

Some Little Known Facts

In the 1940's, some Greek businessmen contributed to a fund for the purchase of property for a community center. The property fronted 120.5' on Auditorium Boulevard from Coates Street to Fern Lane and had a depth of 140'. After some time, one of the donors stated that he wanted his donation returned as he was having financial difficulties. The property was sold to Winn-Dixie which built a facility with ample parking for those days. It was to compete with a nearby A&P grocery chain. Eventually it closed its doors and was remodeled for a surveyor's offices. The building was demolished in the late 1980's together with surrounding buildings for a large parking lot for the former Marriott Hotel. It later became the Adam's Mark Hotel & Resort. Fern Lane was abandoned and became part of the parking lot.

In the late 1940's, His Grace Bishop Germanos Polyzoides, Bishop of our Diocese of Charlotte, came to our city and attended a meeting at the New Yorker Restaurant at the northwest corner of Main and North Coates Street. The restaurant was owned and operated by George Billias and his son, Michael. George Billias was to become our first Parish Council president when we established a church. All of the area's Greek families gathered to receive the Bishop's blessing in establishing a church in Daytona Beach. We were all disappointed by his response. He felt that our community was too small to finance and sustain a church at that time.

In naming our church, Father Nephon Demetriou asked that it be done by monetary bid as it is done in most communities. Mr. Constantinos "Gus" Mitchell, who was to become our second Parish Council President, bid \$250 to name our new church St. Constantine & Helen. The many individuals with the name, Demetrios, quickly agreed that each of them would pledge \$100 in order to outbid Mr. Mitchell. A total bid of \$1,000 resulted in our church being named St. Demetrios. Those early pioneers were: Misters Carratt, Chilakos, Danas, Forest, Karantinos, Leras, Magoulas, Melachrinos, Paidas and Sotirin.

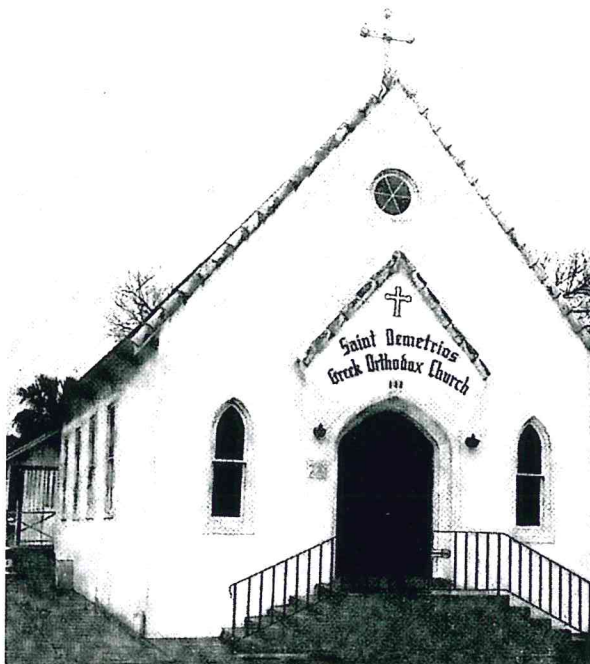
As our church membership grew at 111 Cypress Street, suggestions were made for moving to other sites. Some were existing churches that were for sale such as the one at the southeast corner of N. Ridgewood Ave. and Fairview. Another one was at the northwest corner of Fifth Ave. and S. Oleander Ave. Both of these structures still exist today. Special interest was shown on an estate on the northwest corner of N. Peninsula Drive and Riverview Boulevard. It has since been converted to a bed and breakfast. Vacant land was considered near the present Seabreeze High School prior to the many homes being built in the area. Vacant property was purchased on S. Peninsula Drive but was later sold rather than attempt to re-zone in the face of opposition of neighbors.

Two vacant waterfront properties were offered as possible sites for a new church and community center, however, they were quickly discounted for fear of the possibility of children falling in the river. One large lot is still vacant at the east end of the Main Street Bridge. It was offered to us for \$40,000; it recently sold for \$1.3 million. The other one is at N. Halifax Ave. and Riverview which is the site of a Presbyterian church. It is rather ironic that there was no objection when our present waterfront location was chosen. Was it meant to be?



Workers from D.W. Browning
Plumbing and Heating

Roofers work



Church exterior completed

Cypress Street under Fr. Athas



Archbishop Iakovos, Fr. John Athas and Fr. John Panos



Fr. John Athas accepting a silver icon of St. Barbara that was brought from Greece by Theodore and Stamie Kypreos.

*Gathering of women in the church hall
Front row: Mary Vitsaris, Helen Michaelos (Tilacos), Katherine Carratt, Angie Forest, Pauline George
Second row: Mary Michaelos, X, X, X, Zafiroula Carratt, Diane Billias, X, Sophia Forest, X, X, Clara Sotirin (Houllis), Georgia Magoulas, Julia Melachrino.*



*Sarah Athas weds Ted Iltsopoulos
The church was so tiny that most weddings were held in Episcopal churches. Sarah wanted to be wed by her brother and brother-in-law in her own church.*

*Top row: Helen Anthony, Fr. Steven Anthony, Fr. John Athas
2nd row: Angie Forest, Ted Iltsopoulos, Sarah Athas Iltsopoulos, Dr. Ted Elchos, best man
3rd row: Ellie Louizes, Michael Forest
4th row women: Jenny Logan, Deena Apostole, Panorea Panos (Papalambros), Deanne Anthony, Cathy Anthony
4th row men: Peter Athas (father), George Pappas, James Anthony, Nick Vitsaras, James Pappas, Nick George
Young girls: Stephanie Athas, Susan Anthony. Young boys: George Athas, Peter Athas.*

Cypress Street Social Years



Ellie Louizes, Fr. John Athas, Presvytera Sophia Athas with children, Stephanie, Peter and George Athas with Zenon Louizes

Demetrios Melachrino, Sam Stratos, Gus Mitchell, George Billias, Jim Paidas, Jim Forest



Nick and Georgia Magoulas, standing Margo Kiriakes, Mike Magoulas, Sophia and Angie Forest, Pauline George, Michael Forest, Katherine Carratt, Gabriel George, standing Stamie Kypreos, Nick George.



Valencia Lasker (Poulos).



Jim and Diana Paidas with Jim Forest.

Cypress Street Social Years



Philip Calemares, John Michaelos, Jim Forest, John Zacharias, Pete Coumos, X, Charles Panos, Sam Stratos.



Sophia Forest with cousin, Pauline George.



Sarah Athas (Itsopoulos), Zafiroula Carratt, Clara Sotirin (Houllis), Pauline George, Sophia Forest, Georgia Magoulas.



Panorea Panos (Papalambros), X, Margaret Panos, Mary Michaelos, Lena Calemares.



Alex George, X, Jim Forest, George Billias, John Michaelos, seated Jim Karantinos, John Pandapas, Pete Coumos, Charles Panos, Philip Calemares, Sam Stratos, standing Nick Demas.

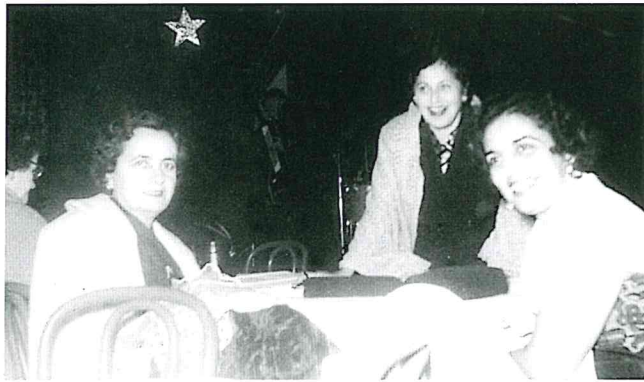
Cypress Street Social Years



Jim Sotirin and George Karpodinis.



Georgia Magoulas, "Little George", Nick Magoulas, Fr. John Athas.



Sophia Forest, Diane Billias, Mary Augustine.



Michael Poulos.



Steve Petras, Zenon Louizes, X, Steno Paspalakis, Clara Sotirin (Houllis), Stamie Kypreos, Sarah Athas (Iltsoopoulos).



Stella Demas and Georgia Magoulas.

Cypress Street Social Years



Helen Lasker (Albert).



Steno Augustine, Fr. John Athas, Tony Magoulas.



Costa Magoulas and Alexis Demas (Leras).



Nick George before entering the Air Force.



Nick Masters weds Katherine Vitsaras.



Nick Masters with daughter, Sylvia Masters (Nikitas).

Mortgage Burning



Fr. John Panos, Theo Kypreos, Demetrios Melachrino, Fr. John Athas, George Michaelos, Emanuel Kalas, George Billias, Jim Paidas (barely showing), George Panos.



George Billias, Sam Stratos, Metropolitan Germanos Polizoides, Fr. John Athas, Jim Paidas, Theo Kypreos, George Karpodinis, Michael J. Forest, Jim Sotirin.

111 Cypress Street

1963 Church Directory

Angeledes, Rev. Soterios (Elizabeth)	Gregory, Diamond	Panos, Charles (Margaret)
Adams, George	Gregory, Theodore	Panos, George
Agoranos, Vasilios	Harris, Alexander	Panos, George J. (Jean)
Antoniades, John	Harris, Louis (Sophie)	Panos, Panorea
Athanasakes, Ted (Mary)	Howard, Silas (Julia)	Papas, Tony (Lenore)
Athas, Rev. John P. (Sophia)	Jaffries, Philip	Pappadopoulos, Peter (Anika)
Athas, Peter	Jannetides, Tom (Marian)	Pappas, James (Kelly)
Athas, Miss Sarah	Jeffries, George (Lucy)	Pappas, Mrs. Vasso
Augustine, Steno	Kalas, Mrs. A.	Pappas, Steve (Katherine)
Augustine, Mrs. Mary	Kalas, John (Harriett)	Pappas, Timothy (Barbara)
Awad, Robert	Kampelis, William (Edith)	Paras, John (Helen)
Babouris, Nick (Susan)	Karpodinis, George (Niza)	Pargianos James (Mary)
Bazakis, Loukas (Aglaia)	Kattouff, Miss Helen	Paspalakis, Moscos (Anna)
Billias, George (Diane)	Kattouff, Miss Louise	Paspalakis, Steno (Mary)
Bouzzis, Steve	Kiriakes, Mrs. Margo	Patterson, Gus (Madolyn)
Brianas, George (Agouritsa)	Klonaris, Mrs. Efthemia	Pavlakos, Louis (Mary)
Calemares, Philip (Lena)	Klonaris, Dr. Nick	Perakis, Dino (Desi)
Canacos, George (Helen)	Kouracos, Louis (Lydia)	Perakis, Minas (Catherine)
Canakaris, Dr. John (Elaine)	Kypreos, Miss Irene	Petras, Steve
Carratt, Dr. James (Harriet)	Kypreos, Stanley	Polas, Peter
Carratt, Mrs. James (Zaferoula)	Kypreos, Theodore (Stamie)	Pothitos, Tom (Paraskevi)
Chilakos, James (Anna)	Lasker, Miss Helen	Poulos, George X. (Mary)
Chingris, Kyriakos	Leras, Nick (Alexis)	Poulos, Michael (Valencia)
Christos, Peter (Mary)	Linovich, R.	Psillas, Christos (Linda)
Condorodis, Peter (Peggy)	London, Mrs. Kiki	Seps, Donald (Helen)
Condyles, Nicholas (Josephine)	Louize, Miss Ellie	Skandamis, Paul (Aglaia)
Constantine, Angelo (Helen)	Louize, Zenon	Spears, Roger (Mary)
Constantino, Mrs. Nicholas	Mager, Emanuel (Grace)	Sotirin, James (Clara)
Constas, Perry (Athena)	Magoulas, Nick (Georgia)	Southerland, Robert (Sue)
Creticos, Harry (Lula)	Magoulas, Costa	Stavracos, Steve
Danas, James	Malliarakis, Antonios (Eva)	Stratos, Sam (Sara)
Dantos, Charles	Maniatopoulos, Mike (Mina)	Theos, Chris (Becky)
Demas, Nicholas (Stella)	Manos, Louis (Louisa)	Triantafillou, Michael (Lillie)
Diamond, Tom (Rita)	Mardas, Miss Lorraine	Tsourotis, Nick (Denise)
Drakakis, Costa (Matoula)	Masters, Nick (Nina)	Valilas, Mrs. Irene
Dudra, Mrs. Gloria	Melachrino, Mrs. Julia	Van Vourellis, Peter (Elaine)
Economidy, Alexander (Flora)	Melachrino, Antonio	Vardvakis, Angelo
Eliopoulos, Demetrios (Ruth)	Michaelos, George (Urania)	Vasil, William
Forest, Miss Angeline	Michaelos, Mrs. Mary	Vitsaris, Dominick (Irene)
Forest, Jim (Sophia)	Mormouris, Arthur	Williams, Vasilios (Margaret)
Forest, Michael	Nikitas, Anthony (Penny)	Xynides, Steve
Geaneas, Chris (Sally)	Nouragas, Thomas	Yarcick, John
Geaneas, Gus (Kiki)	Nikolopoulos, Christ	Zacharias, John (Anna)
Genoplus, Socrates (Anna)	Orphanides, Gus (Myrtle)	Zeakus, Thomas
George, Alex (Pauline)	Paidas, James (Diane)	Zounes, Charles
George, Gabriel	Panagos, Victor (Katherine)	Zounes, Michael (Helen)
George, Nicholas	Pandapas, George (Kelly)	
Gianaris, George (Stena)	Pandapas, John (Arhondoula)	
Gramatikos, Gus (Sophie)	Papayoti, Gregory (Aliko)	
	Pann, Peter	

This list of all members and non-members was compiled Nov 1963.