

Proclamation



WHEREAS, in 1942, George Papadeas became the first minister ordained in a Greek Orthodox church in America and has served his church continuously for 68 years; and

WHEREAS, while serving as pastor of the first Greek Orthodox church on Long Island in 1960, he became embroiled in the mystery of a weeping Madonna and later wrote a book titled "Why did she cry?"; and

WHEREAS, until his "retirement" in 1983, he was pastor of St. Demetrios Church in Daytona Beach, where he was a co-founder of the annual Greek Festival; and

WHEREAS, after leaving Daytona Beach, Rev. Papadeas established the Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church in Lecanto, Florida; and

WHEREAS, every Sunday, he drives himself to Ocala to perform services at a mission where he's trying to build another Greek Orthodox church; and

WHEREAS, he continues to translate Greek church services into English and possesses a wealth of knowledge about the Greek Orthodox Church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Papadeas celebrated his 92nd birthday June 5, 2010; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

WE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim June 5, 2010, as:

"REV. GEORGE PAPADEAS DAY"

in Volusia County and urge all residents to honor this outstanding man for his service to God, his church and the community.

Dated this 5th day of June, A.D. 2010

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