



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

K O I N O N I A

The season of Great Lent is the time of preparation for the feast of the Resurrection of Christ. As we move towards "Pascha" with rapid steps we can never forget that our Orthodox Church is the Church of the Resurrection because it gives prominence to Christ's victory over death. During the Lenten Period the Church continues to remind us of the depth of love that Jesus endured for us. It is also a season of self examination and a time to take spiritual inventory of our inner life. Let's not forget what the word "Repentance" means in our Orthodox Faith. In Matthew 4:17 it says- "Repent" were the first words of Christ when He began preaching. Also if we look back in the Old Testament where we see John the Baptist the forerunner preaching in the wilderness and saying "Repent" for the Kingdom of God is at hand. As Christians we are called to make a special effort to rediscover our relationship with Christ and get back to the narrow path that leads to salvation. That reminds me of something else when we hear the word "Salvation". If you want to know the true way of repentance then we all have to rediscover and learn about the Sacrament of Holy Confession is all about. It's about (Salvation)- that narrow path that I just wrote about is that we need to understand that without the Sacrament of Confession we are going to have a difficult time to reach the Kingdom of Heaven. Holy Confession gives us the opportunity to cleanse us from our daily sins. It is time to wash away the sins of the past and create for us a new avenue towards Christ. The Sacrament of Confession is not new, it is one of the 7 major sacraments of the Church. Let's not forget that during the time of St. John the Baptist the people were confessing their sins before they were given the opportunity to be baptized by water in the Jordan River. It goes back even 2,000 years ago. Now some people might ask; How do we confess our sins and to whom? The answer is very simple. All you have to do is



make an appointment with your Parish Priest and he will guide you through the process.

Now let's go into another topic that I love, and that is- the proper way of fasting in the Orthodox Church. What we really need to do during Lent is to apply a little extra spiritual discipline in our lives such as Prayer, Fasting, Confession, Bible reading, and of course the most important ingredient is attending the church services. If we are true to our Orthodox faith, then we need to follow this spiritual recipe. Let's not forget that (Fasting) along with the others mentioned above, is essential element of the Christian life. If we do a little bible searching, then we know that Christ fasted and taught others how to fast. So if we know that Christ fasted then why do we go against the words and actions of Christ and His practice. Why do we try to give excuses to justify ourselves from personal responsibilities on the subject of Fasting. Let's not try to justify our sinful life if we are not following His Commandments.

If the Church says we need to Fast, then we need to fast. There is no getting around this issue.

Now here are some things that we need to know as we fast during this Lenten Period. No 1. Lent begins on Monday (Clean Monday) on March 4th. 2. We have to begin by carefully watching what we eat during this Lenten Period. 3. We need to abstain from Meat and Dairy products. During this Lenten Period we have only two times that we have the opportunity to eat Fish. On the Feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary ( March 25th) and on Palm Sunday ( April 17). 4. We also need to understand that just fasting from foods is not really completing the Fast. We have to also be careful on what comes out of our

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## Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

**Η** περίοδος της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής είναι η ώρα της προετοιμασίας για την εορτή της Αναστάσεως του Χριστού. Καθώς προχωράμε προς το «Πάσχα» με γοργά βήματα, δεν μπορούμε ποτέ να ξεχάσουμε ότι η Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία μας είναι η Εκκλησία της Αναστάσεως γιατί δίνει έμφαση στη νίκη του Χριστού κατά του θανάτου.

Κατά την περίοδο της Σαρακοστής, η Εκκλησία συνεχίζει να μας υπενθυμίζει το βάθος της αγάπης που υπέμεινε για εμάς ο Ιησούς. Είναι επίσης μια περίοδος αυτοεξέτασης και ο κατάλληλος χρόνος για να κάνουμε πνευματικό έλεγχο του εσωτερικού μας κόσμου. Ας μην ξεχνάμε τι σημαίνει η λέξη «Μετανοία» στην Ορθόδοξη Πίστη μας. Στο Κατά Ματθαίο 4:17 λέει: «Μετανοείτε» ήταν τα πρώτα λόγια του Χριστού όταν άρχισε να κηρύττει. Επίσης, αν κοιτάζουμε πίσω στην Παλαιά Διαθήκη, θα δούμε τον Ιωάννη τον Βαπτιστή και Πρόδρομο, να κηρύττει στην έρημο και να λέει: «Μετανοήστε, γιατί η Βασιλεία του Θεού πλησιάζει».

Ως Χριστιανοί καλούμαστε να καταβάλουμε ιδιαίτερη προσπάθεια για να ξαναβρούμε τη σχέση μας με τον Χριστό και να επιστρέψουμε στον στενό δρόμο που οδηγεί στη σωτηρία. Αυτό μου θυμίζει κάτι άλλο, όταν ακούμε τη λέξη «Σωτηρία». Εάν θέλετε να μάθετε τον σωστό τρόπο της Μετανοίας, τότε πρέπει όλοι να ανακαλύψουμε και να μάθουμε τη σημασία του Μυστηρίου της Ιεράς Εξομολογήσεως. Πρόκειται για τη (Σωτηρία)- αυτό το στενό μονοπάτι για το οποίο μόλις έγραφα είναι ότι πρέπει για να καταλάβουμε ότι χωρίς το Μυστήριο της Εξομολόγησης, θα δυσκολευτούμε να φτάσουμε στη Βασιλεία των Ουρανών. Η Ιερά Εξομολόγηση μας δίνει την ευκαιρία να μας εξαγνίσει από τις καθημερινές αμαρτίες μας. Είναι καιρός να ξεπλύνουμε τις αμαρτίες του παρελθόντος και να δημιουργήσουμε, για μας τους ίδιους, ένα νέο μονοπάτι προς τον Χριστό. Το Μυστήριο της Εξομολογήσεως δεν είναι κάτι καινούργιο, είναι ένα από τα επτά (7) μεγάλα

μυστήρια της Εκκλησίας. Ας μην ξεχνάμε ότι την εποχή του Αγίου Ιωάννη του Προδρόμου, οι άνθρωποι εξομολογούνταν τις αμαρτίες τους προτού τους δοθεί η ευκαιρία να βαπτιστούν στον Ιορδάνη ποταμό. Γυρίζει πίσω ακόμη και πριν από 2.000 χρόνια. Τώρα κάποιος μπορεί να ρωτήσει πως ομολογούμε τις αμαρτίες μας και σε ποιον; Η απάντηση είναι πολύ απλή. Το μόνο που έχετε να κάνετε είναι να κλείσετε μια συνάντηση με τον Ιερέα της Ενορίας σας, και αυτός θα σας καθοδηγήσει στη διαδικασία.

Ας εξετάσουμε τώρα ένα άλλο θέμα που αγαπώ, και αυτό είναι: ο σωστός τρόπος νηστείας στην Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία. Αυτό που πραγματικά χρειάζεται να κάνουμε κατά τη διάρκεια της Σαρακοστής είναι να εφαρμόσουμε λίγη επιπλέον πνευματική πειθαρχία στη ζωή μας, όπως προσευχή, νηστεία, εξομολόγηση, ανάγνωση της Αγίας Γραφής και, φυσικά, το πιο σημαντικό συστατικό είναι η συμμεροχή μας στις εκκλησιαστικές ακολουθίες. Εάν είμαστε πιστοί στην Ορθόδοξη πίστη μας, τότε πρέπει να ακολουθήσουμε αυτή την πνευματική συνταγή. Ας μην ξεχνάμε ότι η νηστεία, μαζί με τους άλλους τρόπους που προαναφέραμε, είναι ουσιαστικό στοιχείο της χριστιανικής ζωής. Όταν κάνουμε μια μικρή ανασκόπηση στην Αγία Γραφή, τότε θα μάθουμε ότι ο Χριστός νήστεψε και δίδαξε τους άλλους πώς να νηστεύουν. Αν λοιπόν ξέρουμε ότι ο Χριστός νήστεψε, τότε γιατί πάμε ενάντια στα λόγια και τις πράξεις του Χριστού και στην πρακτική Του; Γιατί προσπαθούμε να βρούμε αιτίες για να δικαιολογηθούμε από προσωπικές ευθύνες, στο θέμα της νηστείας; Ας μην προσπαθούμε να δικαιολογήσουμε την αμαρτωλή ζωή μας, εάν δεν ακολουθούμε τις Εντολές Του. Εάν η Εκκλησία λέει ότι πρέπει να νηστεύουμε, τότε πρέπει να νηστεύουμε. Δεν υπάρχει δυνατότητα αντιμετώπισης αυτού του ζητήματος.

Τώρα είναι μερικά πράγματα που πρέπει να γνωρίζουμε καθώς νηστεύουμε κατά την περίοδο της Σαρακοστής.

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear our beloved parishioners and friends of  
St. Nicholas Church,

Our dear parishioners and friends of Agios Nikolaos, I wholeheartedly wish you and your families well.

The favorite month of March has arrived, the month of blue and white. The month of our Greece. The anniversary of the Greek Revolution, when our heroic ancestors revolted against the Turk "for the faith of Christ the Holy and the freedom of the homeland"! And they raised the banner of freedom in the Holy Lavra. Our homeland and the whole universe is celebrating. Because the Greek Revolution inspired the whole world. It is definitely worth mentioning that American Philhellenes also contributed to the success of the Greek Revolution.

The story of a former African-American slave, James Jakob Williams, is very moving. After fighting as an American Marine against the Barbarian pirates who had long harassed American ships, Williams later fought as a member of the British Navy's British Cochran Fleet, taking part in a naval battle at Nafpaktos and other areas of Ag. Independence.

At a critical moment in the conflict, he led a group of Greek fighters and took control of the Greek ship Sotir, which was unmanned. By this act he saved the ship from captivity.

This brave African-American philhellene who dedicated his life to the struggle of the Greeks lived the last years of his life in liberated Greece until his death in 1829.

Our Greece inspired the whole world so much that people like Williams fought with passion and self-sacrifice for its freedom. In March, however, we also celebrate the liberation of the Dodecanese. And the Holy Diocese of New Jersey especially honors our community of Agios Nikolaos, intending to host a big celebration with the blessed presence of the Most Reverend Bishop of Medea, Mr. Apostolos. We invite you and we are waiting for you all to honor our islanders. Our martyred ancestors who had to wait 126 years after the Revolution of '21 for the union with mother Greece, shaking off the yoke of Ottoman rule and Italian rule. Debt sanctity invites us all to celebrate this anniversary and to participate in the festive events.

March is a very important month and because Lent begins, our journey to Easter. From Holy Monday to Holy Week and the Resurrection of our Lord. And this period, which is full of contemplation and blessing, is a great opportunity to come closer to God, to return to church now that the danger of the pandemic is fading away, because we now understand that our hope, strength and consolation we will find her close to God our Father.

We wish you from the bottom of our hearts a Blessed Lent!  
Always be well.

With sincere love and appreciation  
May the blessing of the Lord always accompany us!

With sincere love,

Stamatia Ieromonahos  
President of Parish Council  
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Baltimore, MD

Αγαπημένοι μας ενορίτες και φίλοι του Αγίου Νικολάου,

Αγαπημένοι μας ενορίτες και φίλοι του Αγίου Νικολάου εύχομαι ολόψυχα να είστε καλά εσείς και οι οικογένειές σας.

Έφτασε και ο αγαπημένος μήνας Μάρτιος ο μήνας ο γαλανόλευκος. Ο μήνας της Ελλάδας μας. Η επέτειος της Ελληνικής Επανάστασης, όταν οι ήρωες πρόγονοί μας ξεσηκώθηκαν απέναντι στον Τούρκο "για του Χριστού την πίστη την Αγία και της πατρίδας την Ελευθερία"! Και ύψωσαν στην Αγία Λαύρα το λάβαρο της λευτεριάς.

Πορτάζει η πατρίδα μας και όλη η οικουμένη. Γιατί η Ελληνική Επανάσταση ενέπνευσε ολόκληρο τον κόσμο. Αξίζει οπωσδήποτε να αναφέρουμε ότι στην επιτυχία της Ελληνικής Επανάστασης συνέβαλαν και Αμερικανοί Φιλέλληνες.

Είναι πολύ συγκινητική η ιστορία ενός Αφροαμερικανού πρώην σκλάβου, του James Jakob Williams. Αφού πολέμησε ως Αμερικανός πεζοναύτης ενάντια στους πειρατές της Μπαρμπαριάς που παρενοχλούσαν από καιρό αμερικανικά πλοία, ο Williams πολέμησε αργότερα ως μέλος του στόλου του Ελληνικού Ναυτικού του Βρετανού Λόρδου Cochran, συμμετέχοντας σε μια ναυμαχία στη Ναύπακτο και σε άλλες περιοχές στο πλαίσιο του Ελληνικού Αγώνα για την Ανεξαρτησία. Σε μια κρίσιμη στιγμή των συγκρούσεων ηγήθηκε μιας ομάδας Ελλήνων αγωνιστών και ανέλαβε τον έλεγχο του ελληνικού πλοίου Σωτήρ, που ήταν ακυβέρνητο. Με την πράξη του αυτή έσωσε το πλοίο από αιχμαλωσία. Ο γενναίος αυτός Αφροαμερικανός Φιλέλληνας που αφιέρωσε την ζωή του στον αγώνα των Ελλήνων έζησε τα τελευταία χρόνια της ζωής του στην απελευθερωμένη Ελλάδα έως τον θάνατο του το 1829.

Τόσο πολύ ενέπνευσε η Ελλάδα μας ολόκληρο τον κόσμο, που αγωνίστηκαν με πάθος και αυτοθυσία για την ελευθερία της άνθρωποι σαν τον Williams. Τον Μάρτιο όμως γιορτάζουμε και την απελευθέρωση των Δωδεκανήσων. Και η Ιερά Μητρόπολη Νέας Ιερσέης τιμά ιδιαίτερα την κοινότητα μας του Αγίου Νικολάου ορίζοντας να φιλοξενήσουμε μεγάλη γιορτή με την ευλογητική παρουσία του Θεοφιλεστάτου Επισκόπου Μηδείας κυρίου Αποστόλου. Σας προσκαλούμε και σας περιμένουμε όλους να τιμήσουμε τους νησιώτες μας. Τους μάρτυρες προγόνους μας που χρειάστηκε να περιμένουν 126 χρόνια μετά την Επανάσταση του '21 για την ένωση με την μητέρα Ελλάδα αποτινάσσοντας τον ζυγό της Τουρκοκρατίας και της Ιταλοκρατίας. Χρέος ιερό μας καλεί να τιμήσουμε όλοι αυτή την επέτειο και να συμμετέχουμε στις εορταστικές εκδηλώσεις.

Ο Μάρτης όμως είναι πολύ σημαντικός μήνας και επειδή ξεκινά η Μεγάλη Σαρακοστή, η πορεία μας προς το Πάσχα. Από την Καθαρά Δευτέρα μέχρι την Μεγάλη Βδομάδα και την Ανάσταση Του Κυρίου μας. Και είναι εξαιρετική ευκαιρία η περίοδος αυτή, που είναι γεμάτη κατανύξη και ευλογία, να έρθουμε πιο κοντά στον Θεό, να επιστρέψουμε όλοι στην εκκλησία τώρα που απομακρύνεται και ο κίνδυνος της πανδημίας, γιατί τώρα έχουμε καταλάβει ότι την ελπίδα μας, την δύναμη και την παρηγορία θα την βρούμε κοντά στον Θεό Πατέρα μας.

Σας ευχόμαστε από καρδιάς μία Ευλογημένη Σαρακοστή!

Να είστε πάντα καλά.

Με ειλικρινή αγάπη και εκτίμηση

Με σεβασμό και αγάπη

Σταματία Ιερομονάχου  
Πρόεδρος του συμβουλίου  
Αγίου Νικολάου Βαλτιμόρης



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mouths during Lent. For example- we need to cut off the Anger, the Lusts, evil talking, gossip, lies and cursing. 5. We need to watch our boasting or showing off our pride. We need to be careful how we judge others if they fast or don't fast. 6. We need to control our behavior, our senses, emotions, and our hunger for many things. 7. During this Lenten Period we need to find the proper time to repent for our sins and the only way to accomplish that is to make an appointment with your priest to receive the Sacrament of Holy Confession. 8. I saved the best for last, and that is we need to better ourselves in our church attendance. The majority of all Christians lack in their attendance in Church.

There should be no more excuses for not attending church. We cannot continue to use the Corona Virus as an excuse for our parishioners no to come to church. I could understand in the beginning of the Corona Virus situation that people were abstaining from church but after 3 years and the Virus has come down tremendously we should be flocking to our churches in order to worship God and thank Him for keeping us alive through these terrible times. Remember that the only place that we have to receive the Lord in the Eucharist is in the Church. Worshipping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as a family should be an intricate part again of our spiritual life. The more you trust in God and Love Him, the more we can enjoy a beautiful relationship with Him. A good and clean relationship always brings out a positive reaction and a good friendship. Your attendance in Church as I said earlier during this Lenten journey should be a family experience, and we as parents should encourage our children to participate. We as parents are doing the greatest injustice by not bringing our children to attend church services. Yes we take them everywhere, to school, to their games, to the movies, but we forget to bring them to the most important place "The Church"

I conclude with the Vesper Hymn that summarizes our intent and reminds us of our goal in life. "Let us set our joy upon the season of the fast and prepare ourselves for spiritual combat. Let us purify our soul and cleanse our flesh, and as we fast from food, let us abstain also from every passion. rejoicing in the virtues of the spirit, may we persevere with love, and so be counted worthy to see the solemn Passion of Christ our God and with great spiritual gladness to behold His Holy Passover (Pascha).

*May you have a blessed Great Lenten Season and may our Lord truly open your eyes to your future life in Christ.*

Greetings,

I pray this communication finds you to be well and in the best of health.

Over a year ago, a wonderful "movie" depicting the life of Saint Nektarios called Man of God was released at the Los Angeles Film Festival. A number of our parishioners were able to view the movie which was shown only online, at 10 PM EST. It was absolutely wonderful and gave a tremendous amount of insight into this saints life.

The movie will be released for one day only in a number of theaters across the United States on March 21, one day only. You will need to pre-purchase tickets for this through the website of the theaters.

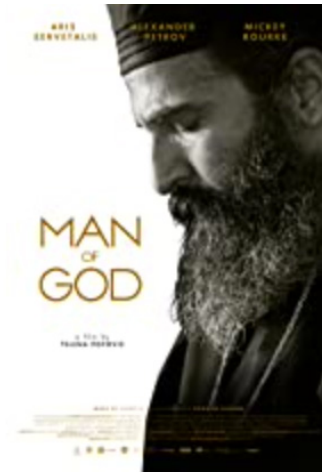
Here is the link - <https://www.imdb.com/showtimes/title/tt6060964/US/21210/2022-03-21?ref=shci tt>

Most of the theaters are small, and it is not something to wait until the last minute. As of now, this movie is only available in this platform, it has not been released on any of the movie channels. It is a wonderful way to spend the evening with your fellow Orthodox Christians throughout the region, especially during the Lenten Season.

Again, I remind you, don't wait until the last minute, or just show up at the theater. We have no control over any of this and are merely sharing the information with you.

God bless,

**Father Dean**



## Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

*(Continued from pg. 2)*

1) Η Σαρακοστή αρχίζει τη Δευτέρα (Καθαρά Δευτέρα) στις 4 Μαρτίου. 2) Αρχίζουμε παρακολουθώντας προσεκτικά τι τρώμε κατά την περίοδο της Σαρακοστής. 3) Πρέπει να απέχουμε από το κρέας και τα γαλακτοκομικά προϊόντα. Κατά τη διάρκεια αυτής της περιόδου της Σαρακοστής υπάρχουν μόνο δύο ευκαιρίες που μπορούμε να φάμε ψάρι. Κατά την εορτή του Ευαγγελισμού της Θεοτόκου (25 Μαρτίου) και την Κυριακή των Βαΐων (17 Απριλίου). 4) Πρέπει να καταλάβουμε ότι μόνο η νηστεία από τα φαγητά δεν ολοκληρώνει τη Νηστεία. Θα πρέπει να προσέχουμε και τι βγαίνει από το στόμα μας τη Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή. Για παράδειγμα, πρέπει να κόψουμε τον θυμό, τους πόθους, τις κακές κουβέντες, τα κουτσομπολιά, τα ψέματα και τις κατάρες. 5) Πρέπει να προσέχουμε το καύχημα ή την επίδειξη της περηφάνιας μας. Πρέπει να προσέχουμε πώς κρίνουμε τους άλλους αν νηστεύουν ή δεν νηστεύουν. 6) Πρέπει να ελέγχουμε τη συμπεριφορά μας, τις αισθήσεις μας, τα συναισθήματά μας και την πείνα μας για πολλά πράγματα. 7) Κατά τη διάρκεια αυτής της περιόδου της Σαρακοστής, πρέπει να βρούμε την κατάλληλη στιγμή να μετανοήσουμε για τις αμαρτίες μας. Ο μόνος τρόπος για να το πετύχετε είναι να επικοινωνήσετε με τον ιερέα σας και να λάβετε το Μυστήριο της Ιεράς Εξομολόγησης. 8) Κράτησα το καλύτερο για το τέλος, και αυτό είναι ότι πρέπει να αυξήσουμε την προσέλευση στην εκκλησία μας. Η πλειονότητα όλων των Χριστιανών στερείται εκκλησιασμού. Δεν θα πρέπει να υπάρχουν άλλες δικαιολογίες γι' αυτό. Δεν μπορούμε να συνεχίσουμε να χρησιμοποιούμε τον κορωνοϊό ως δικαιολογία για τους ενορίτες μας που δεν παρευρίσκονται στην εκκλησία. Μπορούσα να καταλάβω στην αρχή της κατάστασης του κορωνοϊού ότι οι άνθρωποι απείχαν από την εκκλησία. Αλλά μετά από 3 χρόνια, ο αριθμός των ιών έχει μειωθεί τρομερά. Θα πρέπει να ερχόμαστε στις εκκλησίες μας για να λατρεύουμε τον Θεό και να Τον ευχαριστούμε που μας κράτησε ζωντανούς σε αυτούς τους τρομερούς καιρούς.

Να θυμάστε ότι το μόνο μέρος που έχουμε για να δεχθούμε τον Κύριο στην Ευχαριστία είναι η Εκκλησία. Η λατρεία του Κυρίου και Σωτήρα μας Ιησού Χριστού, ως οικογένεια, θα πρέπει να αποκατασταθεί ως βασικό μέρος της πνευματικής μας ζωής. Όσο περισσότερο εμπιστευόμαστε το Θεό και Τον αγαπάμε, τόσο περισσότερο μπορούμε να απολαύσουμε μια όμορφη σχέση μαζί Του. Μια καλή και καθαρή σχέση φέρνει πάντα θετική ανταπόκριση και καλή φιλία. Η παρουσία σας στην Εκκλησία κατά τη διάρκεια αυτού του ταξιδιού της Μ. Σαρακοστής, θα πρέπει να είναι μια οικογενειακή εμπειρία, και εμείς ως γονείς θα πρέπει να ενθαρρύνουμε τα παιδιά μας να συμμετέχουν. Εμείς ως γονείς κάνουμε τη μεγαλύτερη αδικία που δεν φέρνουμε τα παιδιά μας να εκκλησιαστούν και να συμμετέχουν στις λειτουργίες. Ναι, τους πηγαίνουμε παντού, στο σχολείο, στους αγώνες τους, στον κινηματογράφο, αλλά ξεχνάμε να τους φέρουμε στο πιο σημαντικό μέρος, στην Εκκλησία.

Ολοκληρώνω με τον Εσπερινό Ύμνο που συνοψίζει την πρόθεσή μας, και μας υπενθυμίζει τον στόχο μας στη ζωή: «Ας βάλουμε τη χαρά στην εποχή της νηστείας και ας προετοιμαστούμε για πνευματική μάχη. Ας εξαγνίσουμε την ψυχή μας και ας καθαρίσουμε τη σάρκα μας, και καθώς νηστεύουμε από την τροφή, ας απέχουμε και από κάθε πάθος. Απολαμβάνοντας τις αρετές του πνεύματος, ας υπομείνουμε με αγάπη, και έτσι αξιωθούμε να δούμε τα πανηγυρικά Πάθη του Χριστού και Θεού μας και με μεγάλη πνευματική αγαλλίαση να δούμε το Άγιο Πάσχα Του».

**Εύχομαι να έχετε μια ευλογημένη Μεγάλη Σαρακοστή και ο Κύριός μας να ανοίξει πραγματικά τα μάτια σας στη μελλοντική εν Χριστώ ζωή σας.**

## Sunday of Orthodoxy

*Courtesy of goarch.org*



### Reading

For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous

men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.

### [Apolytikion of Sun. of Orthodoxy](#)

Second Tone

O Christ our God, begging forgiveness of our sins, we venerate Your Pure Image, O Good One. Of your own will you condescended to ascend upon the Cross in the flesh and deliver those You created from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, thankfully, we cry out, "When You came to save the world, Your filled all things with joy, O Our Savior."

### [Kontakion of Sun. of Orthodoxy](#)

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

The indescribable word of God became defined when He became incarnate of You O Theotokos. He restored our soiled image to what it was of old by joining it to His divine beauty. We confess salvation, and recount it in word and deed.

## Annunciation of the Theotokos

*Courtesy of goarch.org*



### Reading

Six months after John the Forerunner's conception, the Archangel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth, a town of Galilee, unto Mary the Virgin, who had come forth from the Temple

a mature maiden (see Nov. 21). According to the tradition handed down by the Fathers, she had been betrothed to Joseph four months. On coming to Joseph's house, the Archangel declared: "Rejoice, thou Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." After some consideration, and turmoil of soul, and fear because of this greeting, the Virgin, when she had finally obtained full assurance concerning God's unsearchable condescension and the ineffable dispensation that was to take place through her, and believing that all things are possible to the Most High, answered in humility: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." And at this, the Holy Spirit came upon her, and the power of the Most High overshadowed her all-blameless womb, and the Son and Word of God, Who existed before the ages, was conceived past speech and understanding, and became flesh in her immaculate body (Luke 1:26-38).

Bearing in her womb the Uncontainable One, the blessed Virgin went with haste from Nazareth to the hill country of Judea, where Zacharias had his dwelling;

for she desired to find Elizabeth her kinswoman and rejoice together with her, because, as she had learned from the Archangel, Elizabeth had conceived in her old age. Furthermore, she wished to tell her of the great things that the Mighty One had been well-pleased to bring to pass in her, and she greeted Elizabeth and drew nigh to her. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, she felt her six-month-old babe, Saint John the Baptist, prophesied of the dawning of the spiritual Sun. Immediately, the aged Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and recognized her as the Mother of her Lord, and with a great voice blessed her and the Fruit that she held within herself. The Virgin also, moved by a supernatural rejoicing in the spirit, glorified her God and Savior, saying: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour," and the rest, as the divine Luke hath recorded (1:39-55)

### *Apolytikion of Annunciation of the Theotokos*

Fourth Tone

Today marks the crowning of our salvation and the revelation of the mystery before all ages. For the Son of God becomes the son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaims the grace. Wherefore, we also cry out with him, "Hail, O full of grace, the Lord is with you."

### *Kontakion of Annunciation of the Theotokos*

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to you: "Hail, unwedded bride!"





**GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA**  
**ARCHIEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL**

Prot. No. 19/2022

**Archiepiscopal Encyclical on the Feast of  
Saint Photios, Patriarch of Constantinople**

February 6, 2022

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America.

*“Their sound has gone forth unto all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.”  
(Psalm 18:4, LXX)*

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year — the Centennial year of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America — we pause to remember those who came before us, and honor the legacy of the pioneers of our Church in America. It seems only fitting, that on this Feast of the great and holy Patriarch Photios, we make special mention of the brave and stalwart πρωτοπόροι, whose voices brought the Faith of the Orthodox Christian Church to these shores. Thus, under the ever-memorable Archbishop Iakovos, our first National Shrine was established in St. Augustine, Florida, named for the great Patriarch — whose missionary endeavors are legendary — as a place of memory of those courageous souls.

The legacy of these early immigrants, who were the first waves of the Diaspora from Greece, Asia Minor and Cyprus, is visible in every community across our Sacred Archdiocese. Many parishes have established local archives and other methods of historical preservation, to cherish the stories and adventures of these often-unintentional



missionaries. With their hopes and dreams for a new start and a better life in America, they also brought their deeply held religious values and beliefs. Wherever they settled — from the mountains of Wyoming to the shores Oregon, from the Great Lakes to the greatest of cities — they founded churches and community centers, where faith, language, and culture would be cherished and taught.

Our Saint Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine is a visible symbol of the aspirations and the legacy of our forebears. And they are the spiritual ancestors to all of us — Greek and non-Greek alike — because they were the vessels in whom the seeds of our Archdiocese traversed land and sea to plant the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions in the new world.

And so, in this One Hundredth Anniversary year of our Church in America — an Eparchy of the same Mother Church of Constantinople that the Holy Patriarch Photios led over one thousand years ago — let us honor the legacy of our foremothers and forefathers. Let us honor them in every parish across this great land, and by sustaining the mission of our institution which honors their memory, the Saint Photios National Shrine, where the sound of their voices echoes unto eternity.

With paternal love in the Lord Jesus Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS  
Archbishop of America



## ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ

### ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ

Αριθ. Πρωτ. 19/2022

#### Αρχιεπισκοπική εγκύκλιος για την έορτή του Μεγάλου Φωτίου, Πατριάρχου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως.

6 Φεβρουαρίου 2022

Πρὸς τοὺς Σεβασμιωτάτους καὶ Θεοφιλεστάτους Ἀρχιερεῖς, τοὺς Εὐλαβεστάτους Ἱερεῖς καὶ Διακόνους, τοὺς Μοναχοὺς καὶ τὶς Μοναχές, τοὺς Προέδρους καὶ τὰ Μέλη τῶν Κοινοτικῶν Συμβουλίων, τοὺς Ἐντιμολογιωτάτους Ἄρχοντες τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, τὰ μέλη τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100, τὰ Ἡμερήσια καὶ Ἀπογευματινὰ Σχολεῖα, τὶς Φιλοπτώχους Ἀδελφότητες, τὴ Νεολαία, τὶς Ἑλληνορθόδοξες Ὄργανώσεις καὶ ὁλόκληρο τὸ Χριστεπώνυμο πλήρωμα τῆς Ἱερᾶς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

*«Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος αὐτῶν καὶ εἰς τὰ πέρατα τῆς οἰκουμένης τὰ ῥήματα αὐτῶν.»  
(Ψαλμὸς 18:5)*

Προσφιλεῖς ἀδελφοὶ καὶ ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

Τὸ τρέχον ἔτος, κατὰ τὸ ὁποῖο γιορτάζουμε τὴν ἑκατονταετηρίδα τῆς Ἱερᾶς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς μας, εἶναι μιὰ εὐκαιρία νὰ τιμήσουμε ὄλους ἐκείνους τοὺς πρωτεργάτες καὶ ἰδρυτὲς τῆς ἐκκλησίας μας στὴν Ἀμερική. Καὶ μάλιστα εἶναι πρέπον καὶ ἄξιον κατὰ τὴ σημερινὴ ἡμέρα, ἀφιερωμένη στὴ μνήμη τοῦ Μεγάλου Φωτίου Πατριάρχου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως, νὰ κάνουμε εἰδικὴ ἀναφορὰ σὲ αὐτοὺς τοὺς γενναίους πρωτοπόρους ποὺ μεταλαμπάδευσαν τὴν πίστη τῆς Ὁρθόδοξης Ἐκκλησίας μας σὲ αὐτὴ τὴ χώρα. Ὁ ἀείμνηστος Ἀρχιεπίσκοπος Ἰάκωβος ἀφιέρωσε τὸ πρῶτο ἐθνικὸ προσκύνημα στὴν πόλη τοῦ Ἁγίου Αὐγουστίνου στὴ Φλώριδα, πρὸς τιμὴ τοῦ μεγάλου αὐτοῦ Πατριάρχου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως καὶ ἱεραποστόλου, εἰς μνημόσυνον αἰώνιον τῶν γενναίων αὐτῶν ψυχῶν.



Ἡ κληρονομιά τῶν πρώτων μεταναστῶν ἀπὸ τὴν Ἑλλάδα, τὴ Μικρὰ Ἀσία καὶ τὴν Κύπρο εἶναι ὄρατὴ σὲ κάθε κοινότητα τῆς Ἱερᾶς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς μας. Πολλὲς κοινότητες ἀνέπτυξαν πρωτοβουλίες προβολῆς καὶ συντήρησης τοῦ ἀρχιερατικοῦ τους ὑλικοῦ, ὥστε νὰ ἀναδειχθοῦν προσωπικὲς ἱστορίες πολλῶν ἀπὸ αὐτοὺς, κάποιες φορὲς ἀκουσίως ἱεραποστόλων. Μαζὶ μὲ τὴν ἐλπίδα καὶ τὰ ὄνειρα γιὰ μιὰ καλύτερη ζωὴ στὴν Ἀμερική, μετέφεραν μαζὶ τους τὴ βαθιὰ χριστιανικὴ πίστη καὶ τὶς ἀξίες τους. Ὅπουδῆποτε ἐγκαταστάθηκαν στὴν Ἀμερική, ἀπὸ τὰ βουνὰ τοῦ Wyoming στὶς ἀκτὲς τοῦ Oregon, καὶ ἀπὸ τὶς Μεγάλες Λίμνες μέχρι τὶς πόλεις καὶ τὰ χωριά, ἴδρυσαν ἐκκλησίες, ἑλληνικὰ σχολεῖα καὶ κοινοτικὰ κέντρα, ὅπου διδασκόταν καὶ ἀναπτυσσόταν ἡ πίστη, ἡ γλῶσσα καὶ ὁ πολιτισμὸς μας.

Τὸ προσκύνημα τοῦ Ἁγίου Φωτίου στὴ Φλώριδα ἀποτελεῖ ἓνα ὄρατὸ σύμβολο τῆς ἐμπνευσης καὶ τῆς πλούσιας κληρονομιάς τῶν προγόνων μας, τῶν πνευματικῶν πατέρων καὶ μητέρων γιὰ ὅλους ἡμᾶς, ἑλλήνων ἢ μὴ, καθὼς ἐκεῖνοι ἔγιναν τὰ δοχεῖα μέσῳ τῶν ὁποίων οἱ σπόροι τῆς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς μας μεταφέρθηκαν παντοῦ στὸ Νέο Κόσμο γιὰ νὰ βλαστήσει τὸ δέντρο τῆς Ὁρθόδοξης πίστεως μας καὶ τῶν παραδόσεών μας.

Ἔτσι λοιπὸν μὲ τὶς ἐπετειακὲς ἐκδηλώσεις τῶν ἑκατὸ ἐτῶν ἀπὸ τὴν ἴδρυση τῆς Ἱερᾶς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς — μιὰ ἐπαρχία τῆς Μητέρας Ἐκκλησίας τῆς Κωνσταντινουπόλεως, τῆς ὁποίας πατριάρχης διετέλεσε ὁ Μέγας Φῶτιος πρὶν ἀπὸ χίλια χρόνια — ἂς τιμήσουμε τὴ μνήμη καὶ τὴν κληρονομιά τῶν προπατόρων μας. Ἄς τοὺς τιμήσουμε σὲ κάθε κοινότητα σὲ αὐτὴ τὴ μεγάλη χώρα ἐνισχύοντας τὴ λειτουργία καὶ τὴν ἀποστολὴ τοῦ Ἐθνικοῦ Προσκυνήματος τοῦ Ἁγίου Φωτίου, ὅπου ἡ μνήμη τῶν πατέρων καὶ τῶν μητέρων μας εἶναι ζωντανὴ καὶ ὁ ἦχος ἀπὸ τὶς φωνές τους ἀντανακλᾶται στὴν αἰωνιότητα.

Μετὰ τῆς πατρικῆς ἐν Κυρίῳ Ἰησοῦ Χριστῷ ἀγάπης,

† ὁ Ἀμερικῆς Ἐλπιδοφόρος

## TEACHING OUR CHILDREN ABOUT MEMORIAL PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Our Orthodox Christian faith takes death frankly and openly into account. Our Church calendar provides many occasions when we are asked to face up to the fact of death. Pascha is one occasion. Sunday is another. Every Sunday is a “little Pascha” on our Church calendar celebrating Christ’s victory over death. On our Church calendar every year there are special Memorial Saturdays or “Saturday of the Souls” which provide another opportunity for us to face up to death. One of these Saturdays the Divine Liturgy is celebrated and special prayers are offered for the deceased loved ones.

We pray for the dead especially on Saturday’s since it was on the Sabbath day that Christ lay dead in the tomb “resting from all His works” and “trampling down death by death”. Thus in the New Testament, Saturday became the proper day for remembering the dead and offering prayers for them.

From reading the above, one might ask this question? WHY DO WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED? Christianity is a religion of love. Praying for the dead is an expression of love. We ask God to remember our departed loved ones because we love them. Love relationships survive death and even transcend it. There is an inner need for a relationship with a loved one to continue to be expressed even after a loved one has died. Often even more so after a loved one has died since physical communication is no longer possible. The Church encourages us to express our love for our departed brethren through the memorial services and prayers.

The anniversary of the death of a loved one is very painful. The Church helps us cope with this pain by encouraging us to have memorial prayers offered in church for our departed loved ones on the anniversaries of their deaths. On the 40th day of one’s death, the church again gives us the opportunity to do something for our loved one. It helps express and resolve our grief.

Death may take our loved ones out of sight but it certainly does not take them out of mind, or out of heart. We continue to love them and think of them as we believe they continue to love and think of us. How can a mother forget a child who has passed over the life beyond? The same Christian love which led her to pray for that child when he/she lived will guide her to pray for them now. For in Christ all are alive.

It is also customary among Orthodox Christians to bring a tray of boiled wheat kernels to church for the memorial service. The wheat kernels express belief in everlasting life. Jesus said; ‘Unless a grain of wheat falls in the earth and dies, it remains alone, but if it dies it bears much fruit.’ John 12 :24. Just as new life rises from the buried kernel of wheat, so we believe that the one buried will rise one day to a new life with God. The wheat kernels are covered with sugar, and raisins to express the bliss of eternal life with God in heaven.



*The Holy Icon of the Resurrection symbolizes His radical descent into Hades to save all who have died. The Golden bars by His feet are the gates of Hades. The keys floating in the Abyss below symbolizes that he has entered and conquered both death and Hades. You may also note the skeletal figure who is chained up; that is Death! He has been bound and killed by Christ. Let’s remember the Resurrection Hymn that we chant during the Resurrection service-“Christ has trampled down death by death.” Looking in the Icon we also see Christ holding hands with Adam and Eve- He is pulling them up from the Abyss symbolizing that His victory redeems all mankind-even back to the beginning of creation. To His left we see three Old Testament Saints, King David, and Solomon, two of His ancestors according to his fleshly nature. We also see John the Baptist who was His forerunner in both life and death. On the right side we have the New Testament, including the Apostles who are alive. The purpose is to show that Christ’s redemption transcends time and space. The blue shaped oval that surrounds Christ is called the Mandorla, it is the uncreated eternal light of Christ. This is not just simply a pretty bright light- it is the same light which filled the Apostles when they witnessed His Transfiguration on the Mountain of Tabor.*

# SATURDAY OF SOULS

*With the Saturdays of the Souls, our Church provides us with the opportunity to remember all our beloved ones and express our gratitude to them for their love for us. With our memorial prayers, we send to them a spiritual message that we love them, remember them and we pray for their eternal salvation.*

*If you missed the First Saturday of Souls, you have the opportunity to memorialize your departed loved ones on the next two Saturday of Souls – on **March 5<sup>th</sup>** and **March 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please bring your bowl of Koliva and your list of first names only to church as early as possible. The Memorial Service will be conducted, by Father Michael, at the end of the Divine Liturgy.*



**THE ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX  
SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US ON**

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY  
AND  
GODPARENT/GODCHILD  
SUNDAY**

**When: SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022**

**Where: St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church  
520 S. Ponca St., Baltimore, MD**

**Time: Orthros-8:45; Divine Liturgy-10:00 am**

**Come celebrate this special day by attending church  
with your Godparent/s and/or your Godchildren and  
prepare yourselves to receive  
Holy Communion together.**



**Don't forget to bring an Icon from home so you  
can participate in the Processions of Icons.**

**Please make this day a time to strengthen  
your spiritual relationship with each other and your family!**

## EVENTS



### Luncheon Reception Honoring

## *Archimandrite Constantine Moralis*

On his 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood  
and 25 Years of Service to the  
Annunciation Cathedral

Sunday, June 5, 2022

3:00 pm

Martin's Valley Mansion

594 Cranbrook Road  
Cockeysville, MD 21030

**PANTA AXIOS - ΠΑΝΤΑ ΑΕΙΟΣ**

Luncheon Tickets are:

\$30/Ages over 12 ~ \$15/ages 6 to 12 ~ Free/5 and under

To RSVP, fill out the Ticket RSVP form located:

<https://forms.gle/9SqKz6nLpdunVJxc6>

or scan the Ticket QR code and follow the instructions.



Payment options will appear once your RSVP is submitted.  
Checks and Credit Cards are accepted.

**RSVP By May 14, 2022. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.**

Tables consist of 10 seats. Tickets will be mailed out before the event.



For anyone interested in participating in Father Dean's communal gifts, fill out the Gift Form located:

<https://forms.gle/tgumCbk7RwcMp5YE9>

or scan the Gift QR Code and follow the instructions.

Your Name(s) will be acknowledged at the luncheon with the gifts.

If you have any questions or for more details, contact Rhoula Monios/443-625-9898 or  
Nikki Monios/443-930-0404 or at [frdeans25th@gmail.com](mailto:frdeans25th@gmail.com)



## MEMORIALS

*In memory of Sofia Vourvoulas*

Michael & Katina Klosteridis  
Mrs. Helen Pikounis  
Mr. Chris Angelopoulos  
Mrs. Despina Glykiadis  
Mrs. Parthena Amarantidis

Mr. Chris Angelopoulos

Mrs. Anastasia Vasilakopoulos  
Larry & Cindy Cornias

*In memory of Michael Stavrou*

Mrs. Anastasia Vasilakopoulos

*In memory of Nickolas Antonas*

Mr. Chris Angelopoulos

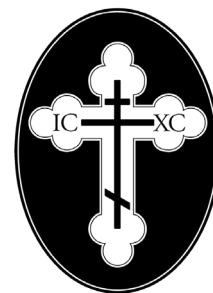
*In memory of Michael Verenakis*

Mrs. Helen Pikounis  
Marino & Constantina Loizou  
Mrs. Melli Hazarides  
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilis Skordalos

*In memory of*

*Paraskevi Vasilakopoulos*

George & Maria Georgas  
Mr. Chris Angelopoulos  
Mrs. Anthi Koukoulas



## ST NICHOLAS DIAMONDS / «ΔΙΑΜΑΝΤΙΑ» ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ

The Annual Luncheon  
of the

### SAINT NICHOLAS DIAMONDS

will be held on  
Saturday, April 30, 2022  
at our Plateia at 1:00 pm

Tickets will be available at the door or  
prior to the event you may contact the  
Chairperson Mrs. Roza Cornias  
at 410-870-3644.

We are looking forward to enjoying a  
pleasant afternoon with you.



### Τα Διαμάντια του Αγίου Νικολάου

σας καλούν στο Ετήσιο  
Μεσημεριανό Γεύμα  
ΤΟΥΣ ΤΟ

Σάββατο, 30 Απριλίου,  
στις 1:00 μ.μ. στη Πλατεία μας

Μπορείτε να τηλεφωνήσετε στην υπεύθυνη  
της εκδήλωσης, κ. Ρόζα Κόρνια –  
410-870-3644 για να κλείσετε το τραπέζι  
σας ή θέσεις. Θα υπάρχουν  
εισητήρια στην πόρτα.  
Θα χαρούμε να σας δούμε και να  
γιορτάσουμε ένα ευχάριστο απόγευμα μαζί.

On Sunday, February 6th at 510 Johnny's in Belair we held a Philoptochos Brunch. Thank you to the owners and everyone who attended. Proceeds from that event provided twelve blankets for the "Helping Up Mission" for men and women. Working together with the chapters of The New Jersey Metropolis we were asked to participate in operation classroom. Our Chapter purchased coats for 16 children in the neighboring John Ruhrah Elementary School which we labeled as "Warming Little Hearts Project." So, as you can see all proceeds collected from our events help those in need.

**Our Annual Apokreatiki Dance** will be held on Friday, March 4, 2022 at Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Avenue. Featuring Apollonia. Ticket price will include dinner and premium open bar! Donation \$65.00 for adults / 18 years old and under \$40.00 For tickets please call Nora Kefalas 410-979-6656 or Irene Vasilios 410-687-3978.

**March 7th, Monday Kathari Devtera** since we are still taking precautions, we will not be holding our Pot Luck reception but instead will distribute complimentary Lenten gift bags.

**March 13th Sunday of Orthodoxy** is our Memorial Service for our past members. May their memory be eternal! Thank you to Mrs. Rose Tsakalos for her donation of the Koliva.

This year we have an anonymous donation of Tsourekia from Agia Skepi for our Annual Tsourekia Bake Sale. Donation is \$15.00. Thank you to the donor and May God bless them with many years of Health! If you would like to place an order, please contact Irene Vasilios 410-687-3978 / Stella Koukides 410-574-4875 or any board member.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, May 7th, Mother's Day Derby Lunch at Mountain Branch Country Club. Donation \$40.00. For tickets or information please contact Patty Micklos 443-310-7277 / Christine Zervos 410-627-0202 or any Philoptochos board member.

## **DONATIONS:**

**In memory of Stamatia Tskatoura:** Anonymous

**In memory of Paraskevi Vasilakopoulos:** The Sfirou and Palas Families

**In Memory of Linda Skandalis:** Mr. George Skandalis

On behalf of our Philoptochos Board we would like to wish everyone a Blessed Lent. Let us use this time to return to church for prayer, fasting and to reflect on the past and look to the future with hope!

Philippians 4: 6-7 - *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Την Κυριακή, 6 Φεβρουαρίου, είχαμε το Brunch της Φιλοπτώχου στο 510 Johnny's in Belair. Ευχαριστούμε τους ιδιοκτήτες και όλους όσους παρευρέθηκαν. Τα έσοδα από την εκδήλωση αυτή θα διατεθούν για την αγορά δώδεκα κουβερτών για το αντρικό και γυναικείο ίδρυμα "Helping Up Mission". Δουλεύοντας μαζί με τα Τμήματα της Μητροπόλεως της Νέας Ιερσέης, μας ζητήθηκε να συμμετέχουμε στις τάξεις διδασκαλίας των σχολείων. Το Τμήμα μας αγόρασε παλτά για 16 παιδιά για το γειτονικό Δημοτικό Σχολείο John Ruhrah, το οποίο χαρακτηρίσαμε ως «Πρόγραμμα ζεστασιάς μικρών καρδιών». Έτσι, όπως βλέπετε, όλα τα έσοδα που συγκεντρώνονται από τις εκδηλώσεις μας βοηθούν αυτούς που έχουν ανάγκη.

## PHILOPTOCHOS



**ΤΟ ΕΤΗΣΙΟ ΑΠΟΚΡΙΑΤΙΚΟ ΓΛΕΝΤΙ ΜΑΣ** θα λάβει χώρα την Παρασκευή, 4 Μαρτίου, 2022, στο Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Avenue. Θα παίξει η Ορχήστρα ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΙΑ. Για να κλείσετε το τραπέζι σας ή θέσεις παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με την κ. Νόρα Κεφάλια 410-979-6656 ή την κ. Ειρήνη Βασιλείου 410-687-3978.

**7 Μαρτίου – ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ – ΚΑΘΑΡΑ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ.** Επειδή ακόμη παίρνουμε τις προφυλάξεις μας, δεν θα έχουμε το παραδοσιακό νηστήσιμο δείπνο, αλλά θα προσφέρουμε, δωρεάν, ένα σακουλάκι με νηστήσιμα εδέσματα μετά το Απόδειπνο.

**13 Μαρτίου – ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΙΑΣ**—Θα έχουμε το ετήσιο μνημόσυνο υπέρ αναπαύσεως των ψυχών των εκλιπόντων μελών μας. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΟΥΣ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ. Ευχαριστούμε την κ. Ρόζα Τσακάλου για τη δωρεά του δίσκου με τα κόλλυβα.

Εφέτος, έχουμε έναν ανώνυμο δωρητή των Πασχαλινών Τσουρεκιών, από την Αγία Σκέπη. Θα τα πουλάμε \$ 15.00 το ένα. Ευχαριστούμε το δωρητή και του ευχόμαστε έτη πολλά με υγεία. Αν επιθυμείτε να δώσετε την παραγγελία σας παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με την Ειρήνη Βασιλείου 410-687-3978 ή την Στέλλα Κουκίδη 410-574-4875 ή οποιοδήποτε μέλος του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Φιλοπτώχου.

Σημειώστε την ημερομηνία στο ημερολόγιό σας. Σάββατο, 7 Μαΐου, ΗΜΕΡΑ ΤΗΣ ΜΗΤΕΡΑΣ στο Mountain Branch Country Club. Δωρεά \$ 40.00. Για να κλείσετε θέσεις ή για περισσότερες πληροφορίες παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με την κ. Παναγιώτα Μικλού 443-310-7277 ή την κ. Χριστίνα Ζερβού 410-627-0202 ή οποιοδήποτε μέλος του Συμβουλίου της Φιλοπτώχου.

## **ΔΩΡΕΕΣ:**

**Εις μνήμη της Σταματίας Τσακτούρα:** Ανώνυμος

**Εις μνήμη της Παρασκευής Βασιλακοπούλου:**

Οι Οικογένειες Σφυρίου και Πάλα.

**Εις μνήμη της Λίντας Σκαντάλη:** κ. Γεώργιος Σκαντάλης

Εκ μέρους του Συμβουλίου της Φιλοπτώχου θα θέλαμε να σας ευχηθούμε Καλή Τεσσαρακοστή. Ας εκμεταλλευτούμε αυτόν τον χρόνο για να επιστρέψουμε στην εκκλησία για προσευχή, νηστεία και για να αναλογιστούμε το παρελθόν και να κοιτάξουμε το μέλλον με ελπίδα!

Προς Φιλιππίσιους : *Για τίποτε να μη σας πιάνει άγχος, αλλά σε κάθε περίπτωση τα αιτήματά σας να τα απευθύνετε στο Θεό με προσευχή και δέηση. Και η ειρήνη του Θεού, που υπερβαίνει κάθε σκέψη, θα προστατέψει τις καρδιές σας και τις σκέψεις σας εν Χριστώ Ιησού.*



## NOW HIRING TEACHERS AND AIDES!

### ST. NICHOLAS BILINGUAL EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

BEEC Friends & Family!!!

Hello BEEC Friends, Families, Spring is near! Our students are looking forward to exploring April Showers and May Flowers We have so many fun activities to look forward to, outdoor activities butterfly gardens and painting art, BEEC staff and Families are participating in the "Greek Independence Day Parade"! Lastly, BEEC is hiring, we are looking for Greek teachers and aides, if you are interested, please call 410-633-5020.

Sharon Small | Center Director

Οικογένεια BEEC !!!!

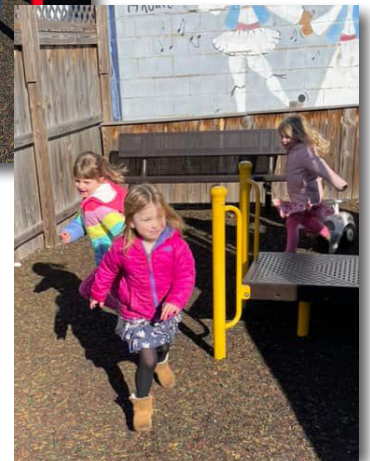
Γεια σας BEEC Φίλοι, Οικογένειες, Άνοιξη είναι κοντά! Οι μαθητές μας ανυπομονούν να εξερευνήσουν τα Ντους απριλίου και τα Λουλούδια Μαΐου Έχουμε τόσες πολλές διασκεδαστικές δραστηριότητες να περιμένουμε, outdoor δραστηριότητες πεταλούδες κήπους και ζωγραφική τέχνη, beec προσωπικό και οικογένειες συμμετέχουν στην "Ελληνική Ημέρα Ανεξαρτησίας Παρέλαση"! Τέλος, η BEEC προσλαμβάνει, αναζητούμε Έλληνες δασκάλους και βοηθούς, αν ενδιαφέρεστε, καλέστε στο 410-633-5020.

Sharon Small | Διευθύντρια



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 TEACHERS AND AIDES 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.**

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, παρακαλείσθε να επικοινωνήσετε με το Σταθμό μας στο τηλέφωνο 410-633-5020, γραμμή 4 ή στείλτε μας μήνυμα στο Facebook.



# DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

## FLOWER DONATIONS

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2022- (EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 24th, 2022)

### FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR TABLE – VASES

MARCH 13	1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
MARCH 20	2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 27	3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT- THE VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – Daffodils
APRIL 3	4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 10	5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 17	PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 21	HOLY THURSDAY
APRIL 23	HOLY SATURDAY – (spring flowers)

### SALUTATIONS FLOWERS FOR THEOTOKOS

MARCH 11	1 <sup>ST</sup> SALUTATIONS ICON -- PROSKINITARI & WALL ICON
MARCH 18	2 <sup>ND</sup> SALUTATIONS ICON -- PROSKINITARI & WALL ICON
MARCH 25	3 <sup>RD</sup> SALUTATIONS ICON-- PROSKINITARI & WALL ICON
APRIL 1	4 <sup>TH</sup> SALUTATIONS HYMN ICON -- PROSKINITARI & WALL ICON
APRIL 8	SALUTATIONS & AKATHISTOS HYMN -- PROSKINITARI & WALL ICON
APRIL 17	PALM SUNDAY PALMS
APRIL 17	PALM SUNDAY MORNING FLOWER DECORATIONS (various greens and yellow flowers)
APRIL 17	PALM SUNDAY ICON ((MORNING) –PROSKINITARI (yellow flowers)
APRIL 17	NYMPHIOS ICON (EVENING) – (purple flowers)
APRIL 21	HOLY THURSDAY – WREATH FOR THE CROWN – (burgundy roses)
APRIL 21	HOLY THURSDAY – WREATH FOR BASE OF THE CROSS (burgundy roses)
APRIL 21	HOLY THURSDAY - PROSKINITARI – (burgundy roses)
APRIL 23	HOLY SATURDAY -- RESURRECTION ICON -- WHITE ROSES

### INCENSE FOR LENT AND FOR HOLY WEEK

HOLY WEDNESDAY UNCTION SUPPLIES  
GOOD FRIDAY – Sheet -- Rose petals  
HOLY SATURDAY LAUREL & BAY LEAVES  
DECORATION OF THE ICONOSTASION

### CANDLES DONATIONS

11" YELLOW  
11" WHITE  
YELLOW LAMBADES FOR GOOD FRIDAY WITH WHITE CUPS  
WHITE LAMBADES FOR HOLY SATURDAY WITH RED CUPS  
5 DAY VOTIVE LIGHTS -- 50 CASES RED  
5 DAY VOTIVE LIGHTS -- 50 CASES PURPLE  
5 DAY VOTINE LIGHTS – 50 CASES WHITE

*In order to select  
your donation(s), it is  
mandatory to contact  
the church office  
(410) 633-5020  
Thank you.*

# DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

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## GOOD FRIDAY—LAMENTATIONS SERVICE PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Την Μεγάλη Παρασκευή, κατά την διάρκεια της Ακολουθίας του Επιταφίου Θρήνου, και το Μεγάλο Σάββατο το πρωί, προσευχόμαστε στο Θεό για τις ψυχές των απελθόντων προσφιλών συγγενών και φίλων. Όσοι επιθυμούν να μνημονεύσουν τα αγαπημένα τους πρόσωπα τις ημέρες αυτές, παρακαλούνται να συμπληρώσουν το κάτωθι έντυπο και να το φέρουν στην Εκκλησία πριν την Μεγάλη Παρασκευή.

During the Lamentations Service of Good Friday evening, and on Holy Saturday morning, we offer prayers to God for the souls of our departed beloved family members and friends. For those who wish to have their departed brethren remembered on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, you are asked to complete the below form and submit the names before Good Friday.

_____	_____
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## EASTER LILIES FOR THE CHURCH ΔΩΡΕΕΣ ΑΝΘΕΩΝ (ΚΡΙΝΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ)



Please donate Easter Lilies to decorate our church for Easter. The cost is \$25.00. Fill out this form and send or bring it to Saint Nicholas Church.

Αν επιθυμείτε να κάνετε τη δωρεά σας \$25.00, συμπληρώσετε το έντυπο αυτό και στείλετε την δωρεά σας εγκαίρως στον Άγιο Νικόλαο.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

AMOUNT \$25.00

OTHER AMOUNT .....

*For flower and other item donations, please contact the church office -  
410-633-5020. Thank you for your support.*

*Για Δωρεές ανθέων και άλλων αντικειμένων για την Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή, την Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα και το Πάσχα παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με το Κοινοτικό Γραφείο,  
410-633-5020. Σας ευχαριστούμε για την υποστήριξή σας.*

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### SPONSOR A COFFEE HOUR

We have resumed the Coffee Hour following the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour in memory of a loved one, for the health of your family, or in honor of our St. Nicholas Church.



Please call the office at 410-633-5020 to schedule.

*Thank you for your support!*

## ΖΗΤΩ Η ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΩΔΕΚΑΝΗΣΟΣ

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE

**74th Anniversary of the  
Unification of the  
Dodecanese Islands  
with Greece**

Traditional Food, Music, Dancing,  
Special Guests, and More!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
DIVINE LITURGY AND DOXOLOGY  
AT SAINT NICHOLAS GOC,  
PRESIDED BY HIS GRACE  
BISHOP APOSTOLOS OF MEDEIA

**MARCH 6, 2022**

at 1:00 p.m.

GREEKTOWN SQUARE & EVENT CENTER  
700 QUAIL STREET, GREEKTOWN, MD 21224

7 ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ 1948 - Η ΕΝΣΩΜΑΤΩΣΗ ΤΗΣ  
ΔΩΔΕΚΑΝΗΣΟΥ ΜΕ ΤΗΝ ΜΗΤΕΡΑ ΕΛΛΑΔΑ



### NOTICE:

All organizations must review their upcoming events with Maria Salpeas (410-633-5020) and add them to the calendar posted on the bulletin board across from Father Michael's office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

# NOTICES



2:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

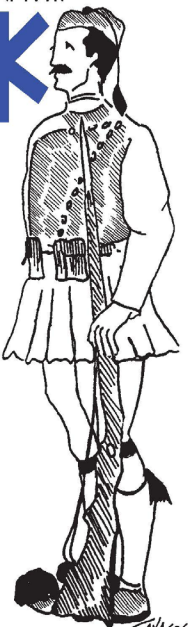
ON EASTERN AVE. IN  
BALTIMORE'S GREEKTOWN

## GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

HONORING OUR ANCESTORS'  
SACRIFICES TO PRESERVE THE IDEALS  
OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY

FOR INFORMATION  
PARADE HOTLINE: 443-267-4735  
[www.greekparade.com](http://www.greekparade.com)

[/greekparade](https://www.facebook.com/greekparade) [@greekparade](https://twitter.com/greekparade)



### GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY MENU

FRIED BAKALIARO - SERVED WITH SKORDALIA,  
RICE & SLICED BEETS (OR GREEN BEANS) \$14.00

SHRIMP CREOLE OVER RICE \$14.00

CHICKEN OR PORK SOUVLAKI DINNER-  
SERVED WITH RICE & GREEN BEANS \$14.00

CHICKEN OR PORK SOUVLAKIA ON STICK  
WITH PIECE OF BREAD \$ 8.00

#### SIDES

SMALL GREEK SALAD \$4.00

LARGE GREEK SALAD \$8.00

TARAMOSALATA \$3.00

FRENCH FRIES \$3.00

DOLMADES \$6.00

### OPEN FOR LUNCH AT 12

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!! FESTIVAL - JUNE 10-12**

PREPARATIONS ARE NOW UNDERWAY  
FOR THE 2022 ST. NICHOLAS  
FESTIVAL. MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE  
NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL  
EVENT. THERE WILL BE A WIDE  
VARIETY OF VOLUNTEER OPTIONS  
FOR EVERYONE. PLEASE CONTACT THE  
CHURCH THE OFFICE (410-633-5020)  
OR SOFIA (240-375-5464)  
TO SIGN UP!

CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR FESTIVAL  
MEETING NOTICES!



### **HELP US GROW THROUGH E-GIVING**



It's through your contributions that we're able to carry on  
important work both spiritually and in our community.

Electronic giving is a convenient, easy way to support  
St. Nicholas.

By giving electronically, you can:

- Give anywhere, anytime from your computer, smartphone or tablet.
- Donate easily for special projects.
- Set up recurring offerings and pledges and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again.

Show your support and try one of our e-Giving options.  
If you would like to give electronically,  
visit our website [www.stnicholasmd.org](http://www.stnicholasmd.org)  
or download the GivePlus mobile app.



Thank you for all you do to support  
our St. Nicholas family throughout  
the year!



## St. Nicholas eGiving Stewardship

**One Less Thing**  
*to think about*

### *eGiving Benefits*

- Easy set up
- One-time/recurring payment options
- Confidential & secure
- Track easily for tax purposes

### *How it Works*

- Go to: [stnicholasmd.org/give](http://stnicholasmd.org/give)
- Select fund(s)
- Create your profile
- Select amount, payment method & frequency
- Complete donation
- THAT'S IT! Simple.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Give yourself *One Less Thing* to think about  
**[stnicholasmd.org/give](http://stnicholasmd.org/give)**





# STEWARDSHIP

## MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE CARD ΚΑΡΤΑ ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ

“OUR CHURCH. OUR SPIRITUAL HOME.”

“Η ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΜΑΣ. ΤΟ ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΙΚΟ ΜΑΣ ΣΠΙΤΙ.”

### 2021 SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CONFIDENTIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD 2021 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 οικονομική και εθελοντική μου προσφορά προς την Εκκλησία του Αγίου Νικολάου:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Weekly / Monthly / Quarterly / Yearly)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Εβδομαδιαίως / Μηνιαίως / Ανά Τρίμηνο / Ετησίως)  
TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE FOR 2022 :\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Συνολικό ποσό προσφοράς για το 2022 :\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Come and See God work through your talents, skills, and experience, as well as your financial support.  
Your offering to Christ and His Church can do as much as you empower it to do.

We give to Christ and His Church not according to our means but according to our love for Him.

Γίνετε 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.

Planned Giving \_\_\_\_\_ Please send me information on making a planned gift to the Church.  
Δωρεά που σχεδιάζω \_\_\_\_\_ Παρακαλώ στείλτε μου πληροφορίες σχετικά με τον τρόπο που μπορώ να προσφέρω να δωρίσω.

Print Full Name/ Γράψτε με κεφαλαία γράμματα το επίθετό σας

Signature/ Υπογραφή

Date/ Ημερομηνία

Name / Ονομα	Date of Birth / Ημερομ. Γεννήσεως
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## SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



Sunday School is in session every Sunday. All children who are part of our parish are welcome to join us - it is never too late to register and be part of our program. We have classes from Pre-K to tenth grade.

March 13<sup>th</sup> is Godparents' Sunday and the Sunday of Orthodoxy. Children - please bring an icon for the procession in church during the service. If you do not have an icon, we will provide one for you.

## Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Budget vs. Actuals: Church and Greek School

January 2022

	Actual	Budget	over (under) Budget
<b>Income</b>			
4000 Stewardship	18,665.00	21,513.00	(2,848.00)
4010 Greek School Registration	653.57	805.00	(151.43)
Other Income	7,916.00	18,842.50	(10,926.50)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>27,234.57</b>	<b>41,160.50</b>	<b>(13,925.93)</b>
Total Cost of Goods Sold	4,008.78	8,625.00	(4,616.22)
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>23,225.79</b>	<b>32,535.50</b>	<b>(9,309.71)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Total CAPITAL COSTS (CHURCH)	0.00	455.00	(455.00)
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	14,866.93	22,822.50	(7,955.57)
Total OCCUPANCY COSTS	4,153.67	5,044.50	(890.83)
Total PAYROLL EXPENSES	18,453.87	22,579.50	(4,125.63)
Total YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>37,474.47</b>	<b>50,901.50</b>	<b>(13,427.03)</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>(14,248.68)</b>	<b>(18,366.00)</b>	<b>4,117.32</b>

4815 Eastern AVE Mortgage Principal Payments	\$ 546.15
<b>OVERALL CHURCH SURPLUS (LOSS) (Operating and Mortgage)</b>	<b>(\$14,794.83)</b>

## Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Budget vs. Actuals: Learning Center

January 2022

	Actual	Budget	over (under) Budget
<b>Income</b>			
4011 Learning Center Income	61,463.12	87,830.00	(26,366.88)
<b>Total 4011 Learning Center Income</b>	<b>61,463.12</b>	<b>87,830.00</b>	<b>(26,366.88)</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>61,463.12</b>	<b>87,830.00</b>	<b>(26,366.88)</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>61,463.12</b>	<b>87,830.00</b>	<b>(26,366.88)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>LEARNING CENTER</b>			
Total Payroll Expense (L.C.)	32,967.46	57,407.00	(24,439.54)
Total Food and Classroom Supplies (L.C.)	2,335.12	3,465.00	(1,129.88)
Total Admin and Office Expenses (L.C.)	1,331.91	3,576.00	(2,244.09)
Total Occupancy Expenses/Cap Improvements (L.C.)	2,460.27	8,501.50	(6,041.23)
<b>Total LEARNING CENTER</b>	<b>39,094.76</b>	<b>72,949.50</b>	<b>(33,854.74)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>39,094.76</b>	<b>72,949.50</b>	<b>(33,854.74)</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>22,368.36</b>	<b>14,880.50</b>	<b>7,487.86</b>

## Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Budget vs. Actuals: Plateia January 2022

	Actual	Budget	over (under) Budget
<b>Income</b>			
4140 Plateia Income (Onsite)	5,350.00	30,755.00	(25,405.00)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,350.00</b>	<b>30,755.00</b>	<b>(25,405.00)</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
<b>COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>			
Total Plateia CGS Expenses	559.50	11,480.00	(10,920.50)
<b>Total COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>	<b>559.50</b>	<b>11,480.00</b>	<b>(10,920.50)</b>
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>559.50</b>	<b>11,480.00</b>	<b>(10,920.50)</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>4,790.50</b>	<b>19,275.00</b>	<b>(14,484.50)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>PLATEIA EXPENSES</b>			
Total Occupancy Expenses (Plateia)	4,871.79	7,940.50	(3,068.71)
Total Payroll Expenses (Plateia)	331.03	4,215.00	(3,883.97)
Total Admin Expenses (Plateia)	232.28	2,185.00	(1,952.72)
Total Bus Dev/Marketing Expenses (Plateia)	877.50	1,460.00	(582.50)
<b>Total PLATEIA EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,312.60</b>	<b>15,800.50</b>	<b>(9,487.90)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,312.60</b>	<b>15,800.50</b>	<b>(9,487.90)</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>(1,522.10)</b>	<b>3,474.50</b>	<b>(4,996.60)</b>

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# LITURGICAL CALENDAR - MARCH

Saturday, March 5: Second Saturday of the Souls Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Sunday, March 6: Cheese-fare Sunday (Forgiveness Sunday) Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00

In honor of the 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Unification of the Dodecanese Island with Greece, the Divine Liturgy and Doxology will be presided by His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia. A celebration to follow at the Greektown Square & Event Center at 1:00 pm.

Monday, March 7: Beginning of the Great Lenten Period: Compline Service: 7:00 pm  
*May the Lord our God give everyone the courage and strength to begin the Great Fasting period of the Church with a humble heart, a clear conscience, and the knowledge of why we are going through this spiritual challenge. From this day on the Holy Fasting period becomes more conservative. No Meat or Dairy products are consumed until the day of Pascha. We wish everyone a Lenten journey filled with spiritual endeavors.*

Wednesday, March 9: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm

Friday, March 11: First Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 12: Third Saturday of the Souls: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Sunday, March 13: Sunday of Orthodoxy (First Sunday of Lent): Orthros: 8:45 am  
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am. The Procession of Holy Icons by the teachers and students of Sunday School will take place at the end of the Liturgy.

Monday, March 14: Compline Service 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 16: Pre-sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm

Friday, March 18: Second Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 20: Second Sunday of Lent (St. Gregory Palamas)  
Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Monday, March 21: Compline Service 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 23: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 24: Great Vesper Service: At the Annunciation Cathedral 6:30 pm

Friday, March 25: Feast Day of the Annunciation: Greek Independence Day:  
Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am *This service for the Annunciation Feast Day will be held at St. Nicholas*

Third Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 27: Third Sunday of Lent: Veneration of the Holy Cross:  
Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Monday, March 28: Compline Service: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 30: Presanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm