



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

K O I N O N I A

The all joyous and most desired day of Holy Pascha will be with us on Sunday April 28th. On this day the whole Universe will radiantly celebrate the rising of Christ from the grave. The purpose of His life was to offer Himself as a sacrificial Lamb for the sins of mankind. The Lord rose to bring joy to the whole world, to bring joy to His disciples, and to all of the righteous; The Holy Apostle Paul said; "If Christ did not rise, then faith is in vain".



If you ask any Christian who do they choose to follow? There answer will be to follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, because He is the One who fulfills the emptiness of our souls. With this in mind we all acknowledge that through His Redeeming Sacrifice which has been offered, death is defeated, and the people of God are delivered from the captivity of hell. Now we can say that the doors of Paradise are open once again for all who have come to believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

Pascha celebrates the promise of life in the face of death. The Resurrection of Christ must fill our lives more radiantly than the bright light of the rays of the sun. But just as one can hide from the rays of the sun in a cold dark place—so also can one distance oneself from the light of the Resurrection of Christ. But how terrible and dark then would become an individual's life, if he keeps himself in darkness. For what reason then would one live, for that reason would one suffer, love, create something with effort, if everything will end with the grave as their destination. But today sorry to say, there are people who believe in this destructive concept, that there is no life after the grave. It is very sad that people believe in this concept that there is no life after death. Why would God create this world and then destroy it if there was nothing valuable afterwards? Why would God spend all this energy to come up short in the end? Why would God go through all that trouble to come to the earth and be born of the Virgin Mary, and go through His trials, His passions, His sufferings, and at the end be humiliated by Crucifixion on the Cross? Why would God go through all of this, if there wasn't the gift of everlasting life on the other side of the grave? For those who don't believe that there is no Resurrection of Christ, then there is no personal resurrection from the dead for them. And then, there will be nothing with which to fill one's soul, deformed by sin-- a soul which by its nature is called by the Creator to strive toward immortal eternal life.

If we look back to the Old Testament, this Sacrificial Triumph was prefiguratively revealed some 1,500 years before the Nativity of our Savior. When the Egyptian Pharaoh refused to grant freedom to the enslaved Hebrew Nation despite the efforts of Moses, the Lord sent Egypt various tribulations, but the heart of Pharaoh was hardened. It was then that the Lord sent the severe punishment "the death of all the first born in Egypt". If you read into this story, you will understand that this was the First Old Testament Passover that was celebrated serving as a prefiguration of the great and eternal Pascha (Passover), Christ Himself who offered Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world by crucifixion on the Cross.

We sing in the service during the Paschal night "Christ is the New Passover, the living sacrifice, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world". As I conclude, let us worship Him, the Lord of life and death, the Lord Who is risen and Who bestows resurrection upon all creation, Who is the "Bread of Life" Who has "come down from heaven" and Who is given "for the life of the world!" Let us also glorify God with Thanksgiving and with great joy greet each other with the Holy kiss, repeating the Sacred words,

**"CHRIST IS RISEN - TRULY HE IS RISEN"**



## Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

Την Κυριακή, 28 Απριλίου, θα εορτάσουμε την πιο χαρούμενη ημέρα της χριστιανοσύνης, ΤΟ ΑΓΙΟ ΠΑΣΧΑ. Την ημέρα αυτή ολόκληρος ο κόσμος θα γιορτάσει την ένδοξο Ανάσταση του Χριστού από τον τάφο. Ο σκοπός της ζωής Του ήταν να προσφέρει τον εαυτό του ως Αμνό θυσίας για τις αμαρτίες της ανθρωπότητας. Ο Κύριος αναστήθηκε για να φέρει χαρά σε ολόκληρο τον κόσμο, να φέρει τη χαρά στους μαθητές Του, και σε όλους τους δικαίους! Ο Άγιος Απόστολος Παύλος είπε: “Αν ο Χριστός δεν αναστήθηκε, τότε η πίστη είναι μάταιη”.

Το Πάσχα εορτάζεται η υπόσχεση της ζωής κατά του θανάτου. Η Ανάσταση του Χριστού πρέπει να γεμίζει τις ζωές μας πιο πολύ από ό,τι το φως που ακτινοβολούν οι ακτίνες του ήλιου. Αλλά ακριβώς όπως μπορεί κάποιος να κρύβεται από τις ακτίνες του ήλιου σε ένα κρύο και σκοτεινό μέρος, με τον ίδιο τρόπο επίσης μπορεί να απομακρύνεται και από το φως της Αναστάσεως του Χριστού. Αλλά πόσο τρομερή και σκοτεινή θα είναι τότε η ζωή του, αν κρατά τον εαυτό του στο σκοτάδι; Για ποιο λόγο τότε θα ζούσε, για πιο λόγο θα υπέφερε, θα αγαπούσε, θα δημιουργούσε κάτι με πολύ κόπο, αν όλα θα τέλειωναν με τον τάφο ως προορισμό τους; Σήμερα, όμως, λυπάμαι να πω, υπάρχουν άνθρωποι που πιστεύουν σε αυτή τη καταστρεπτική έννοια, ότι δεν υπάρχει ζωή μετά τον τάφο. Είναι πολύ λυπηρό το γεγονός ότι οι άνθρωποι πιστεύουν σε αυτήν την έννοια, ότι δεν υπάρχει μετά θάνατον ζωή. Γιατί ο Θεός λοιπόν να δημιουργήσει αυτόν τον κόσμο και στη συνέχεια να τον καταστρέψει, αν δεν υπήρχε, στην συνέχεια, τίποτα αξιόλογο; Γιατί ο Θεός θα έκανε όλη αυτή την προσπάθεια για να καταλήξει σ' αυτό το σύντομο τέλος; Γιατί ο Κύριος θα περνούσε μέσα από όλα αυτά τα βάσανα, να έρθει στη γη, να γεννηθεί από την Παρθένο Μαρία, και να περάσει από τις δοκιμασίες Του, τα πάθη Του, και στο τέλος να ταπεινωθεί από τη Σταύρωση πάνω στον Σταυρό; Γιατί ο Θεός θα τα υπέφερε όλα αυτά, αν δεν υπήρχε το δώρο της αιώνιας ζωής στην άλλη πλευρά του τάφου. Για όσους δεν πιστεύουν ότι υπάρχει η Ανάσταση του Χριστού, τότε δεν υπάρχει γ'αυτούς ανάσταση εκ νεκρών. Και τότε, δεν θα υπάρχει τίποτα που να γεμίζει την ψυχή τους, θα είναι παραμορφωμένη από την αμαρτία - μια ψυχή που από τη φύση της, καλείται από τον Δημιουργό να αγωνιστεί για να κατακτήσει την αθάνατη αιώνια ζωή.

Αν ρωτήσετε οποιονδήποτε Χριστιανό, ποιον επιλέγει να ακολουθήσει, η απάντηση θα είναι ότι επιλέγουν να ακολουθήσουν τον Κύριο και Σωτήρα ημών Ιησού Χριστό, διότι Αυτός είναι ο μόνος που πληροί το κενό των ψυχών μας. Με αυτό κατά νου όλοι αναγνωρίζουμε ότι εξαγόρασε με την Θυσία που προσέφερε, την νίκη κατά του θανάτου, και οι άνθρωποι του Θεού απελευθερώθηκαν από την αιχμαλωσία της κόλασης. Τώρα μπορούμε να πούμε ότι οι πόρτες του Παραδείσου είναι ανοικτές για άλλη μια φορά για όλους όσους πιστεύουν ακράδαντα ότι ο Ιησούς Χριστός είναι ο Κύριος και Σωτήρας μας.

Αν πάμε πίσω στην Παλαιά Διαθήκη, αυτός ο θυσιαστικός θρίαμβος είχε προφητευθεί περίπου 1500 χρόνια πριν από τη Γέννηση του Σωτήρα μας. Όταν ο Αιγύπτιος Φαραώ αρνήθηκε να ελευθερώσει το υπόδουλο Εβραϊκό Γένος, παρά τις προσπάθειες του Μωυσή, ο Θεός έστειλε στην Αίγυπτο διάφορες δοκιμασίες, αλλά η καρδιά του Φαραώ ήταν σκληρή. Τότε ήταν που ο Κύριος έστειλε την αυστηρή τιμωρία “το θάνατο όλων των πρωτότοκων παιδιών στην Αίγυπτο». Αν μελετήσετε αυτή την ιστορία, θα καταλάβετε ότι αυτό ήταν το πρώτο Πάσχα της Παλαιάς Διαθήκης, που εορτάστηκε και υπηρετεί ως προεικόνιση της μεγάλης και της αιώνιας Εορτής του Πάσχα (Πάσχα), που ο ίδιος ο Χριστός πρόσφερε τον εαυτό Του ως θυσία, για τις αμαρτίες του κόσμου, με την Σταύρωση πάνω στον Σταυρό.

Θα ψάλλουμε στην Ακολουθία κατά τη διάρκεια της Πασχαλινής Λειτουργίας “ο Χριστός είναι το Νέο Πάσχα, η ζώσα θυσία, ο Αμνός του Θεού ο αίρων τις αμαρτίες του κόσμου».

Ολοκληρώνοντας, αγαπάτε τον Κύριο της ζωής και του θανάτου, τον Κύριο που αναστήθηκε, και χάρισε ανάσταση σε όλη την ανθρωπότητα, τον Κύριο που είναι “ο άρτος της ζωής” που “κατέβηκε από τον ουρανό» και που θυσίασε τη ζωή Του για τον κόσμο. Ας δοξάζουμε το Θεό ευχαριστώντας Τον με μεγάλη χαρά, χαιρετώντας μεταξύ μας ο ένας τον άλλον με το Άγιο φιλί, επαναλαμβάνοντας τα Άγια λόγια

**“ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ - ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ»**

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Please submit your article(s) to the Koinonia staff by the deadline stated below:

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Thank you



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/ ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟ

Dear Parishioners:

PEACE - FAITH - LOVE - HOPE

With the help of Saint Nicholas, we are going through Great Lent marked by fasting, meditation and prayer in preparation of Easter. In years past the Greeks devised an easy way to calculate the Lenten period by drawing the image of an old lady or a nun. Her name was "Kyra Sarakosti." She had no mouth because she was fasting. Her hands were crossed in prayer. She had a cross on her forehead. But more puzzling is that she had seven feet; representing the seven weeks in Great Lent! Each Saturday, one of the feet were cut off, but the last one cut on Holy Saturday was stuffed in a dried fig or walnut. Whoever discovered the paper foot was sure to have good luck. This is one of many beautiful customs leading up to Pascha.

With a clean heart filled with love, let us forgive and ask forgiveness. Let us give thanks to the Lord for our family and friends. It is a gesture of respect, love, and dignity. We thank our brothers and sisters from the heart for their sincere love and support. Many thanks to the Parish Council. I feel blessed by the flawless cooperation the members have demonstrated

We would also like to thank Michael Apostolou and his brother Demetrios Apostolou for the countless hours they have offered to improving and beautifying our Saint Nicholas Church. They are always willing and lovingly respond to the various projects we present to them. May God bless the Apostolou brothers and their families with health and success. We would be remiss to not thank Mrs. Mary Serafis for her continued help, always being present at not only early on Sunday mornings but also at the weekday services behind the Pangari. We also would like to thank Athena (Tina) Harris who is always ready to help us and support the Church in every difficult situation. Lastly, we would like to thank Mrs. Sophia Vourvoulas for her donation of \$100 for the needs of the church. May God grant you good health and peace in your life.

Looking back through the years, the Saint Nicholas Church would like to acknowledge and thank Mr. Aris Melissaratos for his generous gift of \$25,000 as the seed money for the development of the Bilingual Learning Center in 2013. It was at that time during a General Assembly meeting that I recommended that the "market" building be renovated as a second school facility to double the number of children in our Greek School. With the help of Saint Nicholas, the starting funds from Mr. Melissaratos and the advice of Jimmy Stakias, this dream became a reality.

Fellow parishioners, together, united, we can make our dreams come true. Love conquers all. Our objective is to enlarge the community by doubling and tripling the number of children in our community.

Have a blessed Lenten season and a glorious Easter with the blessings of our Lord!

Stamatia Ieromonahos  
President of the Saint Nicholas Parish Council

Αγαπητοί Ενορίτες,

ΕΙΡΗΝΗ - ΠΙΣΤΗ - ΑΓΑΠΗ - ΕΛΠΙΔΑ ΑΣ ΕΙΝΑΙ  
ΣΥΝΟΔΟΙΠΟΡΟΙ ΣΤΗ ΖΩΗ ΜΑΣ..  
ΚΑΛΗ ΣΑΡΑΚΟΣΤΗ ΑΔΕΛΦΙΑ

Με την βοήθεια του Αγίου Νικολάου διανύουμε την περίοδο της Σαρακοστής. Μια περίοδος νηστείας, περισυλλογής και προσευχής που προηγείται της μεγάλης γιορτής του Πάσχα. Παλαιότερα, που δεν υπήρχαν ημερολόγια και ήθελαν να έχουν κάποια αντίληψη του χρόνου, οι άνθρωποι του λαού, είχαν βρει έναν εύκολο τρόπο για να υπολογίζουν το χρόνο. Παρίσταναν λοιπόν την Σαρακοστή σαν καλόγρια ή σαν γυναίκα, σχεδιάζοντας την σε ένα κομμάτι χαρτί. Η κυρά-Σαρακοστή, δεν είχε στόμα, γιατί νήστευε. Τα χέρια της ήταν σταυρωμένα, για να προσεύχεται. Είχε ένα σταυρό στο κεφάλι, και εφτά πόδια, όσες και οι εβδομάδες της Σαρακοστής. Κάθε Σάββατο έκοβαν ένα πόδι, ενώ το τελευταίο το έκοβαν το Μεγάλο Σάββατο. Το έβαζαν μέσα σε ένα ξερό σύκο ή καρύδι και όποιος το έβρισκε του έφερνε γούρι. Όμορφα τα έθιμά μας, όμορφες και συγκινητικές οι μέρες των Αγίων Παθών του Κυρίου μας.

Με καθαρή καρδιά γεμάτη αγάπη ας συγχωρήσουμε για να συγχωρηθούμε. Ας ευχαριστήσουμε το Κύριό μας και Θεό μας. Ας ευχαριστήσουμε την οικογένεια και τους φίλους μας. ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΩ σημαίνει σεβασμός, σημαίνει αγάπη, σημαίνει αξιοπρέπεια. Από καρδιά σας ευχαριστούμε αδέρφια μας για την αληθινή αγάπη και συμπαράστασή σας. Ευχαριστώ το Συμβούλιό μας και νοιώθω τυχερή για την άφογη συνεργασία μας.

Ιδιαίτερος ευχαριστούμε το κ. Μιχάλη Αποστόλου και τον κ. Δημήτριο Αποστόλου για τις ατέλειωτες ώρες βοήθειας που προσφέρουν απλόχερα στην Ενορία μας. Πάντα πρόθυμοι, πάντα πρόσχαροι μας βοηθούν σε οτιδήποτε τους χρειαστούμε. Ευλογία Θεού να έχουμε άτομα όπως τα αδέρφια Αποστόλου στην Εκκλησία μας. Ευχαριστούμε από καρδιάς την κ. Μαίρη Σεράφη για την συνεχή βοήθειά της. Ακούραστη θα τη δείτε στο παγκάρι συνεχώς να μας προσφέρει τις υπηρεσίες της με σύνεση και αγάπη. Ευχαριστούμε τη κ. Αθηνά Χαρχαρίδη (Tina Harris) που πάντα μας βοηθάει και μας συμπαράστέεται σε κάθε δυσκολία μας. Ευχαριστούμε την κ. Σοφία Βούρβουλα που μας πρόσφερε \$1000 για τις ανάγκες της Εκκλησίας μας. Υγεία και γαλήνη να σας χαρίζει ο Μεγαλοδύναμος.

Τρέχοντας λίγο πίσω στο χρόνο θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσουμε τον κ. Άρη Μελισσαράτο, για την προσφορά των \$ 25,000.00 που μας είχε δώσει και ξεκινήσαμε την ιδέα του Δίγλωσσου Εκπαιδευτικού Κέντρου Προσχολικής Ηλικίας. Τα χρήματά του ήταν η βάση των ονείρων μας τότε το καλοκαίρι του 2013, όταν σηκώθηκα στη Γενική Συνέλευση, σαν Πρόεδρος της Σχολικής Επιτροπής, και δειλά ανέφερα, με την προτροπή του κ. Δημητρίου Στακιά (τον οποίο ευχαριστώ επίσης από καρδιάς) ότι το όνειρό μου ήταν να γίνει η μαρκέτα σχολείο, και να διπλασιαστούν τα παιδιά του Ελληνικού Σχολείου. Με την βοήθεια του Αγίου Νικολάου επαληθεύθηκαν οι προσδοκίες μου. Κι' αυτό χάρις στον κ. Άρη Μελισσαράτο. Ο Θεός να του χαρίζει υγεία.

Αδέρφια μου όλοι μαζί κάνουμε θαύματα. Η Αγάπη νικάει τους πάντες και τα πάντα.

Στόχος μας να μεγαλώσει η ευρύτερη οικογένεια της Κοινότητά μας. Να διπλασιαστούν και να τριπλασιαστούν τα μέλη μας για να γίνουμε μια τεράστια οικογένεια που θα πλημμυρίσει την Εκκλησία μας.

Όλοι μαζί μπορούμε! Αρκεί να το πιστέψουμε.  
ΚΑΛΗ ΣΑΡΑΚΟΣΤΗ ΚΑΙ ΚΑΛΗ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΗ!

Σταματία Ιερομονάχου  
Πρόεδρος Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου



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## ~ Holy Week Volunteers ~

*Volunteers are needed to decorate our Church for the special days of Holy Week. We all love approaching the Church during these beautiful holy days and anticipate seeing the transformation from joy on Palm Sunday morning, to sorrow on Palm Sunday evening and then the celebration of Pascha on Holy Saturday evening! But the Church doesn't magically transform from one event to another. It takes dedicated people, young and old, who will to take a few hours to participate in decorating the Church. The days and approximate times are as follows:*



*Lazarus Saturday – decorating the Church and possibly the outside with greenery and Spring flowers for the next day of Palm Sunday.*

*Palm Sunday afternoon – removing the greenery and drape the purple cloth over the altar icons.*

*Good Friday night – strip the bay leaves.*

*Holy Saturday afternoon – decorate the Church with the white lilies and whatever else is needed.*

*Let's not forget the closing prayer of the Divine Liturgy which the priest reads, "Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house." The Lord is calling all of us who love the Church to be blessed and what a more beautiful way to receive this blessing than during the Holy Passion and Resurrection of Jesus, our Lord.*

*Contact the Church Office at 410-633-5020 or Tina Harris at 410-591-3156 to place your name on the schedule. You will feel an inner feeling of joy knowing that you have participated in the preparation of these Holy Days.*

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

## SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR NOW OPEN TO PARISHIONER/FAMILY SPONSORSHIP



Starting Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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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## SATURDAY OF SOULS - March 2<sup>nd</sup>



*On Saturday, March 2nd, a memorial service was chanted for the departed in Christ. Stewards brought plates of wheat to commemorate their departed loved ones.*

## SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY - March 17<sup>th</sup>



*The children of St. Nicholas celebrated the Sunday of Orthodoxy with the blessing of their icons.*





## GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

### ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

Holy and Great Lent 2019

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

My Beloved in the Lord,

With the commencement of Great Lent we begin our journey to Holy Week wherein we commemorate the entry of our Lord into Jerusalem, the institution of the Eucharist, our Lord's betrayal, His Passion, His death on the Cross, and, ultimately, His Resurrection from the dead on the third day. For us to approach the most holy feast of Pascha, we must properly prepare ourselves throughout this Lenten journey so that we may participate in the feast with a pure heart. This journey is long and difficult struggle and it begins with us in utter darkness since it reflects the seemingly hopeless state of humanity. Our pilgrimage from darkness to light during Holy and Great Lent is similar to humanity's journey throughout the ages. Having disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, our ancestors found themselves closed outside the gates of Paradise and confronted with their new state of being. They found themselves in a land of darkness; a land where they encountered loneliness for the first time as they were distanced from their Creator; a land where pain was a new sensation to them; a land where they became acquainted with the feeling of fear. Though Adam and Eve would use their free will to disobey their Creator, God would ensure that humanity had a way to return to him utilizing the same free will that cost them their freedom. It would be many generations before the time was ripe for our Lord to reveal Himself in the flesh and to present this opportunity for us to reverse the curse of darkness so that we may return to His Divine Light.

It is precisely this journey of humanity from darkness to light that we relive during the course of Great Lent. This journey towards the Light of the Resurrection requires us to prepare through prayer, forgiveness, fasting, and almsgiving and it gives us increased opportunities to exercise our freedom in a manner that is directed not towards ourselves, but towards God and our neighbor. During this period of Great Lent we see more Divine Services such as Pre-Sanctified Liturgies, Great and Small Compline, and the Akathist Services. Even though few people are able to make all of these services, challenge yourself to go to Church more than you already do. Challenge yourself to pray more and to truly listen to the words of the hymns. Challenge yourself to increase your personal prayer life so that you build a relationship with God and with the Saints. Forgiveness is also a hallmark of the Lenten period. It is necessary to ask forgiveness from God and from your neighbor. Therefore, if you have not been to confession in a while or even if you have never gone to confession, schedule a time to meet with your parish priest so you may confess your sins to God and so that your parish priest may help give you pastoral guidance. Seek forgiveness from your neighbor and ask forgiveness from those who love you and from those who do not. In this way, we learn humility so that we may honestly implore "*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me*" (Ps. 50:10).



Fasting is an important part of this Lenten journey not because we deprive ourselves, but because we learn to control our free will. Fasting is not just abstaining from food, but also controlling what comes out of our mouths like scornful words, curses, or exhibiting temper. When fasting from certain foods, however, challenge yourself to do more than you have done before within reason. The object of fasting is not self-mortification, but it is meant to display that we are not merely body, we are also soul and that there is more to us than just our physical bodies, there is also a spirit that has been given free will. Finally, the act of giving to the poor or donating our time to helping others highlights the fundamental aspect of not living for ourselves, but living for Christ since each of our neighbors are made in the image and likeness of our Lord. Push yourselves to give more to those who are less fortunate or to give your time to those who are the marginalized members of our society. If you know a lonely person, spend some time with them and bring them greater joy. Spend additional time with someone in the hospital who may not get many visitors. Invite someone who may be estranged from the Church to your local parish. These small acts are seeds that are nurtured and cared for over time and which tend to bear the sweetest fruits in the Lord's vineyard.

My beloved children in the Lord, we must not approach Holy and Great Lent as an obligation to be fulfilled, but as a relationship with God and neighbor to be repaired and restored. The purpose of this journey is not to check off a series of boxes in an effort to momentarily complete a task, but its purpose is to engender in us a true metanoia wherein we turn back to God and continually orient ourselves towards Him. Furthermore, we should not look at Great Lent as a mere reenactment of our Lord's Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection, but we approach this feast as active participants of this reality through the Divine Services as we hear repeated during the Bridegroom services of Holy Week, *"Come, then, and with our minds now purified, let us also go with Him and be crucified with Him and die for Him to the pleasures of this life, so that we may also live with Him..."*

It is my most fervent hope and prayer that as we begin this period of Holy and Great Lent that we actively participate in prayer, forgiveness, fasting, and almsgiving. Finally, I pray we all remained focused on permanently orienting ourselves towards God as we prepare ourselves to fully participate in His glorious three-day Resurrection.

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Evangelos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The word "Metropolitan" is written in a smaller, more compact script, while "Evangelos" is written in a larger, more prominent script. The signature is centered on the page.

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



## GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

### ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

Πρός τόν εὐλαβέστατον Ἱερόν Κληρόν,  
Τούς Ἐντιμοτάτους Ἄρχοντας τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ ἡμῶν Πατριαρχείου,  
Τούς Προέδρους καί τά Μέλη τῶν Ἐκκλησιαστικῶν Συμβουλίων,  
Τάς Προέδρους καί τά Μέλη τῶν Φιλοπτώχων Ἀδελφοτήτων,  
Τούς διδάσκοντας καί διδασκομένους τῶν Κατηχητικῶν καί Ἑλληνικῶν Σχολείων,  
Τάς Ὁργανώσεις τῆς Νεολαίας καί ἅπαν τό Χριστεπώνυμον πλήρωμα τῶν εὐσεβῶν  
Ὁρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν τῆς Ἱερᾶς Μητροπόλεως Νέας Ἱερσέης.

*«Ἰδοῦ καιρός εὐπρόσδεκτος, ἰδοῦ καιρός μετανοίας»*  
(Ἰδιόμελο Ἀποστίχων Ἑσπερινοῦ Κυριακῆς τῆς Τυρινῆς)

Ἀγαπητοί ἐν Χριστῷ ἀδελφοί,

Ἀπό σήμερα τό ἀπόγευμα, μέ τόν Κατανυκτικό Ἑσπερινό τῆς Συγχωρήσεως, ἀρχίζει ἡ Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή, ἡ κατανυκτικότερη περίοδος τοῦ ἐκκλησιαστικοῦ ἔτους, πού στόχο ἔχει νά μᾶς βοηθήσει νά προετοιμαστοῦμε γιά τά μεγάλα γεγονότα τοῦ Πάθους καί τῆς Ἀναστάσεως τοῦ Κυρίου μας. Ὁ ἱερός ὕμνωδός παρομοιάζει τήν περίοδο αὐτή μέ στάδιο, πού ἀνοίγει τίς πύλες του στούς ἀθλητές, προσκαλώντας τους νά ἀθληθοῦν. Ἔτσι καί ἡ Ἐκκλησία μας, καλεῖ ὅλους ἐμᾶς τούς πιστούς νά ἀγωνιστοῦμε τήν περίοδο αὐτή γιά τήν κατάκτηση τῶν ἀρετῶν καί νά προετοιμαστοῦμε μέ περισυλλογή, προσευχή, νηστεία καί μετάνοια νά συνοδοιπορήσουμε καί νά «συσταυρωθοῦμε» μέ τόν Χριστό, ὥστε νά μπορέσουμε νά γευθοῦμε καί τή χαρά τῆς Ἀναστάσεώς Του.

Ὁ ἱερός ὕμνογράφος, μάλιστα, μᾶς προσκαλεῖ σέ αὐτήν τήν πορεία ὑπογραμμίζοντας μέ ἔμφαση *«ἰδοῦ καιρός εὐπρόσδεκτος, ἰδοῦ καιρός μετανοίας»*. Τώρα δηλαδή εἶναι ὁ κατάλληλος καί ἐνδεδειγμένος καιρός γιά νά μετανοήσουμε καί νά διορθώσουμε τούς ἑαυτούς μας, νά ἀγωνιστοῦμε γιά νά κερδίσουμε τή σωτηρία μας. Τό ἴδιο ἐπισημαίνει καί ὁ ἀπόστολος Παῦλος, ὅτι τώρα εἶναι ὁ καιρός κατά τόν ὁποῖο ὁ Θεός δέχεται τή μετάνοιά μας, εἰσακούει τίς προσευχές μας, εὐλογεῖ τόν ἀγῶνα μας καί μᾶς σώζει.

Γιά νά φτάσουμε ὅμως στή σωτηρία μας, θά πρέπει νά διέλθουμε ἀπό τή μετάνοια, ἡ ὁποία ἀποτελεῖ τόν θεμέλιο λίθο τῆς χριστιανικῆς ζωῆς. Ἡ πρώτη λέξη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ὅταν ἄρχισε τό δημόσιο κήρυγμά Του ἦταν τό *«μετανοεῖτε»*, διότι ἡ μετάνοια δίνει τή δυνατότητα στόν πεπτωκότα ἄνθρωπο νά ἐμβαθύνει στήν πίστη καί νά ἐπαναπροσδιορίσει τήν πορεία τῆς πνευματικῆς του ζωῆς. Χωρίς αὐτήν καθίσταται μάταιη ἡ λυτρωτική θυσία τοῦ Χριστοῦ καί μένουν κλειστές οἱ πύλες τοῦ Παραδείσου καί τῆς βασιλείας τῶν οὐρανῶν.

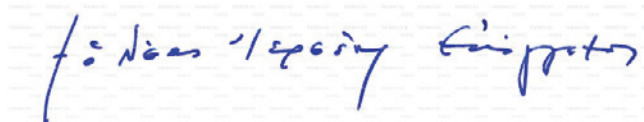
Ἡ μετάνοια ὅμως δέν θά πρέπει νά εἶναι ἓνα στιγμιαῖο φαινόμενο, ἀλλά θά πρέπει νά εἶναι τρόπος ζωῆς. Μετανοῶ, σημαίνει ὅτι συναισθάνομαι τήν ἁμαρτωλότητά μου. Μετανοῶ, σημαίνει ὅτι παίρνω ἀπόφαση νά κόψω κάθε δεσμό μέ τήν ἁμαρτία. Μετανοῶ, σημαίνει ὅτι ἀφήνω πίσω μου ὅλα ὅσα μέ ἀπομάκρυναν ἀπό τόν Θεό καί ἐπιστρέφω, κατά τόν ἅγιο Ἰωάννη τῆς Κλίμακος, στήν καθαρότητα καί τή χάρη πού εἶχα κατά τήν ὥρα τοῦ Βαπτίσματος. Ἡ ἐσωτερική αὐτή μεταστροφή καί ἀνακαίνιση εἶναι ἀναμφισβήτητα μιᾶ κοπιώδης καί ἐπίπονη διαδικασία, ἡ ἀγάπη ὅμως τοῦ Θεοῦ θά ἀποτελέσει τό ἀσφαλές στήριγμα καί τό καταφύγιό μας.

Αγαπητοί μου ἀδελφοί,

Ὁ πνευματικός ἀγῶνας τοῦ χριστιανοῦ εἶναι ἀγῶνας μέ στόχο τόν Παράδεισο. Αγωνιζόμενοι «τόν καλόν ἀγῶνα» προσπαθοῦμε καθημερινά νά κερδίσουμε «*ἀντί τῶν φθαρτῶν τὰ ἀφθαρτα, ἀντί τῶν ἐπιγείων τὰ οὐράνια, ἀντί τῶν προσκαιρῶν τὰ αἰώνια*». Εἰδικότερα αὐτήν τήν περίοδο, ἡ Ἐκκλησία μᾶς καλεῖ νά ἐντείνουμε τήν προσπάθειά μας καί ἐπιχειρεῖ μέ πρόσθετες Ἀκολουθίες, ὅπως οἱ Χαιρετισμοί, τὰ Απόδειπνα καί οἱ Προηγιασμένες Θεῖες Λειτουργίες, νά ἀναθερμάνει τόν ζῆλο μας καί νά μᾶς ἐμφυσησει μεγαλύτερη προθυμία γιά νηστεία, προσευχή, μελέτη τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου, Μυστηριακή ζωή, ἐλεημοσύνη καί κάθε ἀρετή.

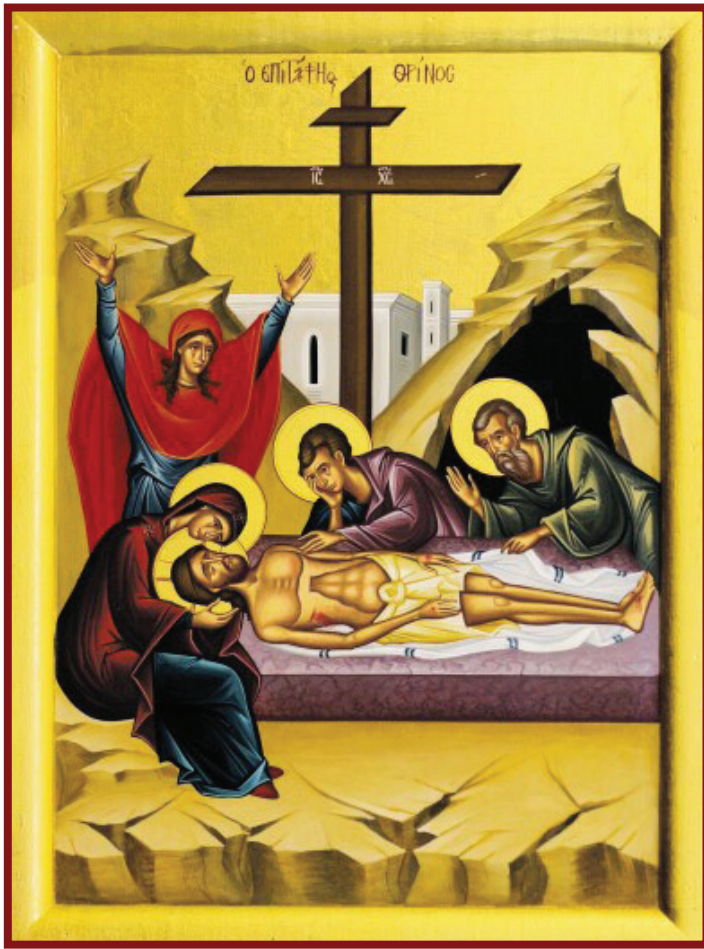
Ὡς Ἐπίσκοπος καί πνευματικός σας πατέρας, εὐχομαι ὀλόθερμα νά διέλθουμε τήν Ἀγία καί Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή μέ συντριβή καρδίας, εἰλικρινῆ μετάνοια, ἔμπρακτη ἀγάπη πρὸς τόν Θεό καί τόν συνάνθρωπο, ὥστε νά φθάσουμε πνευματικά προετοιμασμένοι στό Ἅγιο Πάσχα καί στή λαμπροφόρο Ἀνάσταση τοῦ Κυρίου μας.

Ο ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΤΗΣ



† Ὁ Νέας Ἱερσῆς ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ

# HOLY FRIDAY - April 26



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When Friday dawned, Christ was sent bound from Caiaphas to Pontius Pilate, who was then Governor of Judea. Pilate interrogated Him in many ways, and once and again acknowledged that He was innocent, but to please the Jews, he later passed the sentence of death against Him. After scourging the Lord of all as though He were a runaway slave, he surrendered Him to be crucified.

Thus the Lord Jesus was handed over to the soldiers, was stripped of His garments, was clothed in a purple robe, was crowned with a wreath of thorns, had a reed placed in His hand as though it were a sceptre, was bowed before in mockery, was spat upon, and was buffeted in the face and on the head. Then they again clothed Him in His own garments, and bearing the cross, He came to Golgotha, a place of condemnation, and there, about the third hour, He was crucified between two thieves. Although both blasphemed Him at the first, the thief at His right hand repented, and said: "Remember me, O Lord, when Thou

comest in Thy Kingdom," to which our Saviour answered, "Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." As He hung upon the Cross, He was blasphemed by those who were passing by, was mocked by the high priests, and by the soldiers was given vinegar to drink mixed with gall. About the ninth hour, He cried out with a loud voice, saying, "It is finished." And the Lamb of God "Which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29) expired on the day when the moon was full, and at the hour when, according to the Law, was slain the Passover lamb, which was established as a type of Him in the time of Moses.

Even lifeless creation mourned the death of the Master, and it trembled and was altered out of fear. Yet, even though the Maker of creation was already dead, they pierced Him in His immaculate side, and forthwith came there out Blood and Water. Finally, at about the setting of the sun, Joseph of Arimathea came with Nicodemus (both of them had been secret disciples of Jesus), and they took down the all-holy Body of the Teacher from the Cross and anointed it with aromatic spices, and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. When they had buried Him in a new tomb, they rolled a great stone over its entrance.

Such are the dread and saving sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ commemorated today, and in remembrance of them, we have received the Apostolic commandment that a fast be observed every Friday.

## Apolytikion of Holy Friday

### Plagal Of The First Tone

As the glorious disciples, in the washing of the feet, were enlightened, the profane Judas, ravaged by greed, was benighted. And to the lawless judges he surrenders You the just judge. Consider, you who love money, the one who hanged himself for the sake of it. Shun the insatiate heart that could dare such a deed against the Teacher. Lord, benevolent above all humans, glory to You.

## Kontakion of Holy Friday

### Plagal Of The Fourth Tone

Come, let us all praise Him Who was crucified for us. Mary beheld Him on the Tree and said, "Though You endure even the Cross, You are my Son and my God."



# GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA - April 28

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Mary Magdalene, and the other women who were present at the burial of our Saviour on Friday evening, returned from Golgotha to the city and prepared fragrant spices and myrrh, so that they might anoint the body of Jesus. On the morrow, because of the law which forbids work on the day of the Sabbath, they rested for the whole day. But at early dawn on the Sunday that followed, almost thirty-six hours since the death of the Life-giving Redeemer, they came to the sepulchre with the spices to anoint His body. While they were considering the difficulty of rolling away the stone from the door of the sepulchre, there was a fearful earthquake; and an Angel, whose countenance shone like lightning and whose garment was white as snow, rolled away the stone and sat upon it. The guards that were there became as dead from fear and took to flight. The women, however, went into the sepulchre, but did not find the Lord's body. Instead, they saw two other Angels in the form of youths clothed in white, who told them that the Saviour was risen, and they sent forth the women, who ran to proclaim to the disciples these gladsome tidings. Then Peter and John arrived, having learned from Mary Magdalene what had come to pass, and when they entered the tomb, they found only the winding sheets. Therefore, they returned again to the city with joy, as heralds now of the supernatural Resurrection of Christ, Who in truth was seen alive by the disciples on this day on five occasions.

Our Lord, then, was crucified, died, and was buried on Friday, before the setting of the sun, which was the first of His "three days" in the grave; observing the mystical Sabbath, that "seventh day" in which it is said that the Lord "rested from all His works" (Gen. 2:2-3), He passed all of Saturday in the grave; and He arose "while it was yet dark, very early in the morning" on Sunday, the third day, which, according to the Hebrew reckoning, began after sunset on Saturday.

As we celebrate today this joyous Resurrection, we greet and embrace one another in Christ, thereby demonstrating our Saviour's victory over death and corruption, and the destruction of our ancient enmity with God, and His reconciliation toward us, and our inheritance of life everlasting. The feast itself is called Pascha, which is derived from the Hebrew word which means "passover"; because Christ, Who suffered and arose, has made us to pass over from the curse of Adam and slavery to the devil and death unto our primal freedom and blessedness. In



addition, this day of this particular week, which is the first of all the rest, is dedicated to the honour of the Lord; in honour and remembrance of the Resurrection, the Apostles transferred to this day the rest from labour that was formerly assigned to the Sabbath of the ancient Law.

## **Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha**

Plagal Of The First Tone

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

## **Kontakion of Great and Holy Pascha**

Plagal Of The Fourth Tone

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

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CATECHETICAL HOMILY - At the Opening of Holy and Great Lent

+ BARTHOLOMEW

By God's mercy Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch  
To the Plenitude of the Church

May the Grace and Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you  
Together with our Prayer, Blessing and Forgiveness

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With the grace of God, the giver of all gifts, we have once again arrived at Holy and Great Lent, the arena of ascetical struggle, in order to purify ourselves with the Lord's assistance through prayer, fasting and humility, as well as to prepare ourselves for a spiritual experience of the venerable Passion and the celebration of the splendid Resurrection of Christ the Savior.

In a world of manifold confusion, the ascetic experience of Orthodoxy constitutes an invaluable spiritual asset, an inexhaustible source of divine knowledge and human wisdom. The blessed phenomenon of asceticism, whose spirit pervades our entire way of life – for “asceticism is Christianity in its entirety” – is not the privilege of the few or chosen, but an “ecclesial event,” a communal good, a shared blessing and the common vocation for all faithful without exception. The ascetical struggles, of course, are not an end in themselves; the principle that “asceticism exists for the sake of asceticism” is not valid. The purpose of asceticism is the transcendence of one's own will and the “mind of the flesh,” the transfer of the center of life from individual desire and the “right,” toward love that “does not seek its own,” in accordance with the scriptural passage: “Let no one seek his own good, but the good of the other.” (1 Cor. 10.24)

Such is the spirit that prevails throughout the long historical journey of Orthodoxy. In the New Miterikon, we encounter an excellent description of this ethos to renounce “our own” in the name of love: “Some hermits from Scetis once approached Amma Sarah, who offered them a container with

## CATECHETICAL HOMILY Continued

basic provisions. The elders set aside the good food and consumed the bad. The righteous Sarah said to them: ‘You are truly monks from Scetis’ [1] This sensitivity and sacrificial use of freedom is foreign to the spirit of our age, which identifies freedom with individual assertions and claims for rights. Contemporary “autonomous” man would never have consumed the bad food, but only the good, convinced that in this way he expresses – while authentically and responsibly employing – individual freedom.

This is where the supreme value of the Orthodox concept of human freedom lies. It is a freedom that does not demand but shares, does not insist but sacrifices. The Orthodox believer knows that autonomy and self-sufficiency do not liberate humanity from the shackles of the ego, of self-realization and self-justification. The freedom “for which Christ has set us free” (Gal. 5.1) mobilizes our creative capacity and is fulfilled as rejection of self-enclosure, as unconditional love and communion of life.

The Orthodox ascetical ethos does not know division and dualism; it does not reject life, but rather transforms it. The dualistic vision and denial of the world is not a Christian concept. Genuine asceticism is luminous and charitable. It is a characteristic of Orthodox self-conscience that the period of fasting is permeated by the joy of the Cross and the Resurrection. Moreover, the ascetic struggle of Orthodox Christians – much like our spirituality and liturgical life in general – communicates the fragrance and radiance of the Resurrection. The Cross is found at the heart of Orthodox piety, but it is not the final point of reference in the life of the Church. Instead, the essence of Orthodox spiritual life is the ineffable joy of the Resurrection, toward which the Cross constitutes the way. Accordingly, during the period of Great Lent, the quintessence of experience for Orthodox Christians is always the yearning for the “common resurrection.”

Pray, then, precious brothers and sisters in the Lord, that we may be deemed worthy, with the grace and support from above, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, as first among the saints, and of all the saints, that we may run the race of Holy and Great Lent in a way that is fitting and joyous before Christ, joyfully exercising, in obedience to the rule of church tradition, the “common struggle” of fasting that extinguishes the passions, constantly praying, helping the suffering and needful, forgiving one another and “giving thanks for all things” (Thess. 5.18), in order that we might venerate with a devout heart the “Holy, Saving and Awesome Passion” as well as the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory, power and thanksgiving to the endless ages. Amen.

Holy and Great Lent 2019

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Χάριτι τοῦ πανδώρου Θεοῦ, ἐφθάσαμεν καί ἐφέτος εἰς τήν Ἁγίαν καί Μεγάλην Τεσσαρακοστήν, εἰς τό στάδιον τῶν ἀσκητικῶν ἀγώνων, διά νά καθάρωμεν ἑαυτούς, συνεργοῦντος τοῦ Κυρίου, ἐν προσευχῇ, ἐν νηστεία καί ταπεινώσει, καί νά εὐτρεπισθῶμεν πρός ἔνθεον βίωσιν τῶν σεπτῶν Παθῶν καί ἔορτασμόν τῆς λαμπροφόρου Ἐγέρσεως τοῦ Σωτῆρος Χριστοῦ.

Μέσα εἰς ἓνα κόσμον πολλαπλῶν συγχύσεων, ἡ ἀσκητική πείρα τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας ἀποτελεῖ τιμαλφέστατον πνευματικόν κεφάλαιον, ἀνεξάντλητον πηγὴν θεογνωσίας καί ἀνθρωπογνωσίας. Ἡ εὐλογημένη ἄσκησις, τό πνεῦμα τῆς ὁποίας διαποτίζει σύνολον τόν καθ' ἡμᾶς τρόπον τοῦ βίου, - «Ἀσκητισμός εἶναι ὀλόκληρος ὁ Χριστιανισμός»-, δέν ἀποτελεῖ προνόμιον τῶν ὀλίγων ἢ τῶν ἐκλεκτῶν, ἀλλά «ἐκκλησιαστικόν γεγονός», κοινόν ἀγαθόν, κοινήν εὐλογίαν, καί κοινήν κλήσιν διά πάντας ἀνεξαιρέτως τούς πιστούς. Οἱ ἀσκητικοὶ ἀγῶνες δέν εἶναι, βεβαίως, αὐτοσκοπός, δέν ἰσχύει ἡ ἀρχή «ἡ ἄσκησις διά τήν ἄσκησιν». Ὁ στόχος εἶναι ἡ ὑπέρβασις τοῦ ἰδίου θελήματος καί τοῦ «φρονήματος τῆς σαρκός», ἡ μετάθεσις τοῦ κέντρου τῆς ζωῆς ἀπό τήν ἀτομικήν ἐπιθυμίαν καί τό «δικαίωμα» εἰς τήν «οὐ ζητοῦσαν τά ἑαυτῆς» ἀγάπην, κατά τό βιβλικόν, «μηδεὶς τό ἑαυτοῦ ζητεῖτω, ἀλλά τό τοῦ ἑτέρου ἕκαστος»[1].



## CATECHETICAL HOMILY Continued

Αυτό τό πνεῦμα κυριαρχεῖ καθ' ὅλην τήν μακράν ἱστορικήν πορείαν τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας. Εἰς τό Νέον Μητερικόν συναντῶμεν μίαν ὑπέροχον περιγραφὴν αὐτοῦ τοῦ ἡθους τῆς παραιτήσεως ἀπό τό «ἐμόν» ἐν ὀνόματι τῆς ἀγάπης: «Παρέβαλόν ποτε σκητιῶται τῇ ὀσίᾳ Σάρρα, ἡ δέ παρέθηκεν αὐτοῖς κανίσκιον μετά χρεῖων· οἱ δέ γέροντες ἀφέντες τά καλά, ἔφαγον τά σαπρά. Εἶπε δέ αὐτοῖς ἡ τιμία Σάρρα· ὄντως ἐν ἀληθείᾳ, σκητιῶται ἔστε»[2]. Αὐτή ἡ κατανόησις καί ἡ θυσιαστική χρῆσις τῆς ἐλευθερίας εἶναι ξένη πρός τό πνεῦμα τῆς ἐποχῆς μας, τό ὅποιον ταυτίζει τήν ἐλευθερίαν μέ ἀτομικάς διεκδικήσεις καί δικαιωματισμόν. Ὁ σύγχρονος «αὐτόνομος» ἄνθρωπος δέν θά ἔτρωγε τούς σαπρούς καρπούς, ἀλλά τούς καλούς, καί θά ἦτο βέβαιος ὅτι τοιουτοτρόπως ἐκφράζει καί χρησιμοποιεῖ αὐθεντικῶς καί ὑπευθύνως τήν ἐλευθερίαν του.

Εἰς τό σημεῖον αὐτό εὐρίσκεται ἡ ὑψίστη ἀξία τῆς ὀρθοδόξου θεωρήσεως τῆς ἐλευθερίας διά τόν σύγχρονον ἄνθρωπον. Πρόκειται περί μιᾶς ἐλευθερίας, ἡ ὅποια δέν ἀπαιτεῖ ἀλλά μοιράζεται, δέν διεκδικεῖ ἀλλά θυσιάζεται. Ὁ ὀρθόδοξος πιστός γνωρίζει ὅτι ἡ αὐτονομία καί αὐτάρκεια δέν ἀπελευθερώνουν τόν ἄνθρωπον ἀπό τόν κλοιόν τοῦ ἐγώ, τῆς αὐτοπραγματώσεως καί τῆς αὐτοδικαιώσεως. Ἡ ἐλευθερία, «ἡ Χριστός ἡμᾶς ἠλευθέρωσεν»[3], ἐνεργοποιεῖ τās δημιουργικάς δυνάμεις τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, πραγματώνεται ὡς ἄρνησις τοῦ αὐτοεγκλεισμοῦ, ὡς ἀπροϋπόθετος ἀγάπη καί κοινωνία τῆς ζωῆς.

Τό ὀρθόδοξον ἀσκητικόν ἦθος δέν γνωρίζει διχασμούς καί δυϊσμούς, δέν ἀπορρίπτει τήν ζωήν, ἀλλά τήν μεταμορφώνει. Ἡ δυϊστική θεώρησις καί ἀπόρριψις τοῦ κόσμου δέν εἶναι χριστιανική. Ὁ γνήσιος ἀσκητισμός εἶναι φωτεινός καί φιλόανθρωπος. Εἶναι χαρακτηριστικόν τῆς ὀρθοδόξου αὐτοσυνειδησίας, ὅτι ἡ περίοδος τῆς νηστείας εἶναι διαποτισμένη ἀπό σταυροαναστάσιμον χαράν. Καί οἱ ἀσκητικοί ἀγῶνες τῶν ὀρθοδόξων, ὅπως καί συνολικῶς ἡ καθ' ἡμᾶς πνευματικότης καί ἡ λειτουργική ζωή, ἀναδίδουν τό ἄρωμα καί τό φῶς τῆς Ἀναστάσεως. Ὁ Σταυρός εὐρίσκεται εἰς τό κέντρον τῆς ὀρθοδόξου εὐσεβείας, δέν εἶναι ὅμως τό τελικόν σημεῖον ἀναφορᾶς τῆς ζωῆς τῆς Ἐκκλησίας. Αὐτό εἶναι ἡ ἀνεκλάλητος χαρά τῆς Ἀναστάσεως, ὁδόν πρός τήν ὁποίαν ἀποτελεῖ ὁ Σταυρός. Κατά ταῦτα, καί εἰς τήν περίοδον τῆς Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστῆς, ἡ βιωματική πεμπτουσία τῶν Ὁρθοδόξων παραμένει ὁ πόθος τῆς «κοινῆς ἀναστάσεως».

Εὐχεσθε καί προσεύχεσθε, τιμώτατοι ἀδελφοί καί τέκνα ἐν Κυρίῳ, νά ἀξιωθῶμεν, ἄνωθεν ἐπινεύσει καί ἀρωγῇ, πρεσβείαις δέ τῆς Ἁγιοπρώτου Θεοτόκου καί πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, νά διατρέξωμεν χριστοπρεπῶς καί χριστοτερπῶς τόν δόλιχον τῆς Ἁγίας καί Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστῆς, ἀσκοῦντες μετ' εὐφροσύνης, ἐν ὑπακοῇ πρός τόν κανόνα τῆς ἐκκλησιαστικῆς παραδόσεως, τό «κοινόν ἄθλημα» τῆς παθοκτόνου νηστείας, προσκαρτεροῦντες τῇ προσευχῇ, βοηθοῦντες τοῖς πάσχουσι καί τοῖς ἐν ἀνάγκαις, συγχωροῦντες ἀλλήλοις καί «ἐν παντί εὐχαριστοῦντες»[4], διά νά προσκυνήσωμεν εὐσεβοφρόνως τά «Ἁγία καί Σωτήρια καί Φρικτά Πάθη» καί τήν ζωηφόρον Ἀνάστασιν τοῦ Κυρίου καί Θεοῦ καί Σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, Ὡς ἡ δόξα καί τό κράτος καί ἡ εὐχαριστία εἰς τούς ἀπεράντους αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν.

Ἁγία καί Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή ,βιθ'  
† Ὁ Κωνσταντινουπόλεως  
διάπυρος πρός Θεόν εὐχέτης πάντων ὑμῶν

# PHILOTOCHOS NEWS / ΝΕΑ ΤΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

On Friday, March 8th was our Annual Apokreatiko Glendi at Jimmy's Famous Seafood. We would like to thank The Minadakis Brothers, John and Tony for their generosity to Philoptochos and The Philoxenia House. Thank you to Apollonia, Tony and Maria, Andrea Kara, Sava Perselis and of course everyone who supported with their presence or donations. We are grateful to Maria Georgaki our chairperson.

Monday, March 11th after church, Philoptochos hosted the Lenten pot luck reception. We would like to thank all those that brought dishes to share with our fellow parishioners.

"For where two or three gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." - Matthew 18:20

As we began the period of repentance and reflection, Philoptochos sponsored the Annual Lenten retreat. We thank our Guest speakers Constantine Zalalas and Father Damaskinos Issa and all those that attended. Our hope and prayers are that additional members of our community take time to attend these special events, share in fellowship and reflect on the true meaning of Lent! Thank you to Karen Kontoudis and Mia Atsides.

Scholarship Applications are now available in the church office. Applications are for students graduating from High School or are working toward a degree in college. Applications must be completed and returned to the church office no later than April 28th and will be awarded in church on Sunday, May 19th. These Scholarships are awarded from Philoptochos and the families that have established scholarships in memory of their love ones.

Sunday of Orthodoxy we held a memorial service for all our past members. May their memory be eternal. Thank you to Mrs. Rose Tsakalos for her donation of Koliiva. Also a special tray was passed for The Social Service Fund of the Metropolis Philoptochos. Thank you to the generosity of our community a total of \$400 was collected.

Friday, April 19th Lenten Crab Feast at Jimmy's Seafood at 6:00 p.m. \$50.00 for Adults \$25.00 for children 12 and under. For information or tickets please contact Evagelia Saliaris 410-592-8345, Irene Vasilios 410-687-3978, Maria Georgaki 443-413-2657.

April 21st, Palm Sunday our Annual Tsourekia Bake Sale \$12.00. If you would like to place an advanced order please contact Nora Kefalas 410-661-2853 / Stella Koukides 410-574-4875 or any board member.

April 26th at 9:00 a.m. Philoptochos will decorate the Epitaphio. We invite all the ladies young and elderly to come and help.

Please note that there will be **no General Meeting in April.**

## Donations:

*In memory of Dimitroula Mudes:* Athena Harris / Michael and Nora Kefalas

*In memory of Evelyn Karras:* Popi Phillipou

*Donations made for a needy family:* Sofia Vourroula / Anonymous

**Save the date:** The Annual Mothers Day Derby Brunch, Saturday, May 4th 12-4 p.m. at McCormick and Schmick's details to follow.

Την Παρασκευή, 8 Μαρτίου είχαμε το Αποκριτικό Γλέντι μας στο Εστιατόριο Jimmy's Famous Seafood. Θέλουμε επ' ευκαιρία να ευχαριστήσουμε τους Αφρούς Μηνιαδάκη, τον Γιάννη και τον Αντώνη για την γενναιοδορία τους στη Φιλόπτωχο και στο Οίκημα τη Φιλοξενίας. Επίσης ένα μεγάλο ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΩ στην Ορχήστρα ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΝΙΑ, τον Τόνυ και τη Μαρία, τον Ανδρέα Καρά, το Σάββα Περσελή, και φυσικά όλους που υποστήριξαν με τη παρουσία τους ή έκαναν δωρεές. Είμαστε υπόχρεες στη Υπεύθυνη της Χοροεσπερίδας τη κ. Μαρία Γιωργάκη.

Την Δευτέρα, 11 Μαρτίου μετά την Εκκλησία, η Φιλόπτωχος είχε το ετήσιο Δείπνο επί τη ενάρξη της Αγίας και Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής. Θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε όλες και όλους που έφεραν φαγητά και τα μοιράστηκαν με τους παρευρισκόμενους.

"οὐ γάρ εἰσι δύο ἢ τρεῖς συνηγμένοι εἰς τὸ ἕμὸν ὄνομα, ἐκεῖ εἰμι ἐν μέσῳ αὐτῶν." κατά Ματθαῖον 18:20.

Καθώς ξεκινήσαμε την περίοδο της μετανοίας και της ανάκαμψης, η Φιλόπτωχος ήταν χορηγός της Ετήσιας Πνευματικής Περισυλλογής της Σαρακοστής. Ευχαριστούμε τους προσκεκλημένους ομιλητές μας, τον κ. Κωνσταντίνo Zalalas και τον πατέρα Δαμασκηνό Issa και όλους εκείνους που την παρακολούθησαν. Ελπίζουμε και προσεχόμενα ότι περισσότεροι ενορίτες μας θα βρουν χρόνο να παρακολουθήσουν αυτές τις ειδικές εκδηλώσεις, να μοιραστούν σκέψεις και να ανακάμψουν σχετικά με το αληθινό νόημα της Σαρακοστής! Ευχαριστούμε την Κυριακή Κοντούδη και τη Μία Ατσίδη.

Οι αιτήσεις υποτροφιών είναι τώρα διαθέσιμες στο Γραφείο της Εκκλησίας. Οι αιτήσεις είναι για τους φοιτητές που αποφοιτούν από το Λύκειο ή φοιτούν για πτυχίο κολεγίου. Οι αιτήσεις πρέπει να συμπληρωθούν και να επιστραφούν στο Γραφείο της Εκκλησίας μέχρι και την 28η Απριλίου και θα απονεμηθούν στην Εκκλησία την Κυριακή, 19 Μαΐου. Αυτές οι υποτροφίες χορηγούνται από τη Φιλόπτωχο και από οικογένειες που έχουν καθιερώσει υποτροφίες στη μνήμη αγαπημένων τους συγγενών.

Την Κυριακή της Ορθοδοξίας κάναμε επιμνημόσυνη δέηση εις μνήμη όλων των αποβιωσάντων μελών της Φιλοπτώχου μας. Αιωνία τους η μνήμη. Ευχαριστώ την κυρία Ρόζα Τσακάλου που δώρισε το δίσκο με τα Κόλλυβα. Επίσης πέρασε έκτακτο δίσκο για το Ταμείο Κοινωνικής Υπηρεσίας της Φιλοπτώχου, της

Μητρόπολης. Σας ευχαριστούμε για τη γενναιοδορία της Κοινότητάς μας, συγκεντρώθηκαν συνολικά 400 δολάρια.

Την Παρασκευή, 19 του Απριλίου Καβουροφαγία της Σαρακοστής στο Jimmy's famous Seafood, στις 6:00 μ.μ. \$ 50,00 δολάρια για ενήλικες και \$ 25,00 δολάρια για παιδιά 12 ετών και κάτω. Για πληροφορίες ή να κλείσετε θέσεις παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε με την κ. Ευαγγελία Σάλιαρη 410-592-8345, ή την κ. Ειρήνη Βασιλείου 410-687-3978, ή την κ. Μαρία Γιωργάκη 443-413-2657.

Την Κυριακή 21 Απριλίου, 2019, Κυριακή των Βαΐων θα πουλάμε Πασχαλινά Τσουρέκια \$ 12.00 το ένα. Αν θέλετε να δώσετε εκ των προτέρων τη παραγγελία σας παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με την κ. Νόρα Κεφάλα 410 661 2853 ή την κ. Στέλλα Κουκίδου 410-574-4875 ή οποιοδήποτε μέλος του Συμβουλίου της Φιλοπτώχου.

Στις 26 Απριλίου, Μεγάλη Παρασκευή, η Φιλόπτωχος θα στολίσει το Κουβούκλιο του Επιταφίου. Προσκαλούνται όλες οι κυρίες, δεσποινίδες και μεγάλες γυναίκες να έλθουν να βοηθήσουν.

ΔΕΝ ΘΑ ΕΧΟΥΜΕ ΣΥΝΕΔΡΙΑΣΗ ΤΟΝ ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟ.

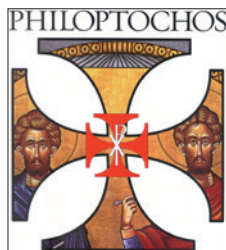
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ΕΙΣ ΜΝΗΜΗ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΟΥΛΑΣ ΜΟΥΔΕΣ : Αθηνά Χαρχαρίδη, Μιχαήλ & Νόρα Κεφάλα

ΕΙΣ ΜΝΗΜΗ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΑΣ ΚΑΡΡΑ: Πόπη Φιλίππου

ΔΩΡΕΕΣ ΓΙΑ ΑΠΟΡΕΣ ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΕΙΕΣ: κ. Σοφία Βούρβουλα, Ανώνυμος

**Κρατείστε την Ημερομηνία :** Η Ετήσια Εορτή της Μητέρας, θα εορταστεί το Σάββατο 4 Μαΐου, με Μπράντς στο McCormick and Schmick's, θα σας ενημερώσουμε αργότερα με περισσότερες λεπτομέρειες.



# GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING - Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

## SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH- BALTIMORE-MARYLAND

### Notice of General Assembly Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Pursuant to the regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the By-laws of the Greek Orthodox Community of Saint Nicholas, Baltimore, Maryland, the date of the General Assembly meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at promptly 7:00 p.m.

According to Church By-Laws, those persons wishing to participate and vote must pay their Stewardship up to the date of the Assembly. A regular member of the Parish who is already enrolled in the Parish register but has neglected to pay his/her stewardship may pay the same day and before the beginning of the Assembly in order to participate and vote.

### **AGENDA**

1. Invocation by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Michael L. Pastrokos
2. Call to order by the Parish Council President Mrs. Stamatia Ieromonahos
3. Election of Chairman and Secretary for the Assembly
4. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting.
5. Parish Council President report
6. Treasurer's financial report, Budget 2020 versus actual figures, including the Plateia, Bilingual Early Education Center, Festival 2019
7. Auditing Committee Report
8. Festival Committee Report for the upcoming June, 2019 Festival.
9. Priest's Report
10. Formation of Nomination Committee, for new Parish Council candidates, 2020.
11. Old business
12. New Business
13. Benediction

All members of the Community are urged to attend this Parish Assembly meeting, because it is important. It is also our duty as members of the Community of Saint Nicholas to come and offer our support for the progress of the community. Your presence is mandatory to establish a quorum. PLEASE ATTEND.

From the Priest and Parish Council of Saint Nicholas

# ΠΡΟΣΚΛΗΣΗ ΓΕΝΙΚΗΣ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗΣ - τρίτη, 7 Μαΐου, 2019

## ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ ΒΑΛΤΙΜΟΡΗ, ΜΑΙΡΥΛΑΝΤ

### ΠΡΟΣΚΛΗΣΗ ΓΕΝΙΚΗΣ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗΣ -- Τρίτη, 7 Μαΐου, 2019

Σύμφωνα με τους Ομοιομόρφους Κανονισμούς των Κοινοτήτων της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής, και τους Εσωτερικούς Κανονισμούς της Κοινοτήτάς μας, καλούμε Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών, την Τρίτη, 7 Μαΐου, 2019, 7:00 μ.μ.

Σύμφωνα με τους Εσωτερικούς Κανονισμούς της Κοινότητας, όσοι επιθυμούν να συμμετέχουν και να ψηφίσουν στην Συνέλευση, οφείλουν να έχουν εκπληρώσει τις προς την Κοινότητα οικονομικές τους υποχρεώσεις, Εθελοντική Προσφορά, μέχρι και την ημέρα της Συνέλευσης. Κανονικό μέλος της Κοινότητας που ήδη έχει εγγραφεί στο Κατάλογο των μελών αλλά δεν έχει εκπληρώσει τις οικονομικές του υποχρεώσεις μπορεί να πληρώσει την ίδια ημέρα και πριν την έναρξή της για να συμμετέχει και να ψηφίσει.

#### ΗΜΕΡΗΣΙΑ ΔΙΑΤΑΞΗ

1. Προσευχή από τον Ιερέα, Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό.
2. Έναρξη της Συνέλευσης από την Πρόεδρο της Κοινότητας κ. Σταματία Ιερομονάχου.
3. Εκλογή Προέδρου και Γραμματέα της παρούσας Γενικής Συνέλευσης.
4. Ανάγνωση και επικύρωση των πρακτικών της προηγούμενης Γενικής Συνέλευσης.
5. Έκθεση από τον Πρόεδρο της Κοινότητας.
6. Οικονομική Έκθεση από τον Ταμία. Προϋπολογισμός 2020 έναντι πραγματικών στοιχείων, συμπεριλαμβανομένων της Πλατείας, του Δίγλωσσου Κέντρου Εκπαίδευσης Προσχολικής Ηλικίας, και του Φεστιβάλ 2019.
7. Έκθεση Εξελεγκτικής Επιτροπής
8. Έκθεση από την Επιτροπή του προσεχούς Ιουνίου, ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ 2019.
9. Έκθεση από τον Ιερέα
10. Σχηματισμός Επιτροπής για την ανάδειξη υποψηφίων του νέου Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου, 2020.
11. Παλαιές Υποθέσεις.
12. Νέες Υποθέσεις
13. Λήξη της Συνέλευσης και προσευχή.

Όλα τα μέλη της Κοινότητας προτρέπονται να να λάβουν μέρος στη Συνέλευση, διότι θα συζητηθούν θέματα σοβαρά. Επίσης σαν μέλη της Κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου, είναι καθήκον μας να συμμετέχουμε στις Συνελεύσεις και να εκφράζουμε την υποστήριξή μας και τη γνώμη μας, για το καλό και την πρόοδο της Κοινότητας. ΠΑΡΑΚΑΛΕΙΣΤΕ ΝΑ ΣΥΜΜΕΤΕΧΕΤΕ.

Από τον Ιερέα και το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο.



*Happy Birthday  
Mrs. Mary!!*

*Mrs. Mary Serafis  
celebrated her birthday  
after church services on  
Sunday, March 3rd*



*Mrs. Mary was also honored for her assistance with  
the Greek School during their Greek Independence Day  
performance on Sunday, March 24th.*

## GREEK SCHOOL/ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ

Το μήνα Μάρτιο στο Ελληνικό σχολείο ξεκινήσαμε με το έθιμο των βραχιολιών σε άσπρο και κόκκινο χρώμα σε όλες τις τάξεις. Μιλήσαμε για τα έθιμα των Απόκριων, της Σαρακοστής, τα καρναβάλια και το πέταγμα του Αετού την Καθαρά Δευτέρα, για τα νηστήσιμα φαγητά και το Τριώδιο Χορέψαμε και τραγουδήσαμε. Σε κάποιες τάξεις δείξαμε τα έθιμα σε βίντεο από όλη την Ελλάδα. Οι μαθητές και οι μαθήτριες ενθουσιάστηκαν αλλά μοιράστηκαν σε όλη την τάξη πληροφορίες για τα έθιμα στις περιοχές των γονιών τους.

During May, we started the tradition of the red and white bracelets in all grades of Greek school. We talked about the traditions of Mardi Gras, the Sarakosti (40-day lent period), the carnivals and the kite flying on Clean Monday, the lent dishes, the Triodio (the 20 days before Jesus's resurrection), and we danced and sang. In some classes, we watched the traditions in videos from all over Greece. The students were enthusiastic, and they also shared the traditions of the regions their families came from to the class.



## IN HONOR OF ANTONI SAZAKLIS



*Antoni Sazaklis and his family posed for a photograph after he was honoured for his love and dedication to St Nicholas. For many years, Antoni has lovingly cleaned the church, wiping all the church Icons and helping with the trash removal. We thank him for his service.*

## GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY- Church Celebration



# GREEK SCHOOL - Independence Day Celebration on March 24<sup>th</sup>





# HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE - MAY 1, 2019

## • • • HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE • • •

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS:  
ALL ABOARD TO A TRIP OF A LIFETIME:  
NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 AT 6:00 P.M.

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 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019 AT 6:00 PM. THIS TRIP WILL ALSO HAVE AN OPTION TO VISIT OUR MOTHER LAND GREECE. ALL THE DETAILS OF THIS TRIP WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE 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 MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT FR. MICHAEL AT 443-742-8314.

HOPING TO SEE EVERYONE THERE,

RESPECTFULLY,

FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS  
PROTOPRESBYTER



### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

*Please fill out this form if you are interested in attending the meeting.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ FAX NO. \_\_\_\_\_

# GREEK WAR OF INDEPENDENCE FILM



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΗΣ

March 4, 2019

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy  
Of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved,

I pray this letter finds you well. I write to inform you of a new feature film which will be opening in theaters this month, *"Cliffs of Freedom,"* which takes place in 1821 and details the Greek War of Independence from the Ottoman Empire.

*"Cliffs of Freedom* is the story of an ill-fated romance between young Greek village girl Anna Christina and a conflicted Turkish officer named Tariq during the dawn of the Greek War for Independence against the Ottoman Empire in 1821. When their budding romance brings tragedy to her village, she swears revenge against the Turks and joins the Greek rebellion, inadvertently becoming a local symbol of the Greek resistance movement... but the pair cannot deny their feelings for each other. Their encounters and skirmishes inevitably lead to a tragic confrontation during a pivotal battle between the Greeks and Turks that will change the course of history."

Therefore, in order to advertise, promote and raise awareness of this historical film, which details the important historical events of Greece's heroic struggle for independence, I ask that you announce the film following the divine services, that you distribute the enclosed brochure through your parish email list serv, print in your parish bulletins/newsletters and post on your parish website. More information about the film *"Cliffs of Freedom"* can be found by visiting [www.cliffsoffreedomfilm.com](http://www.cliffsoffreedomfilm.com)

Praying that our loving Lord continues to bless you and your ministry to His Church, I remain



Ελευθερία ή θάνατος!  
FREEDOM OR DEATH!

CLIFFS OF  
FREEDOM

Set at the dawn of the Greek War of Independence of 1821, *"Cliffs of Freedom"* is the story of an ill-fated romance between Anna Christina, a young Greek village girl, and Tariq, a conflicted Turkish officer who has doubts about his countrymen's brutal methods of governance. When their romance brings tragedy to her village, Anna Christina swears revenge against the Turks, joining the Greek rebellion and becoming a fearless rebel legend that inspires her people. Having believed that she could leave her feelings behind, Christina must face off against the man who still loves her and wants to keep her safe, but who has now been tasked with her capture. Their encounters and skirmishes inevitably lead to a tragic confrontation during a pivotal battle between the Greeks and Turks that will change the course of history.

Look for the film in your local theaters and lend your support in raising awareness for this epic yet intimate human drama, which captures the spirit of Greece and depicts an important piece of our collective Greek history!

For more information about the film or to view the trailer, visit:  
[cliffsoffreedomfilm.com](http://cliffsoffreedomfilm.com)

Follow the film for updates:  
Instagram: @cliffsoffreedomfilm  
Twitter: @cliffsfilm  
Facebook: @officialCliffsofFreedomFilm

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

†EVANGELOS  
Metropolitan of Ne Jersey



## DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

*A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who have already donated items for Holy Pascha!!*

CLIP  
HERE

### 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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CLIP  
COUPON

### 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.*

## SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK FOLK FESTIVAL

Check if same ad as 2018

### 2019 - June 6, 7, 8, 9 AD PLACEMENT ORDER FORM

*Support St. Nicholas Church by purchasing your ad space for 2019 now!  
Don't forget weddings, baptisms, engagements, graduations, memorials*

- \$400 - Full Page - 6" x 9"
- \$200 - Half Page - 6" x 4.5"
- \$125 - Quarter Page - 3" x 4.5"

**(If Available):**

- \$600 - Back Cover **(SOLD)**
- \$600 - Inside Front Cover
- \$500 - Inside Back Cover

**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Completed forms and artwork must be received by 5/1/19 or placement cannot be guaranteed in the ad book

Artwork to [adrienne@kosaridesign.com](mailto:adrienne@kosaridesign.com)

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Submission date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 2019

**NOTE:** Please e-mail an electronic version of your ad to [adrienne@kosaridesign.com](mailto:adrienne@kosaridesign.com) by **Wednesday, May 1**. Ads that do not fit the measurements above will be resized. No bleed edge required. Please check box at top of form if same ad as 2018.

**PAYMENT:** Please send your form and check made out to: **St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival 2019 Ad Book**, 520 South Ponca Street, Baltimore, MD 21224. To pay with a credit card please contact the church office at **410-633-5020**.



# FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS - SCHEDULES

## Festival Preparations - Schedules

The following festival preparations will begin at 10 am at the Plateia (Frank Mitsos)

### Octopus Preparation

Thursday, April 18, 2019  
Friday, April 19, 2019  
Wednesday, April 24, 2019  
Thursday, April 25, 2019

**HELP NEEDED!!**

### Chicken Souvlaki Preparation

Thursday, May 2, 2019  
Friday, May 3, 2019  
Thursday, May 9, 2019  
Friday, May 10, 2019



### Pork Souvlaki Preparation

Thursday, May 16, 2019  
Friday, May 17, 2019  
Thursday, May 23, 2019  
Friday, May 24, 2019

The following festival preparations will begin at 9 am at the St Nicholas Large Social Hall

### Dolmathes

Tuesday, April 30, 2019  
Wednesday, May 1, 2019

### Spinach Pies

Tuesday, May 7, 2019  
Wednesday, May 8, 2019

### Cheese Pies

Tuesday, May 14, 2019



**Salad Preparation - Week Before Festival - Dates and Times TBA**

### **SET UP - MOVE EQUIPMENT - GET EVERYTHING IN PLACE - PLATEIA**

Saturday, June 1, 2019 11-5  
Sunday, June 2, 2019 12-5  
Monday, June 3, 2019 12-5

### **BREAK DOWN OF FESTIVAL - PLATEIA**

Monday, June 10, 2019 9-3  
Tuesday, June 11, 2019 9-3  
Wednesday, June 12, 2019 9-3



# FESTIVAL MEETING

**!!!! VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED !!!!**

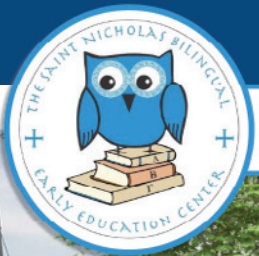
**FESTIVAL - JUNE 6-9**

**FINAL GROUP MEETING TO BE HELD IN MAY - DATE TBD**

PREPARATIONS ARE NOW UNDERWAY FOR THE 2019 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 PENNY (443-756-2201)  
TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER**



## EARLY EDUCATION CENTER NEWS

### BEEC PLAYGROUND ADDITION



Coming  
Spring  
2019!

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

*lrs*  
landscape  
structures

Sparks@Play

# 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.**

This past month, our BEEC children enjoyed attending morning church services and learning about Christ and Lenten traditions. Also, BEEC children participated in the Greek Independence Day parade!

This month we celebrate our 2-year Anniversary. We received our license on April 5th, 2017 and we started off with only 5 children. We are now filled to capacity in all our classrooms. The BEEC children will also have a visit from the Easter Bunny! From all of us from BEEC, we wish everyone a Happy Easter and Kali Anastasi!

### 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.

Τον περασμένο μήνα, τα παιδιά μας του BEEC εκκλησιάστηκαν, παρακολουθώντας τις πρωινές Εκκλησιαστικές Ακολουθίες και έμαθαν για το Χριστό και τις παραδόσεις της Τεσσαρακοστής. Επίσης, τα παιδιά του BEEC συμμετείχαν στην παρέλαση της Ημέρας της Ελληνικής Ανεξαρτησίας!



Αυτό το μήνα γιορτάζουμε την 2ετή επέτειό μας. Λάβαμε την άδεια μας στις 5 Απριλίου 2017 και ξεκινήσαμε με 5 παιδιά. Τώρα είμαστε γεμάτοι, σε όλες τις αίθουσες διδασκαλίας. Τα παιδιά του BEEC θα επισκεφθεί επίσης το Πασχαλινό Κουνελάκι! Όλοι εμείς από το BEEC, ευχόμαστε σε όλους ΚΑΛΟ ΠΑΣΧΑ, και ΚΑΛΗ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΗ!!



# JOY PROGRAM

# AMERICAN HELLENIC SOCIETY

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](mailto:ckouroublakis@gmail.com) for more information.



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@ahsofstnicholas.org](mailto:info@ahsofstnicholas.org)

## 2019 DISTRICT ORATORICAL FESTIVALS

### NEW JERSEY

Saturday, April 13, 2019 Sts. Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Roseland, NJ  
Host: Rev. Ekonomos George Khitiri

### DELAWARE VALLEY

Saturday, April 13, 2019 St. Sophia, Sts. Faith, Hope & Agape Jeffersonville, PA  
Host: Rev. Ekonomos Peter Thornberg



### MARYLAND

Saturday, April 13, 2019 St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Baltimore, MD  
Host: Rev. Protopresbyter Michael Pastrikos

### VIRGINIA

Saturday, April 13, 2019 Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church Newport News  
Host: Rev. Protopresbyter George Chioros

### 2019 Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey Metropolis Level Oratorical Festival

Saturday, May 4, 2019 TBA  
Host:



# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

## SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 520 SOUTH PONCA STREET | BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21224

### 2019 Application for the Koutsonouris Scholarship Program

Any student whose family is a member in good standing with the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 520 South Ponca Street, Baltimore, MD 21224, and is a high school senior continuing his/her education at either a 4-year or 2-year college will be eligible to apply for this award. Please provide an official copy of the acceptance letter with the Registrar seal of the university or college in a sealed envelope.

The Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church will award the scholarship from the Koutsonouris Memorial Scholarship Program to a student of the Saint Nicholas Community. The following criteria will be used in selecting the winner:

1. Financial need
2. Good character
3. Academics
4. Leadership in Schools
5. Service to our church community

The following items must be enclosed in an envelope in order for the application to be processed and accepted:

1. Fully completed application
2. Official copy of the most recent high school or college transcripts
3. Recent photograph of the candidate
4. Short essay no longer than 300 words explaining your plan of study, ambition, and career goals.
5. Document proving that you are of Greek descent.

Completed applications are due in the Saint Nicholas Church office no later than Sunday, April 14, 2019. The recipient will be notified and expected to be present in church to receive the award on Sunday, May 19, 2019. Each recipient is eligible to receive this scholarship only one time.

Thank you!

Tina Harris | Scholarship Chairperson, Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

#### ΑΙΤΗΣΕΙΣ ΥΠΟΤΡΟΦΙΑΣ ΑΝΩΤΕΡΩΝ ΣΠΟΥΔΩΝ

#### ΠΡΟΣ ΤΗ ΝΕΟΛΑΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ

**Κάθε χρόνο το Πρόγραμμα Υποτροφίας εις Μνήμη της Οικογενείας Κουτσονούρη προσφέρει Υποτροφία για ανώτερες σπουδές σε Κολλέγιο, στην Νεολαία της Ελληνικής Ορθοδόξου Ενορίας του Αγίου Νικολάου.**

Αιτήσεις μπορούν να προμηθευθούν οι τελειόφοιτοι Γυμνασίων, που θα ακολουθήσουν ανώτερες σπουδές τετραετούς ή διετούς φοίτησης, από το Γραφείο της Κοινότητας, και οι οποίοι είναι οικονομικά εν τάξει μέλη του Αγίου Νικολάου. Παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με την Γραμματέα της Εκκλησίας, Μαρία Σαλπέα 410-633-5020 για να προγραμματίσετε την παραλαβή της αίτησης.

Τελευταία προθεσμία για να υποβάλλετε την αίτηση είναι η 14<sup>η</sup> Απριλίου, και η Υποτροφία θα απονεμηθεί την Κυριακή 19 Μαΐου, 2019.

Σας ευχαριστώ,

Τίνα Χάρρης, Υπεύθυνη Υποτροφίας



**April 21**

# Palm Sunday

## FISH LUNCHEON

**FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES  
SAINT NICHOLAS SOCIAL HALL**

**DONATION: \$10 PER PERSON  
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BEAUTIFICATION OF OUR CHURCH  
BUILDING**

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Σας προσκαλούμε  
την Κυριακή 21 Απριλίου

## Κυριακή των Βαΐων

στην Ψαροφαγία που θα ακολουθήσει  
αμέσως μετά την θεία λειτουργία  
στο χωλ του Αγίου Νικολάου

ψάρι  
σκορδαλιά  
φασολάκια  
καβουρόσουπα  
λουκουμάδες

Είσοδος \$10

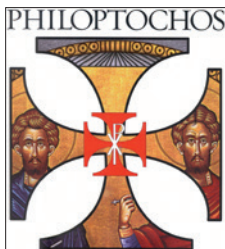


Λαχνοί με \$ 5

Θα κληρωθεί ένα καλάθι που θα περιέχει  
αρνί, τσουρέκια και αυγά

Τα έσοδα θα διατεθούν  
για τις ανάγκες της εκκλησίας μας.

## Philoptochos Lenten Crab Feast at Jimmy's Seafood



**Friday, April 19th at 6:00 p.m.**

**\$50.00 for Adults**

**\$25.00 for children 12 and under**

For information or tickets please contact:

**Evagelia Saliaris 410-592-8345**

**Irene Vasilios 410-687-3978**

**Maria Georgaki 443-413-2657**





The St. Nicholas Church Sunday School  
Extends to All of You

An Invitation to  
The St. John Chrysostom  
**PARISH ORATORICAL  
FESTIVAL**

That will take place on,  
**Saturday, April 6, 2019 at**  
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church  
Beginning at 9:30 am with Registration.

This program of the Sunday church school is opened to students and GOYANS from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The Oratorical Festival Program begins at the parish level and is divided into three divisions:

- Elementary Division (local festival only) for students in grades 4–6
- Junior Division for students in grades 7–9
- Senior Division for student in grades 10–12



We encourage you the parents to encourage your child/ren to participate in this worthy event. The topics for each division are available on line at [www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org) or from the Sunday school office.



**JOIN US FOR THE  
ANNUAL LENTEN  
SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON**

Hosted by the St. Nicholas Church  
Sunday School

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019 | AFTER CHURCH**  
520 PONCA ST., BALTIMORE, MD 21224

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Donation

Adults - \$12.00

Children 12 & under - \$7.00



GREEK ORTHODOX  
METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

# The St. John Chrysostom District Oratorical Festival

Hosted by

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

520 Ponca St., Baltimore, MD

On **Saturday, April 13, 2019**

Beginning at 10:00 am with Registration

The purpose of the Festival is to give our youth an opportunity to learn and speak about their beliefs, their Church and their heritage which strengthens their understanding and appreciation of their identity as Greek Orthodox Christians.

We look forward to welcoming the Finalists in the Junior and Senior Divisions from each of our sister parishes in Maryland. We encourage the parents along with each Sunday church staff to encourage their student/children to participate in this event at their Parish church.

We feel that the Oratorical Festival is an important component of the religious education of each Orthodox Christian student. In the words of St. Theophan, the Recluse, "Of all holy works, the education of children is the most holy." There is "no finer way to embark on such a worthwhile ministry," than to have our youth participate in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival.




# EVENTS

TRADE, TOURISM, INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES via Gastronomy

*Give the Dates*

 <b>MONDAY</b> <b>APRIL 8, 2019</b> <b>WASHINGTON, DC</b>  <b>CAPITAL HILTON</b> 1001 16 <sup>TH</sup> STREET NW 4:00-8:30 PM PANEL DISCUSSION, B2B MEETINGS, MINI PRODUCT & SERVICE EXHIBIT - BOOTHS FROM GREECE AND USA, NETWORKING RECEPTION	 <b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>APRIL 10, 2019</b> <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA</b>  <b>ARTS BALLROOM</b> 1324 LOCUST ST & BROAD ST 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM PANEL DISCUSSION, BOOTHS & NETWORKING 6:00 PM AWARDS DINNER AT <i>Estia</i> RESTAURANT 1405-07 LOCUST ST	 <b>THURSDAY</b> <b>APRIL 11, 2019</b> <b>NEW YORK, NY</b>  <b>3 WEST CLUB</b> 3 W 51 <sup>ST</sup> ST 4:00-8:30 PM PANEL DISCUSSION, B2B MEETINGS, MINI PRODUCT & SERVICE EXHIBIT - BOOTHS FROM GREECE AND USA, NETWORKING RECEPTION
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EXHIBIT REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **JANUARY 30, 2019**

-  EXCLUSIVE NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES
-  BOOTH EXHIBITS
-  NETWORKING EVENTS
-  PRESENTATIONS



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## EVENTS

**O**n Sunday, May 5 2019, Lord Baltimore Chapter 364 Order of Ahepa will host its first Annual Spring Bull Roast at the Greektown Square from 2:00 to 6:00. Price includes ALL YOU CAN EAT Pit Beef, Pit Ham, Pit Turkey, Steamed Shrimp, Pulled Pork Bbq, Sweet & Sour Meatballs, Assorted cold salads and much much more. Draft beer and soft drinks also included. Adults \$50, kids 12 and under \$35. For tickets and information contact Chairman Manoli Theoharis (410-790-7542) or President Nick Filipidis at (410-804-5666).

Sunday May 19, 2019 marks National AHEPA Day. During this special occasion we are happy to be awarding our Chapter's Scholarship Awards to eight deserving students from our community immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Afterwards, please join our AHEPA family for a Pancake Brunch and "Get Together" in the church social hall.



**JOIN US FOR THE  
LORD BALTIMORE CHAPTER #364  
ORDER OF AHEPA**



**ALL YOU CAN  
EAT BEEF &  
MORE**

**GAMES &  
FUN**

**BEER & SOFT  
DRINKS**

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# **BULLROAST**

**TO BENEFIT THE BENEVOLENT AND CHARITABLE FUNDS**

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**SUNDAY, MAY 5 2019**

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**2:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

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**MUSIC / DRINKS / FOOD**

**ADULTS: \$50    KIDS 12 & UNDER \$35**

**GREEKTOWN SQUARE | 700 S. QUAIL ST. BALTIMORE, MD 21224**

**CONTACT: MANOLI THEOHARIS (410) 790-7542 | [info@ahempa364.org](mailto:info@ahempa364.org)**

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# PROFIT & LOSS

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03/11/19

Accrual Basis

## Saint Nicholas Church Profit & Loss February 2019

	Feb 19
<b>LEARNING CENTER</b>	
6624 · PayPal Learning Center Fees	520.80
6615 · Alarm Monitoring (L.C.)	345.00
6620 · Bank Fees (Learning Center)	10.00
6625 · Building Maintenance (L.C.)	4,550.00
6626 · Cleaning Supplies for Classroom	226.71
6635 · Food Expense (Learning Center)	119.39
6636 · Paper Products (Plates,Cups...)	508.47
6641 · Center Events (L.C.)	41.70
6650 · Office Supplies (L.C.)	118.75
6651 · Classroom Supplies (L.C.)	756.32
6654 · Workshop/Seminar (L.C.)	0.00
6655 · Payroll Expense (L.C.)	16,006.79
6656 · Health Benefits(L.C.)	1,086.47
6660 · Payroll Taxes Expense (L.C.)	1,198.36
6675 · Professional Fees (subcontract)	935.00
<b>Total LEARNING CENTER</b>	<b>26,425.76</b>
<b>OCCUPANCY COSTS</b>	
6150 · Building Maintenance	141.00
6365 · Security	1,717.92
6370 · Trash Removal	647.65
6375 · Pest/Termite Control	50.00
6390 · Utilities	6,407.67
6400 · Water & Sewer	367.15
<b>Total OCCUPANCY COSTS</b>	<b>9,331.39</b>
<b>PAYROLL EXPENSES</b>	
6001 · Payroll - Special Project	0.00
6000 · Church Office Administration	4,279.69
6010 · Priest Payroll	6,983.38
6015 · Church Sexton	1,600.00
6020 · Greek School Teachers Payroll	3,871.75
6032 · Assistant Chantor	150.00
6040 · Organist Payroll	500.00
6050 · Payroll taxes	703.98
6070 · Employee Benefits (Health)	3,748.03
6080 · Auto/Housing Allowance	923.06
<b>Total PAYROLL EXPENSES</b>	<b>22,759.89</b>
<b>PLATEIA EXPENSES</b>	
6478 · Payroll Taxes - Plateia	140.65
6426 · Interest Expense (Plateia)	56.38
6432 · Plateia, Water & Sewer	1,328.86
6433 · Plateia, Verizon	85.79
6464 · Building Maintenance (Plateia)	926.58
6470 · Office Expense (Plateia)	13.00
6473 · Security Expense (Plateia)	742.00
6474 · Professional Fees (Plateia)	882.00
6477 · Management salary (Plateia)	1,538.46
<b>Total PLATEIA EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,713.72</b>
<b>PROPERTY RENTAL EXPENSES</b>	
6510 · Property Rental - water/sewer	197.00
6540 · Property Rental-Management Fee	199.20
<b>Total PROPERTY RENTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>396.20</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>81,509.85</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>12,598.66</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>12,598.66</b>



# PROFIT & LOSS

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03/11/19

Accrual Basis

## Saint Nicholas Church

### Profit & Loss

February 2019

	Feb 19
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4105 · Translations/Certificates Incom	60.00
4000 · Stewardship	33,376.00
4011 · Learning Center Income	
4011.7 · Learning Center Discount (Sibli)	-384.00
4011.8 · Learning Center Tuition (Drop I	491.00
4011.9 · Learning Center Discount (Stewa	-43.00
4011.10 · Learning Center Tuition (3-4YRS	9,880.00
4011.11 · Learning Center Tuition (2YR)	11,790.00
4011.13 · Learning Center Tuition (Infant	19,800.00
4011.14 · Learning Center Registration Fe	225.00
Total 4011 · Learning Center Income	<u>41,759.00</u>
4020 · Sales _ Candles	11,653.00
4050 · Donations - Church	830.00
4060 · Donations - Trays	538.00
4061 · Donation - Building Fund	300.00
4080 · Donations - Memorial	3,630.00
4135 · Property Rental Income	2,490.00
Total Income	<u>94,636.00</u>
Cost of Goods Sold	
COST OF GOODS SOLD	
5030 · Greek Festival Expense	
8110 · Labor	42.50
Total 5030 · Greek Festival Expense	42.50
Plateia CGS Expenses	
5156 · Plateia Direct Labor Expense	300.00
Total Plateia CGS Expenses	300.00
5033 · Vacation Bible School Expense	184.99
Total COST OF GOODS SOLD	<u>527.49</u>
Total COGS	<u>527.49</u>
Gross Profit	94,108.51
Expense	
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	
6100 · Accounting	2,318.35
6140 · Bank Fees	10.00
6142 · Paypal Fees	33.86
6200 · Equipment Rental	200.00
6210 · Fair Share (Archdiocese)	6,420.00
6216 · Pension (Clergy)	650.00
6250 · Insurance - General Liability	5,679.17
6300 · Office Expense	379.51
6330 · Professional Fees - Subcontract	
6335 · Church Cleaning	1,155.00
6330 · Professional Fees - Subcontract - Other	37.00
Total 6330 · Professional Fees - Subcontract	<u>1,192.00</u>
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	16,882.89

# 2019 PLEDGES-\$129,440.00 / Payments-\$102,650.54 / Balance-\$26,789.46

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# LITURGICAL PROGRAM - APRIL

- Monday, April 1: Compline Service 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 3: Presanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm
- Friday, April 5: Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 pm
- Sunday, April 7: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: (St. John Climacus) Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- Monday, April 8: Compline Service 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 10: Presanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm
- Friday, April 12: Akathist Hymn 7:00 pm
- Sunday, April 14: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Mary of Egypt) Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- Monday, April 15: Compline Service 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 17: Presanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm
- Saturday, April 20: Saturday of Lazarus Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am *(Breakfast will follow)*
- Sunday, April 21: Palm Sunday: Orthros: 8:45 am D. Lit. 10:00 am

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- Sunday, Evening: April 21: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm
- Monday, April 22: Holy Monday: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, April 23: Holy Tuesday: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 24: Holy Wednesday: Presanctified Liturgy 9:00 am
- Holy Wednesday Evening: Holy Unction Service 6:00 pm
- Thursday, April 25: Holy Thursday Morning: Vespers & Liturgy St. Basil 6:00 am
- Thursday Evening: The Reading of the 12 Gospels 7:00 pm
- Friday, April 26: Holy Friday: Royal Hours 9:00 am
- Friday Afternoon: Taking Christ off the Cross: Apokathelosis 2:00 pm
- Friday Evening: Lamentation Service 7:00 pm
- Saturday, April 27: Holy Saturday Morning: 1<sup>st</sup> Resurrection Service: Vespers & Liturgy of St. Basil. Service begins at 7:30 am
- Saturday Evening: Paschal Vigil: 11:00 pm 12:00 midnight Resurrection Service (Outside) 12:30 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy of Pascha
- Sunday, April 28: Great and Holy Pascha: Agape Vespers in several languages 11:00 am
- Tuesday, April 30: Bright Week- Sts. Rafael, Nicholas, & Sophia
- Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30



*Great and Holy Pascha*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - APRIL/MAY

Tuesday, April 2nd: Choir Rehearsal at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 6th: Oratorical Festival at St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, April 7th: Sunday School Spaghetti Luncheon after Church

Sunday, April 7th: Hellenic Golden Coins Crab Feast

Tuesday, April 9th: NO Diamonds Meeting

April 13, 2019- Our Church will host the Greek Orthodox Metropolis Of New Jersey St. John Chrysostom District Oratorical Festival on Saturday, April 13th. We look forward to welcoming the Junior & Senior Parish Finalists from our sister parishes in Maryland.

Tuesday, April 16th: Choir Rehearsal at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 19th: Philoptochos Crab Feast at Jimmy's Seafood

Saturday, April 20th: Saturday of Lazaros Breakfast and Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 21st: Palm Sunday Luncheon After Church (Tickets available in church office)

Sunday, April 21st: Philoptochos Tsoureki Bake Sale

Monday, April 22nd - Monday, April 29th: NO Greek School

Friday, April 26th: Good Friday morning--Philoptochos will be decorating the Epitaphio

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, May 1st: Greek School Wreath of Flowers Program

Saturday, May 4th: Philoptochos Mother's Day Brunch - Sparrows Point Country Club

Monday, May 6th: Philoptochos Meeting (Final meeting)

Tuesday, May 7th: General Assembly Meeting at 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 11th: Ladies Panchian - Annual Spring Tea

Tuesday, May 14th: Diamonds Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 18th: Ladies Panchian Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 19th: Philoptochos Scholarship Sunday - Awarding of the Koutsonouris Family Scholarship  
Diamonds Patron Saint Coffee Hour / Final Sunday School and Graduation

Monday, May 20th: Philoptochos Elections will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 27th: No Greek School

Wednesday, May 29th: Greek School End-of-Year Program