parish Council (If Applicable)

Duties for hosts of Coffee Hour

SETUP

- Arrange pastries/food in a desirable manner on the appropriate tables in the parish hall.
- You are responsible for making the coffee. Make two pots: one regular, one decaf. Plug in before going into church. The instructions are in the kitchen.
- Prepare a tray with sugar, creamer, sugar substitute, mixing straws, a few spoons. Set with trash bucket.
- Put donation basket out with appropriate sign.

CLEAN UP

- Wash all dishes soiled, including coffee pots.
- Return sugar tray to kitchen and replenish it.
- Wash off hall tables and kitchen counters.
- Donation money will be collected by the Parish Council

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church
Building Our Future

Capital Campaign Committee Report

Capital campaign informational materials were mailed to those who did not receive their packets at church on the Sundays of November 1st and 8th. We hope the program is clear to all parishioners and we encourage conversation with any member of the Capital Campaign Committee to discuss any additional aspects or questions you may have in mind.

On Saturday, December 5th at 6:00 PM in the Church Hall, we will be holding the Advance Commitment Event. Fr. Vasile's invitation letter has been sent to all Stewards of the Parish, including Parish Council and Committee members and all parishioners who participate or have participated in the many various activities through which we all support the church. If you desire to contribute to and be a part of building our future, please come to this event. Fr. Vasile has moved vespers one hour earlier to begin at 5:00 PM on Saturday, December 5th, please RSVP to Barbara Vittas at 817 283-4680.

On Sunday, December 13th, we will hold "All Parish Commitment Day" to provide the opportunity to participate in the Capital Campaign to all those who have not been able to attend the Advance Commitment Event.

On Sunday, December 20th, we will begin the process of accumulating the first part of parishioners' payments against their three (3) - year pledge commitments. All funds received will be deposited into a separate, secure Capital Campaign Fund (CCF) Account to be used only for construction of the new church. For those who wish to donate other than cash assets, the Parish will be opening a brokerage house account to accept the transfer of equity in stocks and bonds for sale and deposit in the CCF Account.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all! With sincere best wishes for inspired giving in Christ's name.

George Vittas, Chairman and the members of your Capital Campaign Committee, Dr. Chris Yiantsou, Paun Peters, Nancy Medvic, Louis Papaliodis and Margaret Chokas.