



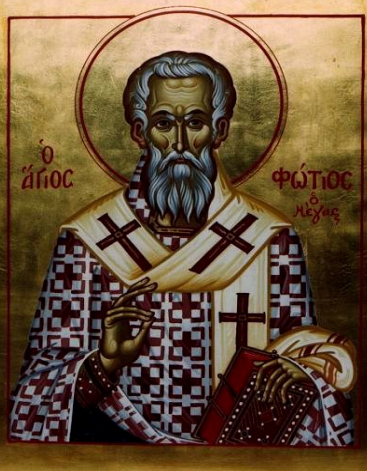
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NEWSLETTER

St. Augustine, FL ~ 2015

247th Celebration of Greek Landing Day &

450th Birthday Celebration of the Nation's Oldest City!



34th ANNUAL NATIONAL SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

Join us in Celebration of the Feast of St Photios the Great, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople
February 5-7, 2016

Friday, February 5

- ◇ Great Vespers & Blessing of the Five Loaves

Saturday, February 6

- ◇ Orthros and Divine Liturgy in the St Photios Chapel
- ◇ Trustees Lunch at the Casa Monica Hotel & Volunteer Recognition Awards
- ◇ St. Photios Foundation Trustees Meeting

Sunday, February 7

- ◇ Orthros, Archieratical Divine Liturgy & Founders' Memorial
- ◇ National Shrine Feastday Banquet and Keynote Address

Come and be part of an uplifting weekend. Four HCHC seminarians will attend the annual meeting and be the chanters at the ecclesiastical services. Come and meet the dedicated trustees from the Archdiocesan District and 8 Metropolises. Come and join in the joyful fellowship that celebrates our Orthodox faith, witnesses our Hellenic culture and remembers and honors the memory of the colonists of 1768 and the Shrine Founders. Save the date, make your plans to attend! More details will follow.



Mayor Nancy Shaver reading the Greek Landing Day Proclamation outside the St. Photios Shrine on Saturday, September 5th

For the past three decades, mayors of St. Augustine have issued a Greek Landing Day Proclamation on or near June 26th to commemorate June 26, 1768, when the Turnbull ships registered their arrival in St. Augustine. Five-hundred Greeks and their priest, Father Crisanthos were among the 1,402 who signed onto this British entrepreneurial scheme. This year, the Proclamation was issued August 28th and read September 5th at the St. Photios Greek Landing Day ceremony.

This anomaly was to co-celebrate Greek Landing Day with the City of St. Augustine Celebrate 450! and to join our Catholic brothers and sisters in Christ as they celebrated 450 years of Christianity in the New World. Upon coming ashore, Don Pedro Menendez was presented a cross to kiss by Father Lopez. The celebration of a mass followed immediately, and thus, hand in hand, the Catholic Church and the establishment of the oldest permanently occupied European settlement in what is now the United States of America took hold.

Fifty years ago, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America purchased the Averro House property in St. Augustine. The house was deemed historic for in fact, it was the place of refuge for the few hundred survivors of Turnbull's New Smyrna Colony. Catholics and Greeks found their footing with the only surviving cleric, Father Pedro Camps, in the 'Greek Chapel'. How fitting it was that Mayor Nancy Shaver and Greek Consul General Adamantia Klotz greeted the hundred participants during the civic ceremony of Greek Landing Day. How

profound that the Bishop of St Augustine, His Excellency Felipe Estevez, witnessed the memorial service and joined in the Trisagion procession while Bishop Dimitrios of Xanthos celebrated the ecclesiastical services.

Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh of St. John the Divine in Jacksonville and V. Rev. Joseph Samaan led the faithful with color guards Jessamy and Joshua Gaetanios in the lead through the streets of Colonial St. Augustine, from the St. Photios Chapel to the Tolomato Cemetery. Dean of Cathedral St. Augustine, Father Tom Willis, Tolomato Cemetery trustees and members of Cantorae St. Augustine received the procession and as sacred hymns were sung after the blessing of the graves, the faithful laid flowers at the gravesites.

Parishioners of St. John the Divine chaired the event. The Sts. Anargyroi Philoptochos chapter held a 2-day glendi. Philoptochos President, Pamela Pappas Toundas, received the dignitaries with a warm reception and the parish dance troupe, Ta Adelphia, performed at the Shrine and in Constitution Plaza.

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Welcome 2015-2016 St. Photios Board of Trustees Members

The St. Photios Trustees are a dedicated group of Orthodox Christians who fervently witness their faith and honor the history of our forefathers. We welcome the new trustees and pray that every Metropolis finds value in being represented on the Shrine Foundation. We share with you details about our newest trustees while wishing Godspeed to those who have completed their tenure. Congratulations to Archon Angelo Koukoulis who was granted Emeritus status after 3 decades of service to the St. Photios Foundation and to Vannette Michals Carousis who invested her time, talents and resources, bringing to reality a number of projects positively impacting the Shrine over her 7 years of service.

Archon George N Donkar, Metropolis of Atlanta

Archon Donkar is a lifetime member of St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church of Savannah, GA. He and his wife Alexis have three sons: Nick, Thomas and John. They have 6 grandchildren: Allie, Samantha, George, Marisa, Sam and Charlie. Archon Donkar has been a choir member since 1966. He has served the Parish Council since 1981 where he currently holds the office of Treasurer. He is a past president of the council. He chaired the Church Renovation Committee and for 15 years co-chaired the annual Greek Festival. He served 2 terms on the executive board of the Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs and Musicians. Metropolitan Alexios appointed him to the Metropolis Council. He works at United Distributors, Inc. He serves as Director of Chain Sales.



Dr. Angelo K. Kliosis, Metropolis of Atlanta

A lifetime member of the Atlanta Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation. He and his wife Sherry are the parents of Kolin, Carolyn and Elliot. Dr. Kliosis has been involved on many levels with his parish, most notably, he has taught Sunday school, worked the gyro booth at the annual Greek Festival, and served on the parish history and archive committee. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree and a DDS degree from Emory University. Dr. Kliosis has practiced dentistry for 35 years.

Evangeline Mekras Scurtis, Metropolis of Atlanta

A lifelong member of Saint Sophia Cathedral in Miami, Florida, and is an active member on the Parish Council. She has been a contributing member of the St. Sophia Parish Philoptochos Chapter for many years, is a Past President of the Atlanta Metropolis Philoptochos and currently serves as Second Vice President of National Philoptochos. She has chaired many events and missions for her Chapter and Metropolis. She has been the Children's Medical Fund (CMF) Chair, Hospitality Chair for a National Clergy Laity as well as a Program co-chair, and coordinated a fundraiser for the Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy. She serves on the Board of Trustees for Saint Basil Academy and Saint Photios Shrine, and was honored with the Medal of Saint Paul. Mrs. Scurtis founded the South Florida Philoptochos Medical Ministry and has volunteered for over 20 years assisting pre and post organ transplant patients primarily from Greece. She is married to John C. Scurtis, Archon and South Florida Regional Commander, and they have three children. She is a Yiayia to eight adored grandchildren.



Rev. Dn. Photios (Frank) Dickos, Metropolis of Pittsburgh



Charles A. Koukoulis, Metropolis of Pittsburgh

Charles Angelo Koukoulis is a native of Bridgeport, WV where he grew up in the aviation business working for and alongside his parents, Angelo and Anna Koukoulis, in his father's company, AeroMech. Koukoulis has served the St. Spyridon Parish Council of Clarksburg, WV since 1985, serving as past president and currently vice president of the council. Charles is the President/CEO of KCI Enterprises, d/b/a KCI Aviation. The company is engaged in maintenance and repair of business class aircraft and turbine engines. They support major fleet operators across the country and have a very longstanding relationship with a world-wide leading engine manufacturer. The business is headquartered in West Virginia and also has a facility at Cecil Airport in Jacksonville, FL. A Rotarian and member of the Harrison County Chamber of Commerce, Koukoulis is also an avid musician, who plays guitar in a group with long time friends. He also enjoys wood working, aviation, custom cars and motorcycles and dabbles in the kitchen creating good eats at his home known as Hawks Nest. His motto and mantra is a daily way of life....Gratitude is the Attitude. And with that he is very grateful to be a part of the Saint Photios Board of Directors.

Archon Philip G. Yamalis, Metropolis of Pittsburgh

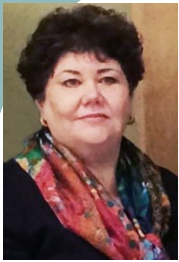
Philip was born and raised in Aliquippa, PA where he graduated from Aliquippa High School. He received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master's Degree from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Philip currently serves as the Protopsaltis of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Pittsburgh and serves on the Metropolis Council of the Metropolis of Pittsburgh. Philip is employed by the US Department of Treasury since 1991, most recently as a Senior Tax Specialist. He has been an active member of AHEPA since 1979, and is a past Supreme Governor. In 2012, Philip was invested as an Archon Proekdikos of the Ecumenical Patriarchate by Archbishop Demetrios. Philip is married to Konstantina (Vlahos) Yamalis and is the father of Georgia and Stephen, all active members of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, Pittsburgh, PA.



Mrs. Theodora Sergiou, Metropolis of New Jersey



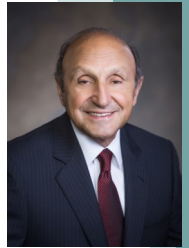
Theodora Sergiou is a devout Orthodox Christian who donates her time as a Sunday School Teacher at Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church of Toms River NJ. She chairs the Saint Barbara Annual Fashion Show raising funds for the Church Athletic Center. She is happy helping others in need and often works with various charities including the Make A Wish foundation committed to helping to make children's Wishes of owning a Swimming Pool or Spa come true. Theodora's greatest joy is her family, a caring wife and loving mother of three, she rises up to the challenge of balancing family, work, and charity. She holds a Masters of Business Administration Degree from Rider University and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Georgian Court University. Vice-President of Nicholas Pools Inc., she has received many recognitions for her excellence in the field including the Skyline Award in 2015 from SmartCEO Magazine in NY; honored by the Professional Women in Construction as a Woman of Distinction, and listed among the Top 25 Leading Women Entrepreneur and Business Owner by NJ Monthly Magazine in December 2014. Theodora is on the Advisory Committee at Brookdale Community College for the Business and Marketing Department and is Professor of Marketing and Management at Georgian Court University.

**Maria Logus, Esq., President, Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society**

Maria Logus is a lifelong resident of the New York City borough of Brooklyn and parishioner at Kimisis Tis Theotokou Church. She studied at New York University and Brooklyn Law School. She is currently a lawyer for the New York State Unified Court System, and has had three decades of legal experience. She joined Philoptochos at age 18, following in the footsteps of her grandmother, and her mother, who held several positions in the organization. In 1986, Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America of blessed memory appointed Miss Logus to the Philoptochos National Board in the role of Parliamentarian. Multiple leadership roles followed, including Chair for two National Conventions and First Vice President under Presidents Mimi Skandalakis, Eve Condakes, and Georgia Skeadas. She was President of the Board of Saint Basil Academy for several years and served on the boards of Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and St. Michael's Home. Her paternal grandparents hail from Constantinople and her maternal grandparents are from the island Limnos.

John W. Galanis, Supreme President, AHEPA

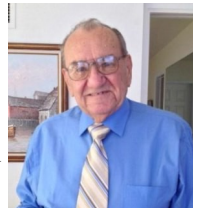
John W. Galanis is a lifelong resident of Milwaukee, WI and a parishioner at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. John graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison and the University of Michigan Law School, where he was a member of Order of the Coif and an Associate Editor of the Michigan Law Review. John also attended the London School of Economics on a grant from the Ford Foundation. He was a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserve. John was Secretary and General Counsel of MGIC Investment Corporation and Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation for twenty years. In 1988, John started his own law firm, Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C., focusing on business law. He is married to Pat from St. Nicholas parish in St. Louis. They have four children and four grandchildren. It is noteworthy that Patricia and John met at the District AHEPA Convention forty-seven years ago.

**George S. Tsandikos, Chairman, Leadership 100**

Leadership 100 George S. Tsandikos of New York, New York, is a member of the Holy Trinity Archdiocesan Cathedral in New York City and an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. He served as Vice Chairman for the past two years under Charles H. Cotros. Tsandikos has been Managing Director of Rockefeller & Company in New York, since 2003, having previously served as Vice President, Private Bank of J.P. Morgan Private Bank, also in New York, from 1989 to 2003 and as an Associate with Burns and Levinson, Counselors at Law, Boston, Massachusetts from 1987 to 1989. He holds an A.B. in economics from Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, and a J.D., Cum Laude, from Boston College Law School, Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

Archon Angelo Koukoulis, Emeritus Board

Bishop Maximos of the Pittsburgh Diocese asked Angelo to be his representative on the Shrine Foundation in the mid 80's. He, with wife Anna would attend the annual meeting with his dear friend Peter Zikos and Peter's wife Dorothy. Angelo served as the chair of the Marketing Committee for decades. He also reviewed the administrative expenditures and made recommendations that resulted in deep savings. The Friends Newsletter is still printed in West Virginia! Angelo and Anna have been married 6 decades, are the proud parents of Chuck and Irene.



Special thanks to Vannette Michals Carousis who has stepped down from the Foundation. Vannette represented the Metropolis of NJ from 2007-2015. She is married to Archon Michael Carousis and is the loving mother of Lee, Elaine and Harry (Coniaris). Michael and Vannette are the proud grandparents of Demara, Chloe, Chelsea and H. John. A successful fundraiser, Vannette chaired the Wall of Tribute committee. She is inspiration to all, innovative in her approach to any challenge. Her generosity knows no bounds. Her family donated the Shrine security system, she raised over \$25K to institute a point of sale system in the gift shop and to install an interactive visitors' kiosk. With the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Evangelos, Vannette planned a 6 parish stop for Shrine Director Polly Hillier. Together, they brought the story of the St Photios National Shrine to Philoptochos chapters, Greek Schools and parish council members. As a young girl, Vannette was influenced by Archbishop Athenagoras and the commitment her dad had in assisting His Eminence in his ministry. The love that poured back to the family from His Eminence ignited her zeal to help wherever she could in the Church.

NATIONAL SHRINE CHURCH SUPPLIES

Many callers request information regarding the beeswax candle. The price is about three times the amount of the stearic or paraffin candle. Is there really a difference?

If the beeswax candle is burnt in a stable setting, it burns evenly, slowly, cleanly and completely without leaving a residue. Pure beeswax like olive oil, wine, wheat and other natural and pure substances is an important element in the worship of the Orthodox Church. Paraffin is a petroleum-based product. It is produced from taking the waxy substance of lubricating oil fractions – the dross if you will of petroleum. In making candles the petroleum is purified by means of a solvent based de-oiling operation. The petroleum is treated with sulfuric acid followed by clay filtration and deodorizing for the removal of impurities. Most commercial candles are made from this petroleum paraffin, which also constitutes the making of ethane, propane and butane. The presence of some impurities in the paraffin may give rise to skin irritations such as eczema. However assuredly paraffin candles produce black soot that gradually coats



paintings, furnishings and walls. They tend to drip excessively and often leave a mess as they burn.

National Shrine Church Supplies (NSCS) offers greater selections of candle sizes and types, and low factory prices. Nobody else can supply as many famous quality candle brands in this range of sizes and types direct from the factory! Also available through NSCS are Holy Water bottles, candle safety cups, self-lighting charcoal, and incense from Mt. Athos and the Holy

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NSCS offers competitive prices, and the opportunity to support this sacred and historic institution. National Shrine Church Supplies is operated by St. Photios Foundation, Inc. Provide for your parish and support our First National Shrine! Call today to place your order...904.829.8205.



247th Anniversary of Greek Landing Day & the 450th Commemoration of the Founding of America's Oldest City



CELEBRATE 450 YEARS

ST AUGUSTINE



Consul General Adamantia Klotsa gives Greek Landing Day greetings on behalf of the Greek government

Greek Landing Day, September 5, 2015
(from left) Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh, His Grace Bishop Dimitrios of Xanthos, His Excellency Bishop Felipe Estevez and Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Samaan



Shrine Director, Polexeni Hillier and Her Honor, Mayor Nancy Shaver



V. Rev. Fr. Joseph Samaan, Archon Dr. Manuel and Elaine Tissura, with color guard Jessamy and Joshua Gaetanos



Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh



V. Rev. Joseph Samaan, Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh, Bishop Dimitrios of Xanthos and Bishop of St. Augustine - His Excellency Felipe Estevez



Father Louh and Bishop Dimitrios of Xanthos



His Grace welcomed by Fr. Tom Willis, Pastor of the Cathedral Basilica, at the Tolomato Cemetery



Deacon Athanasios Kartsonis, Polly, Bishop Dimitrios and Fanya Couchell Paouris, sister of His Grace



Procession down the Historic St. George Street to the Tolomato Cemetery



The birthday events included the Reenactment of the landing of Don Pedro Menendez



Procession honoring the 450th anniversary of the establishment of the Catholic Church in America



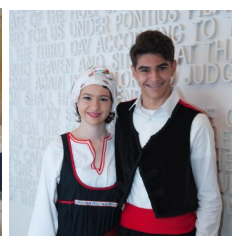
Fireworks Over The Matanzas 450!



Reading of the Greek Landing Day Proclamation at City Hall



Shrine docents Fernando Arango & Jenny Harker, volunteer Michael Toundas



Special thanks to Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh and the parish of St. John the Divine, Jacksonville. God blessed the Shrine with the good work of two of St. John's stellar organizations: the Sts. Anagroi Ladies Philotochos Society and TA ADELPHIA folk dancers.



TA ADELPHIA folk dancers at the plaza



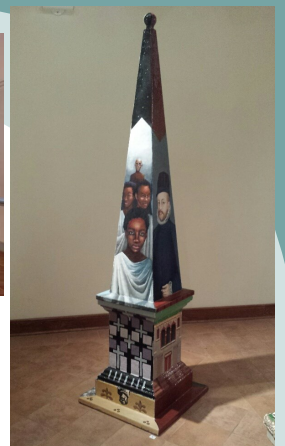
Pedro Menendez, King Felipe & Queen Letizia of Spain



Minorcan Mary Pellicer of St. Augustine visited the Shrine with her family.



September 4-January 31, 2016
Obelisk Art 450, Tour of Compassion . An International Public Art Exhibition Interpreting Freedom, Democracy, Human Rights & Compassion in the Nation's Oldest City.



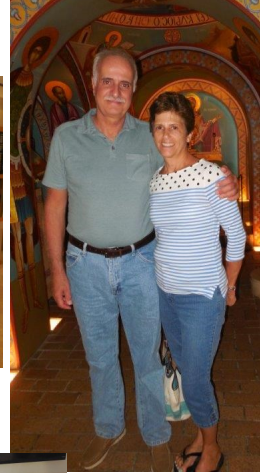
"Point of View"
by Dustin Harewood is featured in the Shrine Courtyard from October 1st through the end of January 2016.



George and Violet Louh visiting with their out of town family members



The Kledaras Brothers from Raleigh, NC, and St. Augustine, FL



Louie and Genie Mansour visiting from Massachusetts



Derek Hankerson of Middle Passages Marker Project, Polly Hillier and Dr. John Symeonides at St Augustine City Hall following Proclamation Ceremony Honoring the Memory of the Colonists of 1768



Polly Hillier receiving the City of St. Augustine, 450! Alliance Proclamation from Mayor Nancy Shaver



Spring Executive Committee Meeting St. Photios Foundation



Spring Archdiocesan Council Meeting



Haskopoulos Family



St Nektarios, Charlotte, NC Junior and Senior Sunday School Students' 2015 Pilgrimage

DAYTONA'S 39th ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL

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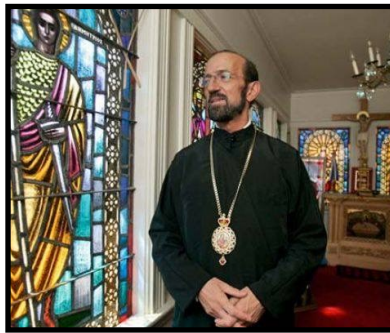
LOCATED AT CORNER OF UNIVERSITY AND N. HALIFAX AVE.

Metropolis of San Francisco Visits

In May 2015, the Spring Archdiocesan Council meeting convened in San Francisco, California. This meeting is usually held outside of NYC, giving me, a representative to the Council, an opportunity to visit trustees in their home parishes and the surrounding area. This year the meeting also coincided with the weekend of Pentecost. With the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco Paul Gikas, Director of Communications and Development of the Metropolis of San Francisco and the support of Foundation trustees George Stratigos and Father Aris Metrakos, I was able to visit nine parishes during the 8 day stay in the San Francisco Bay area.

By the Grace of God, and extensive planning, we worked together to bring the profound story of the Shrine to hundreds of people. This would not have been possible without the cooperation of the parish priests, their Presvyteres and their staff. May God grant many years to Father Metrakos (Holy Trinity, SF), Father Steven Kyriacou (Annunciation Cathedral, SF), Father Thomas Zaferes (Ascension Cathedral, Oakland), Father James Retelas and Father Timothy Robinson (Annunciation, Sacramento), Father Dino Pappademos (St. Katherine, Elk Grove), Father Panagiotis Sotirias (St Basil, Stockton), and Father Michael Prevas (Church of the Resurrection, Castro Valley).

My husband Allan and I were touched by the warm hospitality offered every where we worshipped and visited. People were willing to take the time to listen wherever we were. We were also amazed at the unique attributes of each parish, I share here a few observations. The mosaics of Holy Trinity are awesome, the views from Ascension are amazing, the inner city parish of St George is located in the historic Lorenz Hotel, the garden at St. Katherine is truly a praise to God, the dedication of historian Jim Lucas is worth googling and the joy of the Sunday School teachers in Sacramento is infectious. God bless the Metropolis of San Francisco, God grant you all many years.



His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco



Metropolis Cathedral—Paul Gikas, Father Stephen & Presvytera Alik Kyriacou and Foulia Vasilogiorgis



Jim Lucas, founding President of the Greek Historical Society of the San Francisco Bay Area Ascension Cathedral, Oakland



Fr. Michael Prevas, Church of the Resurrection, Castro Valley



Marcelo Souza, Annunciation Cathedral, San Francisco



Emily Coleman, SS Director, Fr. Timothy Robinson, Associate Priest and Christine Darios, Philoptochos President, Annunciation, Sacramento



Father Dino Pappademos, St. Katherine, Elk Grove



Parishioners at Holy Trinity, San Francisco



Tapestry Exhibit included the Greeks who arrived in St. Augustine refugees in 1777 and as boat builders in the early 20th century. Dana Ste Claire writes: "The fusion of culture began in St. Augustine in 1565 when Spanish explorer Don Pedro Menéndez de Avilés arrived with 800 colonists to settle the New World in the name of Spain. It was an ambitious attempt at colonization, one that would become the foundation for the most lasting European settlement in the United States. The newly arrived colonists were Spanish and Africans. When they stepped off the ship onto the soils of the first permanent American colony, they became Hispanic-Americans and African-Americans for the first time. This was the beginning of both the Latin-American and African-American experiences in the New World. The colonists survived because Native Americans at the Timucuan Indian village of Seloy allowed them to occupy and modify Indian structures, even digging a moat around a council house for fortification. The intermingling of Native Americans, Hispanics and Africans was the very beginning of the diverse American culture, one that characterizes our nation today.

Holy Trinity



**18th Annual St. Augustine Greek Festival
October 9th-11th, 2015**

Special Events (Francis) Field, W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine, FL

**Greek Food, Live Music, Dancing, Kids Center
\$3 per person, 12 & under are free**

Healing Oils of the Bible



The Shrine is open 7 days a week, 360 days a year, Monday through Saturday from 9-5 and Sundays 12-6. However, there are some evenings when workshops are held and this fall we were blessed to hear the 2-part presentation from Evgenia Mercado, Healing Oils of the Bible. Evgenia writes –

“Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food. Their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their waters flow from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing”. This reference can be found in Ezekiel Chapter 47, verse 12 and Revelations Chapter 22, verse 2. I will refer to the parts of the trees mentioned as essential oils.

Patently, essential oils have been around for thousands of years and although many people today consider them to be products of “The New Age”, they are quite the opposite. They are Old Age. We know frankincense and myrrh were gifted to the infant Jesus by the wise men. At the time of Christ’s nativity, these two essential oils were as valuable as gold. It is not a mystery as to why gold, myrrh and frankincense were the gifts of choice.

God’s medicine is the natural medicine. Throughout all time, medicine pulled from specific plants, shrubs, leaves, roots, branches and flowers have been used for specific ailments. God gives us these to create soothing, precious ointments to help heal ourselves naturally without harsh side effects. Unfortunately we have lost the knowledge of the cures, antidotes available from His Hand.

The course also cites other references to the use of essential oils in Biblical times. They were the ingredients for Holy Incense. They were used in the anointing of Kings (like David & Samuel) and High Priests such as Aaron. Brides like Ester were bathed in Myrrh for 6 months before their weddings. Jesus’s feet were anointed with the costly fragrant oil of Spikenard before his crucifixion. Myrrh & Hyssop were given on a sponge for Jesus’s thirst. After Jesus’ death Nicodemus anointed Jesus’s body with about a hundred pounds of Myrrh and Aloe (Sandalwood). There are actually over 500 references to essential oils in the bible with Myrrh being the first and last oil Jesus received.

The format of the workshop is teaching and interactive. We discuss the ancient and modern uses of Sandalwood, Cassia, Cedarwood, Cypress, Galba-

num, Hyssop, Frankincense, Onycha, Myrrh, Myrtle, Rose of Sharon, and Spikenard. A bottle of each oil is passed as it is discussed so every person can smell it. Workshop participants are given the medicinal properties of the 12 essential oils and their Scriptural references from the Old and New Testaments. As we study the applications and safety data, we familiarize ourselves with the oils unique antidotal properties. I share where in western medicine these oils have been included in treatment plans.

God has given us everything we need. When we join information with Scripture and prayer we magnify the opportunity for positive results. It is so humbling to hear feedback from workshop participants. Especially profound was a participant who shared that this was the first time she ever read from the Bible.



ST PHOTIOS GIFT SHOP & BOOK STORE

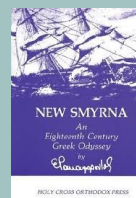
Find unique gift items, icons, and books on Orthodox Christianity and Greek American history. Also available exclusively at the St. Photios Shrine Gift Shop:



The Saint Photios Cross: A gold replica of the cross found at the Shrine during archeological excavations in 1970.

The Saint Photios Medal: A brilliant silver commemorative medal, issued by the Franklin mint in 1976 – is an enduring symbol of America’s bicentennial and the first colony of Greeks in America.

New Smyrna - An Eighteenth Century Greek Odyssey, the book that tells the epic story of the heroic and adventurous group of Hellenes who undertook a personal odyssey to the New World.



The Saint Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine is a living memorial to the first Greek settlers on the American continent and to all the 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 not be missed by any visitor. The St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine is located in historic downtown St. Augustine, Florida, at 41 St. George Street between Orange and Cuna Streets. The Shrine is open to the public daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

St. Augustine, FL -- St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine is located in the Colonial Quarter of St. Augustine, FL. It is a sacred and historical site built in memory of the 500 Greeks who came to America with the Turnbull expedition in 1768. The chapel has a reliquary with the bone fragments of 18 saints of the early Church in the narthex and the relics of 3 female saints in the altar. The chapel and museum occupy the historic Avero House – a 2-story structure that was built in the 1740’s, razed and then reconstructed. In 1982, the Shrine opened with a clear mission to actively witness Orthodox Christianity, share the Hellenic culture and honor the memory of all immigrants who came to America in quest of a new life.

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St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine

11th Annual Essay Contest

This is an invitation to all High School students to learn the amazing story of the Greeks who settled the New Smyrna Colony in Florida. Submit a 1,000 word essay that compares and contrasts the Greek immigrants of the Turnbull Colony and the immigration story of someone you love and admire.

Deadline is November 21, 2015

First Prize \$500
Second Prize \$250
Third Prize \$100

*Visit the Shrine website @ www.stphotios.org
 For more information please contact the Shrine
 at 904.829.8205*

The Friends Membership Program of St. Photios National Shrine

Your donation supports the outreach and ministry of the St. Photios National Shrine

Yes, I would like to contribute to the Friends Membership Program.

Please (circle one) continue my membership/enroll me in the Friends Program

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