

# ΦΩΣ NEWSLETTER

## **Community Council Report**

*We are happy to announce that the 2012 Sarnia Greekfest will occur this year in September. With the commitment of individual volunteers stepping in to form this year's committee has saved the existence of this well anticipated local event in Sarnia for yet another year.*

*The Sarnia Greekfest will be held on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.*

*The success of this vital community event relies greatly on the participation of ALL the faithful in our community, enthusiastically volunteering their time throughout the two days of this event.*

*If we are to look at the future sustainability of our Orthodox Church and Hellenic Community here in Sarnia, then we all must take responsibility and play an active role by volunteering our time.*

*For further information on how you can volunteer please contact the Community Council.*

## **Ladies of Philoptochos**

*This past month the Ladies of Philoptochos celebrated the feast day of their Patron Saint, St. Philothei on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012.*

*As part of the celebrations a memorial service was held in memory of all the past members and volunteers who supported this beautiful organization. In addition, the service of the blessing of the loaves ("Artoklasia") was also observed for the current members who diligently volunteer their time to make Philoptochos a successful program at St. Demetrios Church.*

*On behalf of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Toronto (Canada), I would like to thank the Philoptochos Society for their incessant love, dedication and philanthropic vocation in serving the Lord through His Holy, Apostolic Church.*

*May the Lord bless them unceasingly with His Divine Grace and Love.*

## **Hope and Joy**

*The Hope and Joy Club are selling their annual handmade Pascha Candles (Lambades). You can purchase a Pascha Lambada for your child or Godchild each and every Sunday immediately following Divine Liturgy. All proceeds support the children of the Hope and Joy Club as they learn and grow within their Orthodox faith.*

## **Seniors - "Golden Club"**

*This past month our Seniors Club hosted the "Apokreas" Potluck Dance on Sunday, February 12, 2012. This is the second year that this event has been celebrated in our community. We look forward to continuing the success of this fun filled event as we spiritually prepare to enter the Great Lent Season. A special thanks to Stacey Liriotakis for her leadership in coordinating this event.*

## **Greek School / Sunday School**

*The Children of our Greek School will be celebrating Greek Independence Day on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> with their annual poems, songs and dance.*

## **General Announcements, Upcoming Memorials & Events**

1. Congratulations on the Baptism of Yannis Kasperian
2. Hope and Joy - Selling of Pascha Lambades
  - Every Sunday in the month of March
3. Thank you to the faithful of our St. Demetrios Church for their additional Church donation on Sunday, February 19, 2012. The generous amount collected will be forwarded to help feed the poor in the soup kitchens of the Holy Orthodox Metropolis of Athens, Greece. Over 250,000 individuals are fed each and every day. May we keep them in our prayers!

## **REMINDER**

*Annual Membership is due for 2012  
\$250 / family, \$125 / individual*

*Note: If you would like to post a notice of an upcoming event or a memorial announcement please contact Fr. Demetre via email at: [fr.demetre@gmail.com](mailto:fr.demetre@gmail.com). Check out our Church Website and Facebook for info regarding upcoming events.*