

A Fun Fact as We Come to Celebrate our Cathedral's 50th Anniversary



Question: In the early years of our Church, how did the Ladies of the Philoptochos earn funds for their philanthropic projects and generous gifts to our Church?

Answer: Following the founding of the Aloha Chapter of the Philoptochos Society, the ladies began baking pans of baklava for sale. They did not have a kitchen, as there was no church building. They were given generous assistance by several church members including Nick Nickolas of Nick's Fish Market and Peter Van Dorn, manager of the Outrigger Canoe Club. Each permitted the women to go to their kitchens and cook. The ladies carried in every ingredient, every pan, and utensil usually making about twenty pans in a day. They carried out every cooked pan of baklava, their utensils, and left over ingredients, after cleaning the restaurant kitchen. They would carry the metal pans to the home of George and Catherine Bukes, where there was a metal bed. George put the four legs of the bed into coffee cans filled with water. The wrapped pans of baklava were put on the bed. The water prevented ants from crawling up the bed to the baklava. George would call the nicest restaurants and clubs in Honolulu including Nick's Fish Market and the Gazebo at Liberty House and offer to sell them pans. The restaurants would place an order and George would deliver the pans, picking up the empty pans from the last order at the same time. Sometime, George would drum up a sale, by calling the restaurant saying he needed to pick up the pans and asking if they wanted him to bring more! This labor intensive, time consuming activity went on for years. The Philoptochos paid many of the struggling, new Church's bills, made generous donations to the Church including the metal fence around the first church property at Old Pali Place, complete with sliding gates at the driveway. They also supported many philanthropic projects including supporting foster children in third world countries, cooking for HIS, and other philanthropic activities.

To Our Visitors:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread. *Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.*

Ss Constantine & Helen

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January 4, 2015

Sunday before Epiphany

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Commemoration of: Synaxis of the 70 Apostles; Theoktistos the Righteous

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

To sinanarhon Logon (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 5

Etimazu Zabulon (Forefeast of Epiphany) Tone 4

*O Zabublon, prepare, and be ready, Nephthalim. * Jordan River, hold your course, and exultantly receive * the Master who is coming to be baptized. * Adam leap for joy with Eve the Foremother. * No longer hide yourselves, as once in Paradise; * for having seen you naked He has appeared * to clothe you in your former vesture. * The Christ has appeared, wishing to renew * the entire creation.*

Tou Stavrou Su (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8

Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which you guard in peace forever, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone love mankind.

Kontakion Tone 4

En tis rithris simeron

*To the flowing streams today * of River Jordan * comes the Lord and cries aloud * to John the Baptist, and He says, * Be not afraid to baptize me now; * for I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."*

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 4:5-8

TIMOTHY, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John the baptizer appeared in the

wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Activities & Announcements

Today

SUN, 1/4– Sunday before Epiphany: Orthros 7:45 am, Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 9 am; Cross Ceremony and Epiphany Celebration at Hale Koa 11:30 am to 2:30 pm; Parish Council Dinner with His Grace Bishop Apostolos at Royal Hilton Hawaiian Village 6 pm

This Coming Week

MON 1/5– Eve of Epiphany Vesper/Liturgy of St. Basil 9 am, followed by the Blessing of the Waters; ***Strict Fast Day*** Bishop Apostolos departs from HNL to San Francisco at 1:55 pm; Funeral for Nicolaos Lillios 12:30 pm

TUE 1/6– Epiphany: Orthros 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 9:30 am, followed by Blessing of the Waters

WED 1/7– Synaxis of St. John the Baptist: Orthros 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

THU 1/8– Rus Family Baptism 10 am

SAT 1/10– Aloha Choir Hana Hou Fundraiser: 6 pm to 10 pm

SUN 1/11– Sunday after Epiphany; Parish Council Oath of Office & Election of Officers (internal); Vasilopita Celebration

Welcome, Your Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia!!!

Today, we warmly welcome, into our midst, His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia! He was recently elected as Bishop and was elevated as a Hierarch on Saturday, December 20, 2014. He continues to faithfully serve the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco as our Chancellor. We wish him "Axios," health and many years! "Eis polla eti Despota!"



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Happy New Year to All!

