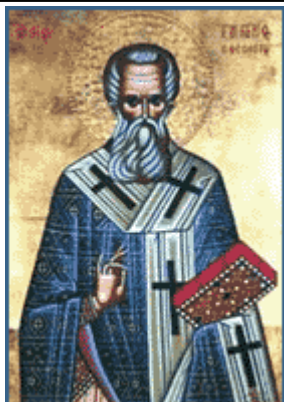


The St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine



St. Augustine, Florida

December 2009



Planning Under Way for 2010 St. Photios Pilgrimage Weekend

With St. Augustine ablaze in Christmas lights through the end of January, preparations are under way for the National Shrine Pilgrimage luncheon to be held at the Casa Monica Sunday, Feb. 7 at 12:30 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Alkiviades Calivas, professor emeritus of Holy Cross School of Theology and noted author, will give the keynote address titled "St. Photios, Yesterday and Today."

Pilgrimage Chair Manuel Tissura reminds the faithful of the full schedule for the Feast Day Weekend:

- **Friday, Feb. 5,** 3 p.m. — Presentation and book-signing by Gine and William Samonides, authors of *The Greeks of Stark County* (see page 8) at St. Photios Shrine.
- Great Vespers will be 6p.m., celebrated with artoklasia for the St Photios Feast at the shrine. Reception will follow.
- **Saturday, Feb. 6** — Orthros and Divine Liturgy in the Shrine chapel, at 8:00 a.m.
- The 2010 annual meeting of the St. Photios Foundation convenes at 12 noon at the Casa Monica hotel.
- **Sunday, Feb. 7th** - National Shrine Feast Day Luncheon at the Casa Monica hotel, 12:30 p.m. Donation is \$50.00.



The St. Photios National Shrine in St. Augustine, Florida

Invitees to the feast day luncheon include St Augustine Mayor, Joseph Boles, Florida Gov. Charlie Crist and the Consul General of Greece in Tampa, Antonios Sgouropoulos.

Metropolitan Alexios, president of the St. Photios Foundation, will preside over the weekend activities.

The Foundation will also honor shrine volunteers this year at the 28th anniversary of the Dedication of St Photios National Shrine.

Adults to be honored include Dean Karris of Daytona Beach, Carmela Tardo of St Augustine, and Leslye Alex Phillips of Jacksonville.

Children to be recognized include Nicholas E. Kelley of Elkton and Venetia Lagoutaris of Jacksonville.

The Sisters of the Esteemed Book Club (St John the Divine Church, Jacksonville) will be honored, as well as the Sunday School students of Holy Trinity, St Augustine.

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About St. Photios Shrine

St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine is a living memorial to the first Greek settlers on the American continent and to all Greek Orthodox pioneers whose love of freedom and desire for a better life for themselves and their children brought them to this New World.

Called "The Jewel of St. George Street," the St. Photios Chapel should be on every visitors "must see" list.

The Shrine is located in historic downtown St. Augustine, at 41 St. George Street, between Orange and Cuna streets.

It is open to the public Mon-Sat. from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun 12-6 p.m.

Archbishop's Encyclical Feast of St. Photios and National Shrine Day

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you on the inspiring Feast of Saint Photios the Great, which our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates on Feb. 6.

The life and legacy of Saint Photios, who served as Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople during the 9th century, left an indelible footprint upon the Christian world.

St. Photios proclaimed the truth of the Gospel with brilliance, precision, and foresight through many ways: His well-known and profound theological writings, particularly on the Holy Spirit, remain primary sources for study in contemporary theological education.

His untiring offering of Christian leadership and hope to his people, even in times when St. Photios found himself in the midst of unwarranted controversy, continues to serve as an inspiring example for all who know the difficulties associated with their ministry to others in the name of Jesus Christ.

His passionate emphasis upon the missionary work of the Church to proclaim the Gospel, with concentrated efforts to the people of the Slavic lands, serves as a reminder to us that the Church must always be active in mission, as Christ commissioned to His disciples: "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" (Matthew 28:19).

As we reverentially remember St. Photios, we take into account the tremendous impact of his teachings and actions both on the Church of his time, and also on Orthodoxy in general throughout the centuries that followed.

In recognition of this historic fact, our Holy Archdiocese has erected, as one among many of its sacred institutions in this country, a Shrine dedicated to St. Photios.

Located in St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest city in America, our St. Photios National Shrine provides an active witness of our Greek Orthodox faith today to the people of our American nation.

The St. Photios Shrine serves the important purpose of providing all its visitors with

tangible and permanent reminders of this most holy man and the historical events which surrounded his person.

This applies equally to all the faithful Orthodox Christians who make pilgrimages to the Shrine from places far and near, and to all those of all faiths who find and enter the Shrine as they tour the city of St. Augustine.

In addition to communicating the significance of St. Photios as one of the most prominent figures in the life of our Holy Orthodox Church, the St. Photios Shrine also serves the purpose of chronicling the lives of the first Greek immigrants to America, who settled in Florida in 1768, in what came to be known as the colony of "New Smyrna."

After a decade of enduring great struggles and hardship, these early Greek settlers relocated to the city of St. Augustine and began to utilize a Spanish colonial building known as the "Avero House" for their religious and social gatherings.

Here, they began the steady course of building their lives in their new home. It was here also where our Archdiocese formally established the St. Photios Shrine after purchasing the Avero House in 1966.

The decision to name the Shrine after St. Photios was, thus, a natural choice consistent with the role of missionary activity in the life of the Church, as the faith and heritage of these early colonists represented one of the earliest presences of Orthodox Christianity in the Americas.

Today, the St. Photios Shrine maintains an active chapel and a renovated museum, thus dynamically promoting a prayerful and educational atmosphere of faith, culture, and history for all who visit the Shrine.

As is our annual practice, our National Ladies Philoptochos Society will be leading us in collecting funds for the continued progress of the ministry of our St. Photios National Shrine. Accordingly, a special tray will be passed throughout our congregations as we commemorate this Feast.

I kindly ask that you consider giving this year to the Shrine, as your contributions help and promote the general operations of the Shrine, enabling it to continue as a vibrant, inspiring, and active witness of our Orthodox Christian faith and history.

I pray on this sacred day, through the intercessions of Saint Photios the Great, that the love and light of Christ may abide in your hearts always.

With paternal love in Christ,
† DEMETRIOS
Archbishop of America

Friends of the St. Photios National Shrine

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."

Jeremiah 6:16

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we are nearly at the beginning of a new year, I give thanks to Almighty God, the Author of all good things, and I pray that you are all blessed, uplifted and sustained by His abundant grace throughout the new year and always.

At this time of new beginnings, it is appropriate to reflect on the many blessings we have received.

We remember our ancestors who came here in order to live in freedom and build a better life for themselves and their children.

Of course, they are among the many people from many different lands who came together, in a spirit of brotherhood and shared values, to build this wonderful country we are blessed to live in.

As heirs of their great legacy, it is a privilege to have the opportunity to support our national Greek Orthodox treasure: The St. Photios Shrine.

The St. Photios Shrine is important for us as Hellenes and Orthodox Christians here in the United States. It reveals our identity and heritage to our friends, neighbors and fellow citizens, and enable us to share our story, our communal history, the hardships and triumphs of our forefathers as they built a new life upon the solid foundations of Hellenism and Orthodoxy.

By reminding us of where we have been, the St. Photios Shrine guides us to the future. It is this legacy that we honor at the St. Photios Shrine, and I thank God for providing us with the opportunity to pay tribute to our forefathers and to celebrate our history with friends and neighbors.

May their memory inspire us to commit ourselves to sustaining this legacy for our children and grandchildren! I join in praying with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, chairman of the St. Photios Foundation, that Almighty God will grant you all the abundance of His blessings so that you, in turn, may bless others, with your generosity. I remain,

In Christ,
+ALEXIOS
Metropolitan of Atlanta

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L-R top row, Leslye A. Phillips, Diane Pecot, Laurie Bacalis, Marcy Ballis, GeeGee Angelopoulos, Stella Cakmis, Eleni Derke L-R bottom row, Zee Cakmis, Polly Hillier, Mary Pappas

Jacksonville women raise \$7,500 for Shrine

By Leslye Alex Phillips

On August 22, 2009, a group of 10 Jacksonville area women hosted a benefit for St. Photios National Shrine.

The idea started during a power walk between neighbors; GeeGee Angelopoulos, Laurie Bacalis and Leslye Alex Phillips while they were discussing the downturn in the economy and the resulting shortage of funds available to help director, Polaxeni Hillier, for the daily operations of the Shrine.

With the help of their book club, "Divine Sisters of the Highly Esteemed Book Club," they hosted a supper buffet benefit at the home of Dr. Peter and Mary Pappas of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.

With more than 50 in attendance, the evening was a magnificent success, raising over \$7,500.

Book club members invited guests to "A benefit to support our beloved St. Photios Shrine" where "donations to St. Photios Shrine will be gratefully accepted."

St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine is self-sustaining and relies on donations from the faithful and organizations through the Friends membership program, patronage of the parishes of the National Shrine Church Supplies program as well as purchases of gift shop visitors.

"Our goal was to raise money, but more importantly to raise awareness of St. Photios Shrine and what the Shrine means to Greek Americans," says Leslye Alex Phillips, one of the organizers of the event.

GeeGee Angelopoulos adds, "Our Shrine is a way for us to share our culture and religion with everyone in an intimate setting."

"St. Augustine attracts tens of thousands of visitors every year," she continued. "St. Photios is our opportunity to share our faith with them. They may never have the opportunity to walk in off the street to a Greek Orthodox church, but here they have the opportunity to visit St. Photios Chapel in a low key, casual environment."

The "Divine Sisters" encourage every community to take this idea and share St. Photios with their community while encouraging financial support.

Remember to celebrate the feast of St. Photios on Feb. 6. Acknowledge the anniversary of the arrival of the 500 Greeks whose memory we commemorate at the Shrine on June 26th with a benefit.

St. Photios is not only a window but a portal to the public. Tourists from all over the world enjoy our Shrine.

For many it is their introduction to the Greek Orthodox faith.

"It amazes me every day that families and individuals attribute their first encounter with Orthodoxy with their visit here, and many become converted to Orthodoxy through this encounter, said Shrine Director Polly Hillier. "It is a blessing to work here and witness that miracle."



Holy Trinity Senior Sunday School Class Shrine Pilgrimage

By Effie Fotopoulos

Our 12th Grade Sunday School class from the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Charlotte, NC, made their annual Pilgrimage to St. Photios Shrine the weekend of March 27.

The St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine is where the first colony of Greek people who came to America in 1768 worshipped and is dedicated to these early immigrants.

The Orthodox Chapel is filled with Byzantine style frescoes and has a historic museum. Special exhibits tell the story of the First Greek Colony in the New World. This freestanding exhibit contains various artifacts, photographs and historical documents.

While in St. Augustine our seniors got to tour St. Photios, had great discussion time with Fr. Michael, Divine Liturgy in the St. Photios Shrine on Sunday, and they visited

the Mission Center. (OCMC has been sanctioned by Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in America (SCOBA) to help the faithful of North America proclaim the fullness of the Orthodox Christian Faith to the world).

Our gracious hostess, Polly Maouris-Hiller provided us with dinner and breakfast. She is truly an amazing person and her dedication and love for the Shrine is genuine and more than words can describe. She made us all feel right at home! The trip was an exceptional and unforgettable experience for our senior class.

The students realized the spiritual and cultural impact the Shrine had and continues to have on Greek Orthodox Christians; thus, giving them a deeper understanding of our faith and a closer relationship with God.

We Get Letters



How to say?

A visitor asked "How do you wish someone Merry Christmas in Greek?"

If you want to wish "Merry Christmas" to someone in Greek, say: Kala Hris-touyenna.

If you want to wish "Happy New Year" in Greek, say: Kali Hronia. For "Happy New Year's Day" in Greek say "Kali Protohronia".

We celebrate the feast of our name or patron saint as well.

Manolis or Hristos, Emanuel or Emanuela, are wished "Hronia Polla or Many Years" on Christmas Day.

Vassiliki, Vasilis, Basil or William on January 1. Ioanna, Yiannis, Joanna, John or any derivative of these names (January 7),

Fotis or Fotini celebrate their name day on Epiphany, also known as Theofania, (January 6).

Thanks for tour

Let me one more time express our gratitude to you for a very interesting and attractive tour at St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine.

I'll tell my students about it and its story.

My best wishes and regards,

Alex Dashevsky

Kiev, Ukraine

Liked Newsletter

I am writing to tell you how very much I enjoyed the summer edition of the "2009 Friends Newsletter." I was particularly impressed with the explanation of the legacy of the St. Photios Shrine.

I truly did not know much about the Shrine, though I just love the "Light a Candle" program.

When I read about its beginning and I saw the name 'Smyrna' – it touched a soft spot in my heart since Smyrna was the birthplace of my mother, Polixeni. I have enjoyed speaking with you several times.

Your dedication to the Shrine and warmth to all of us is a blessing. It is my prayer that the Shrine will continue to flourish, and one day, I will have the honor and good fortune to visit.

God bless you for all your hard work – and be sure, that we will continue to support the "Light a Candle" program. Jack and I send our love to you and the Foundation. Please give my heartfelt thanks to everyone. God bless you,

Dolly Demetris
St. Davids, PA



Kay Carantzas, author Larry Odzak and Polly Hillier - Odzak's book *Demetrios is Now Jimmy* is available in the Shrine gift store



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The 2010 Friends Membership Appeal Form

I am supporting the outreach and ministry of this national institution of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese with this donation of _____ in memory and in honor of the first Greek Colonists who settled in Florida in 1768.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

I will fulfill this donation:

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 semi annually **Credit Card:** _____
 now, in full _____

Please print name as it appears on the credit card:

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*The Shrine belongs to every member of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in America.
Make St. Augustine your vacation destination and make a pilgrimage to your National Shrine!*

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Sweet Family Memories Spurred Holiday Bread Recipe

By Author of OPA cookbook Liz Lazarides White

My mother, Eleni, used to make this wonderful bread for Christmas and New Year's.

I can still close my eyes and remember the aroma, what her bread looked like, and most especially the wonderful taste.

From the time I was a little girl, I can remember watching my mother making bread for us for the holidays. Her hands worked like magic, her artistry in the kitchen at work.

Unfortunately, she never taught me how to make the bread!! So when I grew up, married and after reading many recipes in search of one that reminded me of my mother's bread, I put together my own recipe.

It will never be the same as her wonderful bread... but it's so close that it's as though my sweet mother is standing right beside me in my kitchen even to this day.

One of my fondest memories of my mother is one New Years Day with all of us around the family dining room table, ready for the cutting of the Vasilopita.

My dad, brothers sister and I were so excited. Mother told us she had placed a silver dollar in the dough so whoever got the piece with the coin, would have good luck for the coming year. We ate so much bread around that table in search of that coin! I happened to look up and Mother was standing in the kitchen doorway laughing so hard, there were tears in her eyes. I thought she was just being sentimental until ---

I saw the silver dollar between her fingers. She had forgotten to put the coin in the dough after all. Sweet story about my wonderful mother...

VASILOPITA

Makes three to four braided or round loaves

Ingredients:

3 packages of yeast
1 cup warm water
1 tablespoon sugar
2 cups whole milk
1 cup orange juice
1 tsp cinnamon
1/4 cup water
2 sticks butter (or margarine will do) softened
1 1/2 cups sugar
5 large eggs



6 to 9 cups of plain flour (I prefer White Lily)
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon vanilla flavoring

TOPPING FOR BREAD

3 tablespoons sesame seeds (maybe more)
2 beaten egg yolks
1/4 tsp sugar
1 tsp water
(*Beat egg yolks, sugar & water together. Brush over formed bread loaves and sprinkle generously with sesame seeds)

BAKING INSTRUCTIONS

- In a bowl, soften yeast and sugar in warm water. Set aside for 10 minutes, allowing the mixture to foam. Heat milk, orange juice, cinnamon and water in a saucepan until warm (can also place in microwave).
- In your mixer, beat softened butter until fluffy. Continue beating while adding in the sugar and eggs (one at a time) until thoroughly mixed.
- Fold the yeast mixture into the milk mixture and add the remaining ingredients a little at a time. Transfer the dough to a hard surface and knead well. Add as much flour as needed until a SOFT dough is formed.
- Grease a large bowl with a little oil. Place dough in bowl and turn over, coating all sides of the dough with the oil. Cover with a towel and allow to rise until more than doubled. May take 3 hours or more.

Knead dough again for a few minutes, allowing all of the air to escape. Form into desired shapes and place in pans that you have lined with parchment paper. (Note: If you have never used parchment paper to bake with please try. Your bread and pastries will not stick to the pan and the end result will be a nice browned bottom to your baked goods)

Brush tops of bread with the beaten egg yolk mixture and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Allow to rise again until doubled in size - another 2 to 3 hours perhaps.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake for 30 minutes or until bread is a buttery golden brown. Check by inserting a skewer in the center of the bread. If it comes out clean, bread is cooked; if still a little doughy, cover bread with foil and allow to bake a little longer until skewer comes out clean with the next testing.

Allow to cool thoroughly before wrapping in foil or plastic wrap. This bread freezes well and does not lose its wonderful flavor when thawed.

BRAIDED LOAVES

(In case you have never before braided bread, here is how):

- Form dough into three balls about the size of an orange. Roll each ball into a 10-inch (approximately) strip. Place the 3 strips side by side and braid.
- Place on a cookie sheet and tuck the ends under. Brush with sesame seed mixture and allow to rise as per above instructions.
- Please bake 1 pan at a time in the oven. If you bake one pan under the top pan, the steam from the bottom one will cause the bread above to be "sticky" on the bottom.

ENJOY! Merry Christmas from the Opa! Family... Ed and Liz Lazarides White, Chris, Todd, Anna, Melanie, David

Purchase a signed *Opa! Cookbook* from the bookstore at St. Photios National Shrine—\$29.50



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A Blessed Christmas and New Year to all our Friends of the Shrine. We look forward to seeing you at the 28th annual Pilgrimage to St Photios Shrine.

In Loving Memory of
Peter P. Leventis, Jr.

Faithful son, loving husband, supportive, caring father and grandfather, Citadel man, Archon of the Church, Army Officer, disabled WWII veteran, successful businessman, elected public official, generous contributor to his church, community, alma mater and to anyone he could help.

Pete and Tina with fresco they donated to St. Photios Shrine.

<p>Parents Peter P. and Elene Kaperonis Leventis (Deceased)</p> <p>Wife Tina Palusis Leventis</p> <p>Children Peter P. Leventis III (deceased) Phil and E.V. Leventis Nickolas P. Leventis</p>	<p>Grandchildren Gregory and Sarah Leventis Henry and Kelly Leventis Peter and Joanna Leventis Christina and Chip Slate Andrea Leventis Bradley Leventis Brian and Beth Leventis Meredith Leventis</p> <p>Great Grandchild Jenna Rose Leventis</p>
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Save the Date!
The 2010 National Shrine Pilgrimage will take place February 5th—7th 2010

Greeks of Stark County Available at Book Store

We know that we have established ourselves fully, when we are able to examine our immigration history within proscribed areas. Greeks may be Greeks throughout the world but within each community settled, a unique story is told.

In *Greeks of Stark County*, husband and wife authors, William & Regine Johnson Samonides, tell the unique story of Greeks who arrived in Ohio in the early 20th century.

In the first half of the 20th century, Stark County was one of the largest growing regions of the country. Massillon and Canton were two of the fastest growing cities. Located in northeastern Ohio, Stark County was an industrial epicenter, providing alloy steel for the nation. The demand for labor brought waves of immigrants from Greece and Asia Minor to settle in Canton and Massillon.

This unique blend of economic opportunity combined with political issues in Asia Minor provided an unparalleled circumstance for the families of Stark County.

The authors spent more than ten years recording the oral histories of Greek immigrants and their families. They share more than 200 vintage images in their book.

With accounts from families seeking economic opportunity to the history of Greek chocolate making, the authors capture the unique & compelling narrative of what life was like for these intrepid immigrants.

Greeks of Stark County is available from the Shrine Museum Gift Shop Bookstore at \$19.95

About the Authors

William H. Samonides and his wife Regine Johnson Samonides both hold doctorates from Harvard University. William was born in Canton, a descendant of Greek immigrants. He is the historian of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox church in Canton and President of the Asia Minor Hellenic American Society, the largest North American organization of Greeks who trace their ancestry to modern Turkey.

Regine was born in Chicago. Her research has included work in Greek, French, German, Danish, Chinese and Japanese. She is currently serving on the Parish council at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and is co-editor of Mikra-Asiatika, the bimonthly newsletter of the Asia Minor Hellenic American Society.

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