

65 YEARS



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

K O I N O N I A

Here we go again another Ecclesiastical year has come to a close, and the summer has come to an end. Vacations are over, the kids are back to school, and life is becoming a routine again. September is a month that brings with it cooler temperatures, we had two hot and humid months in July and August. It has been a great year filled with anticipation, surprises, and a lot of success.

It was great to see our Sunday school and Greek school programs growing and reaping the fruits of their labor. Great opportunities challenged our young people, and we will continue to give them more opportunities to increase their faith and knowledge within the Church. We are also reminded that parental guidance and commitment is always needed when we deal with the youth of our Parish. Whether it be bringing the kids to Church, Sunday school, Greek school, G.O.Y.A., J.O.Y, and Dance, we expect the Parents to play a major role in their commitment to their children." We can lead a horse to water but we can't make it drink". As parents you need to set up your priorities. You have to ask yourselves, Is the Church a major priority in the life of your children? With due respect, our children lack in worship, in faith and in knowledge. We are slowly losing our children to the pleasures of this world. We are teaching our children that living a materialistic world is the way to go. That is not the way and the path to take if you want to live a spiritual life in Christ. God is not an idea or a piece of information. God is someone to know, and to introduce our children too. I keep hearing from people, "It's the Parents fault if the children don't attend church". There is some truth to that, but I would like to add, that Parents have to know God first, they have to instill and show their children that they love the Lord. Children are taught by example. For example, many of our children who come to church on Sundays are transported by their parents, but their parents are not in church to worship with them. Usually it is a grandparent that brings the children to church. In one way it's great that the children come to church, but it would be much better for the children to be with their parents together worshipping in the church. I know that a lot of our young adults who grew up in St. Nicholas, had the opportunity to attend church with their parents because the Church was in walking distance. The Church was their life? But now things have changed, our young families have left the Greek town area and are living outside of Highland town in other towns and cities. I'm still thankful that our Young married couples are

still around and play a major role in the progress and success of our Community. I really enjoy when I see our young married couples coming to church on Sunday's with their children. That is the right path to take, because your children will always benefit from that tremendously. September is also the month when our Youth Group gets into action. I want to take this opportunity to thank our Head GOYA Advisor Mrs. Rita Quintero, and her excellent staff of Advisors, plus all of our wonderful and talented coaches, for the support and dedication that they exemplified throughout the year to the GOYANS. I also would like to thank the parents for their sacrifice, their time and effort to bring their children to the meetings, to Church, basketball practices and to all the many activities that they attended last year. I hope and pray that we continue to see growth and excitement in this area, because if we don't support our children and the youth programs we failed to deliver the future for our children. I would like to thank the Hellenic Golden Coins Dancers and their instructors Foula Paragios, and Irene Angelos, for their participation in all the Dance activities and practices. They performed so beautifully during the Festival. I would like to see more and more of our young children enrolling in our Youth Group and the Hellenic Golden Coins Dance group. That really shows our pride in our children when they represent our Community in all their activities. Also in the month of September we have all the Church Organizations and all Ethnic Societies blooming again. Our Ladies Philoptochos Society, the St. Nicholas "Diamonds", the Ladies Chios Society, the United Ladies Chios Society, the Rhodian Society "Diagoras", the Peloponnesian Society, The Macedonian Society, The Carpathian Society, and AHEPA, will begin their meetings and events during the 2019 and 2020 year. If I missed any other Organization please forgive me because there are so many.



During the month of September we also have the members of our St. Nicholas Choir back in action. We will be able to hear their beautiful angelic voices glorifying God and making us feel the need to praise and glorify Him spiritually. But before I close with my comments, there are certain important areas that we need to pay our utmost attention. Number 1: The importance of our children attending and participating in Church and other activities. We need our Kids who have graduated from Sunday school, to join our Church Choir, or help with the Sunday School classes as Teachers Aides. Our Choir is getting smaller and smaller as years go by. We need new voices, and new people to get involved. This year we are trying to create a new Youth



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Choir and we hope with help of the parents and young people we can create a new and exciting environment for our children and the future of St. Nicholas. All this can be done if we get our act together. Number 2: We need to pay more attention to our Church Stewardship Program. This is where we are lacking the most. We all should know that this program is the heart and bloodline of our Parish. Don't look towards, Festivals, Concerts, Dances, and Dinners, to take care of the Financial responsibilities of the Church, because the way I see it we always have a problem finding people to help out with these events every year. We are too busy doing other things than paying attention to Church matters which should be our main priority after our children and families. We should make our Church a priority in our lives. Just imagine if we had no Church to worship in or to come to a Community event and to know that it's canceled because the Church is closed. In that case where do we go to congregate? Just keep that in mind when you make your contribution to the church through your Stewardship Pledge this year. It is important that we support our Church. Number 3: It is also important that we support the wonderful facilities that our Church provides. We should be thankful that we have our Greek Town Square Event Center and our Learning Center, are doing very well. We really need to support our Plateia, buy scheduling your events, such as Weddings, Baptisms, Makaria Luncheons, Birthday Parties, Sweet Sixteen Parties, Baby and Wedding Showers, and Graduations. By supporting our Church facilities for your events, you are also supporting your Church financially.

This is what we need to focus on as a Community, because not only does our Plateia and Learning Center provide a great service to our

Community, but it can also be a great opportunity to show your "STEWARDSHIP".

According to rules and regulations of the Archdiocese, if you are over 18 years of age and you have a job then you are required to fill out a Stewardship Pledge card to the church. This includes Young Adults, Married Couples, and Elderly. There is just one exemption, and that is if you are enrolled and attending College, all we ask is that you fill out a Pledge Card, so we can communicate with you through our yearly mailings. This will give students the opportunity to know what's happening in their Parish. Number 4: During the months of September, October, and November, we are always looking for new Candidates for the Parish Council. If anyone is interested please contact Fr. Michael. We must all realize the importance of being on the Parish Council of the Church. We will be sending out information concerning the Parish Council Elections that will be held in December in the coming months. We are looking for special people who are willing to devote their time and talents to their Church. In the past we have had the pleasure of putting Young professionals on the Parish Council and we were very happy that they came on board and showed their love and dedication to their church. So on this note, I am inviting and challenging all our Young people who have an interest in their Church to run in this year's Parish Council Elections.

Again, I would like to welcome back everyone to a new and exciting Ecclesiastical Year and may our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless all of you and bring you abundant joy and energy for this new and exciting and challenging year.

Αλλη μια εκκλησιαστική χρονιά έφτασε στο τέλος της, όπως τέλειωσε και το καλοκαίρι. Οι διακοπές τέλειωσαν, τα παιδιά επέστρεψαν στο σχολείο και η ζωή πήρε και πάλι τη ρουτίνα της. Ο Σεπτέμβριος είναι ένας μήνας που φέρνει μαζί του πιο ήπιες θερμοκρασίες, είχαμε 2 μήνες με ζέστη και υγρασία, τον Ιούλιο και τον Αύγουστο. Είχαμε όμως και έναν υπέροχο χρόνο, γεμάτο προσδοκίες, εκπλήξεις και μεγάλες επιτυχίες.

Ήταν υπέροχο να βλέπουμε να διδάσκονται τα προγράμματα του Κατηχητικού και του Ελληνικού μας σχολείου και στη συνέχεια να δρέπουν τους καρπούς της εργασίας τους. Μεγάλες ευκαιρίες πρόκλησης δόθηκαν στους νέους μας και θα συνεχίσουμε να τους προσφέρουμε περισσότερες ευκαιρίες για να αυξήσουμε την πίστη και τη γνώση τους όσον αφορά την Εκκλησία. Υπενθυμίζεται επίσης ότι η καθοδήγηση και η δέσμευση των γονέων είναι πάντα απαραίτητες όταν ασχολούμαστε με τη νεολαία της Ενορίας μας. Είτε πρόκειται να φέρουν τα παιδιά στην Εκκλησία, στο Κατηχητικό Σχολείο, στο Ελληνικό Σχολείο, στη GOYA, στο JOY ή στο Χορευτικό Όμιλο. Περιμένουμε από τους γονείς να παίξουν σημαντικό ρόλο στη δέσμευσή τους για τα παιδιά τους: "Μπορούμε να οδηγήσουμε το άλογο στο νερό, αλλά δεν μπορούμε να το πιέσουμε να πειεί". Ως γονείς πρέπει να ορίσετε τις προτεραιότητές σας. Θα πρέπει να αναρρωτηθείτε, κατέχει η Εκκλησία βασική προτεραιότητα στη ζωή των παιδιών σας; Με όλο το σεβασμό, τα παιδιά μας στερούνται λατρείας, πίστης και γνώσης. Σιγά-σιγά χάνουμε τα παιδιά μας εξ αιτίας των απολαύσεων αυτού του κόσμου. Εμείς είμαστε εκείνοι που διδάσκουμε στα παιδιά μας ότι ο τρόπος ζωής είναι ο υλιστικός τρόπος που ζούμε, και πρέπει να τον ακολουθήσουν. Αυτός δεν είναι ούτε ο τρόπος ούτε ο δρόμος που πρέπει να πάρετε αν θέλετε να ζήσετε μια πνευματική ζωή εν Χριστώ. Ο Θεός δεν είναι κάποια ιδέα ή κάποια πληροφορία. Ο Θεός είναι κάποιος που γνωρίζει και που συστήνεται στα παιδιά μας. Πολλές φορές ακούω από τον κόσμο: "Ότι είναι λάθος των γονέων αν τα παιδιά δεν παρευρίσκονται στην εκκλησία. Υπάρχει κάποια αλήθεια για 'αυτό, αλλά θα ήθελα να προσθέσω ότι πρέπει οι γονείς πρώτα να γνωρίσουν τον Θεό, και μετά να ενσταλάξουν και να δείξουν στα παιδιά τους ότι αγαπούν τον Κύριο. Τα παιδιά διδάσκονται από το παράδειγμα. Για παράδειγμα, πολλά

από τα παιδιά που έρχονται στην εκκλησία την Κυριακή τα φέρνουν οι γονείς τους, αλλά οι γονείς τους δεν είναι στην εκκλησία για να εκκλησιαστούν μαζί τους. Συνήθως είναι κάποιος παππούς ή γιαγιά που εκκλησιάζεται με τα παιδιά. Κατά κάποιο τρόπο είναι πολύ ωραίο ότι τα παιδιά έρχονται στην εκκλησία, αλλά θα ήταν πολύ καλύτερα, για τα παιδιά, να εκκλησιάζονται μαζί με τους γονείς τους. Ξέρω ότι πολλοί νέοι ενήλικες που μεγάλωσαν στον Άγιο Νικόλαο είχαν την ευκαιρία να έρχονται στην εκκλησία με τους γονείς τους, επειδή η Εκκλησία βρισκόταν σε κοντινή απόσταση. Η Εκκλησία ήταν η ζωή τους! Αλλά τώρα τα πράγματα έχουν αλλάξει, οι νέες οικογένειες έχουν εγκαταλείψει την ελληνική πόλη και ζουν έξω από την πόλη του Highlandtown, σε άλλες πόλεις. Όμως είμαι ευγνώμων που τα νεαρά παντρεμένα ζευγάρια μας βρίσκονται ακόμα κοντά και παίζουν σημαντικό ρόλο στην πρόοδο και την επιτυχία της Κοινότητας μας. Μου άρεσε πραγματικά όταν βλέπω τα νεαρά παντρεμένα ζευγάρια να έρχονται στην εκκλησία την Κυριακή με τα παιδιά τους. Αυτός είναι ο σωστός δρόμος που πρέπει να ακολουθήσετε, διότι τα παιδιά σας θα επωφελούνται πάντα από αυτό. Ο Σεπτέμβριος είναι επίσης ο μήνας κατά τον οποίο η νεολαία μας θα δραστηριοποιηθεί. Θέλω να επωφεληθώ αυτής της ευκαιρίας για να ευχαριστήσω την επικεφαλής σύμβουλο της Νεολαίας μας Ρίτα Κουϊντέρο και το εξαιρετικό προσωπικό των βοηθών της, για την υποστήριξη και την αφοσίωση που έδειξαν παραδειγματικά καθ' όλη τη διάρκεια του έτους στους νέους μας. Θα ήθελα επίσης να ευχαριστήσω τους γονείς για τη θυσία, τον χρόνο και την προσπάθειά τους που έφεραν τα παιδιά τους στις συνεδριάσεις, στην Εκκλησία, στις πρόβες του Μάσκετ και σε όλες τις πολλές και διάφορες δραστηριότητες που παρακολούθησαν πέρυσι. Ελπίζω και προσεύχομαι να συνεχίσουμε να βλέπουμε την ανάπτυξη και τον ενθουσιασμό σε αυτόν τον τομέα, διότι αν δεν υποστηρίξουμε τα παιδιά μας και τα προγράμματα της νεολαίας δεν πετύχαμε το μέλλον τους. Θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω τους χορευτές των Ελληνικών Χρυσών Φλουριών και τους εκπαιδευτές τους, Φούλα Παραγιού και Ειρήνη Αγγελή, για τη συμμετοχή τους σε όλες τις παραστάσεις και πρόβες του Χορού. Επίσης, τον Σεπτέμβριο, ξεκινούν τα προγράμματά τους όλες οι εκκλησιαστικές οργανώσεις και όλοι οι τοπικοί Εθνικοί Σύλλογοι. Η Φιλόπρωτος, τα «Διαμάντια» του Αγίου Νικολάου, Ο Γυναικείος Σύλλογος Χιτών,

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τα Ηνωμένα Χιακά Σωματεία, ο Ροδιακός Σύλλογος «Διαγόρας», ο Πελοποννησιακός Σύλλογος, ο Μακεδονικός Σύλλογος, ο Σύλλογος Καρπάθου, η ΑΧΕΠΑ, θα ξεκινήσουν τις συνεδριάσεις τους και τις εκδηλώσεις τους του 2019 και 2020. Εάν ξέχασα οποιαδήποτε άλλη οργάνωση παρακαλώ συγχωρήστε με γιατί υπάρχουν τόσες πολλές.

Τον Σεπτέμβριο θα ξαναγυρίσουν επίσης τα μέλη της Εκκλησιαστικής Χορωδίας του Αγίου Νικολάου. Θα μπορέσουμε να ακούσουμε τις όμορφες αγγελικές τους φωνές να δοξάζουν τον Θεό και να μας προκαλούν, να αισθανόμαστε την ανάγκη να Τον δοξάζουμε και κυρίως να Τον δοξάζουμε πνευματικά. Αλλά πριν τελειώσω με τα σχόλιά μου, είναι ορισμένοι σημαντικοί τομείς που πρέπει να δώσουμε τη μέγιστη προσοχή μας. Νο 1: Τη σημασία να παρακολουθούν και να συμμετέχουν τα παιδιά μας σε Εκκλησιαστικές και άλλες δραστηριότητες. Χρειαζόμαστε τα παιδιά, που έχουν αποφοιτήσει από το Κατηχητικό Σχολείο, να συμμετάσχουν στην Εκκλησιαστική μας Χορωδία ή να βοηθήσουν στις τάξεις του Κατηχητικού Σχολείου ως βοηθοί του διδακτικού προσωπικού. Η Χορωδία μας μικραίνει και πάει όσο περνούν τα χρόνια. Χρειαζόμαστε νέες φωνές και νέους ανθρώπους να συμμετέχουν. Φέτος προσπαθούμε να δημιουργήσουμε μια νέα Χορωδία Νέων, και ελπίζουμε, με τη βοήθεια των γονέων και των νέων, να δημιουργήσουμε ένα νέο και ενθουσιώδες περιβάλλον για τα παιδιά μας και το μέλλον του Αγίου Νικολάου. Όλα αυτά μπορούν να υλοποιηθούν, αν το θελήσουμε όλοι μαζί, ενωμένοι, με την καρδιά μας. Νο 2: Πρέπει να δώσουμε μεγαλύτερη προσοχή στο Πρόγραμμα της Εθελοντικής Προσφοράς της Εκκλησίας μας. Σε αυτό το τομέα υστερούμε πολύ. Όλοι πρέπει να γνωρίζουν ότι το πρόγραμμα αυτό είναι η καρδιά και ο παλμός της Ενορίας μας. Μην περιμένετε από φεστιβάλ, συναυλίες, χορούς, και δείπνα, να καλύψουν τις οικονομικές ανάγκες και ευθύνες της Εκκλησίας, διότι όπως το βλέπω, κάθε χρόνο, έχουμε πάντα πρόβλημα να βρούμε ανθρώπους να βοηθήσουν με αυτές τις εκδηλώσεις. Είμαστε πολύ απασχολημένοι με άλλα πράγματα εκτός από του να δίνουμε προσοχή στα θέματα της Εκκλησίας που θάπρεπε να είναι η κύρια προτεραιότητα μας μετά από τα παιδιά και τις οικογένειές μας. Πρέπει η Εκκλησία μας να έχει τη προτεραιότητα στη ζωή μας. Φανταστείτε εάν δεν είχαμε την Εκκλησία, να προσκυνήσουμε ή να ερχόμασταν σε κάποιο κοινωνικό μυστήριο ή γεγονός, και να μαθαίναμε ότι ακυρώθηκε επειδή η Εκκλησία είναι κλειστή. Σε αυτή την περίπτωση που πάμε να εκκλησιαστούμε; Απλά να το έχετε κατά νου, όταν θα συμπληρώσετε την Κάρτα της Εθελοντικής σας Προσφοράς προς την Εκκλησία. Είναι σημαντικό να στηρίζουμε την Εκκλησία μας. Νο 3. Είναι επίσης σημαντικό να στηρίζουμε τις υπέροχες εγκαταστάσεις

που προσφέρει η Εκκλησία μας. Πρέπει να είμαστε ευγνώμονες που έχουμε το Κέντρο Εκδηλώσεων της Πλατείας και το Παιδικό Σταθμό, λειτουργούν πολύ καλά. Πρέπει πραγματικά να υποστηρίξουμε τη Πλατεία μας, προγραμματίζοντας τις εκδηλώσεις μας εκεί, όπως Γάμους, Βαπτίσεις, Γεύματα Μακαρίας, Γιορτές Γενεθλίων, Πάρτι Sweet Sixteen, Showers, Βρεφικά και Γάμου, και εκδηλώσεις αποφοίτησης. Υποστηρίζοντας τις εκκλησιαστικές μας εγκαταστάσεις για τις εκδηλώσεις μας, υποστηρίζουμε οικονομικά την εκκλησία μας. Στο θέμα αυτό πρέπει να επικεντρωθούμε ως Κοινότητα, διότι όχι μόνο η Πλατεία και ο Παιδικός Σταθμός παρέχουν μεγάλη υπηρεσία στην Κοινότητά μας, αλλά επίσης αποτελούν μια μεγάλη ευκαιρία για να δείξουμε την Εθελοντική μας Προσφορά.

Σύμφωνα με τους Κανονισμούς της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής μας, αν είστε άνω των 18 ετών και δουλεύετε, τότε θα πρέπει να συμπληρώσετε την Κάρτα της Εθελοντικής σας Προσφοράς προς την Εκκλησία. Αυτό περιλαμβάνει νεαρούς ενήλικες, παντρεμένα ζευγάρια και ηλικιωμένους. Υπάρχει μόνο μία εξαίρεση, και αυτή είναι αν έχετε εγγραφεί και φοιτάτε σε Πανεπιστήμιο ή Κολλέγιο, το μόνο που ζητάμε από εσάς είναι να συμπληρώσετε μια κάρτα, ώστε να μπορούμε να επικοινωνούμε μαζί σας μέσω της ετήσιας αλληλογραφίας μας. Έτσι δίνουμε σε κάθε φοιτητή τη δυνατότητα να γαυρίζει τη συμβαίνει στην Ενορία τους. Νο 4: Κατά τους μήνες Σεπτέμβριο, Οκτώβριο και Νοέμβριο, ζητάμε να βρούμε πάντα νέους υποψήφιους για το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο. Αν κάποιος ενδιαφέρεται παρακαλώ να επικοινωνήσει με τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ. Πρέπει όλοι να συνειδητοποιήσετε πόσο σημαντικό είναι να συμμετέχετε στο Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο της Εκκλησίας. Θα σας ταχυδρομήσουμε τις πληροφορίες σχετικά με τις Κοινοτικές εκλογές του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου που θα πραγματοποιηθούν το Δεκέμβριο, εντός των επομένων μηνών. Ψάχνουμε για άτομα που να είναι πρόθυμα και ικανά να αφιερώσουν το χρόνο και το ταλέντο τους στην Εκκλησία τους. Στο παρελθόν είχαμε τη χαρά να βάλουν υπηψηφιότητα νέοι, επαγγελματίες για το Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο και ήμασταν πολύ χαρούμενοι που ήρθαν και έδειξαν την αγάπη και την αφοσίωσή τους στην Εκκλησία τους. Έτσι, με αυτό το μήνυμα, καλώ και προκαλώ όλους τους νέους μας που ενδιαφέρονται για την Εκκλησία τους να βάλουν υποψηφιότητα για τις φετινές Εκλογές του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου. Και πάλι, θα ήθελα να σας καλωσορίσω όλους στο νέο Εκκλησιαστικό Έτος και να σας ευχηθώ ο Κύριος και Σωτήρας μας Ιησούς Χριστός να σας ευλογεί, και να σας χαρίζει υγεία, χαρά και ενέργεια, τούτη τη νέα εκκλησιαστική χρονιά.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/ ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟ

My dearest,

With the Lord's help and with the blessings of Saint Nicholas, our summer has passed with harmony and peace.

So we start our new church/school year with positive energy and optimism.

Our church's embrace is waiting with lots of affection and love in order to start our new activities.

Our Greek language school, our Sunday school, our Philoptochos, our Diamonds, our dancing groups, our chorus, our youth organization, and our various societies all are waiting for us and our children to fill Our Lord's house with joy. Because as we all know the biggest gift for us, our children, and grandchildren is to be close to our church and to appreciate the gifts which it presents to us. Let's begin with strong faith in our Lord with everyday prayer to give us the courage, health, blessings, and endless love between us.

With these approaches we can achieve the best for our church and our community.

With true love,

*Stamatia Ieromonahos
President of Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church of
Baltimore*

Αγαπημένοι μου,

Με την βοήθεια του Θεού και την ευλογία του Αγίου Νικολάου κύλησε το καλοκαίρι μας με ηρεμία και γαλήνη.

Ξεκινάμε λοιπόν την νέα εκκλησιαστική - σχολική χρονιά μας με αισιοδοξία και θετική ενέργεια.

Η αγκαλιά της εκκλησίας μας με πολλή στοργή και αγάπη μας περιμένει όλους να ξεκινήσουμε τις δραστηριότητες μας.

Το Ελληνικό σχολείο μας, το Κατηχητικό σχολείο μας, η Φιλόπτωχος μας, τα Διαμάντια μας, τα χορευτικά συγκροτήματα μας, ο σύλλογος νεολαίας μας, η χορωδία μας, οι διάφοροι τοπικοί & πολιτιστικοί σύλλογοι μας, όλοι περιμένουν εμάς και τα παιδιά μας να γεμίσουμε ξανά με χαρά το σπίτι Του Κυρίου Μας.



Γιατί όπως όλοι ξέρουμε το καλύτερο δώρο για εμάς, τα παιδιά και τα εγγόνια μας είναι να είμαστε κοντά στην εκκλησία μας και να απολαμβάνουμε τους καρπούς που απλόχερα προσφέρει σε όλους μας. Ας ξεκινήσουμε λοιπόν με δυνατή πίστη στον Κύριο Μας, με καθημερινή προσευχή να μας δίνει δύναμη, υγεία & ευλογία και με αστείρευτη αγάπη μεταξύ μας.

Με αυτά τα όπλα μπορούμε και θα καταφέρουμε τα καλύτερα για την εκκλησία και την κοινότητα μας.

Με αληθινή αγάπη

*Σταματία Ιερομονάχου
Πρόεδρος του Συμβουλίου της Ελληνικής Εκκλησίας
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GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

Transfiguration 2019

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy

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 Communities of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved in the Lord,

Today we, much like the disciples Christ took with Him up to Mt. Tabor, follow our Lord and witness Him arrayed in light, transfigured before our eyes. This light shone so brightly the Apostles could not bear it as they beheld the revealed Christ before them, both God and man. The feast of the Transfiguration is a feast that bolsters our faith much as the disciples were fortified in theirs through the events that took place on Mt. Tabor. They were given added courage since Christ knew, as the vesperal hymns of the feast teach us, that His sufferings and crucifixion would test His disciples. We should also acknowledge, however, that the Transfiguration is an event that not only bolstered the faith of the disciples, but it aids in strengthening our faith as well.

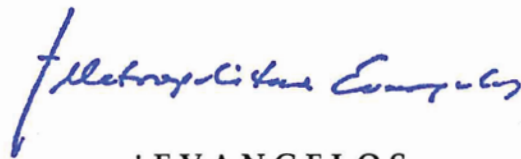
But the Gospel reading also points to another important element. When Christ was being transfigured, a voice from the cloud said, *"This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him"* (Matt. 17:5). The disciples were told to listen to Christ and though they were tested through the various events that would come to take place, all of them, except Judas, would come to listen to their Lord. The words of God the Father were not meant just for the disciples, but they hold true for us as well. We must listen to our Lord who constantly shows us the way of righteousness and truth.

We live in a world full of darkness and we must stay focused on our spiritual life even while society constantly bombards us with depraved thoughts and images. Nevertheless, we are given these words by God to remind us to stay focused on Christ despite all the distractions of the world, despite all the fears we may have, and despite the fact that the evil one is working to keep us away from our Lord. We must listen for our Lord's voice, He who guides us as the Good Shepherd, not just in one particular

moment, but every day and at every hour. The voice of Christ, the Good Shepherd, asks us to recognize His image in the face of our neighbors and, in doing so, feed the hungry, care for the sick, visit the marginalized, and protect the defenseless. In this way, we listen to our Lord and reinforce our faith while offering a witness of our faith to others.

My beloved in the Lord, the feast of the Transfiguration offers us an opportunity to renew our commitment to Christ by responding to the call of God who tells us to listen to His Son. It is my sincerest prayer that all of us heed this call so that we may live out our faith and offer a witness to a world in need of hope.

With Paternal Love and Blessings in the Lord,



† EVANGELOS
Metropolitan of New Jersey





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ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΗΣ

Πρός τόν εὐλαβέστατον Ἱερόν Κληρόν,
Τά Ἐντίμα Μέλη τοῦ Μητροπολιτικοῦ Συμβουλίου,
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
Ὁρθόδοξων Χριστιανῶν τῆς Ἱερᾶς Μητροπόλεως Νέας Ἱερσῆς.

«Λάμπσον καί ἡμῖν τοῖς ἁμαρτωλοῖς τό φῶς σου τό αἶδιον»

(Ἀπολυτίκιον ἑορτῆς)

Ἀγαπητοί ἐν Χριστῷ ἀδελφοί,

Τό λαμπροφόρο καί ἀποκαλυπτικό γεγονός τῆς Μεταμορφώσεως τοῦ Σωτήρος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, πού σήμερα ἑορτάζει ἡ Ἐκκλησία μας, ἀποτελεῖ τή φανέρωση τῆς δόξας τοῦ Θεοῦ στόν ἄνθρωπο, ἡ ὁποία κατά θεία Οἰκονομία γίνεται συνάμα καί δόξα τοῦ ἀνθρώπου. Μέσα ἀπό αὐτό τό ἱερό, ὑπερφυσικό καί πολὺ τιμητικό γιά ὅλη τήν ἀνθρώπινη φύση γεγονός, μᾶς προσκαλεῖ σήμερα ὁ Κύριος νά ἀνέλθουμε κι ἐμεῖς μαζί μέ τούς ἀγαπημένους μαθητές Του, Πέτρο, Ἰάκωβο καί Ἰωάννη στό ὄρος Θαβώρ καί νά ἀτενίσουμε τή λαμπρότητα τῆς θεϊκῆς Του μορφῆς, νά βρεθοῦμε, κατά τόν ἱερό ὕμνογράφο «φωτοφανεῖς», καί νά ὑποστοῦμε ἐθελούσια «τὴν καλὴν ἀλλοίωσιν» πού πηγάζει ἀπό τὴν εἰκόνα τοῦ προσώπου Του.

Ἡ Μεταμόρφωση τοῦ Κυρίου ἦταν ὄχι μόνο ἓνα μεγάλο στήριγμα γιά τούς μαθητές ἐν ὄψει τοῦ Πάθους Του, ἀλλὰ καί ἐπιβεβαίωση τῆς σημαντικότερης ἀλήθειας τοῦ κηρύγματος πού ἐπρόκειτο νά κηρύξουν: ὅτι ὁ Κύριος ἦταν ὁ ἐνανθρωπήσας Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ. Κατὰ τὴ Μεταμόρφωσή Του δὲν ἔγινε κάτι πού δὲν ἦταν προηγουμένως, ἀλλὰ φανέρωσε ποιὸς ἦταν προαιωνίως. Λίγο πρὶν τὸ πάθος Του ἔλεγε στοὺς μαθητές Του γιά τὴ σύλληψή Του, τὴ Σταύρωσή Του, καθὼς καί γιά τούς διωγμούς κατὰ τῶν μαθητῶν Του καί τὸ μῖσος πού θὰ εἰσέπρατταν ἀπὸ τούς ἀνθρώπους. Γιά νά μὴν ἀπογοητευθοῦν λοιπόν, βλέποντας ὅλα αὐτὰ νά ἐπαληθεύονται, καὶ ἐγκαταλείψουν τὸ ἔργο τους, ἀλλὰ καί γιά νά κρατήσουν βέβαιη καὶ σταθερὴ τὴν ἐλπίδα σέ ὅσα οὐράνια τοὺς ὑποσχέθηκε, «μετεμορφώθη ἔμπροσθεν αὐτῶν καὶ ἔλαμψε τὸ πρόσωπον Αὐτοῦ ὡς ὁ ἥλιος, τὰ δὲ ἱμάτια Αὐτοῦ ἐγένοντο λευκὰ ὡς τὸ φῶς» (Ματθ. 17,2). Μεταμορφώθηκε καὶ τοὺς ἀποκάλυψε τὴ θεϊκὴ Του δόξα,

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όση βέβαια μπορούσαν να δούν, διότι δέν άντεξαν νά βλέπουν καί τήν μικρή αὐτή ἔλλαμψη τῆς θεότητάς Του, ὅπως λέει ὁ ἱερός Εὐαγγελιστής, «ἔπεσον ἐπί πρόσωπον αὐτῶν καί ἐφοβήθησαν σφόδρα» (Ματθ. 17,6). Ἐτσι βεβαιώθηκαν ὅτι ἡ δόξα τοῦ Κυρίου τους ὄχι μόνο δέν θά Τούς ἐγκαταλείψη, ἀλλά μέ αὐτήν καί πάλι θά ἔλθῃ «κρῖναι ζῶντας καί νεκρούς».

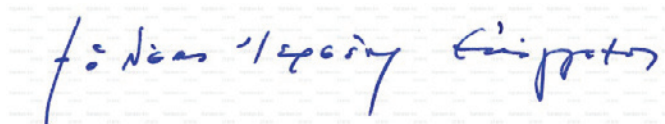
Μέτοχοι αὐτῆς τῆς πραγματικότητας μπορούμε ἐν δυνάμει νά γίνουμε καί ὄλοι ὅσοι ἀποδεχτοῦμε αὐτό τό θεῖο καί ὑπερβατικό θέαμα τῆς θείας Μεταμόρφωσης. Ὅπως ὑπογραμμίζει ὁ ἀπόστολος Παῦλος, ὅλος ὁ λαός τοῦ Θεοῦ βλέπει τήν δόξα τοῦ Χριστοῦ καί μεταμορφώνεται καί αὐτός μαζί Του «ἀπό δόξης εἰς δόξαν, καθάπερ ἀπό Κυρίου Πνεύματος» (Β' Κορ. 3, 18). Κατά συνέπεια, ἡ παρούσα ἐορτή, ἀπευθύνεται καί στή δική μας καθημερινή ζωή καί τοὺς πνευματικούς μας ἀγῶνες. Ἐνα θεόδοτο προσκλητήριο ἀγάπης πρὸς ὅλους ἐμᾶς, ὥστε νά Τόν ἀκολουθήσουμε σέ μιά ἀνοδική πορεία πρὸς τὸ ὄρος Θαβώρ, δηλαδή σέ μιά πνευματική ἀνάβαση ἐσωτερικῆς καθαρότητας. Τὸ δοξασμένο σῶμα τοῦ Κυρίου στοῦ ὄρος Θαβώρ ἀποτελεῖ τὴ διαβεβαίωση ὅτι μπορούμε πλέον οἱ ἄνθρωποι νά ἐνωθοῦμε «ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ» μέ τὸν Θεό, ὡς μέλη τοῦ σώματός Του καί τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Του, μέσα ἀπὸ τὰ ἱερά Μυστήρια, ἀλλά καί τῆς προσωπικῆς ἀσκήσεως τῶν ἀρετῶν.

Ἀγαπητοί μου ἀδελφοί,

Ἡ σημερινή ἐορτή τῆς Μεταμορφώσεως τοῦ Σωτῆρος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, διακηρύττει τὸ ἀπρόσιτο μεγαλεῖο τοῦ Θεοῦ, τὴ θαυμαστὴ ἀγάπη Του καί συνάμα τὸ μεγαλεῖο τοῦ θεωμένου ἀνθρώπου στήν αἰώνια Βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ. Μόνον ὅταν ὁ ἄνθρωπος λάβει τό φῶς τοῦ Θεοῦ, μπορεῖ τότε νά ἀξιωθεῖ τῆς δόξης Του, δηλαδή τῆς θέωσης, ἀνάλογα βέβαια μέ τήν προαίρεση καί τήν πίστη του. Μὲ τό βλέμμα στραμμένο στοῦ ὄρος Θαβώρ, εὐχομαι ὀλόψυχα νά ἀξιωθοῦμε καί ἐμεῖς, ὅπως οἱ ἅγιοι Ἀπόστολοι, αὐτῆς τῆς θείας χάριτος τοῦ «ἀκτίστου φωτός», ὥστε νά καρποφοροῦμε στίς ἀρετές καί νά ἀναπέμπουμε θερμὴ προσευχή στόν Κύριο ἀναφωνῶντας συνάμα μέ τὸν ἱερό ὕμνωδό, «*Λάμπρον καί ἡμῖν τοῖς ἁμαρτωλοῖς τὸ φῶς σου τὸ αἶδιον*».

Μετά πατρικῶν εὐχῶν καί τῆς ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀγάπης

Ο ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΤΗΣ



† Ὁ Νέας Ἱερσέης ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ

STEWARDSHIP

September 1, 2019

ST. NICHOLAS STEWARDSHIP LETTER

Dear Parishioners:

We are on the last leg of 2019, and before we realize it, the new year of 2020 will be upon us. As we enter into another productive year, we cannot afford to rest on our laurels. As a community we have a lot of work to do, the groundwork has been started, and we must work even harder to promote a better Christian environment for ourselves and our children. God has blessed our community with parishioners like you, who have supported the church throughout the years. But to continue this success that we have experienced, we need to focus on something very important. We need to understand what "STEWARDSHIP" means.

Our main concern in writing this letter is to have a better communication with the members of our St. Nicholas family. Somewhere down the line we have forgotten what it means to be a Good Standing Member of the Church. At the care of any Stewardship Program, the main characters and pillars of the church are the 'Stewards.' A good steward, is neither a miser nor a spendthrift person. A good steward is not one who economizes but one who is a good manager of what has been entrusted to him/her.

Some of us have forgotten what it means to be a Good Standing Member of the Church. As members of our St. Nicholas Parish, we have by our own choice undertaken a responsibility to become a good member of the Church. That means we must love it, care for it, be concerned about it, support it, and promote its Christian work and mission. How well we are going to accomplish these major tasks, it is solely up to all of us as Christian Stewards.

Our parish is made up of married, single, and elderly people. We have the opportunity and the responsibility to help our St. Nicholas Community grow. But we have 'Stewards' that for years have never made any attempts to send in their Pledge Cards. We send out Stewardship information every three months to all our registered families, and along with that information, we also include a Pledge Card. It brings us to the question 'WHY'. Most of our parishioners were raised in the parish of St. Nicholas. You went to Greek School, Sunday School, Joy, Goya, Dance Groups, and etc. Talking to people in the parish, you hear stories about how proud they are to have grown up in the Church of St. Nicholas, and that they also want their children to experience that same tradition that their parents felt growing up in the parish. Many of our young people who are out of college, single, married and raising their families, are the groups that we need to communicate with, giving them the understanding that we truly need their help and support. Our young people need to step up to the plate and make their commitment to the church.

Remember, when we give to God, we must give with the attitude of how much we can give...not with the attitude of how much should we give....or how much did John Doe give, and so I will give. This is why it's called 'Fairshare', because everyone is part of the puzzle and everyone is responsible for their share.

Let's make a new resolution as we offer our prayers and offerings to God through our personal commitment to enlighten our hearts and minds to the true meaning of giving, erasing the selfish obstacles, that prevent us from giving what we should give totally and unselfishly.

As a family member of St. Nicholas, you are the most important piece of the puzzle. With your help and support we can finish the puzzle and make our Parish, a Community for others to follow.

On the following pages you will find the 2020 Stewardship Pledge Card. Please take a few minutes to read the information, sign it, and return it to the church office at your convenience. Thank You & God Bless.

With Love in Christ,

Fr. Michael I. Pastrikos

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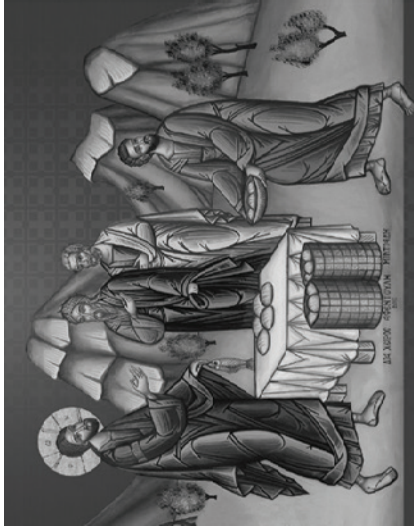
May we include your contact information in the parish directory?

yes no *If yes, please indicate any information you would like excluded:*

May we add you to our parish email list?

yes no

In the Gospel of Saint Matthew (6:19), Jesus instructs us, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal...." Often in life, we pursue and collect those things that do not last. We must ask, "One hundred years from now, where will our possessions be?" Our greatest blessing is our family. As Orthodox Christians, we are called to be stewards of this great gift. If we are faithful to this calling, perhaps our Lord will say to us as he did to the faithful steward, "Well done good and faithful servant" (Mt 25:23).



treasure

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount:

\$ _____ each week

planned giving

Please send me information on making a planned gift to the Church

time & talent

Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check (✓).

Families should mark "H" for husband, "W" for wife or "C" for children.

EDUCATION

- ___ Bible Study
- ___ Adult Religious Education
- ___ Intro to Orthodoxy
- ___ Publications
- ___ Speakers
- ___ Bookstore
- ___ Library

LITURGICAL

- ___ Sanctuary & Altar Care
- ___ Altar boys / Acolytes
- ___ Baking Proskofa
- ___ Choir
- ___ Reader
- ___ Greeter/Usher

YOUTH

- ___ Church School Teacher
- ___ Church School Administration
- ___ Youth Leader
- ___ Vacation Church School
- ___ Camp Counselor

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- ___ Garden & Landscape
- ___ Plumbing
- ___ Electrical
- ___ Clean-up
- ___ Interior Repairs
- ___ Exterior Repairs
- ___ Roofing
- ___ Hall Rentals

ADMINISTRATION

- ___ Fiscal Mgr / Review
- ___ By-Laws
- ___ Development / Fundraising
- ___ Office help
- ___ Computer / Technical
- ___ Data Entry

MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- ___ Campus Ministry
- ___ Welcome Team
- ___ New Member Events
- ___ Outreach
- ___ Stewardship
- ___ Sunday Fellowship / Coffee
- ___ Visitation - Hospital
- ___ Visitation - Shut-ins
- ___ Feed the Hungry
- ___ Prison Ministry
- ___ Grief Bereavement Group
- ___ Disaster Relief Projects
- ___ Blood Drives
- ___ Project Mexico
- ___ Int'l Orth. Christian Charities
- ___ OCMC Mission Center
- ___ Seniors Ministry
- ___ Couples Ministry
- ___ Singles Ministry
- ___ Military Ministry

COMMUNICATIONS

- ___ Web site & E-mail
- ___ Bulletin & Newsletter
- ___ Public Relations

Any other talents or information on items listed above:

Nativity of the Theotokos

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Introduction

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on September 8 each year. The Feast commemorates the birth of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Biblical Story

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest

who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

Icon of the Feast

The icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos presents to us the central figures of Saints Joachim and Anna, Mary's parents, and the Mother of our Lord as an infant. Saint Anna is in the middle of the icon with her right hand extended toward her daughter. Likewise, Saint Joachim, Mary's father, is gazing upon the young child with his right hand extended toward her. Anna is surrounded by attendants who have assisted with the birth.

The icon directs attention to Mary as the central figure in this feast. It also acknowledges the joy that was felt by Joachim and Anna as new parents with a child received through a promise from God. The liturgical texts of the feast acknowledge this joy and confirm the special role of Mary as the Mother of the Incarnate God, Jesus Christ. In this event, another step is made in sacred history in preparation for the entrance of Christ into the world.

The icon and the feast also acknowledge a transition from barrenness to life. This was but another foreshadowing of what would be offered through Christ, the transformation from death to eternal life.

Orthodox Christian Celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

The Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom which is conducted on the morning of the Feast and preceded by a Matins (Orthros) service. A Great Vespers is conducted on the evening before the day of the Feast. Scripture readings for the Feast are the following: At Vespers: Genesis 28:10-17; Ezekiel 43:27—44:4; Proverbs 9:1-11. At the Matins: Luke 1:39-49, 56. At the Divine Liturgy: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

45th Anniversary Cyprus Invasion Remembrance 2019

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy

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,

As we reflect on the events of the Turkish Invasion of Cyprus forty-five years ago, we are once again reminded of the severe injustices perpetrated by the ruling powers of Turkey against our Cypriot brothers and sisters who endured immense hardships in the midst of a world that turned a blind eye to Turkey's cruelty.

Families were torn apart, neighbors were pinned against one another, churches were destroyed, hundreds of thousands of people were forced out of their homes under the guise and false pretense of a peacekeeping mission, and thousands died as they tried to protect themselves against the unjust hands of tyranny. Turkey had once again engaged in "ethnic cleansing" by forcibly removing one-third of the ethnically Greek-Cypriot population and illegally dividing a nation. These grave injustices are just a few in a litany of others which have been committed by Turkey. Sadly, these injustices have not been rectified and, lamentably, even more injustices have followed.

Such hostile actions have become all too common in that region as Turkey has since engaged in further acts of violence and oppression, not only against Cyprus, but against Greece and even her own citizens as well. Turkey has engaged in heinous activities since it was known as the Ottoman Empire. Its desire to exterminate the Orthodox faith, Hellenic history, Hellenic culture, and the Greek language has shown no bounds and has continued even to the modern era in ways that are less visibly obvious, but equally as destructive. The enslavement of the Greek people during the Ottoman occupation, the genocides committed in the 20th century, the forced closing of the Halki Theological School, and the continued oppression of Turkey against our Mother Church, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, are just some examples of Turkey's persistence to annihilate our faith, our culture, and our people.

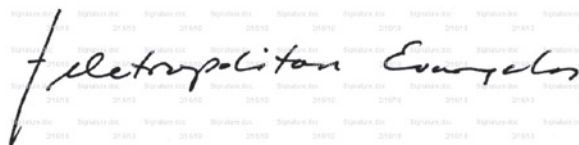
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But in the face of these continued tragedies, we must continue to stand strong against the forces of evil, against oppression, and against injustice. We must never fail to be a voice for our Orthodox faith, religious freedom, political freedom, and righteousness. As Greek Orthodox Christians we must reflect on these events not with hopelessness in our hearts, but with a determination in our souls to ensure that righteousness will prevail. Let us not speak of these events as a part of history past, but let us continue to actively advocate for the victims of these atrocities, realizing that this chapter of history may have started decades ago, but it is far from being completed.

Finally, I ask as we remember this solemn anniversary of our fallen mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, friends and neighbors, that we pray for the repose of their souls and for their entrance into God's Eternal Kingdom. May we continually reflect on the events of July 1974, prayerfully remembering those who lost their lives in the struggle for liberty and their struggle for justice in Cyprus. Praying that our most merciful and just God continues to guard and guide each of us and to preserve His people, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Evangelos". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

† EVANGELOS
Metropolitan of New Jersey



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ΠΟΙΜΑΝΤΟΡΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ ΕΠΙ ΤΗ 45^Η ΕΠΕΤΕΙΩ ΤΗΣ ΕΙΣΒΟΛΗΣ ΣΤΗΝ ΚΥΠΡΟ

Πρός τόν εὐλαβέστατον Ἱερόν Κληρόν,
Τά Ἐντιμα Μέλη τοῦ Μητροπολιτικοῦ Συμβουλίου,
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 Ἱερσῆς.

Ἀγαπητοί μου ἀδελφοί,

Τιμοῦμε σήμερα τήν Ἐπέτειο τῆς Τουρκικῆς εἰσβολῆς στήν Κύπρο πρὶν ἀπό 45 χρόνια, καί θυμόμαστε τήν φοβερή ἀδικία πού διαπράχθηκε ἀπό τήν κυβερνητική ἐξουσία τῆς Τουρκίας ἐναντίον τῶν Κυπρίων ἀδελφῶν μας, οἱ ὅποιοι πέρασαν διαμέσου πολλῶν δοκιμασιῶν, ἐνῶ τήν ἴδια ὥρα ἡ κοινή γνώμη διεθνῶς σιωποῦσε καί παρέβλεπε τήν τουρκική ἀγριότητα.

Οἰκογένειες χωρίσθηκαν, γείτονες στράφηκαν ἐναντίον τοῦ ἐνός πρὸς τόν ἄλλον, Ἱεροί Ναοί κατεστράφηκαν, ἑκατοντάδες χιλιάδων ἀνθρώπων ἐξορίσθηκαν ἀπό τίς πατρογονικές τους ἐστίες μέ τό πρόσχημα τῆς προσπάθειας σταθεροποίησης τῆς εἰρήνης στήν περιοχή, καί χιλιάδες ἄλλοι πέθαναν προσπαθώντας νά προστατευθοῦν ἀπό τά ἀδίκαια χέρια τῶν τυρράνων. Ἡ Τουρκία τότε, προέβη σέ «ἐθνική ἐκκαθάριση», ξεριζώνοντας μέ τήν βία τό ἕνα τρίτο τοῦ Ἑλληνο-Κυπριακοῦ πληθυσμοῦ ἀπό τά σπίτια τους, διχάζοντας παράνομα ἕνα ὁλόκληρο ἔθνος. Αὐτή ἡ φοβερή ἀδικία ἀποτελεῖ μόνο μία ἀπό μιά σειρά ἄλλων ἀδικιῶν πού διαπράχθηκαν ἀπό τήν Τουρκία. Δυστυχῶς, αὐτές οἱ ἀδικίες δέν ἔχουν μέχρι σήμερα διορθωθεῖ καί μάλιστα ἔχουν ἀκολουθήσει καί πολλές ἄλλες.

Τέτοιες ἐχθρικές πράξεις καί ἐνέργειες εἶναι πλέον συνηθισμένες στήν περιοχή, καθώς ἡ Τουρκία ἔχει προχωρήσει καί σέ ἄλλες βίαιες καί καταπιεστικές ἐνέργειες ὄχι μόνον ἐναντίον τῆς Κύπρου, ἀλλά καί τῆς Ἑλλάδος καί ἀκόμη καί ἐναντίον τῶν ἰδίων τῶν κατοίκων της. Ἱστορικῶς, ἡ Τουρκία προβαίνει σέ ἀποτροπαιές ἐνέργειες ἀπό τήν ἐποχή τῆς Ὀθωμανικῆς Αὐτοκρατορίας. Ἡ ἐπιθυμία της νά ἐξαφανίσει τήν Ὁρθόδοξη πίστη, τήν Ἑλληνική Ἱστορία, τόν Ἑλληνικό Πολιτισμό, καί τήν Ἑλληνική Γλῶσσα δέν ἔχει ὅρια καί συνεχίζει καί στήν σύγχρονη περίοδο καί Ἱστορία, μέ μεθόδους ὅμως πού δέν φαίνονται ξεκάθαρα ὅπως τότε, ἀλλά πού εἶναι ὅμως τό ἴδιο καταστρεπτικές. Ἡ ὑποδούλωση τῶν Ἑλλήνων κατά τήν Ὀθωμανική κατάκτηση, οἱ γενοκτονίες πού διαπράχθηκαν κατά τόν 20^ο

αἰῶνα, τό βίαιο καί ἄδικο κλείσιμο τῆς Θεολογικῆς Σχολῆς τῆς Χάλκης, καί ἡ συνεχιζόμενη καταπίεση πρὸς τὴν Μητέρα Ἐκκλησία, τό Οἰκουμενικὸ Πατριαρχεῖο, ἀποτελοῦν μερικά μόνο ἀπὸ τὰ πολλά παραδείγματα τῆς Τουρκικῆς ἐπιμονῆς ὥστε νὰ ἐκμηδενίσει τὴν πίστη μας, τὸν πολιτισμὸ μας, τὸν λαὸ μας.

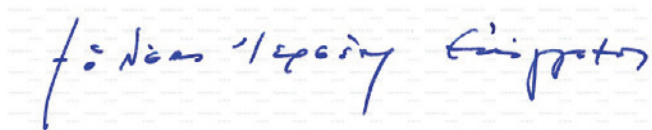
Καθὼς ὁμως ἐρχόμαστε ἀντιμέτωποι μὲ τὴν συνεχιζομένη αὐτὴ τραγωδία, ὀφείλουμε νὰ παραμένουμε δυνατοὶ καί σταθεροὶ ἐναντίον τῶν πονηρῶν αὐτῶν δυνάμεων, ἐναντίον τῆς καταπίεσης, ἐναντίον τῆς ἀδικίας. Ὄφείλουμε πάντοτε νὰ γινόμαστε ἡ δυνατὴ φωνὴ υπεράσπισης τῆς Ὁρθοδόξου πίστεως μας, τῆς θρησκευτικῆς ἐλευθερίας, τῆς πολιτικῆς ἐλευθερίας, καί τῆς νομιμότητος. Ὡς Ὁρθόδοξοι Χριστιανοὶ ὀφείλουμε νὰ θυμόμαστε αὐτὰ τὰ ἱστορικὰ γεγονότα, ὄχι ὁμως ἔχοντας ἀπαισιοδοξία στὶς καρδιές μας, ἀλλὰ μὲ ἀποφασιστικότητά ὅτι στό τέλος θὰ ἐπικρατήσῃ ἡ νομιμότητα. Ἄς μὴν ἀναφερόμαστε σέ αὐτὰ τὰ γεγονότα ὡς κάτι τετελεσμένο πού ἀνήκει στό παρελθόν, ἀλλὰ ἄς συνεχίσουμε νὰ ὑποστηρίζουμε τὰ δίκαια τῶν θυμάτων πού ὑπέστησαν φρικαλεότητες, συνειδητοποιῶντας ὅτι αὐτό τό κομμάτι τῆς ἱστορίας μπορεῖ μὲν νὰ ἄρχισε δεκαετίες πρὶν, ἀλλὰ ἀπέχει πολὺ ἀπὸ τὴν δικαίωση καί διόρθωση.

Καθὼς θυμόμαστε σήμερα τὴν σοβαρὴ αὐτὴ Ἐπέτειο τῆς Τουρκικῆς εἰσβολῆς στὴν Κύπρο μας, σὰς ζητῶ νὰ προσεύχεσθε γιὰ τὴν ἀνάπαυση τῶν ψυχῶν τῶν ἀδίκως τελειωθέντων μητέρων, πατέρων, ἀδελφῶν, φίλων καί γειτόνων, καί γιὰ τὴν εἴσοδό τους στὴν Βασιλεία τῶν Οὐρανῶν. Ἄς μὴν ξεχνοῦμε ποτέ τὰ γεγονότα πού συνέβησαν τὸν Ἰούλιο τοῦ 1974, καί πάντοτε νὰ θυμόμαστε μὲ προσευχητικὴ διάθεση ὅλους ἐκείνους πού ἔδωσαν τὴν ζωὴ τους στὸν ἀγῶνα γιὰ ἐλευθερία καί δικαιοσύνη στὴν Κύπρο.

Εὐχόμενος ὅπως ὁ Θεὸς τοῦ ἐλέους καί τῆς δικαιοσύνης συνεχίζει νὰ διαφυλάττει καί νὰ κοθοδηγεῖ ὅλους, καί νὰ προστατεύει τὸν λαὸ Του, διατελῶ

Μετὰ πολλῆς πατρικῆς ἀγάπης καί εὐχῶν διαπύρων,

Ο ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΤΗΣ



† Ὁ Νέας Ἱερσῆς ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ

The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross

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Introduction

Saint Helen, the mother of Saint Constantine the Great, when she was already advanced in years, undertook, in her great piety, the hardships of a journey to Jerusalem in search of the cross, about the year 325. A temple to Aphrodite had been raised up by the Emperor Hadrian upon Golgotha, to defile and cover with oblivion the place where the saving Passion had been suffered. The venerable Helen had the statue of Aphrodite destroyed, and the earth removed, revealing the Tomb of our Lord, and three crosses. Of these, it was believed that one must be that of our Lord, the other two of the thieves crucified with Him; but Saint Helen was at a loss which one might be the Wood of our salvation. At the inspiration of Saint Macarius, Archbishop of Jerusalem, a lady of Jerusalem, who was already at the point of death from a certain disease, was brought to touch the crosses, and as soon as she came near to the Cross of our Lord, she was made perfectly whole. Consequently, the precious Cross was lifted on high by Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem; as he stood on the ambo, and when the people beheld it, they cried out, "Lord have mercy." It should be noted that after its discovery, a portion of the venerable Cross was taken to Constantinople as a blessing. The rest was left in Jerusalem in the magnificent church built by



Saint Helen, until the year 614. At that time, the Persians plundered Palestine and took the Cross to their own country (see Jan. 22, Saint Anastasius the Persian). Late, in the year 628, Emperor Heraclius set out on a military campaign, retrieved the Cross, and after bringing it to Constantinople, himself escorted it back to Jerusalem, where he restored it to its place.

Rest from labour. A Fast is observed today, whatever day of the week it may be.

Apolytikion of Elevation of the Holy Cross First Tone

Lord, save Your people and bless

Your inheritance, granting our rulers to prevail over adversaries, and protecting Your commonwealth by Your Cross.

Kontakion of Elevation of the Holy Cross Fourth Tone

Lifted up on the Cross by Your free will, Christ God, grant mercies to the new commonwealth that bears Your name. Gladden our faithful rulers by Your power, giving them victories over their adversaries. May Your alliance be for them a weapon for peace, an invincible standard.

September 1st, 2019

**NOTICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 2019**

Pursuant to the regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (UPR), the date of the General Assembly meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. promptly.**

Also, according to the UPR, 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. Pastrikos
- 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
- 5.Parish Council President report
- 6.Treasurer's financial report: Financial report for the first 6 months of 2019.
Final 2019 Festival Financial Results.
- 7.Proposed Budget for 2020 Fiscal Year
8. Auditing Committee Report.
9. Festival 2019, Chairman Report
- 10.Plateia Report
11. Learning Center Report
- 12.Priest's Report.
- 13.Nomination Committee Report. Nominations for Parish Council Candidates.
14. Nominations of the Election Committee members.
15. Old Business
- 16.New Business
17. Closing of the Meeting and Benediction

All members of the Community are urged to attend this important Parish Assembly meeting. 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

1η Σεπτεμβρίου, 2019

ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ – ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ, 16 ΟΚΤΩΒΡΙΟΥ, 2019

Σύμφωνα με τους κανονισμούς των Κοινοτήτων της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής, και τους Εσωτερικούς Κανονισμούς της Κοινότητάς μας, καλούμε Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών, **την Τετάρτη, 16 Οκτωβρίου, στις 6:00 μ.μ. ακριβώς.**

Επίσης, σύμφωνα με τους Κανονισμούς, όσοι επιθυμούν να συμμετέχουν στην Συνέλευση και να ψηφίσουν, οφείλουν να έχουν εκπληρώσει τις προς την Κοινότητα οικονομικές τους υποχρεώσεις μέχρι και την ημέρα της Συνέλευσης και πριν την έναρξή της. Μέλος που ήδη είναι εγγεγραμμένο στην Κοινότητα, αλλά δεν έχει ανταποκριθεί οικονομικά για το τρέχον έτος, δύναται να πληρώσει πριν αρχίσει η Συνέλευση για να έχει δικαίωμα ψήφου.

ΗΜΕΡΗΣΙΑ ΔΙΑΤΑΞΗ

1. Προσευχή από τον Ιερέα, Αιδεσ. Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό.
2. Έναρξη της Συνέλευσης από τον Πρόεδρο της Κοινότητας κα. Σταματία Ιερομονάχου.
3. Εκλογή Προέδρου και Γραμματέα της παρούσας Γενικής Συνέλευσης.
4. Ανάγνωση και επικύρωση των πρακτικών της προηγούμενης Γενικής Συνέλευσης.
5. Έκθεση από την Πρόεδρο της Κοινότητας, κα. Σταματία Ιερομονάχου.
6. Έκθεση από τον Ταμία της Κοινότητας. Οικονομική έκθεση του πρώτου εξαμήνου της Κοινότητας. Τελικά αποτελέσματα του ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ 2019.
7. Προτεινόμενος Προϋπολογισμός για το έτος 2020.
8. Έκθεση Εξελεγκτικής Επιτροπής
9. Έκθεση από τον Υπεύθυνο του ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ 2019.
10. Έκθεση από την Επιτροπή της Πλατείας.
11. Έκθεση από το Δίγλωσσο Εκπαιδευτικό Κέντρο (Παιδικός Σταθμός)
12. Έκθεση από τον Ιερέα.
13. Έκθεση από την Επιτροπή Αναδείξεως Υποψηφίων για το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο.
14. Εκλογή Εφορευτικής Επιτροπής.
15. Παλαιές Υποθέσεις.
16. Νέες Υποθέσεις.
17. Λήξη της Συνέλευσης και προσευχή.

Όλα τα μέλη της Κοινότητας προτρέπονται να παρουσιαστούν και 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 για το καλό της Κοινότητας. Η παρουσία σας είναι απαραίτητη για να έχουμε απαρτία και να αρχίσει η Συνέλευση. Παρακαλείστε να συμμετέχετε.

Από τον Ιερέα και το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο του Αγίου Νικολάου.

NOTICE FOR NOMINATIONS TO PARISH COUNCIL

We wish to inform you that the term of office of 5 of the present Parish Council members will terminate on December 31, 2019. We urge all the Parish members in good standing who have the willingness, the ability, and the time to serve our Community, to submit their candidacy for the Parish Council to the Nominating Committee by **October 16th, 2019**. Please note the following procedure: The Nominating Committee will announce the names that they have received at the General Assembly on **Wednesday, October 16th, 2019**. If you wish to place your name for nomination, you may do so by being present at the General Assembly, on **October 16th, 2019** and be nominated at that time, or sign the application below and bring to the Church Office by **October 16th, 2019**. Nominations will close at the General Assembly on **October 16th, 2019**.

In accordance with the "Uniform Parish Regulations" a member who wishes to place his or her nomination, must be a Greek Orthodox Christian and a member of the parish for at least one year prior to the elections and his/her life and character must comply with the Faith and Canons of our Orthodox Church. A new member of the Parish may vote in the elections if he or she has been enrolled at least three months prior to the elections. If you wish to place your nomination for a position on the Parish Council, you may complete, sign and mail the form below, to the Nominating Committee by **October 11th, 2019**. Please address the envelope as follows and mail it to :

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
c/o Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
520 S. Ponca Street
Baltimore, MD. 21224

From the Nominations Committee

CANDIDACY FORM FOR PARISH COUNCIL

I desire to be a candidate for the Parish Council.-----

Signature -----

Name (Print)-----

Address -----

Phone Number -----

e-mail address -----

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ

ΕΙΔΟΠΟΙΗΣΗ ΓΙΑ ΥΠΟΨΗΦΙΟΥΣ
ΤΟΥ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΤΙΚΟΥ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟΥ

Επιθυμούμε να σας πληροφορήσουμε ότι η θητεία πέντε (5) μελών του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Κοινοτήτάς μας λήγει στις 31 Δεκεμβρίου, 2019. Στην Γενική Συνέλευση των Μελών, την Άνοιξη, σχηματίστηκε Επιτροπή Αναδείξεως Υποψηφίων για το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο. Παρακαλούμε όλα τα μέλη της Κοινοτήτάς μας, τα οποία έχουν εκπληρώσει την οικονομική τους υποχρέωση προς την Κοινότητα και τα οποία έχουν την επιθυμία, την ικανότητα και το χρόνο να υπηρετήσουν το Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο, να υποβάλλουν την υποψηφιότητά τους μέχρι την **16^η Οκτωβρίου, 2019.**

Σημειώσατε τα ακόλουθα : Η Επιτροπή Αναδείξεως Υποψηφίων θα ανακοινώσει τα ονόματα των υποψηφίων που ήδη έλαβαν, στην προσεχή Γενική Συνέλευση, την **Τετάρτη, 16η Οκτωβρίου, 2019.** Αν κάποιος άλλος θέλει να θέσει υποψηφιότητα, μπορεί να το κάνει εάν παρευρίσκεται στην Γενική Συνέλευση και κάποιος τον προτείνει εκεί, ή να συμπληρώσει το κάτωθι έντυπο υποψηφιότητας και το παραδώσει στο Κοινοτικό Γραφείο μέχρι την **Τετάρτη, 16η Οκτωβρίου, 2019.** Οι υποψηφιότητες θα κλείσουν στην Γενική Συνέλευση.

Σύμφωνα με τους Ομοιομόρφους Κανονισμούς των Κοινοτήτων της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής και τους Εσωτερικούς Κανονισμούς της Κοινοτήτάς μας, αν κάποιος επιθυμεί να θέσει υποψηφιότητα, πρέπει να είναι Ελληνορθόδοξος Χριστιανός, μέλος της Κοινοτήτας για τουλάχιστον ένα έτος πριν από τις εκλογές, ο τρόπος ζωής του/της και ο χαρακτήρας του πρέπει να συμμορφούνται με την πίστη και τους κανόνες της Ορθοδόξου Εκκλησίας μας. Νέο μέλος της Κοινοτήτας μπορεί να ψηφίσει στις εκλογές αν έχει εγγραφεί τουλάχιστον τρεις μήνες προ των εκλογών. Αν θέλετε να υποβάλλετε υποψηφιότητα, παρακαλείστε να συμπληρώσετε, υπογράψετε και ταχυδρομήσετε το παρακάτω έντυπο προς την Επιτροπή Αναδείξεως Υποψηφίων, μέχρι την **11η Οκτωβρίου, 2019.**

Απευθύνετε την επιστολή σας ως εξής :

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C/o Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
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Εκ της Επιτροπής Αναδείξεως Υποψηφίων

ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΥΠΟΨΗΦΙΟΤΗΤΑΣ

Θέτω υποψηφιότητα για το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο. -----

Υπογραφή _____

Όνοματεπώνυμο (με κεφαλαία γράμματα) _____

Διεύθυνση _____

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NEWS RELEASE

ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE CANONIZED
SAINT LUKE OF SIMFEROPOL



NEW YORK – The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America announces to the devout faithful in America that it has received today a venerable Patriarchal Letter of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew which informs the Orthodox people in America that the Holy and Sacred Synod of our Ecumenical Patriarchate accepted the request of His Beatitude Metropolitan Epiphanius of Kiev and All Ukraine and listed (canonized) among the Saints of the Orthodox Church Archbishop Luke of Simferopol in Crimea, the physician and miracle-worker. The feast day of the saint will be celebrated on June 11, the day of his saintly repose in the Lord.

All Orthodox Christians are urged to honor Saint Luke of Simferopol by hymns and ask for his intercession to the Lord.

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ΠΡΟΣ ΑΜΕΣΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΠΟΙΗΣΗ
9 Αυγούστου 2019

Ανακοίνωση Τύπου

ΤΟ ΟΙΚΟΥΜΕΝΙΚΟ ΠΑΤΡΙΑΡΧΕΙΟ ΕΝΕΤΑΞΕ ΣΤΟ ΑΓΙΟΛΟΓΙΟ ΤΟΝ ΑΓΙΟ
ΛΟΥΚΑ ΤΗΣ ΣΥΜΦΕΡΟΥΠΟΛΕΩΣ

ΝΕΑ ΥΟΡΚΗ – Ανακοινώνεται ευχαρίστως προς το ευσεβές πλήρωμα της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής ότι σήμερα ελήφθη επίσημο Σεπτό Πατριαρχικό Γράμμα της Α. Θ. Παναγιότητος του Οικουμενικού Πατριάρχου Βαρθολομαίου, δια του οποίου γνωστοποιείται στους εν Αμερική ορθοδόξους ότι η Αγία και Ιερά Σύνοδος του Οικουμενικού μας Πατριαρχείου δέχθηκε το αίτημα του Μακ. Μητροπολίτου Κιέβου και πάσης Ουκρανίας κ. Επιφανίου και ενέταξε στο Αγιολόγιο της Ορθοδόξου Εκκλησίας τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο Συμφερουπόλεως της Κριμαίας Λουκά τον ιατρό και θαυματουργό. Η μνήμη του Αγίου ορίστηκε να εορτάζεται την 11η Ιουνίου, ημέρα της οσιακής κοιμήσεώς του.

Προτρέπονται οι ορθόδοξοι χριστιανοί μας να τιμούν τον Άγιο Λουκά της Συμφερουπόλεως με ύμνους και να ζητούν την μεσιτεία του προς τον Κύριο.

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NEWS RELEASE

A DELEGATION FROM THE STANDING CONFERENCE
OF ORIENTAL ORTHODOX CHURCHES (SCOOCCH)
VISITS ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS



NEW YORK – His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros met today, Monday, August 12, 2019, with a delegation from the Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Churches (SCOOCCH), which was comprised of His Grace Bishop David (Coptic - President of SCOOCCH), His Eminence Mor Dionysios (Syriac), His Eminence Mor Titus (Malankara), His Eminence Archbishop Silvanos (Malankara-Syriac Knanaya) and His Grace Bishop Daniel (Armenian).

Recent changes in both SCOOCCH and the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA, a strong desire for unity, and the need to reinvigorate the joint dialogue – especially on matters of pastoral concern – were openly discussed. The group proceeded to agree on a joint Christmas concert, for which details are forthcoming.

Reflecting on the meeting, Archbishop Elpidophoros commented, “we cannot let what happened in the past prevent us from living in the present and looking to the future. For that reason, I am excited to continue working with our Oriental brothers and sisters toward not only common understanding but full unity of faith and communion.”

All Orthodox Christians are urged to honor Saint Luke of Simferopol by hymns and ask for his intercession to the Lord.

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13 Αυγούστου 2019

Ανακοίνωση Τύπου
ΝΕΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΟΙΚΟΥΜΕΝΙΚΟ ΠΑΤΡΙΑΡΧΕΙΟΣ

Ο ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΝΟΜΟΥ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΣ ΤΗΣ
ΦΙΛΛΑΝΔΙΑΣ ΚΑΙ Ο ΛΟΥΘΗΡΑΝΟΣ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ ΦΙΛΛΑΝΔΙΑΣ ΣΤΟ
ΟΙΚΟΥΜΕΝΙΚΟ ΠΑΤΡΙΑΡΧΕΙΟ

Συνάντηση με τον Οικουμενικό Πατριάρχη Βαρθολομαίο είχαν σήμερα Τρίτη, 13 Αυγούστου, στο Φανάρι, ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Ελσινκίου και πάσης Φιλλανδίας Λέων, ο οποίος προΐσταται της Ορθοδόξου Αυτονόμου Εκκλησίας της Φιλλανδίας, και ο Λουθηρανός Αρχιεπίσκοπος Φιλλανδίας Ταρίο Luoma, στο πλαίσιο προσκυνηματικής επισκέψεώς τους στο Οικουμενικό Πατριαρχείο και στην Πόλη.

Κατά τη διάρκεια της συναντήσεώς τους, στην οποία παρέστησαν και συνεργάτες των δύο Αρχιεπισκόπων, συζητήθηκαν ζητήματα που αφορούν στον διαχριστιανικό διάλογο και συνεργασία στην Φιλλανδία, αλλά και γενικότερα στην πορεία των σχέσεων μεταξύ Ορθοδόξων και Λουθηρανών.

Προτρέπονται οι ορθόδοξοι χριστιανοί μας να τιμούν τον Άγιο Λουκά της Συμφερουπόλεως με ύμνους και να ζητούν την μεσιτεία του προς τον Κύριο.

Φωτο: Νίκος Μαγγίνας / Οικουμενικό Πατριαρχείο



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Date: September 1, 2019
Prot. No. 582

+ B A R T H O L O M E W
By God's Mercy
Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch
To All the Plenitude of the Church
Grace, Peace and Mercy from the Maker of All Creation
Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

Dearest brother Hierarchs and beloved children in the Lord,

With the goodness and grace of the all-bountiful God, today marks the 30th anniversary since the Holy Great Church of Christ established the feast of Indiction and first day of the ecclesiastical year as “the day of environmental protection.” We did not only address our Orthodox faithful, nor again just Christian believer or even representatives of other religions, but also political leaders, environmentalists and other scientists, as well as intellectuals and all people of good will, seeking their contribution.

The ecological activities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate served as the inspiration for theology to advance prominently the truth of Christian anthropology and cosmology, the Eucharistic worldview and treatment of creation, along with the spirit of Orthodox asceticism as the basis for understanding the reason for and response to the ecological crisis. The bibliography related to theological ecology or ecological theology is extensive and on the whole constitutes an admirable Orthodox witness before the major challenges of contemporary humanity and earthly life. Concern for the ecological crisis and for the global dimensions and consequences of sin – of this alienating internal “reversal of values” in humankind – brought to the surface the connection between ecological and social issues as well as for the need to address them jointly. Mobilizing forces for the protection of the integrity of creation and for social justice are interconnected and inseparable actions.

The interest of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for the protection of creation did not arise as a reaction to or as a result of the contemporary ecological crisis. The latter was simply the motivation and occasion for the Church to express, develop, proclaim and promote its environmentally-friendly principles. The foundation of the Church's undiminished concern for the natural environment lies in its ecclesiological identity and theology. Respect and care for creation are a dimension of our faith, the content of our life in the Church and as the Church. The very life of the Church is “an experienced ecology,” an applied respect and care for creation, and the source of its environmental activities. In essence, the interest of the Church for the protection of the environment is the extension of the Holy Eucharist in all dimensions of its relationship to the world. The liturgical life of the Church, the ascetic ethos, pastoral service and experience of the cross and resurrection by the faithful, the unquenchable desire for eternity: all of these comprise a communion of persons for which the natural reality cannot be reduced to an object or useful matter to meet the needs of an individual or humanity; by contrast, this reality is considered as an act, deed the handiwork of a personal God, who calls us to respect and protect it, thereby rendering us His “coworkers,” “stewards,” “guardians,” and “priests” of creation in order to cultivate a Eucharistic relationship with it.

Care for the natural environment is not an added activity, but an essential expression of church life. It does not have a secular, but rather a purely ecclesiastical character. It is a “liturgical ministry.” All of the initiatives and activities of the Church are “applied ecclesiology.” In this sense, theological ecology does not merely refer to the development of an ecological awareness or the response to ecological problems on the basis of the principles of Christian anthropology and cosmology. On the contrary, it involves the renewal of the whole creation in Christ, just as this is realized and experienced in the Holy Eucharist, which is an image and foretaste of the eschatological fullness of the Divine Economy in the doxological wholeness and luminous splendor of the heavenly kingdom.

Most honorable brothers and most precious children in the Lord,

The ecological crisis reveals that our world comprises an integral whole, that our problems are global and shared. In order to meet these challenges, we require a multilayered mobilization, a common accord, direction and action. It is inconceivable for humankind to recognize the severity of the problem and yet continue to behave in oblivion. While in recent decades the dominant model of economic development in the context of globalization – highlighting the fetishism of financial markers and magnification of financial profit – has exacerbated ecological and economic problems, the notion still prevails widely that “there is no other alternative” and that not conforming to the rigid validity logic of the world's economy will lead to unbridled social and financial situations. Thus, any alternative forms of development, along with the power of social solidarity and justice, are overlooked and undermined.

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For our part, however, we are obliged to assume greater measures for the application of the ecological and social consequences of our faith. It is extremely vital that our archdioceses and metropolises, as well as many of our parishes and sacred monasteries, have fostered initiatives and activities for the protection of the environment, but also various programs of ecological education. We should pay special attention to the Christian formation of our youth, so that it may function as an area of cultivation and development of an ecological ethos and solidarity. Childhood and adolescence are particularly susceptible life phases for ecological and social responsibility. Aware of the urgency of environmental education, the Ecumenical Patriarchate devoted the Third in its series of international Halki Summits to the subject of “Theological Education and Ecological Awareness” (Istanbul, May 31st to June 4th, 2019) with a view to incorporating ecology and environmental awareness into programs and curricula of theological schools and seminaries. The solution to the great challenges of our world is unattainable without spiritual orientation.

In conclusion, then, we wish all of you a favorable and blessed ecclesiastical year, filled with works pleasing to God. We invite the radiant children of the Mother Church throughout the world to pray for the integrity of creation, to be sustainable and charitable in every aspect of their lives, to strive for the protection of the natural environment, as well as the promotion of peace and justice. And we proclaim once more the truth that there can be no genuine progress, when the “very good” creation and the human person made in the image and likeness of God suffer. Finally, through the intercession of the first-among-the-saints Theotokos Pammakaristos, we invoke upon you the life-giving grace and boundless mercy of the Creator and Provider of all.

September 1, 2019
+Bartholomew of Constantinople
Your fervent supplicant before God

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Date: August 25, 2019

HIS ALL-HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW Statement on the Global Wildfires

In recent weeks, our planet has witnessed extreme heatwaves and expansive wildfires throughout the world—from the rain forests of the Amazon and desert regions of Africa, normally snow-covered regions such as the Arctic and Alaska to far away countries from Spain to Siberia. Month after month, we have experienced record temperatures and unprecedented heatwaves, resulting in the destruction of millions of acres and the disruption of millions of people. And the intensity of these fires and storms is progressively increasing and intensifying, mandating critical and commensurate changes on our part.

Scientists warn us about the threat of such fires to the world’s ecosystems, which are becoming increasingly jeopardized and vulnerable. The impact of these fires could reverberate for generations, affecting soil, infrastructure, and human beings. Trees are vital for the soil, for our survival and for our soul. Trees are not simply valuable for their aesthetic beauty or commercial benefit, but essentially for our defense against climate change. Planting more trees is certainly commendable, but cutting down less trees is perhaps the most compelling response to global warming.

While this global wildfire crisis may not entirely or exclusively be a consequence or cause of climate change, the calamitous events that the world is now experiencing undoubtedly and undeniably sound the alarm about the urgent and dire repercussions of a rising level of carbon emissions. Therefore, if nothing else, such extreme phenomena compel us to consider the fundamental fragility of nature, the limited resources of our planet, and the unique sacredness of creation.

In our Encyclical that will appear on September 1st, we outline the diverse initiatives and activities pioneered by the Ecumenical Patriarchate over the last thirty years, while observing the fundamental principles and precepts proposed by the Orthodox Church over the last twenty centuries with regard to preserving God’s creation.

We pray for all those threatened or afflicted by the fires in all corners of our world. We call all faithful and all people of good will to consider carefully how we live, what we consume, and where our priorities lie, using the words of the Divine Liturgy: “Let us pay attention! Let us stand with awe!”

At the Phanar, Saturday August 24th, 2019

REQUESTED ITEMS FOR OUR CHURCH

With faith, hope and your support we have decided to put together a list with some of the church's needs. We are asking for your ideas and understanding. As you may know, just like all of our homes, the church has many needs. In this list we have compromised some of the more pressing needs and are asking for your support in order to make all of our dreams for a better church come true.

The list goes as follows:

1. The church is in need of an elevator in order for our elderly population to be able to join us in the hall following the Sunday Service.
2. The bathrooms in both the middle level and the upstairs level need to be renovated as soon as possible.
3. The church parking lot needs to be reconfigured and renovated for better efficiency.
4. We need a glass display in the entrance of our church for all the icons our church has accumulated.
5. A small van or bus to accommodate our parishioners for our many events.
6. A generator in case of emergencies for our schools and offices.
7. The ceiling below the choir and a couple other places needs to be replaced.
8. The main entrance door of the church needs to be renovated.
9. We are in need of a chanter for our holy services.
10. We need to hire a cleaning crew for 2-3 times a month due to the large amount of traffic our church receives from all the organizations.
11. Our phones and computers need to be upgraded.
12. The ceiling and stage of the hall need to be renovated.
13. The kitchen of our hall needs to be renovated.
14. The paths behind the church need to be re-cemented.

This is just the beginning of the list. We are hoping for your support and help of any kind and with your love for Saint Nicholas to make our church shine once again and become the star of our Greek Community in Baltimore. We are looking forwards to your ideas, your donations and your drive as a community to help us make this happen.

WE CAN CONQUER EVERYTHING TOGETHER.

Many Regards,
Stamatia Ieromonahos
President of the Saint Nicholas Parish Council

ΚΑΤΑΛΟΓΟΣ ΑΝΑΓΚΩΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΣ ΜΑΣ

Με την πίστη, την ελπίδα και την συμπαράσταση σας αποφασίσαμε να κάνουμε έναν κατάλογο με κάποιες από τις ανάγκες της Εκκλησίας μας. Ζητάμε τις ιδέες σας, την συμπαράσταση και την υποστήριξη σας. Όπως ξέρετε η Εκκλησία μας, όπως και το σπίτι μας, χρειάζεται πολύ φροντίδα. Θα σας αναφέρουμε μερικές ελλείψεις της Εκκλησίας μας παρακάτω και ευελπιστούμε με την βοήθεια σας να ξεκινήσουν να γίνονται αληθινά τα όνειρα όλων μας.

Η λίστα μας λοιπόν είναι η παρακάτω:

1. Χρειαζόμαστε ένα ασανσέρ για την μετακίνηση των ατόμων μας της τρίτης ηλικίας στην αίθουσα εκδηλώσεων μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία .
2. Τα μπάνια του μεσαίου ορόφου και του επάνω ορόφου χρειάζονται οπωσδήποτε ανακαίνιση .
3. Το πάρκινγκ της Εκκλησίας μας χρειάζεται γενική ανακαίνιση και σωστό σχεδιασμό για καλύτερη λειτουργικότητα.
4. Χρειαζόμαστε μία ντουλάπα με τζαμαρία στην είσοδο του ναού μας όπου θα καταχωρήσουμε μέσα τις δεκάδες εικόνες που δεν έχουμε χώρο να τις βάλουμε και να μείνουν.
5. Ένα μικρό λεωφορείο που θα εξυπηρετεί όλους τους ενορίτες μας μικρούς & μεγάλους σε όλες τις εκδηλώσεις τους .
6. Μία γεννήτρια παροχής ρεύματος σε περίπτωση διακοπής προς αποφυγή προβλημάτων των σχολείων και του γραφείου μας.
7. Το ταβάνι κάτω από την χορωδία μας και έξω στον νάρθηκα της Εκκλησίας μας χρειάζονται αντικατάσταση.
8. Η εξωτερική πόρτα της Εκκλησίας μας χρειάζεται αντικατάσταση.
9. Χρειαζόμαστε ψάλτη για τις ανάγκες της εκκλησίας μας.
10. Χρειαζόμαστε εταιρεία καθαρισμού της εκκλησίας μας 2-3 φορές τον μήνα λόγω μεγάλης κίνησης που γίνεται καθημερινά από όλους τους οργανισμούς .
11. Αναβάθμιση και ανανέωση τα τηλέφωνα και οι υπολογιστές της Εκκλησίας μας.
12. Ανακαίνιση το ταβάνι και η σκηνή κάτω στη Κοινοτική Αίθουσα.
13. Ανακαίνιση η κουζίνα της Εκκλησίας μας.
14. Ασφαλτοστρώσεις στα δρομάκια που βρίσκονται στο πίσω μέρος της εκκλησίας μας.

Αυτά για αρχή της λίστας των αναγκών μας. Ευελπιστούμε στην συμπαράσταση, στην βοήθεια σας με οποιαδήποτε τρόπο και με οδηγό την αγάπη σας για τον Άγιο Νικόλαο να τον κάνουμε λάμπει πάντα Ανακαινισμένος στην Ελληνική Γειτονιά της Βαλτιμόρης !!!

Δεχόμαστε με μεγάλη χαρά τις ιδέες σας, τις πρωτοβουλίες σας όπως και την προσφορά σας να αναλάβετε οποιαδήποτε από όλα αυτά να το φέρετε εις πέρας ατομικά ή ομαδικά.

ΟΛΟΙ ΜΑΖΙ ΝΙΚΑΜΕ ΟΛΑ ΤΑ ΕΜΠΟΔΙΑ

Με ειλικρινά αισθήματα

Σταματία Ιερομόναχος

Πρόεδρος του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Χριστιανικής Εκκλησίας Αγίου Νικολάου Βαλτιμόρης



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

August 5, 2019

Mass Shooting Tragedies

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy
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
Communities of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved in the Lord,

Once again our nation has endured too much heartache, too much anguish, and far too much loss when we experienced not just one, but two mass shootings this past week, specifically in El Paso, Texas and in Dayton, Ohio. At least twenty-nine have lost their lives and dozens more wounded due to the vicious and senseless acts of two persons filled with anger and hate since it appears that in at least one of these events, race was the impetus for the attack. Such malice towards one other human being is inconceivable enough, but to target this many people is simply evil.

Some may ask themselves, "Why does God allow this to happen?" Why does He allow even one person to die this way, much less twenty-nine? The answer may lay in the fact that God listens to our prayers and He hears our supplications, but He also provides us with the ability to use our freedom to combat these evils. These shooters were not born like this. They did not grow up in childhood wanting to do this. They were not created with hatred in their hearts and a proclivity to kill. God made humanity inherently good since we are all made in His image and likeness. It is because of the fall and because we as a society continuously fail to address these pressing issues that these tragedies continue.

God has given us the intelligence, the rationality, and the aptitude for confronting these issues using our own freedom. The question then becomes, what are we doing to confront these problems? Hundreds of thousands of Americans, family and friends, co-workers and neighbors, suffer with untreated psychological issues. The plague of racism and hatred against fellow human beings is a continuous blight on our society that we have not yet fully addressed. Balancing personal freedoms with common-sense solutions contributes to our inability to protect our communities. All of these and several other issues are at the root of this problem.

Above all, the main issue is that many have forgotten how to see the person of Christ in their neighbor. If we were able to come to this simple yet profound realization, there would be no evil in the world. It is something we must work at achieving and it is something that cannot be kept only to ourselves, but shared with all people.

My beloved in the Lord, these tragedies have tried our spirits, but we must not lose heart that, with the Lord's help and in allowing Him to guide us to address these underlying issues, we may overcome the pain these heartbreaking events. The psalmist tells us, *"Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning"* (Ps. 30:5). Though our nation has suffered much in these past few days we can be confident, if we place our trust in God and put our faith into action, that love, tolerance, and peace will prevail. I pray you all endeavor to live Christ-like lives and to spread the joy of the Gospel so that we may combat evil by using love as our weapon of peace.

With Paternal Love and Blessings,



† EVANGELOS
Metropolitan of New Jersey



We would like to welcome everyone back from the summer break. We hope everyone had a good and safe summer. Philoptochos has continued fulfilling its missions throughout the summer supplying food baskets to families, purchasing and donating clothing and taking donations to the family crisis center.

Elections were held in May and ratified by National Philoptochos and the results are as follows: Executive Board - Irene Vasilios (President), Maria Georgaki (Vice-President), Zoe Perdikakis (Second Vice-President), Maria Karagiannis (Recording Secretary), Eva Nychis (Corresponding Secretary), Stella Koukides (Treasurer), Christine Zervos (Assistant Treasurer), Board Members- Katina Fotinos, Patty Kafallas, Nora Kefalas, Maria Koutsouri, Evagelia Saliaris, Renee Themelis, Tsambika Triantafilos, Katina Yianakis. With Gods Blessing, Love and continued support from our community our Philoptochos will continue to help those less fortunate.

We would like to congratulate Maria Antonakis and Elaine Sackleh from Saint Demetrios and Nora Kefalas from our Philoptochos who have been elected and sworn in and represent the Maryland region on the Metropolis Philoptochos Board of New Jersey.

Thank you to everyone who brought in items for the vespers and the coffee hour for the. Feast Of The Kimissis Tis Theotokou. May the Holy Mother protect you and your families.

Sunday, September 8th a special tray will be passed to benefit The Holy Cross School of Theology. Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. In the church social hall, join us for our first general meeting. Everyone is welcomed! Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 our Welcome Back Crab Feast at Costas Inn 4100 North Point Blvd. Tickets \$50.00 CASH BAR. For information or tickets call Irene Vasilios 410-687-3978 or Stella Koukides 410-574-4875 or any Philoptochos board member.

In August we mailed out our schedule of events and meetings. If you have not received it, please contact us for a copy.

*In memory of Foula Mastrovasili,
John Lallas, George Roros*
Antonios Sazaklis

In memory of Popi Filippakis
John and Maria Georgaki

Θα ήθελα να καλωσορίσω όλους πίσω από τις καλοκαιρινές διακοπές. Ελπίζω ότι όλοι είχατε ένα καλό και ασφαλές καλοκαίρι. Η Φιλόπτωχος συνέχισε να εκπληρώνει τις αποστολές της καθ' όλη τη διάρκεια του καλοκαιριού, προμηθεύοντας καλάθια τροφίμων σε οικογένειες, αγοράζοντας και δωρίζοντας ρούχα και προσφέροντας δωρεές στο κέντρο οικογενειακής κρίσης.



Οι εκλογές διεξήχθησαν το Μάιο και επικυρώθηκαν από την Εθνική Φιλόπτωχο. Τα αποτελέσματα έχουν ως εξής: ΑΞΙΩΜΑΤΟΥΧΟΙ- Ειρήνη Βασιλείου (Πρόεδρος), Μαρία Γεωργάκη (Αντιπρόεδρος), Ζωή Περδικάκη (Δεύτερη Αντιπρόεδρος), Μαρία Καραγιάννη (Γραμματέας επί των Πρακτικών), Ευαγγελία Νύχη (Γραμματέας Αλληλογραφίας), Στέλλα Κουκίδη (Ταμίας, Χριστίνα Ζερβού (Βοηθός Ταμίας). ΜΕΛΗ

ΤΟΥ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΤΙΚΟΥ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟΥ: Κατίνα Φωτεινού, Παναγιώτα Καφάλα, Νόρα Κεφάλα, Μαρία Κουτσούρη, Ευαγγελία Σαλιάρη, Ρενέ Θέμελη, Τσαμπίκα Τριανταφύλλου, Κατίνα Γιανάκη. Με τη β αήθεια του Θεού, με Αγάπη και με την συνεχή στήριξη από την Κοινότητά μας, η Φιλόπτωχος θα συνεχίσει να βοηθά τους λιγότερο τυχερούς.

Θα θέλαμε να συγχαρούμε την κ. Μαρία Αντόνακα και τη Elaine Sackleh από τον Άγιο Δημήτριο, και τη κ. Νόρα Κεφάλα από τη Φιλόπτωχό μας, οι οποίες εξελέγησαν, ορκίστηκαν και αντιπροσωπεύουν την περιοχή του Maryland στο Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο της Φιλοπτώχου της Μητρόπολης της Νέας Ιερσέης.

Σας ευχαριστούμε όλους που φέρατε γλυκά και άλλα είδη για τον εσπερινό και την ώρα του καφέ της εορτής της Κοιμήσεως της Θεοτόκου. Σας ευχόμαστε όπως η Αγία Μητέρα προστατεύει εσάς και τις οικογένειές σας.

Την Κυριακή 8 Σεπτεμβρίου θα περάσουμε έκτακτο δίσκο προς υποστήριξη της Θεολογικής Σχολής του Τιμίου Σταυρού. Δευτέρα 9 Σεπτεμβρίου στις 7:00 μ.μ. θα λάβει χώρα η πρώτη μας γενική συνεδρίαση στην Κοινοτική αίθουσα. Όλοι είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι! Την Τετάρτη 11 Σεπτεμβρίου στις 6:30 Welcome Back Καβουροφαγία στο Costas Inn, 4100 North Point Blvd. Εισιτήρια \$ 50.00 CASH BAR. Για πληροφορίες ή εισιτήρια καλέστε την Ειρήνη Βασιλείου 410-687-3978 ή τη Στέλλα Κουκίδη 410-574-4875 ή οποιοδήποτε μέλος του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Φιλοπτώχου.

Τον Αύγουστο σας ταχυδρομήσαμε το πρόγραμμα των εκδηλώσεων και των συνεδριάσεών μας. Αν δεν το έχετε λάβει, παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε μαζί μας να σας στείλουμε αντίγραφο.

Δωρεές εις μνήμη:
*Εις μνήμη της Ανεζούλας Μαστροβασίλη,
Ιωάννη Αάλλα, Γεωργίου Πορού*
Αντόνιος Σαζακλής

Εις μνήμη της Καλλιόπης Ελένης Φιλιππάκη
Γιάννης & Μαρία Γεωργάκη

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. We currently have openings for children ages 3-5 in our Preschool room. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the director, Rachel Boucher, at 410-633-5020 extension 4.



This summer the BEEC children enjoyed water day every Wednesday and soaking up the sun. The children also enjoyed doing various summer activities and in house visitors; like the Science Guy and Soccer Shots.

This month the BEEC children are getting back into school mode. We are starting September with an Ice Cream Social for our students and parents. We are also excited about more special in house visitors and picture day!

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. Ανοίξαμε τις πόρτες μας στα μέσα Απριλίου 2017. Ξεκινήσαμε με μόλις 5 παιδιά και τώρα έχουμε 30 παιδιά εγγεγραμμένα στο πρόγραμμα μας. Δεχόμαστε παιδιά από 6 εβδομάδων μέχρι 5 ετών. Αυτή τη στιγμή υπάρχουν θέσεις μόνο για παιδιά προσχολικής ηλικίας 3-5 ετών. Αν έχετε οποιαδήποτε ερώτηση μη διστάσετε να επικοινωνήσετε με την υπεύθυνη Ρέϊτσελ Μπουσέ στο τηλέφωνο 410-633-5020, γραμμή 4.

Κατά τη διάρκεια όλου του καλοκαιριού οι μαθητές μας έπαιζαν παιχνίδια με το νερό απολαμβάνοντας τον ήλιο στην παιδική χαρά κάθε Τετάρτη. Τα παιδιά ήταν πολύ απασχολημένα δημιουργώντας χειροτεχνίες με θέμα το καλοκαίρι, ενώ παρακολούθησαν και πολλές λειτουργίες στην εκκλησία μας.



Το μήνα αυτό επανερχόμαστε σιγά σιγά στο πρόγραμμα των σχολικών μαθημάτων. Ο Σεπτέμβρης ξεκινάει με συνάντηση για γονείς και παιδιά με θέμα το παγωτό. Στη συνέχεια θα καλωσορίσουμε τους φίλους μας από το ζωολογικό κήπο της Ουάσινγκτον, ενώ αργότερα θα διοργανώσουμε ημέρα φωτογράφισης των μαθητών μας.



PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Profit and Loss - Consolidated January - May, 2019

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
4000 Stewardship	112,101.53
4010 Greek School Registration	9,390.00
4011 Learning Center Income	54,807.00
4011.1 Learning Center T-Shirt Income	40.00
4011.10 Learning Center Tuition (3-4YRS)	28,325.00
4011.11 Learning Center Tuition (2YR)	34,070.00
4011.13 Learning Center Tuition (Infant	52,610.00
4011.14 Learning Center Registration Fe	225.00
4011.2 LC Vacation Earned	-250.00
4011.3 Learning Center Fundraisers	1,797.00
4011.7 Learning Center Discount (Sibli	-1,058.00
4011.8 Learning Center Tuition (Drop I	1,233.00
4011.9 Learning Center Discount (Stewa	-86.00
Total 4011 Learning Center Income	<u>\$ 171,713.00</u>
4013 Greek School PTA Income	2,704.00
4020 Sales _ Candles	43,095.00
4030 Sales - Flowers	125.00
4040 Sales - Dances	3,908.00
4044 Sales - ATM	1.00
4050 Donations - Church	29,370.13
4055 Donations/Income Diamonds	4,251.00
4056 Dues - Diamonds	380.00
4060 Donations - Trays	10,209.00
4061 Donation - Building Fund	1,800.00
4070 Donations - Church Hall	537.22
4080 Donations - Memorial	21,045.00
4086 Tuition- Hellenic Golden Coins	620.00
4087. Hellenic Golden Coins- Donation	1,411.95
4090 Donations - Flowers	1,195.00
4100 Donations - Christmas Card	80.00
4105 Translations/Certificates Incom	310.00
4110 Greek Festival Income	2,150.00
4110.03 Ad Book Income	3,125.00
4110.04 Vendors	750.00
4110.12 \$100 Raffle	7,425.00
4110.13 \$5 Raffle	1,345.00
Total 4110 Greek Festival Income	<u>\$ 14,795.00</u>
4125 Independence Day Income	15,269.00
4130 Interest Income	0.90
4135 Property Rental Income	

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4136 Utility/Water Income		-91.80
Total 4135 Property Rental Income	-\$	91.80
4140 Plateia Income (Onsite)		42,893.07
4141 Plateia iCatering (Offsite) Inco		79,566.04
4145 Sunday School Income		905.00
4150 Vacation Bible School		60.00
49900 Uncategorized Income {401}		56,555.01
Services		395.00
Unapplied Cash Payment Income		-3,187.00
Total Income	\$	621,407.05
Cost of Goods Sold		
COST OF GOODS SOLD		
5000 Candle expense		9,225.00
5010 Flowers Expense		2,067.97
5012 Greek School Expense		7.91
5013 Greek School PTA Expenses		230.00
5020 Dance Expense		510.75
5028 Hellenic Golden Coin Expenses		3,225.43
5030 Greek Festival Expense		
8005 Advertising		977.57
8020 Bank Fee		1,152.83
8070 Equipmental Rental		2,816.00
8090 Food		3,540.27
8110 Labor		42.50
8160 Paper Supplies		120.36
8195 Propane/other fuel		75.26
8200 Raffles		2,595.00
8240 Tents Rental		3,792.79
Total 5030 Greek Festival Expense	\$	15,112.58
5032 Workshop/Seminar Expense		1,610.00
5033 Vacation Bible School Expense		184.99
5125 Independence Day Expenses		673.00
Plateia CGS Expenses		
5031 Plateia Food Expensr		25,117.02
5035 Plateia Auto Reimb		696.24
5153 Plateia Equipment Rental		431.61
5154 Plateia Linen Rental		1,980.40
5155 Plateia Decoration Expenses		143.87
5156 Plateia Direct Labor Expense		29,160.18
5157 Plateia Entertainment Expense		250.00
5159 Plateia Plastic Dinnerware, etc		2,325.83
Total Plateia CGS Expenses	\$	60,105.15
Total COST OF GOODS SOLD	\$	92,952.78
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Gross Profit	\$	528,454.27
Expenses		
7009 Bank Service Charges		262.92

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

Ask My Accountant		27,427.74
CAPITAL COSTS		
6420 Capital Improvements to Church		3,955.00
Total CAPITAL COSTS	\$	3,955.00
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION		5,352.05
6100 Accounting		18,025.04
6110 Advertising		200.00
6140 Bank Fees		206.34
6142 Paypal Fees		167.79
6160 Clergy Laity Congress		475.00
6170 Credit Card Processing Fee		467.27
6200 Equipment Rental		1,332.44
6210 Fair Share (Archdiocese)		25,680.00
6211 Stewardship Committee Expenses		401.62
6216 Pension (Clergy)		2,600.00
6250 Insurance - General Liability		11,970.64
6270 Interest Expense		133.32
6300 Office Expense		3,171.45
6320 Postage and Delivery		892.40
6330 Professional Fees - Subcontract		2,662.75
6332 HR Consulting Services		463.64
6333 Background Screening Services		60.00
6335 Church Cleaning		10,111.50
Total 6330 Professional Fees - Subcontract	\$	13,297.89
6340 Printing Expense		1,885.77
6360 Telephone		1,764.31
6380 Travel & Entertainment		1,235.43
6530 Miscellaneous		582.41
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	\$	89,841.17
LEARNING CENTER		
6600 Capital Improvement (L.C.)		905.00
6605 Utilities (Learning Center)		1,464.70
6615 Alarm Monitoring (L.C.)		680.00
6620 Bank Fees (Learning Center)		53.00
6624 PayPal Learning Center Fees		1,429.07
6625 Building Maintenance (L.C.)		419.69
6626 Cleaning Supplies for Classroom		1,440.67
6630 Equipment Rental (L.C.)		695.31
6635 Food Expense (Learning Center)		6,212.81
6636 Paper Products (Plates,Cups...)		2,276.96
6641 Center Events (L.C.)		201.40
6642 Field Trips/Outreach Programs		336.00
6645 Janitorial Supplies (L.C.)		431.68
6650 Office Supplies (L.C.)		1,086.62
6651 Classroom Supplies (L.C.)		1,261.46
6652 Learning Center T-Shirt Expense		220.00
6655 Payroll Expense (L.C.)		94,504.85

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6656 Health Benefits(L.C.)	920.01
6660 Payroll Taxes Expense (L.C.)	7,086.47
6665 Permits & Licensing (L.C.)	113.50
6670 Pest/Termite Control (L.C.)	170.00
6675 Professional Fees (subcontract)	1,544.00
6680 Telephone/TV/internet (L.C.)	299.88
6695 Water & Sewer (L.C.)	560.98
Total LEARNING CENTER	\$ 124,314.06
OCCUPANCY COSTS	
6150 Building Maintenance	45,810.63
6230 Ground Rent	60.00
6280 Janitor's Supplies	1,433.66
6310 Permits & Licenses	2,566.50
6365 Security	8,617.92
6370 Trash Removal	2,960.73
6375 Pest/Termite Control	200.00
6390 Utilities	21,647.86
6400 Water & Sewer	3,973.94
Total OCCUPANCY COSTS	\$ 87,271.24
PAYROLL EXPENSES	
	95.15
6000 Church Office Administration	24,081.69
6010 Priest Payroll	34,916.90
6015 Church Sexton	8,800.00
6020 Greek School Teachers Payroll	24,273.96
6032 Assistant Chantor	1,675.00
6040 Organist Payroll	2,500.00
6050 Payroll taxes	4,048.78
6070 Employee Benefits (Health)	14,407.38
6080 Auto/Housing Allowance	5,076.83
Total PAYROLL EXPENSES	\$ 119,875.69
PLATEIA EXPENSES	
6426 Interest Expense (Plateia)	56.38
6431 Plateia,BGE	4,844.01
6432 Plateia, Water & Sewer	2,896.13
6433 Plateia, Verizon	417.44
6434 Lawn Cutting/Landscaping	120.00
6444 Plateia, Internet/Cable	1,788.06
6452 Bank Fee (Plateia)	623.70
6464 Building Maintenance (Plateia)	12,172.45
6465 Equipment Repair (Plateia)	1,728.58
6466 Marketing (Plateia)	1,857.39
6468 Entertainment (Plateia)	117.66
6470 Office Expense (Plateia)	1,350.65
6473 Security Expense (Plateia)	1,260.71
6474 Professional Fees (Plateia)	2,515.75
6475 Trash Removal (Plateia)	1,100.00
6477 Management salary (Plateia)	9,156.73

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

6478 Payroll Taxes - Plateia		2,774.39
Total PLATEIA EXPENSES	\$	44,780.03
PROPERTY RENTAL EXPENSES		
6500 Property Rental - Repairs/Maint		50.00
6510 Property Rental - water/sewer		772.57
Total PROPERTY RENTAL EXPENSES	\$	822.57
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense		800.00
Uncategorized Expense		12,147.20
YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL		
6190 Books/CDs		43.02
Total YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	\$	43.02
Total Expenses	\$	511,540.64
Net Operating Income	\$	16,913.63
Other Expenses		
8010 Other Expenses		259.95
Total Other Expenses	\$	259.95
Net Other Income		(\$259.95)
Net Income	\$	16,653.68

JOY PROGRAM

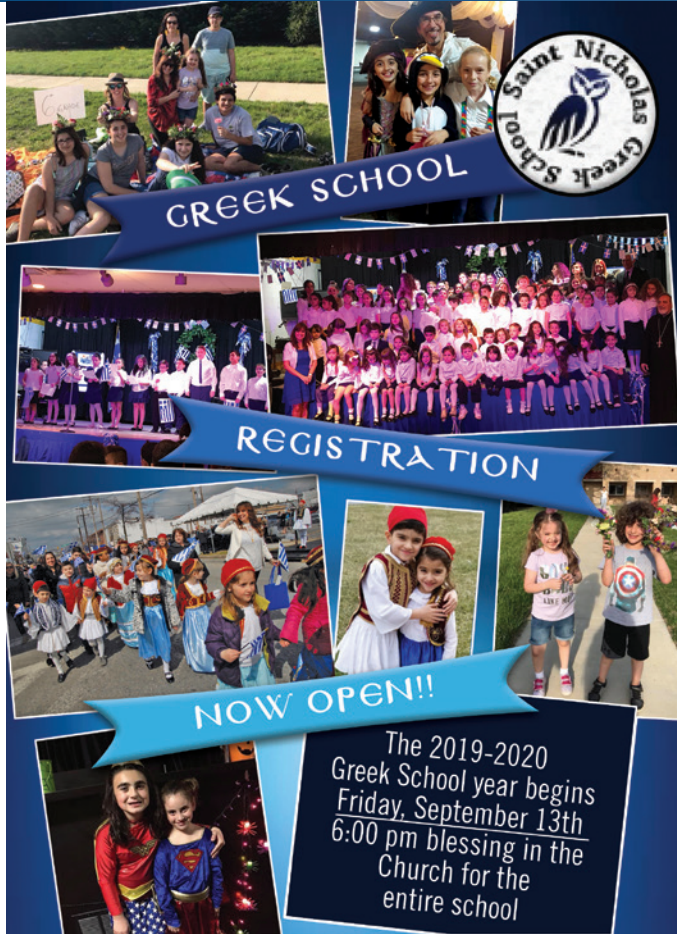
The JOY Program is designed for ages 3-11. The program will prepare our children for GOYA and will emphasize the same goals of fellowship and understanding of our faith. Each meeting has a theme based on the Ecclesiastical Feast Days of the month. Activities include Crafts, Games, Basketball, and a lesson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



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

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

REGISTRATIONS



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
SOWING SEEDS
FOR CHRIST**

Registration this September



Through the lessons and programs that we offer, we help your children to grow in their Orthodox faith.

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

Come make new friends and discover your inner dancer!



WEEKLY PRACTICES

Junior (12-15 years old): Thursdays*
Senior (16-18 years old): Mondays*

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



Registration will run from now till October 3rd, 2019!



For more information, contact Foula Paragios at 410-236-3419 or hellenicgoldencoins@gmail.com



REGISTRATION - GREEK SCHOOL

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SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK AFTERNOON SCHOOL
520 PONCA STREET, BALTIMORE, MD. 21224 Tel. Number: 410-633-5022

ΑΙΤΗΣΗ ΕΓΓΡΑΦΗΣ/ REGISTRATION FORM

Σχολικό Έτος 2019-20/ School Year 2019-20

Please, complete this form by printing or typing the information in either Greek or English.
Παρακαλούμε να συμπληρώσετε τα στοιχεία που ζητούνται στα Ελληνικά/ Αγγλικά.

A. STUDENT DATA - Στοιχεία μαθητή/μαθήτριας

ΟΝΟΜΑ ΠΑΙΔΙΟΥ/ STUDENT'S NAME: _____
και στις 2 γλώσσες/ in both languages - GR & EN _____
ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ/ HOME ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ/ TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

ΚΙΝΗΤΟ ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ/ CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

ΗΜΕΡ. ΓΕΝΝΗΣΕΩΣ ΜΑΘΗΤΗ-ΡΙΑΣ/ STUDENT'S DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ΟΝΟΜΑ ΠΑΤΕΡΑ/FATHER'S NAME (GR & EN): _____

ΤΟΠΟΣ ΓΕΝΝΗΣΕΩΣ ΠΑΤΕΡΑ/ FATHER'S PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

ΟΝΟΜΑ ΜΗΤΕΡΑΣ/ MOTHER'S NAME (GR & EN): _____

ΤΟΠΟΣ ΓΕΝΝΗΣΕΩΣ ΜΗΤΕΡΑΣ/ MOTHER'S PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

In case of emergency, please contact: _____

Σε περίπτωση ανάγκης επικοινωνείστε με: _____

Emergency contact phone number: _____

Τηλέφωνο ατόμου ανάγκης: _____

Do you have internet access? _____

Έχετε διαδίκτυο; _____

Medical issues we should be aware of (allergies etc): _____

Ιατρικά θέματα που πρέπει να γνωρίζουμε

(π.χ.αλλεργίες): _____

B. Photography Policy:

We would like families to know that the school may, from time to time, take photographs of the students for use in St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church or School publications, or school media (i.e. the church website). If you do not wish your child's photograph to be used, you must submit your request in writing with this form.

***NOTE: St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church or School cannot control photograph or film taken by the general media.

C. Payment Procedures:

1. Payment in full must accompany each registration.
2. Registration fees are based on each student's family stewardship status with St. Nicholas Church or a nearby church. A certificate in good standing must be presented at the time of registration from neighboring church.
3. Current stewards of St. Nicholas or families, who wish to become stewards of St. Nicholas, please see the Church Secretary prior to submitting this registration form.
4. Tuition will not be refunded for registration cancellations after September 30, 2019.
5. Tuition: \$ 700.00 per student, includes books and materials + \$20 for security guard.

Notes (for office use only): _____

Method of payment: _____ Cash: _____ Check (# _____)

Receipt No. Of Stewardship Payment: _____ Receipt No. Tuition Payment: _____

** I understand that all lessons end at 6:10PM for the 1st shift and 7:45PM for the 2nd shift and I agree to picking up my child/children from the Church's Atrium waiting Hall with no more than a 5 minutes' delay. The Greek School bears no responsibility for the students' safety past that time.

Parent Signature/ Υπογραφή γονέα _____

EVENTS

END-OF-THE-SUMMER PICNIC!

The St. Nicholas Diamond's would like to invite everyone to an exciting End-of-the-Year Picnic which is going to be held at the Plateia on

Saturday, September the 7th
from the hours of 12:00 Noon to 5:00 pm

You're probably asking "What will go on?" Well, we will have a Bar-B-Q feast, and live music featuring "Mirka Hatzis". This will be a great time to bring the whole family and enjoy the festivities.

The entrance fee will only be a \$3.00 and Children under 12 will go in free of charge. All proceeds will benefit the renovations of the 2 bathrooms that we have on the first level of our church building.

Please make an effort and support this wonderful event!

Friday & Saturday, October 4 & 5
the Rhodian Society of MD "Diagoras" will host



the 92nd Annual
Pan-Rhodian Society
"Apollon" Convention
in Baltimore, Maryland

Friday October 4

Crab Feast

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Large Social Hall
520 S. Ponca Street, Baltimore, MD 21224

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Food by Jimmy's Famous Seafood

Saturday October 5

Dinner & Dance Banquet

Greektown Square & Event Center
700 Quail Street, Baltimore, MD 21224

Tickets \$70 sold in advance

Entertainment by Apollonia Band & special guest Savvas Perselis

Contact:

Stella Karais 443-469-4086

Tony Pearce 443-794-9195

John Fotiou 443-850-5685

or any Rhodian Society board member

Hosted by:



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Look for more info on our Rhodian Society of Maryland Facebook page, or email: diagoras3@msn.com.

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SEPTEMBER
26, 27, 28, 29
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SATURDAY 9/28
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EVENTS



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 7: St. Nicholas Diamond's End-of-Year Picnic - Noon-5:00 p.m. at the Plateia

Monday, September 9: Philoptochos meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 10: Diamond's meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11: Philoptochos Crab Feast at Costas Inn at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 13: Greek School Blessing in church at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 15: Sunday School classes begin

Monday, September 16: Greek School classes begin

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, October 7: Philoptochos meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 14: Philoptochos Night Out at By The Docks at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 16: General Assembly Meeting - details to follow

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER

- Sunday, September 1: Beginning of the New Ecclesiastical Year:
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am
- Sunday, September 8: Nativity of the Theotokos/ Sunday before the Holy Cross:
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Friday, September 13: Great Vesper Service on the Feast of the Holy Cross: Service at 7:00 pm
- Saturday, September 14: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross:
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am
- Sunday, September 15: Sunday after the Feast of the Holy Cross:
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Sunday, September 22: First Sunday of St. Luke: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Thursday, September 26: Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30
- Sunday, September 29: Second Sunday of St. Luke: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

