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## **Message from Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew**

*By God's Grace  
Archbishop of Constantinople- New Rome  
And Ecumenical Patriarch  
To the Plenitude of the Church  
Grace, peace and mercy from the Savior Christ  
Born in Bethlehem*

Beloved concelebrants and blessed children in the Lord,

***Heaven and earth have united through the birth of Christ. Today God has appeared on earth, and man has ascended to heaven. (Christian Hymn)***

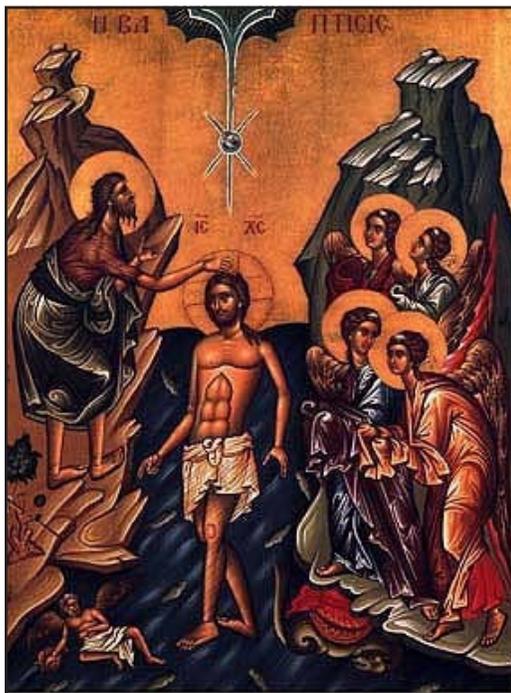
The distance and separation between God and humanity resulting from sin has been abolished with the assumption of the entire human nature by the Only-Begotten Son and Pre-eternal Word of God. It was God's good will- that is to say, His initiative and will – that the incarnation of His Son should abolish all such distance uniting heaven and earth, as well as creation with its Creator.

During the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos, the Church chanted: "Today is the beginning of God's good will and the proclamation of human salvation." During that feast, through the dedication of the blessed Mary to the temple and her preparation there to become the bearer of the boundless God, the road was paved for the incarnate of God, which foretold our salvation.

During the feast of the Annunciation, when the divine conception of the Inconceivable occurred through the Holy Spirit within the womb of the Theotokos and divine nature began to coexist with human nature in order that – as St. Athanasios the Great articulated it – "we might become deified," the Church again chanted: "Today is the beginning

of our salvation and the revelation of the pre-eternal mystery; the Son of God becomes the son of the Virgin." Thus, the "divine good will" welcomed at the Entrance, as well as the salvation commenced and revealed at the Annunciation, are today rendered a tangible reality as we celebrate the great and holy day of Christmas. Today, "the Word assumes flesh and dwells among us" (John 1.14), while the Angels celebrate the event changing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among humankind." (Luke 2.14)

With the Incarnation of the Divine Word, the salvation of the human race has already potentially occurred. For those who believe in Jesus live in accordance with this faith, fulfilling His commandments and practicing His teaching, are thereby elevated to become the friends and participants of God! They become "partakers of divine nature" (2 Peter 1.4), God's by grace! This takes place exclusively within the Church, where we are reborn in Christ and adopted by the Father through Holy Baptism and through the holy Sacraments, as well as by cultivation of virtue in order to be filled with divine grace and Holy Spirit, growing "to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ" (Eph. 4.13) until we reach the level of saying, like St. Paul: "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me." (Gal. 2.20)



Those who acquire such perfection are not regarded by Christ simply as His friends or brothers, but are recognized by Him as members of His Body. This is why, from the height of the Cross, he would say to His Most Holy Mother about the Evangelist John: "Women, here is your son," and to John: "Here is your mother." (John 19.26-27) Christmas therefore opens wide the door of human "christification" and deification by grace; and for this reason, "the entire creation rejoices in celebration and the heaven delight with

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Αδελφοί συλλειτουργοί και τέκνα εν Κυρίω ευλογημένα,

**«Ο ουρανός και η γη σήμερα ηνώθησαν, τεχθέντος του Χριστού. Σήμερα Θεός επί γης παραγένονε, και άνθρωπος εις ουρανούς αναβέβηκε»! (Ιδιόμελον Λιατής Χριστουγέννων)**

Η απόστασις και πόλωσις ανάμεσα εις τον Θεόν και τον άνθρωπον, την οποίαν είχαν επιφέρει η αμαρτία του ανθρώπου, κατηργήθη με την πρόσληψιν ακεραίας της ανθρωπίνης φύσεως από τον Μονογενή Υιόν και Προαιώνιον Λόγον του Θεού. Η κατά την «ευδοξίαν» του Θεού, κατά το πρώτον δηλαδή και ολόθυμον θέλημά Του, Σάρκωσις του Υιού Του, καρραργεί κάθε απόστασιν, ενώνει τον ουρανόν με την γην και συνάπτει το δημιούργημα με τον Δημιουργόν!

«Σήμερα της ευδοκίας Θεού το προοίμιον καιν της των ανθρώπων σωτηρίας η προκήρυξις», έψαλεν η Εκκλησία κατά την εορτήν των Εισοδίων της Θεοτόκου, η οποία, δια της αφιερώσεως της μακαρίας Μαριας εις

τον Ναόν και της εκεί προετοιμασίας της δια να γίνη χωρίον του Αχωρήτου Θεού, ήνοιγε τον δρόμον της Ενσάρκου Οικονομίας του Θεού και προεκήρυττε την σωτηρίαν μας.

«Σήμερα της σωτηρίας ημών το κεφάλαιον και του απ' αιώνος μυστηρίου η φανέρωσις, ο Υιός του Θεού Υιός της Παρθένου γίνεται», έψαλε πάλιν η Εκκλησία κατά την εορτή του Ευαγγελισμού, τότε που συνετελέσθη εκ Πνεύματος Αγίου η άσπορος σύλληψις του Ασυλλήπτου εις την αγίαν κοιλίαν της Θεοτόκου και ήρχισε να «συνυφαίνεται», η θεία με την ανθρωπίνην φύσιν, και ο Θεός άνθρωπος γέγονεν, «ίνα ημεις θεοποιηθώμεν», κατά την έκφρασιν του Μ. Αθανασίου. Η «ευδοξία», λοιπόν, η οποία εχαιρερίσθη κατά τα Εισόδια, και η σωτηρία, η οποία «κεφαλαιώθη» και εφανερώθη κατά τον Ευαγγελισμόν, σήμερα, κατά την μεγάλην και αγίαν ημέραν των Χριστουγέννων, καθίσταται απτή πραγματικότητα! Σήμερα «ο Λόγος σάρξ εγένετο και εσκήνωσεν εν ημίν» και οι Άγγελοι εφανηγύρισαν το γεγονός φάλλοντες: «Δόξα εν υψίστοις Θεώ και επί γης ειρήνη, εν ανθρώποις ευδοξία»!

Με την σάρκωσιν, την Ενανθρώπησιν του Λόγου, ήδη η σωτηρία του ανθρωπίνου γένους έχει δυνάμει συνετελεσθή. Διότι, εκείνοι οι οποίοι, αφού πιστεύουν εις τον Ιησούν, ζήσουν ζωήν σύμφωνον με την πίστιν αυτήν, σύμφωνον με τας εντολάς και την όλην διδασκαλίαν του Ιησού, υψώνονται με την τοιαύτην θεάρεστον βιοτήν και

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καθίστανται φίλοι και κοινωνοί του Θεού! Γίνονται «θείας κοινωνοί φύσεως» θεοί κατά χάριν! Τούτο συντελείται αποκλειστικώς με' σα εις την Εκκλησίαν, όπου ο άνθρωπος αναγεννάται εν Χριστώ και υιοθετείται υπό του Πατρός δια του αγίου Βαπτίσματος, και, εν συνεχεία δια των αγίων Μυστηρίων και της καλλιέργειας της αρετής, πληρούται θείας χάριτος και Πνεύματος Αγίου και αυξάνει «εις άνδρα τέλειον, εις μέτρον ηλικίας του πληρώματος του Χριστού», μέχρις ότου φθάσει να λέγη μετά του Αποστόλου Παύλου: «ζω δε ουκέτι εγώ, ζη δε εν εμοί Χριστός». Τους ούτω τελειομένους ο Χριστός δεν τους θεωρεί απλώς φίλους Του ή αδελφούς Του, αλλά τους αναγνωρίζει ως μέλη του Σώματός Του. Δια τούτο και έλεγεν από του ύψους του Σταυρού προς την Παναγίαν Μητέρα Του ερί του Ευαγγελιστού Ιωάννου: «Γύναι, ίδε ο υιός σου» και εις τον Ιωάννην «ιδού η Μητήρ σου». Τα Χριστούγεννα, λοιπόν, ανοίγουν διάπλατα την θύραν της κατά χάριν χριστοποίησεως και θεοποιήσεως του ανθρώπου, και ένεκα τούτου ακριβώς, «άγει εορτήν, εν χαρά πάσα η κτίσις, και οι ουρανοί συν ημίν αγαλλιώνται» κατά την εύσημον και

σωτήριον αυτήν ημέραν!

Με αυτά τα χαρμόσυνα και ελπιδοφόρα δεδομένα εις χείρας, απευθύνομεν, από της εν Φαναρίω καθηγιασμένης καθέδρας του πανσέπτου Οικουμενικού Πατριαρχείου, θερμά εύχρια συγχαρητήρια και εγκαρδίους Πατριαρχικάς ευχάς επι τη «μητροπόλει ατων εορτών» προς άπαντα τα ανά τον κόσμον προσφιλή και επιπόθητα τέκνα της αγιοπάτης Μητρός Εκκλησίας, κληρικούς παντός βαθμού, μονάζοντας και λαϊκούς, άρχοντας και αρχομένους, μικρούς και μεγάλους, μάλιστα δε προς τους εμπειριστάτους, τους εν θλίψει, ανάγκη και δοκιμασία ευρισκομένους. Είθε, ο εν σπηλαίω γεννηθείς και εν φάτνη ανακλιθείς προαιώνιος Υιός του Θεού και χάρις ημών Υιός του Ανθρώπου να κατακτήση πάντας ημάς αξίους της κενωτικής αγάπης και της αγίας και προσκυνητής ενσάρκου οικονομίας Του!

*Φανάριον, Χριστούγεννα Βθ'*

*+ Ο Κωνσταντινουπόλεως*

*Διάπυρος προς τον Θεόν ευχέτης πάντων υμών*

## Μήνυμα Κ. Προέδρου της Δημοκρατίας προς τους Έλληνες του Εξωτερικού με την Ευκερία των Εορτών των Χριστουγέννων και του Νέου Έτους

Φίλες και φίλοι,

Θέλω να σας μεταφέρω τις ευχές μου για μια ευτυχημένη και δημιουργική χρονιά. Οι μέρες αυτές είναι μέρες γιορτής, αλλά και μέρες περισυλλογής, για όσα πέρασαν και για εκείνα που καθένας από εμάς περιμένει. Πρέπει επίσης να είναι μέρες ανθρωπιάς και αλληλεγγύης για τους συνανθρώπους μας που υποφέρουν, που στερούνται, που έχουν χάσει την ελπίδα τους, που φοβούνται για το αύριο.

Είναι αλήθεια ότι οι Έλληνες που ζουν στο εξωτερικό αγαπούν την πατρίδα μας ίσως περισσότερο από εμάς που ζούμε εδώ. Σίγουρα, είναι οι σημαντικότεροι προεσβευτές του ελληνικού πολιτισμού σε ολόκληρο τον κόσμο.

Κάθε φορά που ταξιδεύω σε περιοχές όπου ζουν ομογενείς εισπράττω την έντονη νοσταλγία τους για την πατρίδα και πολλές φορές παράπονα για τη στάση της

Ελληνικής Πολιτείας απέναντί τους. Για όλους εμάς ο ελληνισμός της διασποράς έχει ανεκτίμητη αξία. Η οφειλή μας απέναντι στους απόδημους Έλληνες είναι διαρκής και αναμφισβήτητη.

Είμαι βέβαιος για τις δημιουργικές δυνάμεις του ελληνισμού, για τη δυνατότητά του να αντέχει αντιξοότητες και δυσκολίες. Η ελληνική κοινωνία μπορεί να ανταποκριθεί στο κάλεσμα των καιρών, ξέρει να διεκδικεί και να υποστηρίξει ανατροπές, όταν χρειάζεται. Και αυτό εμπνέει αισιοδοξία ότι το 2010 θα είναι καλύτερη χρονιά για πολλούς.

Με αυτές τις σκέψεις σας εύχομαι χρόνια πολλά και ευτυχίμενο το νέο έτος.

*Κάρολος Παπούλιας*

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us" on this day of significance and salvation." (Hymn of December 28)

With these joyful and hopeful realities before us, from the sacred See of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the Phanar, we extend to you our fervent festive congratulations and whole-hearted Patriarch wishes on this central feast of the Christian calendar. We greet all of our beloved faithful throughout the world, the beloved children of the holy Mother Church – clergy of all levels, monastic and laity, pastors and parishioners, and especially those suffering, experiencing sorrow, need or trial, May the pre-eternal Son of God – who was born in a cave and lay in a manger – who for our sake became Son of Man the pre-eternal, render of all of us worthy of his self emptying love and of His sacred, venerable incarnate dispensation.

*At the Phanar, Christmas 2009  
Bartholomew of Constantinople  
Fervent supplicant for all before God*

## COUNTDOWN TO THE ST. NICHOLAS GREEK FOLK FESTIVAL

JUNE 10,11,12,13, 2010

**6** MONTHS

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
ΚΑΛΗ ΧΡΟΝΙΑ!**

# COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Happy and healthy New Year to everyone! It is my hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday season, as we are settling back into our daily routines.

I would like to thank everyone who came to St. Nicholas Vespers and graciously brought food and desserts. We had a lot of people come to church both on St. Nicholas's Eve and on the Feast day our Patron Saint.

Thank you to everyone that donated food to be distributed to the needy people of our community during the Thanksgiving Holiday. The response to our plea was huge, we filled two SUVs with all the food that all of you brought.

Thank you to all that brought health and hygiene items for the family crisis center.

A very gracious family of our community, who would like to remain anonymous, came forth and donated both televisions for the Philoxenia house. We thank them and appreciate the gesture very much. May our Good and Loving God give them many years of health and prosperity.

Our **Ladies Night Out** evening was a great success!! A Big Thank You to Patty Orfanos for organizing it. We are looking forward to more evenings like that.

Our aim is to get younger women involved in our Philoptohos. Like I have said before there is no age limit to joining, all the ladies of our community should be a member of our Philoptohos society.

Looking ahead on our schedule of events:

**January 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday** our general meeting at 6:00 P.M. with our Annual Christmas Party/Gift exchange following the meeting. (Please note the earlier time)

## The Maryland Greek Independence Parade

invites you to its

# ANNUAL FUND RAISING DANCE

**Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**From 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.**

**Music by ZEPHYROS  
and D. J. George Tsakiris**

**Donation \$35.00 per person**

**Cash bar**

**For more information call  
Manoli Theoharis at 410-790-7542**

**January 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**, we are having a Bull and Oyster Roast at Jimmy's Seafood from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. For tickets please call Christine Zervos at 410-494-8089 or Irene Vasilios at 410-687-3978. The proceeds from this event will go into the account that has been set up for the church needs.

More into the future:

**February 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday** our annual Apokriatiko dinner dance.

This spaghetti dinner also marks the beginning of the Easter Lent. Please mark your calendar to attend; it's always a good time. We urge everyone to dress up. I, at least would like to see more people in costumes than last year.

Again best wishes to everyone for a wonderful New Year!!!

*Zoe Perdikakis, President*

## NEA ΤΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

Χαρούμενος και Υγιής ο Καινούργιος Χρόνος.

Πρώτον ευχαριστούμε όλους και όλες που ήρθαν στον εσπερινό του Αγίου Νικολάου και έφεραν φαγητό ή γλυκό. Με μεγάλη χαρά είδαμε να περνάει πολύς κόσμος από την εκκλησία μας και την Παραμονή και την ημέρα του Αγίου μας.

Ευχαριστούμε όλους που έφεραν φαγητά και εδώθησαν σε άπορες οικογένειες της περιοχής μας την εβδομάδα των Ευχαριστιών και σε όλους που προσέφεραν είδη υγιεινής για το οικογενειακό κέντρο--Family Crisis Center.

Μία καλή και Χριστιανική οικογένεια, που επιθυμεί να παραμείνει ανώνυμη, είχε την καλή διάθεση να δωρήσει και τις δύο τηλεοράσεις για το σπίτι της Φιλοξενείας. Τους ευχαριστούμε πολύ και ευχόμεθα ο Πανάγαθος Θεός να τους χαρίζει υγεία, χαρά και ευημερία.

Η βραδυνή μας έξοδος που οργανώθηκε από την Παναγιώτα Ορφανού είχε μεγάλη επιτυχία. Την ευχαριστούμε θερμώς. Ο στόχος μας είναι να έχουμε όσο πιο πολλές κυρίες ως ενεργά μέλη της Φιλοπτώχου. Η ηλικία δεν παίζει κανένα ρόλο.

Βλέποντας προς τό μέλλον -

**Ιανουαρίου 6η, Τετάρτη** - Η γενική συνεδρίαση μας στις 6:00 μ.μ. Και μετά θα ακολουθήσει δείπνο και ανταλλαγή δώρων--(Σας παρακαλούμε προσέξτε την αλλαγή της ώρας.)

**Ιανουαρίου 16η, Σάββατο** - Bull and Oyster Roast στο Jimmy's Seafood 7:00 μ.μ.-11:00 μ.μ. Για εισιτήρια τηλεφωνήστε στην Κα. Χριστίνα Ζερβού 410-494-8089 ή Κα. Ειρήνη Βασιλείου 410-687-3978. Τα έσοδα θα διατεθούν για τις ανάγκες της Εκκλησίας μας.

**Φεβρουαρίου 13η, Σάββατο** - Ετήσιο Αποκριάτικο Γλέντι. Είναι πάντα μία αξέχαστη βραδυά. Θα θέλαμε να δούμε πολλούς μεταμφιεσμένους φέτος, τουλάχιστον πιο πολλούς από πέρυσι. Θά έχωμε καί εκπλήξεις!!!

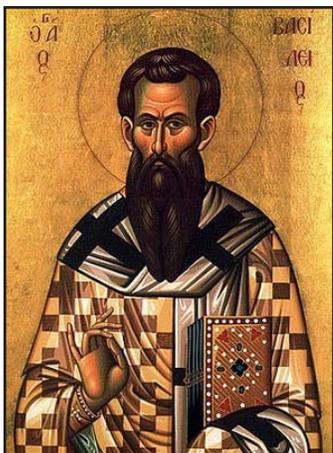
Και πάλι, ευχές σε όλους για μία καλή προοδευτική χρονιά.

*Ζωή Περδικάκη - Πρόεδρος*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Wishing all of our students and their families a most Joyous, Healthy and Spiritually fulfilling New Year in 2010. Sunday School was back in session as of January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had 12 teachers and aides but only 5 students showed up. We would like to thank those parents and grandparents of our Sunday School students who continue to bring their sons and daughters and/or grandchildren to church and to Sunday School. Just a reminder, we encourage all parents to be in church with your children by 10 am for the Bible reading and

# COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ



Sermon and so that we can get to the lessons afterwards.

As we celebrate the great Saints of January and the Baptism of our Lord, let us, as parents, be more proactive in the religious education of our children. It is not the Sunday school teacher's job to call the parents to remind them to come to church. It is the parent's responsibility to be the primary role model for their children to emulate. We wonder if these parents get a call from their children's

American schools to remind them to take their kids to school every day. If the parents are not putting church attendance and Sunday School attendance as their first activity on their To Do List **for Sundays**, then they are cheating themselves and their children of growing and learning more about their faith. How will we as volunteer teachers teach your children why they have to be great defenders of our Orthodox faith, as St. Basil was, if they do not come to church and Sunday School regularly to learn more about the teachings of the Bible and our Holy Tradition?

In September, we had enrolled more than 70 kids in the Sunday School program. Now, we are lucky to have 10 kids attending class on any given Sunday. If we factor out the weather & illnesses, we should be seeing at least 50 students in church & classes every Sunday.

The idea that St. Nicholas Church and Community will always be there... may not hold true in the future. We need to be active participants and teach our children to be active participants in a spiritual manner and connect with God by attending church services regularly and not just when there is a social event going on. Let us not knock casually on the door of the future of our Church, but we should pass down from parent to child, teacher to student, priest to parishioners the Holy Tradition of our Orthodox faith as a baton is handed over in a relay race. The life and future of our beloved St. Nicholas Church is us... and our children.

## GREEKTOWN CDC

*A message from John E. Gavrilis, CEO*

The Greektown CDC has partnered with the United States Census Bureau to help them kick-off their 2010 national Census. The Census will be looking to hire thousands of people in the Eastern Baltimore region. The CDC has already hosted a job-testing site at the Fellowship center and will continue to facilitate job opportunities. Please call our office for more information, job salaries are competitive.

We are starting a new year with great momentum towards community vision. The CDC is nearing completion the Strategic Plan volume 3, in which we are focusing on more land use development, grass roots strategies and mentoring. We hope to continue to grow the organization with more people that will focus on all of our exciting community projects. Thanks to all of our community advocates that are making the community's vision a reality!

Please remember to call 911 and 311 for all crime related instances. Be aware of any ice patches on our steps and sidewalks to avoid any accidents. We wish everyone a Happy New Year for 2010.

Believe in your community!

## 2010 GREEK FOLK FESTIVAL

Preparations will soon be underway for our upcoming Greek Folk Festival. The 2010 St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival will begin on Thursday, June 10 through Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Once again the General Chairmanship has been undertaken by Frank Mitsos.

The meetings will soon be posted and everyone is invited and welcome to become a member of the Festival Team. So, bring your enthusiasm, your ideas, your love of community and your commitment. Let's all as parishioners of St. Nicholas Church, not just chair people, young and old unite, roll up our sleeves and volunteer to make this year's four day festival another spectacular and successful one.

## ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΛΑΙΚΟ ΠΑΝΗΓΥΡΙ 2010

Πολύ σύντομα θα αρχίσουν οι προετοιμασίες για το Ελληνικό Λαϊκό μας Πανηγύρι. Το Φεστιβάλ 2010 του Αγίου Νικολάου θα αρχίσει την Πέμπτη, 10 Ιουνίου και θα συνεχιστεί μέχρι και την Κυριακή 13 Ιουνίου. Υπεύθυνος του Φεστιβάλ θα είναι και πάλι ο κ. Φώτης Μητσός.

Το πρόγραμμα των συνεδριάσεων θα ανακινωθεί εντός ολίγου και όλοι είστε καλεσμένοι να συμμετέχετε στην ομάδα διοργάνωσης του Φεστιβάλ. Έτσι μπορείτε να δώσετε και να μεταδώσετε τον ενθουσιασμό σας, τις ιδέες σας, την αγάπη σας και την υπόσχεσή σας στην Κοινότητα. Ας ενωθούμε όλοι μαζί, όχι μόνον οι υπεύθυνοι, νέοι και ενήλικες, ας σηκώσουμε τα μανίκια μας και ας προσφέρουμε τις εθελοντικές μας δραστηριότητες για να ξεπεράσει κάθε προηγούμενη επιτυχία το φετεινό μας 4ήμερο Φεστιβάλ.

## Blessing Your Home

Dear Parishioners:

*In the month of January, we celebrate a Great Feast within the Orthodox Church. Epiphany, the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ, on January 6th. It is the season of the blessing of the Holy Waters, when also the parish priest through his very rich custom brings the Blessed Holy Water to the faithful in their homes and business establishments. This enables everyone to receive the Great Blessing of our Lord for the New Year of 2010.*

*I feel that this is a beautiful custom, that as your priest, bringing the Blessed Holy Water of Epiphany to you, my parishioners, allows me to remain close to you and your family.*

*We request that you fill out the form below or call the church secretary to set up a convenient time.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Only those homes that submit this form or call will be visited.

*I hope that each family will take advantage of this traditional and important blessing for the New Year of 2010.*

With Paternal Blessing and Best Wishes for this Holiday Season!



BLESSING OF HOME/BUSINESS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred time of visit: Morning \_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please check one)

Please complete this form and return to the church office or call 443-742-8314.

# STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2010

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**TOTAL PLEDGED: \$69,485.00; PAYMENTS: \$22,610.00; BALANCE: \$46,875.00**

Saint Nicholas Church		Jan - Nov 09	
Profit & Loss			
January through November, 2009			
	Jan - Nov 09		
Ordinary Income/Expense		Expense	
Income		CAPITAL COSTS	
Candles	77,476.00	Plateia Expenses	23,564.16
Dances		Property Purchase	1,554.00
Special events	1,747.88	Total CAPITAL COSTS	25,118.16
Dances - Other	10,409.00	EMPLOYEE COSTS	
Total Dances	12,156.88	1099 Employees	6,758.00
Donations		Health Insurance	38,507.76
Other Donations		housing	1,720.00
Other Donations - Other	37,072.91	Organist	3,000.00
Total Other Donations	37,072.91	6560 - Payroll Expenses	136,762.69
Flowers Income	1,025.00	Payroll taxes	10,481.60
Christmas Card Income	660.00	Pension	5,500.00
Donations - General	42,897.15	6050 - Automobile Expense	9,000.00
Donations - Hall	7,550.00	Workers Comprehensive	1,456.00
Donations - Memorial	22,431.00	EMPLOYEE COSTS - Other	71,257.24
Donations - Other	(4,725.00)	Total EMPLOYEE COSTS	284,443.29
Total Donations	106,911.06	GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	
Greek Festival	160,000.00	Advertising	11,413.50
Greek school registration	31,020.85	6060 - Bank & Credit Card Svc Charges	2,298.39
Interest Income	8,178.32	Church Supplies	19,647.19
Stewardship	217,432.87	Clergy Laity Congress	1,139.40
Trays	19,679.00	Flower Donations	1,173.00
Total Income	632,854.98	Fair Share	42,000.00
Cost of Goods Sold		6260 - Gifts	500.00
Dance Expense	5,707.70	Insurance - General	20,439.59
Festival	6,650.00	6530 - Miscellaneous	5,213.41
Greek School Expense	75.00	Office Expense	11,645.99
Total COGS	12,432.70	6610 - Postage and Delivery	2,625.22
Gross Profit	620,422.28	Professional Fees	5,551.50
		Telephone	3,356.69
		6900 - Travel & Entertainment	409.17
		Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	127,413.05
		OCCUPANCY COSTS	
		Mainten - Building Maintenance	63,846.74
		Cleaning Halls	600.00
		Ground Rent	157.80
		Janitor's Supplies	5,043.45
		Permits & Licenses	450.00
		Property taxes	125.00
		6940 - Utilities	40,837.09
		OCCUPANCY COSTS - Other	1.60
		Total OCCUPANCY COSTS	111,061.68
		YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	
		Youth Expense	5,260.12
		Total YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	5,260.12
		Total Expense	553,296.30
		Net Ordinary Income	67,125.98
		Net Income	67,125.98



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# Liturgical Program & Events for January

**Happy New year to Everyone.**

**May it be blessed with abundant health and prosperity.**

## LITURGICAL PROGRAM

**Friday, January 1:** New Years Day. The Circumcision of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Orthros 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Feast Day of St. Basil the Great.

**Sunday, January 3:** Sunday before Epiphany. Orthros 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

**Tuesday, January 5:** Eve of Epiphany. Orthros 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy 9:30 (Strict Fast). Blessing of the Waters.

**Wednesday, January 6:** Holy Epiphany Day. Orthros 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy 9:30 am. Blessing of the Great Waters.

**Thursday, January 7:** Synaxis of St. John the Baptist. Orthros 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy 9:30 am.

**Sunday, January 10:** Sunday after Epiphany. Orthros 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

**Wednesday, January 13:** Paraklesis Service 7:00 pm.

**Sunday, January 20:** Holy Unction Service 7:00 pm.

**Sunday, January 24:** Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee. Orthros 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

**Saturday, January 30:** The Three Hierarchs: Orthros 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy 9:30 am.

**Sunday, January 31:** Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Orthros 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

We celebrate the Holy Baptism of our Lord. This is a Major Feast Day of the Church. We must make an effort to come to church on this day to worship and glorify our Lord. Blessing of the great Waters will take place near the end of the Divine Liturgy.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, January 16:** Philoptochos Bull Roast Fundraiser at Jimmy's Seafood.

**Saturday & Sunday, January 23 & 24:** St. Nicholas GOYA Basketball Tournament

**Saturday, January 30:** Independence Day Parade Dance 8 pm to 2 am – St. Nicholas Hall.

**Sunday, January 31:** Greek School Doxologia for The Three Hierarchs

## KOINONIA DEADLINE

To all of our readers and organizations, please submit your article(s) to the Koinonia staff before the deadline so we can include your news for your upcoming event. All articles or posters are due by the 12th of the current month for the upcoming month's issue.

**Issue month: February, 2010    Deadline: January 14th**

You may drop your article to the church office or e-mail it to Emily Cossis at: [emce3@aol.com](mailto:emce3@aol.com) or Maria Salpeas at: [msalpeas@stnicholasmd.org](mailto:msalpeas@stnicholasmd.org)

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