



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

K O I N O N I A

Just look how fast the month of January has passed us by, we are now in the month of February. Boy, how time flies. We need to look back in time and remember the positive as well as the negative things that happened in our parish in the last year. On December 2, 2018 we elected the new parish Council, and that is always something positive that we have to go on. With new members we are now able to fulfill our new goals and mission for the coming years. We are trying to be transparent as to what lies ahead, and what we as a Community must do to continue down the path of fulfilling our mission, while protecting and ensuring our future. I am thankful that so many people from our parish gave their Time, Talent, and Treasure, in all areas of the community to have this great success that we have seen throughout the years at St. Nicholas. We are heading on a steady path to create new challenges that will carry us through these coming years. But aside from the financial achievements, we have to look out and care for the nourishment of our spiritual souls. God has been so good to us, that we forget that He exists. Praise be to God for all His gifts, or perhaps, Glory be to God for all the things, but whatever has transpired in our lives during the past year good or bad, joys or sorrows, it is now past and we can and must look forward to the new year 2019. How it will go? What it will bring to us and our lives and to our Church family? Our memories of past years maybe fond ones, or maybe decidedly "un fond" but they are now part of our lives and we must accept them as part of our spiritual journey upon which we are traveling as we seek our way to heaven and the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



always the responsibility of the Parish Priest to bring back the people. It is also everyone's responsibility to make sure that our families are spiritually enlightened and reaching out to our friends and neighbors and showing them respect, love and compassion. We need to create a community that worships together, and engages in fellowship. There has been so much that has been accomplished in our Community, but there is much more to be excited about and even more to be proud of. We can never say that we are comfortable with what we have, we need to continue to do more spiritual work not only for ourselves but for others who have no hope, and no future.

I always felt that there are choices we can make in life. And I know 2 of them. First, we can decide to do nothing and let life pass us by. That might be the easier way out of caring and having responsibility. The second choice is we can take the time to look deeper in our own personal relationship with Christ. By the way, I would like to ask those who are reading this article, "Do you have a relationship with Christ?"

Let's look at the Pro's and Con's! By doing nothing, we get back nothing. For example, what have we done to encourage one another in our relationship with others, our Marriages, our friendships, the investment towards our children spiritual future, the workplace, our Church and Communities?

If we put nothing into these relationships, we will get back a (BIG "O") Nothing in return. But if we work hard at all these things, we can accomplish everything that we put our minds to do. Just imagine if we put effort and work hard to create a better relationship and a better environment for our family members, our relatives and our friends. Imagine if we all worked together to support our Church and her Ministries. Some might say, "Can this be true? Can this happen? Are we dreaming?" The answer is "Of course not!" All these things that we are asking for can be reached, but only if we work together as a family. Remember this beautiful and meaningful statement:

A FAMILY THAT WORKS AND PRAYS TOGETHER
"STAYS TOGETHER."

I remember reading this statement: "Although the past can hurt, we can either run from it, or learn from it". In this day and age, we need to really find ourselves. From now on, we need to begin living our lives solely for our own salvation with Christ. We need to abandon our former habits, we need to cut off all sinful passions and lustful dispositions and take on the works of strict self denial. We need to create a spiritual outreach program to bring back those who have strayed for one reason or other, and to reach out to our children, relatives and friends who do not attend the church services. This would be the greatest gift if we could bring back home a stray that has been lost. It is not



Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

Κοιτάζετε πόσο γρήγορα πέρασε ο Ιανουάριος, και ήδη είμαστε στο Φεβρουάριο. Πως φεύγει ο χρόνος! Ας κοιτάξουμε πίσω στο χρόνο και ας θυμηθούμε τα θετικά όσο και τα αρνητικά θέματα που συνέβησαν στην Κοινότητά μας κατά το τελευταίο έτος. Στις 2 Δεκεμβρίου, 2018, εκλέξαμε το νέο Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο, που είναι κάτι θετικό και πρέπει να συνεχιστεί. Τα νέα μέλη είναι πλέον σε θέση να εκπληρώσουν νέους στόχους και την αποστολή τους για τα επόμενα χρόνια. Πρέπει να είμαστε διαφανείς, ως προς το τι πρόκειται να ακολουθήσει, και αυτό που πρέπει να κάνουμε ως Κοινότητα για να συνεχίσουμε την πορεία της εκπλήρωσης της αποστολής μας, είναι να προστατεύσουμε και παράλληλα να εξασφαλίσουμε το μέλλον μας. Είμαι ευγνώμων που τόσο άνθρωποι από την Κοινότητά μας πρόσφεραν το χρόνο τους, τις επιδεξιότητές τους και τη χρηματική τους υποστήριξη, σε όλους τους τομείς, της Κοινότητάς μας, και προχώρησε μπροστά με επιτυχία όλα αυτά τα χρόνια ο Άγιος Νικόλαος.

Οδεύουμε σε σταθερή πορεία για να δημιουργήσουμε νέες προκλήσεις οι οποίες θα μας φέρουν σε πέρας τα επόμενα χρόνια. Αλλά εκτός από τα οικονομικά επιτεύγματα, θα πρέπει να εξετάσουμε και να φροντίσουμε για την πνευματική μας τροφή, τη ψυχή μας. Ο Θεός ήταν τόσο καλός για μας, που ξεχνάμε ότι υπάρχει. Δοξάστε τον Θεό για όλα τα δώρα Του, ή ίσως, Δόξα στον Θεό για όλα τα πράγματα, ό, τι έχει συμβεί στη ζωή μας κατά το παρελθόν έτος, καλό ή κακό, χαρές ή θλίψεις, έχει περάσει τώρα πια, και μπορούμε και πρέπει να φροντίσουμε για το νέο έτος 2019.

Πώς θα πάει; Τι θα φέρει σε εμάς και στη ζωή μας και στην Εκκλησιαστική μας οικογένειά; Οι αναμνήσεις μας των προηγούμενων χρόνων ίσως συμπερασματικοί, ή ίσως «αδαείς», αλλά τώρα αποτελούν μέρος της ζωής μας και πρέπει να τις δεχτούμε ως μέρος του πνευματικού μας ταξιδιού στο οποίο προχωράμε καθώς αναζητούμε τον δρόμο μας προς τον ουρανό και την παρουσία του Κυρίου και Σωτήρα μας Ιησού Χριστού.

Θυμάμαι την ανάγνωση αυτής της δήλωσης. (Αν και το παρελθόν μπορεί να βλάψει, μπορούμε είτε να το απορρίψουμε ή να μάθουμε από αυτό). Σ' αυτή τη εποχή και ηλικία πρέπει πραγματικά να βρούμε τον εαυτό μας. Από τώρα και στο εξής, θα πρέπει να αρχίσουμε να ζούμε τη ζωή μας αποκλειστικά και μόνο για τη δική μας σωτηρία με τον Χριστό. Πρέπει να εγκαταλείψουμε παλιές συνήθειες μας, πρέπει να κόψουμε όλα τα αμαρτωλά πάθη και τις λάγνες διαθέσεις και να αναλάβουμε τις εργασίες της αυστηρής αυταπάλησης.

Πρέπει να δημιουργήσουμε ένα πνευματικό πρόγραμμα προβολής για να φέρει πίσω αυτούς που έχουν απομακρυνθεί για οποιοδήποτε λόγο, και να προσεγγίσουμε τα παιδιά, τους

συγγενείς και τους φίλους μας, που δεν παρακολουθούν τις Εκκλησιαστικές Ακολουθίες. Αυτό θα ήταν το μεγαλύτερο δώρο, αν δηλ. θα μπορούσαμε να φέρουμε πίσω στον Οίκο του Θεού κάποιον που είχε χαθεί. Δεν είναι πάντοτε ευθύνη του Ιερέα να φέρει πίσω τους ανθρώπους, είναι επίσης ευθύνη όλων των ανθρώπων να διασφαλίσουν ότι οι οικογένειές μας είναι πνευματικά φωτισμένες, προσεγγίζουν τους φίλους και τους γείτονές τους και τους δείχνουν σεβασμό, αγάπη και συμπόνια.

Πρέπει να δημιουργήσουμε μια Κοινότητα που θα εκκλησιάζεται μαζί και θα δραστηριοποιείται στην κοινωνία. Έχουν γίνει τόσα πολλά στην Κοινότητά μας, αλλά υπάρχουν πολλά περισσότερα να γίνουν για να είμαστε υπερήφανοι. Δεν μπορούμε ποτέ να επαναπαυόμαστε με αυτά που έχουμε, πρέπει να συνεχίσουμε να κάνουμε περισσότερη πνευματική εργασία όχι μόνο για τους εαυτούς μας, αλλά και για τους άλλους που δεν έχουν καμία ελπίδα και κανένα μέλλον.

Πάντα ένιωθα ότι υπάρχουν επιλογές που μπορούμε να κάνουμε στη ζωή. Και ξέρω δύο από αυτές. Πρώτον, μπορεί να αποφασίσουμε να μην κάνουμε τίποτα και να αφήσουμε τη ζωή να μας προσπεράσει. Αυτή θα μπορούσε να είναι η πιο εύκολη διέξοδος από τη φροντίδα και την ευθύνη, ή τη δεύτερη επιλογή, που μπορούμε να πάρουμε το χρόνο να κοιτάξουμε βαθύτερα στην προσωπική μας σχέση με τον Χριστό. Με την ευκαιρία, θα ήθελα να ρωτήσω αυτούς που διαβάζουν αυτό το άρθρο, Έχετε σχέση με τον Χριστό;

Ας δούμε τα υπέρ και τα κατά του! Αν δεν κάνουμε τίποτα δεν παίρνουμε τίποτα. Για παράδειγμα, τι έχουμε κάνει για να ενθαρρύνουμε ο ένας τον άλλο στη σχέση μας με τους άλλους, τους γάμους μας, τις φιλίες μας, την επένδυση προς το παιδί μας, στο πνευματικό μέλλον, τον εργασιακό χώρο, την Εκκλησία μας και την Κοινότητά μας. Αν δεν βάλουμε τίποτα σε αυτές τις σχέσεις, θα πάρουμε πίσω ένα ΜΕΓΑΛΟ ΜΗΔΕΝΙΚΟ. Τίποτα σε αντάλλαγμα. Αλλά αν δουλέψουμε σκληρά για όλα αυτά, μπορούμε να επιτύχουμε ό, τι βάλουμε στο μυαλό μας.

Φανταστείτε αν καταβάλουμε προσπάθεια και εργαστούμε σκληρά για να δημιουργήσουμε μια καλύτερη σχέση και ένα καλύτερο περιβάλλον για τα μέλη της οικογένειάς μας, τους συγγενείς και τους φίλους μας. Φανταστείτε αν όλοι συνεργαστούμε για να υποστηρίξουμε την Εκκλησία μας και τις Αποστολές της. Κάποιοι μπορεί να πουν: Μπορεί αυτό να είναι αλήθεια; μπορεί να συμβεί; Ονειρευόμαστε; και η απάντηση είναι «Και βέβαια όχι», όλα αυτά τα πράγματα που ζητάμε μπορεί να επιτευχθούν, αλλά μόνο αν εργαστούμε όλοι μαζί σαν οικογένεια. Να θυμάστε αυτή την όμορφη και ουσιαστική δήλωση: **Η οικογένεια που ΕΡΓΑΖΕΤΑΙ ΚΑΙ ΠΡΟΣΕΥΧΕΤΑΙ ΜΑΖΙ, «μένει μαζί».**

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Please email your article(s) to: msalpeas@stnicholasmd.org

Articles are due no later than the 20th of each month. If they are received after the deadline they will be published in the following month's issue.

All articles must be proofread and color corrected prior to submission.

Thank you



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/ ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟ

With the blessing and love of our Patron Saint Nicholas, I wish to all of our Parishioners a healthy and prosperous New Year.

The word “THANK YOU” is inadequate to express my gratitude for the special honor and trust you have shown me. My wish and goal are that our community remains united with love and common cause for the progress of our community in all areas.

Our basic mission is the efficient operation of our Parish as our Divine Worship Center by teaching the Word of our Lord, and Social Promotion. That is why I ask that we present ourselves as models of devotion and love to our Lord and our Church, in collaboration with the Holy Metropolis, our Priest and our Board of Directors.

Our duty and pleasure are to facilitate you in all areas of your concern.

Let us strive with all of our strength, soul, and heart, to continue to see days of joy and spiritual love through progress and spiritual uplifting in our beloved community of Saint Nicholas.

*With love in Christ,
Stamatia Ieromonahos
President of the
Saint Nicholas Parish Council*

Εύχομαι σε εσάς και στις οικογένειές σας καλή και ευλογημένη χρονιά, υγεία και αγάπη με τις πρεσβείες του Προστάτη Αγίου μας, Αγίου Νικολάου.

Η λέξη «ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΩ» είναι φτωχή για να εκφράσω την ευγνωμοσύνη μου για την ιδιαίτερη τιμή και εμπιστοσύνη που δείξατε στο πρόσωπό μου. Ευχή και στόχος μου είναι να παραμείνουμε ενωμένοι με αγάπη και με κοινό σκοπό την πρόοδο της Κοινότητάς μας, σε όλους του τομείς.



Βασική αποστολή μας είναι η αποδοτική λειτουργία της Ενορίας μας, ως Κέντρο Θείας Λατρείας, Διδαχής του Λόγου του Θεού και Κοινωνικής προσφοράς. Γι' αυτό σας ζητώ να παραστήσουμε τους εαυτούς μας υπόδειγμα ευλάβειας και αγάπης προς τον Κύριό μας και την Εκκλησία μας, σε συνεργασία με την Ιερά Μητρόπολη, τον Ιερέα μας και το Διοικητικό μας Συμβούλιο.

Υποχρέωση και ευχαρίστησή μας είναι να σας διευκολύνουμε σε κάθε δυσκολία σας και σε κάθε προβληματισμό σας.

Ας προσπαθήσουμε με όλες μας τις δυνάμεις με μια ψυχή, με μια καρδιά, ώστε η Ενορία μας να δει ημέρες πνευματικής χαράς και αγαλίας, μέσα από την πρόοδο και την πνευματική ανάταση όλων μας.

*Με αγάπη εν Χριστώ
Σταματία Ιερομονάχου
Πρόεδρος Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου
Αγίου Νικολάου*

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GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

New York Abortion Law

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy
Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Esteemed Members of the Metropolitan Council, Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils, Philoptochos Sisterhood, Faculty and Students of the Catechetical and Greek Afternoon Schools, Directors and Participants of all Youth Organizations, and all devout Orthodox Christians of the Greek Orthodox Communities of our Holy Metropolis of New Jersey

*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart” (Jer. 1:5)*

My Beloved in the Lord,

This week the New York legislature, together with the support of the Governor of State of New York, voted and regretfully approved a revision to their abortion statutes which would allow for abortions to take place even up to the end of the term of pregnancy. This new law was passed under the guise of aiding women’s health and defending women’s rights, however, it constitutes nothing short of an expansion of state-sanctioned murder. I, as your Metropolitan, and I am sure all of you, condemn these actions of the State of New York in the strongest terms. One may ask, but that’s in New York? Yes, however, who and what is to stop such a law from being enacted in New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, in other words, our Metropolis, and eventually the rest of the Country?

Our Orthodox faith has always maintained that life, in all its forms and at every stage, is sacred. As Orthodox Christians, we believe that from the very moment of conception, we have a soul and we are, thus, human persons. This is evident in Scripture when we hear the words of the Prophet Isaiah, *“Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother’s womb he has spoken my name” (Is. 49:1)* and those of the Evangelist Luke, *“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit” (Lk. 1:41)*. This child leaping in the womb, of whom the Evangelist speaks, is St. John the Baptist. Furthermore, we see the Archangel Gabriel appearing to Elizabeth’s husband, Zechariah, months before and announcing the news of John’s conception, *“He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born” (Lk. 1:14-15)*. The Holy Fathers of the Church attest that when a child is conceived it received a soul. One example of this is St. Irenaeus of Lyons when he says, *“But, as each one of us receives his body through the skillful working of God, so does he also possess his*

soul. For God is not so poor or destitute in resources, that He cannot confer its own proper soul on each individual body, even as He gives it also its special character” (Against Heresies, Book II, Chapter 33).

Our Orthodox theology of personhood is rich in expressing the reasons for which life is sacred and precious. Principally, it is because we are all made in the image and likeness of God. Each person is endowed by God with a purpose, talents, abilities, and gifts to share with the world and with their Creator. The purposeful destruction of this image is nothing short of an affront to God and this is precisely because God is the Author of Life, not death. Personhood is a gift of which no person has the right to deprive another because we have received and are participants in the personhood of our Creator, acknowledging that our individuality is not entirely our own. This is why the Church stands opposed to any life being taken from another including through abortion, war, and the death penalty.

The New York State Legislature and the Governor of New York have sought to shed a different light on this new law. They seek to make this an issue of reproductive rights. If this were true, however, they would acknowledge that both male and female fetuses develop reproductive organs at two months in the womb and female fetuses have fully developed reproductive organs at five months. Where are their reproductive rights? Even so, their argument about reproductive rights is egregious since no mention is given to human rights, the rights of the child. Furthermore, they seek to make this an issue of the health of the mother. In the tradition of the Church, it has been recognized that if the life of the mother is in danger and the only solution was an involuntary abortion, that it was a lamentable, but an unavoidable and regrettable action. However, the language of the new law is purposefully ambiguous so that doctors and **non-doctors** alike who wish to perform these abortions can perform an abortion if they determine it constitutes a “health risk”, without the law ever clarifying what constitutes a “health risk”.

In reality, this is not an issue about rights, for if it were, all individuals would be considered, both those outside and inside the womb. This is not an issue about health since, if it had been, due diligence would have been taken to define and clarify terms. This is a moral issue about who constitutes a person; a topic of debate this country has encountered far too many times. This is about the fundamental belief that each being has intrinsic value. This is about our basic human character.

My beloved brothers, sisters and children in the Lord, St. Paul tells us, *“Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms” (Eph. 6:12).* Even as we witness these abhorrent acts in a society that has become apathetic to this issue, we must remain faithful to the teachings of the Church. We must proclaim the truth of Christ.

Finally, we must stand firmly in **support of life** for all people both born and in the womb. It is my sincerest hope that you will reflect upon these words and upon the teachings of the Orthodox Church honestly and prayerfully. Furthermore, let us all pray for the souls of the millions of children aborted every year and pray that loving Father in Heaven enlightens the minds of those who perpetuate this human crisis, and may we, the Orthodox Christians remain firm in our Holy Orthodox Faith and vigilant so that we may deal with any ungodly and unholy Bills which may be introduced by our State and U.S. Representatives, and which could affect **LIFE**, our life, our children's lives, both born and unborn, and most certainly, our relationship with the **Source of Life, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the One who offered His Life so that we and ALL may LIVE.**

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Evagelos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

† E V A N G E L O S
Metropolitan of New Jersey





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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR NOW OPEN TO PARISHIONER/FAMILY SPONSORSHIP



Starting Sunday, February 3rd, 2019, the Parish Council will provide parishioners/families the opportunity to sponsor an "after service" Sunday Family Coffee Hour. This will be completely on a volunteer basis.

If families wish to co-sponsor a Sunday, that would be wonderful. Our goal is to have family/parishioner donation sponsorship for "after service" fellowship in our Church's Social Hall.

There will be exemptions throughout the year, for example Memorials, Church Organizations events e.t.c. they have priority. Those Organizations often have set dates to celebrate or memorialize their members past and present. There are at least 15-20 open dates on our calendar which need sponsorship.

Please consider 1 week a year for sponsorship on behalf of your family.

To schedule a Sunday Family Coffee Hour sponsorship, please call our Coffee Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Rose Tsakalos, 410-282-2940, so you may reserve a Sunday in our Church Calendar.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF SAINT NICHOLAS MINISTRIES.
WISHING EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Ο ΚΑΦΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗΣ – ΜΕΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ ΤΩΡΑ ΑΝΟΙΓΕΤΑΙ ΣΤΗ ΧΡΗΜΑΤΟΔΟΤΗΣΗ ΕΝΟΡΙΤΩΝ / ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΕΙΩΝ

Αρχίζοντας από την Κυριακή 3 Φεβρουαρίου 2019, το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο θα παρέχει στους ενορίτες / οικογένειες την ευκαιρία να υποστηρίξουν χρηματικά ή με είδη (καφές, γλυκίσματα και όλα τα χαρτικά) την "μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία" ώρα του Οικογενειακού Καφέ της Κυριακής. Θα πραγματοποιείται σε εντελώς εθελοντική βάση.

Αν οικογένειες θέλουν να υποστηρίξουν από κοινού μια Κυριακή, θα ήταν υπέροχο. Στόχος μας είναι να έχουμε δωρεά οικογένειας / ενορίτη για τον καφέ "μετά τη Θεία Λειτουργία" στην Κοινοτική αίθουσα της Εκκλησίας μας.

Θα υπάρχουν εξαιρέσεις καθ' όλη τη διάρκεια του έτους, για παράδειγμα μνημόσυνα, εκδηλώσεις Εκκλησιαστικών Οργανώσεων κ.λ.π. έχουν προτεραιότητα. Οι οργανισμοί αυτοί συχνά έχουν προγραμματίσει τις ημερομηνίες για να γιορτάσουν ή να μνημονεύσουν τα μέλη τους. Υπάρχουν τουλάχιστον 15-20 ανοιχτές ημερομηνίες στο ημερολόγιό μας που χρειάζονται χρηματοδότηση.

Σκεφτείτε να χρηματοδοτήσετε 1 Κυριακή το χρόνο εκ μέρους της οικογένειάς σας. Για να προγραμματίσετε την δωρεά για την "Κυριακή του Οικογενειακού Καφέ", παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με την Πρόεδρο της Επιτροπής Καφέ, κ. Ρόουζ Τσακάλου, 410-282-2940, ώστε να σημειωθεί η Κυριακή αυτή στο Ημερολόγιο της Εκκλησίας μας.

**ΣΑΣ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΟΥΜΕ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΣΥΝΕΧΗ ΥΠΟΣΤΗΡΙΞΗ ΣΑΣ ΣΤΙΣ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΕΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΑ
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HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS: ALL ABOARD TO A TRIP OF A LIFETIME:

WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE, THAT THE ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, IS PLANNING A TRIP ONCE AGAIN TO THE HOLY LANDS, (JERUSALEM) SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER OF 2019. FR. MICHAEL HAS RECEIVED MANY CALLS FROM PARISHIONERS ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE JERUSALEM TRIP. HE IS VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. WHAT A BEAUTIFUL OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR LORD, AND TO VISIT THE LAND WHERE THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS AND SAINTS OF OUR FAITH LIVED. BUT IN ORDER FOR THIS EXCURSION TO BE SUCCESSFUL WE NEED TO DO OUR HOMEWORK.

FR. MICHAEL HAS TAKEN MANY GROUPS TO THE HOLY LANDS THROUGHOUT HIS MINISTRY AND HE KNOWS THROUGH EXPERIENCE THAT THERE IS A LOT OF GROUNDWORK TO BE DONE TO PREPARE FOR THIS TRIP. THE FIRST STEP THAT WE TAKE, IS TO SCHEDULE A MEETING DATE FOR EVERYONE INTERESTED. SO THE FIRST SCHEDULED MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019 AT 7:00 PM. THIS WILL GIVE EVERYONE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS AND CHOOSE WHAT PLACES AND EVENTS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO VISIT. THIS TRIP WILL ALSO HAVE AN OPTION TO VISIT OUR MOTHER LAND GREECE. ALL THE DETAILS OF THIS TRIP WILL BE DISCUSSED IN OUR FIRST MEETING.

I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US ON THIS EXCITING PILGRIMAGE. IF YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS OR RELATIVES THAT YOU FEEL WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US ON THIS TRIP, PLEASE CONVEY THIS INFORMATION TO THEM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND CANNOT MAKE THE FIRST MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT FR. MICHAEL AT 443-742-8314.

HOPING TO SEE EVERYONE THERE,

RESPECTFULLY,

FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS
PROTOPRESBYTER



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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“ΔΙΑΧΕΙΡΙΣΤΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΠΙΣΤΗΣ”

τὸ εἶ δύνασαι πιστεῦσαι, πάντα δυνατὰ τῷ πιστεύοντι.
 “εάν συ ημπορήσ να πιστεύσης, τότε όλα εἶναι κατορθωτά
 στον πιστεύοντα”. Κατά Μάρκον 9-23 προς Κολοσσαεῖς.

2019 SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CONFIDENTIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD
 2019 ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ –ΚΑΡΤΑ ΑΠΟΡΡΗΤΗΣ ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ ΜΕΛΩΝ

In gratitude for God's blessings I/we make the following commitment to the ministries of St. Nicholas Church:
 Σαν έκφραση ευγνωμοσύνης μου για τις ευλογίες που έχω λάβει από τον Θεό, δεσμεύομαι με την ακόλουθη
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We give to Christ and His Church not according to our means but according to our love for Him.

Πίνετε μάρτυρες του έργου του Θεού! Δώστε από το ταλέντο με το οποίο σας έχει προικίσει,
 με τις ικανότητες, τις εμπειρίες, την οικονομική σας ευχέρεια. Η προσφορά μας στον Χριστό και την
 Εκκλησία Του ας βασιστεί στην αγάπη μας προς Αυτόν, όχι στην οικονομική μας δυνατότητα.

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Η συμβολή σας στην προσπάθειά μας να βρούμε οικονομικούς πόρους μέσω της εθελοντικής προσφοράς είναι ζωτική.

Η ικανότητα του Αγίου Νικολάου να συνεχίσει και βελτιώσει το έργο του, συνδέεται άμεσα με την οικονομική συνδρομή και την εθελοντική εργασία στις ποικίλες δραστηριότητες που ωφελούν την εκκλησιαστική μας Κοινότητα.

Αναρωτηθείτε! Θα ήταν σήμερα ανοικτές οι θύρες του Αγίου Νικολάου χωρίς την ενεργό σας στήριξη, οικονομική και εθελοντική; Νομίζουμε πως όχι.

Ας γίνουμε μέλη ενεργά της Κοινότητας ακόμα και για προσωπικούς/εγώστικους λόγους. Για να εξασφαλίσουμε την δυνατότητα στα μέλη της οικογένειάς μας να "πάρουν" όσο το δυνατόν περισσότερα από αυτήν στον τομέα της θρησκείας, του πολιτισμού, της εκπαίδευσης και των κοινωνικών εκδηλώσεων.

Η ενεργός συμμετοχή σας θα ωφελήσει και την οικογένειά σας αλλά και την ευρύτερη Οικογένεια της Κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου.

Your participation in this Stewardship Campaign is vital to the ability of St. Nicholas to continue (and improve upon) our support of a wide variety of activities that benefit our church community. Would St. Nicholas be here today without your active support, both financially and in terms of volunteering your service? We think not.

We should be active in our church community for selfless reasons to ensure that our family gets the most possible from our community... from religious to cultural, educational and social activities. Your active involvement will benefit both your family and the larger community.

Saturday of Souls

Praying for our Departed Loved Ones



despair over the dead, because “if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in the Lord.” (1 Thess 4:14) For all of us who have believed in Christ and walked with Him in the newness of life here and now, death becomes but a doorway into the fuller union with Him. This is why St. Paul could say, “For me to live in Christ and to die is gain.” (Phil 1:21) The Apostle Paul goes on to say, “If we have been united through Baptism in the likeness of Christ’s death, we also shall be united in the likeness of His resurrection. (Rom 6:4-5)

On Saturday, February 3, February 10, and February 17, we celebrate in our Church the SATURDAY OF THE SOULS. We all have loved ones who have passed away, and as a Church we never forget them. At each Divine Liturgy, the Priest reads all the names of the Living as well as the departed faithful in the service of the Oblation. This service is prepared on the left side of the Altar during the Orthros service and this is where the names of the living and the dead are read and commemorated. Also the names of the departed are also mentioned during the Divine Liturgy. We also have Memorial services throughout the year, where we as Orthodox Christians have the opportunity to commemorate our loved ones during the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, as well as Week day services. We also have the opportunity to pray for them and to remember them on their anniversaries.

We are always inquisitive when it comes to question the purpose of our

At no matter what age of life we die, we always see death as a distortion of our existence. Death portrays a horrible tragedy because it is the fruit of evil in the world. We were not created to die. When Almighty God created the first man Adam, and Woman Eve, in his own image and likeness, he meant for all humanity to live for eternity with Him. Since God

has no end, He desired for His beloved creation to dwell in His infinite love forever. This is why, deep within each of us, we all sense an innate desire for life! From this prospective, death is fearful, and something we despise. And yet, although we can see death as the greatest evil, St. Paul counsels us “not to mourn as those who do not have hope” He advises us never

SATURDAY OF SOULS - Continued

memorial service and why do we pray for the dead? To answer this question, we must first understand clearly how we, as Orthodox Christians view death itself. Although death is the culmination of evil in our world, for Christians our faith in Jesus Christ transforms death. For one who is united to our Lord here on earth, death is no longer a fearful and tragic conclusion to one's life. It is but an entrance way into a new beginning.

Death itself may seem like an uncertain, even fearful journey, and yet as Christians we know who awaits us on the other side. Our Lord Jesus Christ is there lovingly waiting, with His arms outstretched, ready to embrace us in deeper union with Himself, and welcome us into our eternal home.

As Christians we can face death with hope, knowing that our loving, and merciful and compassionate Lord awaits us! Divine Love is greater than death. St. Paul even dares to say, "Death has been swallowed up in victory!" The victory of divine love.

Metropolitan Anthony Bloom wrote: "A person bereaved should never say "We loved one another." We should always say "We love each other." If we allow our love to become a thing of the past, we have to recognize that we do not believe in the continuing life of the person that died.

Well, this same love is central to understanding the Saturday of the souls in the Orthodox Church. We remember and pray for the dead because of God's divine love for us, and our sacred love for one another. We express our love to our departed ones through our prayers, which reaffirm that those who have died are not dead to us, nor to God. Our love

for one another continues even after death.

St. Paul teaches, "Love never ends". The Church understands well this precept, and therefore, continues to pray for the dead always. Since love never ends, our prayers never end; our communion with the departed never end; our union with them through Christ never ends. Our prayers for the dead reveal in a most beautiful way our understanding of the Church as the Body of Christ both here on earth and in heaven. We are one Church, which includes those struggling here on earth, together with those who now live in fuller union with God in paradise. Just as we pray for one another here on earth, we also pray for those who have departed. The Body of Christ is not just the members who we see each week in Church. The Church is also the saints who we see in the icons, and the beloved faithful who have died and live in Christ. That is why before each Divine Liturgy, when the Priest prepares the bread which will be used for Holy communion, the priest offers prayers for the living as well as those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. There is no separation in our prayers for the living and the dead. Divine love unites us all together, as on Church.

On the Saturday of the Souls, as well as every Divine Liturgy and Memorial service that are conducted in the Church we pray for the dead because we love them. And we also need to understand that God hears our prayers and unites all of us together and our prayers do help others in their own union towards their Creator.

Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald, a professor at Holy Cross Theological School, writes, "Death alters but does not

destroy the bond of love and faith which exists among all the members of the church. Orthodoxy believes that through our prayers, "those who have fallen asleep in the faith and the hope of the resurrection" continue to have opportunity to grow closer to God. Therefore the church prays constantly for her members who have died in Christ. We place our trust in the love and forgiveness. We pray that God will forgive the sins of the faithful departed and that He will receive them into the company of Saints in the heavenly Kingdom."

Of course, some who have died have not lived a righteous life of faith and love in Christ Jesus. Even for such as these, we still pray with hope. We know that God's unfathomable mercy and love is immeasurably greater than any sin or shortcoming of a person, no matter how evil.

Therefore, by turning to this ocean of love in prayer, we believe as Orthodox Christians that our prayers in some way are a part of the mystery of God, and hopefully our prayers bring in some way comfort and benefit to the person we pray for! As a symbol of this hope we have for the dead, it is traditional for the family to bring a bowl of boiled wheat to the Church for the Saturday of the Souls (as well as for Memorial Services). This wheat, known as "Kolyva" in Greek, reminds us of the words of our Lord Jesus Christ spoke, "Unless the grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24) When we celebrate the Saturday of the Souls during the three Saturday's before Great Lent begins, we are affirming that death is not the end. death never has the final say in our journey of faith! ■

In January we hosted our annual dinner to the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you to the family of Costas Inn for their donation of the meal that was served. Needless to say this visit is an emotional one when you see the families and their sick children. But of course the smiles of the children warm our hearts. May God give the families the strength to care and comfort their loves ones and continue to heal and watch over their children!

The Vasilopita cutting was delayed due to the inclement weather and was cut the following Sunday. The recipient of the Cross from the Vasilopites passed out in church was Mrs. Lilian Eliou, we wish her many years of Health. The Agape luncheon has been postponed until further notice.

The Winter Night Out at Costas Inn definitely lived up to its tittle. Despite the cold weather it was truley a success with the attendance and the warmth of those who ventured out. We thank Costas Inn for their hospitality in hosting the event. A special tray was passed that Sunday to benefit Saint Basils Academy, thank you everyone for your donations.

The next general meeting will be on Monday, February 4th at 7:00! Please join us and bring a friend. Everyone is welcomed!

SAVE THE DATE: On Friday, March 8th is our Annual Apokreatiko Glendi which will be held at Jimmy's Famous Seafood Dinner at 7 Music 9:00 - 2:00 a.m. by Apollonian featuring Andrea Kara and Savva Perselis with Nisiotika. Donation \$45.00 includes appetizers, dinner and dessert cash bar. For tickets or information call Maria Georgaki 443-413-2657 or Irene Vasilios 410-687-3978.

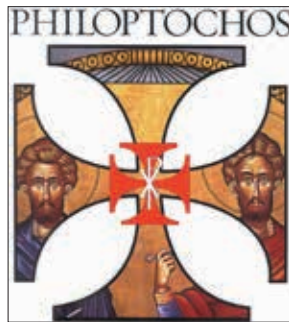
Τον Ιανουάριο προσφέραμε το ετήσιο δείπνο μας στο Ronald McDonald House. Ευχαριστούμε την οικογένεια του Εστιατορίου Costas Inn για την δωρεά του γεύματος που σερβίραμε. Περιστό να πούμε ότι αυτή η επίσκεψη είναι συναισθηματική, όταν βλέπετε τις οικογένειες και τα άρρωστα παιδιά τους.

Αλλά φυσικά τα χαμόγελα των παιδιών ζεσταίνουν τις καρδιές μας. Ευχόμαστε ο Θεός να δώσει στις οικογένειες τη δύναμη να φροντίζουν και να ανακουφίζουν τους αγαπημένους τους και να συνεχίζουν να θεραπεύουν και να προσέχουν τα παιδιά τους!

Η κοπή της ΒΑΣΙΛΟΠΙΤΑΣ καθυστέρησε λόγω των δυσμενών καιρικών συνθηκών και κόπηκε την ακόλουθη Κυριακή. Παραλήπτης του Σταυρού της Βασιλόπιτας, που μοιράστηκε έξω από την Εκκλησία ήταν η κα Λίλιαν Ηλιού, της ευχόμαστε Χρόνια Πολλά με υγεία. Το γεύμα Αγάπης, αναβλήθηκε μέχρι νεωτέρας ειδοποίησης.

Η χειμερινή νυχτερινή έξοδος στο Εστιατόριο Costas Inn, τήμησε σίγουρα τον τίτλο της. Παρά το κρύο είχε πραγματικά μεγάλη επιτυχία με τη συμμετοχή και τη ζεστασιά όλων εκείνων που τόλμησαν να βγούν έξω. Ευχαριστούμε το Costas Inn για τη φιλοξενία της εκδήλωσης. Πέρασαμε έκτακτο δίσκο την Κυριακή προς όφελος της Ακαδημίας του Αγίου Βασιλείου, σας ευχαριστούμε όλους για τις δωρεές σας.

Η επομένη μας τακτική συνεδρίαση θα είναι την Δευτέρα, 4 Φεβρουαρίου στις 4:00 μ.μ. Θα χαρούμε να σας δούμε, φέρτε και φίλες σας. Όλοι είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι.



Σημειώστε την ημερομηνία: Την Παρασκευή 8 Μαρτίου θα γίνει το ετήσιο Αποκριάτικο Γλέντι μας, στο Jimmy's Famous Seafood, το δείπνο θα σερβίρεται από τις 7:00 μ.μ. Μουσική από τις 9:00 έως τις 2:00 π.μ. από την Ορχήστρα Απόλλωνια, με τους Αντρέα Καρρά και Σάββα Περσελή στα Νησιώτικα. Δωρεά \$ 45.00, περιλαμβάνει ορεκτικά, δείπνο και επιδόρπιο, cash bar. Για εισιτήρια ή πληροφορίες καλέστε τη Μαρία Γεωργάκη 443-413-2657 ή την Ειρήνη Βασιλείου 410-687-3978.

GREEK SCHOOL - Κείμενο Βασιλόπιτας για την κοινωνία



Με μεγάλη επιτυχία έγινε το κόμμιμο της Βασιλόπιτας στο σχολείο μας.

Στην αρχή ενημερώσαμε τα παιδιά για τα έθιμα των Χριστουγέννων, της Πρωτοχρονιάς αλλά και των Φώτων σε όλη την Ελλάδα. Στη συνέχεια δάσκαλοι με την Διευθύντρια κ. Σταματία Ιερομονάχου, εξήγησαν στα παιδιά την ιστορία του εθίμου και τα παιδιά ενθουσιάστηκαν.

Στους τυχερούς της χρονιάς έπεσε το νόμισμα και ήταν ιδιαίτερα χαρούμενοι, ανυπομονώντας να δουν τους γονείς τους, για να τους ενημερώσουν.

Παντελής Ψώρας | Δάσκαλος Ελληνικού Απογευματινού Σχολείου Αγίου Νικολάου



HELLENIC GOLDEN COINS



On January 19 & 20, the Hellenic Golden Coins competed in the Hellenic Folk Dance Festival in Annapolis and won 3rd place in their division! The St. Nicholas parish is very proud of our HGCs for placing so high in this very difficult competition!



Congratulations



It's that time of the year! Register for the
**SAINT NICHOLAS
HELLENIC GOLDEN COINS
DANCE TROUPE**

Come make new friends and discover your inner dancer!

WEEKLY PRACTICES

Junior (12-15 years old): Mondays*

Senior (16+ years old): Thursdays*

**ALL PRACTICES ARE FROM 6:30PM-8PM AT
SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH*

Registration will run from now till February 28th, 2019



For more information on how to register, contact Foula Paragios at
410-236-3419 or fparagios@gmail.com

EARLY EDUCATION CENTER NEWS



ST. NICHOLAS BILINGUAL EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

The Saint Nicholas Bilingual Early Education Center provides a safe, nurturing, home away from home learning center. We accept children from 6 weeks till 5 years of age. **BEEC is hiring part-time and full-time aides to assist our teachers at the Center. If you or anyone you know is interested, please call the Center at 410-633-5020 extension 4 or message us on Facebook.**



To welcome 2019, Father Michael blessed our school and we cut the traditional Vasilopita. The children enjoyed a pajama party every Wednesday this past month.

This month the children will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a party. The BEEC will be hosting "Godparents Sunday Luncheon" following church service on February 17th. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 at the Church office, at the door, or through the Director, Ms. Sophia Moshonisiotis.

ΔΙΓΛΩΣΣΟ ΕΚΠΑΙΔΕΥΤΙΚΟ ΚΕΝΤΡΟ ΠΡΟΣΧΟΛΙΚΗΣ ΗΛΙΚΙΑΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ



Ο Δίγλωσσος Βρεφονηπιακός Σταθμός Αγίου Νικολάου παρέχει ένα ασφαλές περιβάλλον, ένα σπίτι μακριά από το σπίτι, ένα σπίτι μάθησης. Δεχόμαστε παιδιά ηλικίας 6 εβδομάδων έως 5 ετών. **Ο σταθμός μας ψάχνει να προσλάβει βοηθούς δασκάλων μερικής και πλήρους απασχόλησης.** Αν έχετε ερωτήσεις ή χρειάζοσαστε περισσότερες πληροφορίες, επικοινωνήστε με το σταθμό μας στο τηλέφωνο 410-633-5020, γραμμή 4 ή στείλτε μας μήνυμα στο Facebook.

Για να καλωσορίσουμε το νέο έτος, ο πάτερ Μιχαήλ ετέλεσε αγιασμό και ευλόγησε τη Βασιλόπιτα του σχολείου μας στις αρχές του Ιανουαρίου.

Για το υπόλοιπο

του Ιανουαρίου και συγκεκριμένα κάθε Τετάρτη οι μαθητές μας μπορούσαν να έρθουν στο σχολείο με τις πυτζάμες τους, ενώ τους σερβίραμε ζεστή σοκολάτα.

Το Φεβρουάριο οι μαθητές μας ετοιμάζονται να γιορτάσουν τον Άγιο Βαλεντίνο. Ο σταθμός μας θα διοργανώσει επίσης στις 17 Φεβρουαρίου το "Godparents Sunday Luncheon" μετά τη Θεία Λειτουργία. Τα εισιτήρια είναι διαθέσιμα προς \$20 είτε στο γραφείο της Εκκλησίας ή την ημέρα της εκδήλωσης, ή την υπεύθυνη κα. Σοφία Μοσχονισιώτη.





EARLY EDUCATION CENTER NEWS

BEEC PLAYGROUND ADDITION



GODPARENT'S SUNDAY

Godparen 's Sunday

Join us with your Godparent in church on **Sunday, February 17th**

Luncheon to follow - Hosted by the St. Nicholas Bilingual Early Education Center

Tickets will be a donation of \$20.00

Please see Sophia Moshonisiotis to purchase your tickets

May God bless all who have accepted this very important role in their Godchild's life!

OPA! *Don't recognize every Greek Dance?
Want to know them?
Just want to have some fun?*

BYOB!

*Join us on Friday, February 22nd, 2019
for our first ever...*

GREEK DANCE SEMINAR

*At St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
Hosted by the Hellenic Golden Coins
Dance Instructors!*

Admission at 6pm
Starts at 7pm

Fee: \$20

Will include a light dinner and refreshments!




COME JOIN THE
Rhodian Society of Maryland
AT OUR ANNUAL
BULL, SHRIMP & OYSTER FEAST

TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Friday, February 08, 2019

from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

UAW Hall Local 239

1010 S. Oldham Street

Early Valentines Day Celebration!!



Come join us for a good time, plenty of food, good friends, games and music!

***** MUSIC by: DJ: Greek & American *****

Menu: All you can eat Steamed Shrimp, Raw Oysters, Pit Beef, Pit Ham, Greek Salad, Corn Pudding, Shrimp soup, Beer, soft drinks & much more included!! (menu subject to change)

Adults: \$50.00/pp & kids 12 & under \$35.00

Interested in tickets or a table please contact: Maria Angelou @ 443-865-0851 or see Mr. John Fotiou or visit us on Facebook

EVENTS



HELLENIC HERITAGE MUSEUM OF MARYLAND, INC

PRESERVING GREEK CULTURE TO INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS

Experience an enlightening program about the famous Greek heroine, Bouboulina.

Discover how Bouboulina became the world's first female navy admiral, and how her flagship 'Agamemnon' raised the first revolutionary flag in the Greek War of Independence, in 1821.

Join us for the presentation,
**"The Brave Stepped Back:
The Life and Times of Laskarina Bouboulina,"**
a documentary film, in English with Greek sub-titles,
by April Kalogeropoulos Householder, Ph.D,
award-winning documentary filmmaker.

Sunday, March 3rd, 2019 12:15 P.M.

Fr. Constantine M. Monios Hall
of the Annunciation Cathedral
24 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland
Free parking on the Cathedral's parking lots.

\$15.00 per person includes a light lunch,
introductory lecture and documentary film (52 mins).

Please register by February 22nd, by mailing your
check, payable to HHMM, to:
George Lintzeris, 3543 Newland Road,
Baltimore, MD 21218

Contact by email: petrafineart@gmail.com or phone:
410-235-1696



Please register me for the film and lecture on Bouboulina.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone # _____

Number of Guests: _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____



4TH ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS G.O.Y.A Bingo Night



WIN BASKETS
AND DESIGNER PURSES



BEER & WINE
FOOD & DRINKS



SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

LOCATION: THE PLATEIA (700 QUAIL STREET)

Doors Open- 5:00 pm / Games Start- 6:00 pm

TICKETS \$20

For tickets, contact Rena Koutsantonis (410) 983-1325
or stnicholasgoya1@yahoo.com

TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE AT CHURCH OFFICE

EVENTS

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church / Baltimore, Maryland

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 6TH ANNUAL **LENTEN RETREAT**

Saturday, March 16, 2018

8:30am – 4:00pm

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

“Orthodox Life”

Speaker: Fr. Damaskinos Issa

9:30 a.m. – Noon

English Session

“Αγιότητα στην Σημερινή Εποχή”

Ομιλητής: Κωνσταντίνος Ζαλαλας

1:30 μ.μ. – 4:00 μ.μ.

Ελληνική Διάλεξη

8:30am Registration

Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Snack

Donation \$35

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them”.

Lenten Retreat Registration Form

Name

Address

Telephone (Daytime)

(Evening/Mobile)

Email Address

Your Parish

Please include your check \$35, payable to The Ladies Philoptochos Society. Registration deadline is Monday, March 4th. Please respond by the deadline since a catered lunch is included. Mail registration to:

Attending (check one):

____ Morning (English Session)

____ Afternoon (Greek Session)

____ Both Sessions

The Ladies Philoptochos Society

c/o Kyriaki Kontoudis

8053 Woodhaven Road

Baltimore, Maryland 21237

----- Amount Enclosed

For additional information please contact: Mia Atsidis 443.549.4862
or Kyriaki Kontoudis 410.866.8088

NOTICES



THE 2019 PARKING PERMITS
ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

YOU MUST TURN IN YOUR STEWARDSHIP
CARD IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ONE.

PERMITS WILL NOT BE MAILED THIS YEAR
- THEY WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK
UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

DID YOU KNOW?

YOU CAN EASILY MAKE YOUR MONTHLY
STEWARDSHIP PAYMENT VIA PAYPAL AT
WWW.STNICHOLASMD.ORG/DONATE.PHP



**OR SEE PAGE 12 FOR THE
2019 STEWARSHIP FORM!**

AMERICAN HELLENIC SOCIETY



THE AMERICAN HELLENIC SOCIETY
OF ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

*The American Hellenic Society is now welcoming couples
of mixed Greek and American backgrounds!*



For information,
please email [info@](mailto:info@ahsofstnicholas.org)
ahsofstnicholas.org

2019 PLEDGES-\$88,665.00 / Payments-\$54,826.54 / Balance-\$33,838.46

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 MR/MRS ANDERSON EMANUEL P. JR.
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 MR VOURGARAKIS HARRY

JOY PROGRAM

~ The St. Nicholas JOY Program ~

The JOY Program is designed for ages 3-11. The program will prepare our children for GOYA and will emphasize the same goals of fellowship and understanding of our faith. Each meeting has a theme based on the Ecclesiastical Feast Days of the month. Activities include Crafts, Games, Basketball, and a lesson by Fr. Michael. Snacks will be provided by the parish.

We meet once a month every third Saturday from 12-2 pm.

Please feel free to contact me at 443-221-8024 or ckouroublakis@gmail.com for more information.



LITURGICAL PROGRAM - FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 2	The Feast of the "Presentation of our Lord" Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am
Sunday, February 3	16th Sunday of St. Matthew Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
Sunday, February 10	Sunday of the Canaanite Woman Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am St. Haralambos the Great Martyr
Sunday, February 17	Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee/ and God Parents Day (Triodion Begins) <i>Fast Free Week</i> Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
Sunday, February 24	Sunday of the Prodigal Son: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - FEBRUARY

Monday, February 4th: Philoptochos Monthly Meeting at 7 p.m.
Friday, February 8th: Diagoras Rhodian Society's Annual Bull Roast
at M&M Catering
Tuesday, February 12th: Diamonds Meeting at 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 13th: Holy Land Pilgrimage Meeting at 7 p.m.
Monday February 18th: NO Greek School
Tuesday, February 19th: Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, February 19th: Philoptochos Night Out - TBD
Friday, February 22nd: Hellenic Golden Coins - Make a Cake Night

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, March 5th: Philoptochos Meeting at 7 p.m.
Friday, March 8th: Philoptochos Apokreatiko Glendi
Monday, March 11th: Philoptochos Clean Monday Pot Luck Dinner
Tuesday, March 12th: Diamonds Meeting at 1 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12th: Choir Rehearsal at 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 16th: Ladies Panchian Meeting at 1 p.m.
Saturday, March 16th: Philoptochos Lenten Retreat
Sunday, March 17th: Sunday of Orthodoxy - Sunday School to present Icons and
Coffee Hour sponsored by Philoptochos
Sunday, March 24th: Greek School Independence Day Program following the Divine Liturgy
Sunday, March 31st: Greek Independence Day Parade

