



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

Dear Parishioners,

Here we go again. I cannot believe how quickly the summer months have come to an end. Vacations are over, the kids are back to school, and life is becoming a routine once again.

September is the month that brings all of us back together again to face another challenging Ecclesiastical new year, hopefully filled with excitement, and anticipation, surprises, and I believe much success. This brings me also to the point where we are not out of the woods yet from our fears of the Corona Virus existence. Even today after almost 3 years of fighting this Virus, it is still around us making most of our lives miserable. We should thank God that the death rate and hospitalizations are down, but they are still a reality. It is not only this Virus that we are battling but the new Monkey Pox that has spread throughout Europe, Asia, Africa, and the United States.

During the summer months we also witnessed so many tragic events that are still happening around the world. The floods, earthquakes, volcanoes, fires, terrorism, wars, riots, shootings, murders, climate changes and more that are causing destruction all over the world. Innocent people are being killed on the streets, in the malls, schools, drive by shootings, and places of worship. When is this ever going to stop? We need to continue praying to God to put a stop to all of this destruction, tragedies, diseases, wars, hunger, and especially all the different variants that continue to bring chaos in our lives.

We are once again coming into a New Ecclesiastical New Year. This past year was an interesting one filled with difficult and good times. On many occasions, life gave us some scary moments, but we all stuck together. I believe that from now on things will be better. But we still need to be careful. No one knows what tomorrow will bring. But one thing I do know is that here in our Parish we will always have great opportunities and challenges as we

proceed with our responsibilities and duties towards our church and community. We have been blessed here at St. Nicholas. Even though during the summer months many took their vacations, we still had pretty good participation in our weekday and Sunday services. I am so proud of our Parishioners because we have accomplished together so many successes even through bad times and good times. We completed these projects strong and united.

But now I would like to share with all of you my thoughts and concerns as we approach this New Ecclesiastical Year. As a Parish, we need to focus more on the participation of our youth. I must say that this past year was difficult in bringing our youth to Church. I realize that it was very difficult for the parents to bring their children to church for fear of catching this dreadful virus. After 3 years though parents should not have the same fears. During that period, we had very limited participation from our kids coming to church on Sunday mornings. It was difficult to watch on live stream not having many boys serving in the Altar. Not only did we not have participation from our youth but also from the Parents. For almost 3 years we held most activities in the Church virtually, including Greek School, Sunday School, and GOYA meetings.



At this point in time, parents should not have any excuses for not bringing their children to Church on Sundays. As parents we need to remind ourselves of the parental guidance and commitment that is necessary when we deal with the youth of our parish. Let us get back on track. Please do not be lazy in our responsibilities regarding the spiritual welfare of our children. By not bringing our children to church, we are doing them a huge injustice. Whether we are bringing our children to Church, Sunday school, Greek school, GOYA, JOY, or Dance practice, we, as parents, play an important role in our children's spiritual upbringing. Remember this saying, "You can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make it drink" As parents we need to set our priorities. Life is not just sports, vacations, and entertainment. We have to ask ourselves, "IS CHURCH

K O I N O N I A



Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

A MAJOR PRIORITY IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHILDREN?" If we answered "yes" that is great! But if we answered "no" then we will slowly lose our children to the pleasures of this world, and they will be without God's care and guidance. Please do not teach our children that living a materialistic life is the way to go. That is not the path to take your children if you want them to live a spiritual life in Christ. Let us all remember that God is not an idea or a piece of information. God is someone to know, and to introduce our children to. When talking about this subject, I often hear people say that it is the parents' fault for not bringing their children to church. There is some truth to that, but I also would like to add, that parents have to know God first. They have to show their children with personal example how to love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Children are always taught by example, and if we as parents do not show that then we should not blame our children.

Another issue that I am facing as your Parish Priest is my personal retirement. It has been almost three years since the time that I submitted my official paperwork to the Metropolis of New Jersey. The Parish Council so far has turned in all the necessary official paperwork to the Immigration Office, and we are still waiting for Immigration to provide us with some information on the current status of Fr. George Oikonomou and his family. I just want everyone to be patient and hope that soon we will receive more positive information concerning this important step in the life of our Church.

May God bless our beautiful families here at St. Nicholas, and I hope and pray that we begin again our New Ecclesiastical Year filled with much health, joy, and happiness.

WELCOME BACK

Αγαπητοί Ενορίτες,

Εδώ είμαστε πάλι. Δεν μπορώ να πιστέψω πόσο γρήγορα πέρασαν οι καλοκαιρινοί μήνες. Οι διακοπές τελείωσαν, τα παιδιά επέστρεψαν στο σχολείο και η ζωή γίνεται για άλλη μια φορά ρουτίνα.

Ο Σεπτέμβριος είναι ο μήνας που μας ξαναφέρει όλους μαζί για να αντιμετωπίσουμε άλλη μια προκλητική εκκλησιαστική νέα χρονιά, ελπίζουμε να είναι γεμάτη ενθουσιασμό, προσμονή και εκπλήξεις, και πιστεύω να έχει μεγάλη επιτυχία. Επίσης πιστεύω ότι δεν έχουμε ξεφύγει ακόμη από το φόβο της ύπαρξης της επιδημίας. Ακόμη και σήμερα μετά από σχεδόν 3 χρόνια μάχης με τον Ιό, εξακολουθεί να είναι γύρω μας κάνοντας τη ζωή μας μίζερη. Θα πρέπει να ευχαριστούμε τον Θεό που τα ποσοστά θνησιμότητας και οι νοσηλείες μειώνονται, αλλά εξακολουθούν να είναι πραγματικότητα. Δεν παλεύουμε μόνο με αυτόν τον Ιό, αλλά και με τη νέα 'ευλογία των πιθήκων' που έχει εξαπλωθεί σε όλη την Ευρώπη, την Ασία, την Αφρική και τις Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες.

Κατά τη διάρκεια των καλοκαιρινών μηνών γίναμε επίσης μάρτυρες τόσων τραγικών γεγονότων που συνέβησαν σε όλο τον κόσμο. Πλημμύρες, σεισμοί, ηφαίστεια, πυρκαγιές, τρομοκρατία, πόλεμοι, ταραχές, πυροβολισμοί, δολοφονίες, κλιματικές αλλαγές και άλλα που προκαλούν καταστροφή σε όλο τον κόσμο. Αθώοι άνθρωποι σκοτώνονται στους δρόμους, στα εμπορικά κέντρα, στα σχολεία, από πυροβολισμούς ακόμη και στους χώρους λατρείας. Πότε θα σταματήσει αυτό το κακό; Πρέπει να συνεχίσουμε να προσευχόμαστε στον Θεό για να σταματήσει όλη αυτή η καταστροφή, οι τραγωδίες, οι ασθένειες, οι πόλεμοι, η πείνα και ειδικά όλες οι διαφορετικές παραλλαγές που συνεχίζουν να φέρνουν χάος στη ζωή μας.

Αθώοι άνθρωποι σκοτώνονται στους δρόμους, στα εμπορικά κέντρα, στα σχολεία, στους πυροβολισμούς και στους χώρους λατρείας. Πότε θα σταματήσει αυτό το κακό; Χρειάζεται να συνεχίσουμε να προσευχόμαστε στον Θεό για να σταματήσει όλη αυτή η καταστροφή, τις τραγωδίες, τις ασθένειες, τους πολέμους, τη πείνα και ειδικά όλες τις διαφορετικές παραλλαγές που συνεχίζουν να φέρνουν χάος στη ζωή μας.

Για άλλη μια φορά ξεκινάμε μια νέα Εκκλησιαστική Πρωτοχρονιά.

Η χρονιά που πέρασε ήταν ενδιαφέρουσα γεμάτη με δύσκολες και καλές στιγμές. Σε πολλές περιπτώσεις, η ζωή μας έδωσε μερικές τρομακτικές στιγμές, αλλά παραμείναμε όλοι μαζί. Πιστεύω ότι από εδώ και στο εξής τα πράγματα θα είναι καλύτερα.

Πρέπει όμως να είμαστε προσεκτικοί. Κανείς δεν γνωρίζει τι θα φέρει το αύριο. Αλλά ένα πράγμα που γνωρίζω είναι ότι εδώ στην Ενορία μας, θα έχουμε πάντα μεγάλες ευκαιρίες και προκλήσεις, καθώς προχωράμε στις ευθύνες και τα καθήκοντά μας απέναντι στην Εκκλησία και την Κοινότητά μας.

Είμαστε ευλογημένοι εδώ στον Άγιο Νικόλαο. Αν και κατά τους καλοκαιρινούς μήνες πολλοί έκαναν τις διακοπές τους, παρόλα αυτά είχαμε αρκετά καλή συμμετοχή στις καθημερινές και κυριακάτικες λειτουργίες μας. Είμαι τόσο περήφανος για τους Ενορίτες μας, γιατί έχουμε ζήσει μαζί πολλές επιτυχίες ακόμα και σε κακές αλλά και σε καλές στιγμές. Ολοκληρώσαμε πολλά έργα δυνατά και ενωμένοι.

Τώρα όμως θα ήθελα να μοιραστώ με όλους εσάς τις σκέψεις και τους προβληματισμούς μου, καθώς πλησιάζουμε στο Νέο Εκκλησιαστικό Έτος. Ως Ενορία πρέπει να επικεντρωθούμε περισσότερο στη συμμετοχή της νεολαίας μας. Πρέπει να πω ότι η χρονιά που πέρασε ήταν δύσκολη στο να φέρομε τους νέους μας στην Εκκλησία. Συνειδητοποιώ ότι ήταν πολύ δύσκολο για τους γονείς να φέρουν τα παιδιά τους στην Εκκλησία από φόβο μήπως κολλήσουν αυτόν τον τρομερό Ιό. Ωστόσο, μετά από 3 χρόνια οι γονείς δεν πρέπει να έχουν τους ίδιους φόβους. Εκείνη την περίοδο, είχαμε πολύ περιορισμένη συμμετοχή από τα παιδιά μας στην εκκλησία τα πρωινά της Κυριακής. Ήταν δύσκολο να παρακολουθήσω σε ζωντανή μετάδοση χωρίς πολλά ιερόπαιδα να υπηρετούν στο Ιερό. Όχι μόνο δεν είχαμε συμμετοχή από τα παιδιά μας αλλά και από τους Γονείς. Για σχεδόν 3 χρόνια πραγματοποιούσαμε τις περισσότερες δραστηριότητες στην Εκκλησία μέσω τηλεδιάσκεψης, συμπεριλαμβανομένων των συνεδριάσεων του Ελληνικού Σχολείου, του Κατηχητικού Σχολείου και της GOYA.

Τώρα, οι γονείς δεν πρέπει να έχουν καμία δικαιολογία για να μην φέρνουν τα παιδιά τους στην Εκκλησία τις Κυριακές. Ως γονείς πρέπει να υπενθυμίζουμε στον εαυτό μας τη γονική καθοδήγηση

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear parishioners and friends of Agios Nikolaos,

August is coming to an end, and like every year we are ready for the new school year.

The days are approaching and the Greek school is waiting to welcome students and parents. We are in full action and with all the preparations taking place, we can't wait to see the beloved faces of our returning students and to meet the new children who will come to the arms of Saint Nicholas.

My joy and excitement for every young member of our church is immense because it is not so important that someone learns a rule of grammar, it is important that they come close to our culture and religion and fill their mind with pleasant memories of their "homeland". For this reason we try to enrich the school program with various events and celebrations. One such example is the celebration we hold to honor the Heroes of 1940 and the legendary "Oxi" of I. Metaxas. Our children are happy to do something different and we are proud of the new generation.

As the great writer Nikos Kazantzakis used to say: "you have the brushes, you have the colors, paint paradise and enter it". For our young children who are still learning to "paint" let us give them "brushes and paints".

Best wishes for everyone this year!

Yours truly,

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Αγαπημένοι ενορίτες μας και φίλοι του Αγίου Νικολάου,

Ο Αύγουστος φτάνει στο τέλος του και όπως κάθε χρόνο έτσι και φέτος είμαστε σε εγρήγορση για τη νέα σχολική χρονιά.

Οι μέρες πλησιάζουν και το ελληνικό σχολείο περιμένει να καλωσορίσει μαθητές και γονείς. Εμείς σε πλήρη δράση και με όλες τις ετοιμασίες να λαμβάνουν χώρα, ανυπομονούμε να δούμε τα αγαπημένα πρόσωπα των παλιών μαθητών μας και να γνωρίσουμε τα νέα παιδιά που θα έρθουν στην αγκαλιά του Αγίου Νικόλα.

Η χαρά μου και η συγκίνηση για κάθε νεαρό μέλος της εκκλησίας μας είναι απέραντη μιας και δεν έχει τόση σημασία να μάθει κάποιος έναν κανόνα γραμματικής, σημασία έχει να έρθει κοντά στον πολιτισμό και στην θρησκεία μας και να γεμίσει τις αποσκευές του με ευχάριστες αναμνήσεις από την «πατρίδα» του.

Για αυτόν τον λόγο προσπαθούμε να εμπλουτίσουμε το πρόγραμμα του σχολείου με διάφορες εκδηλώσεις και γιορτές. Ένα τέτοιο παράδειγμα είναι η γιορτή που κάνουμε με σκοπό να τιμήσουμε τους Ήρωες του 1940 και το θρυλικό «OXI» του Ι. Μεταξά. Τα παιδιά μας χαίρονται που κάνουν κάτι διαφορετικό και εμείς καμαρώνουμε για τη νέα γενιά.

Όπως έλεγε ο σπουδαίος συγγραφέας Νίκος Καζαντζάκης: «έχεις τα πινέλα, έχεις τα χρώματα, ζωγράφισε τον παράδεισο και μπες μέσα». Για τα μικρά παιδιά μας που ακόμα τώρα μαθαίνουν να «ζωγραφίζουν» ας τους δώσουμε εμείς «τα πινέλα και τα χρώματα»

Με το καλό να ανταμώνουμε παντα!

Με αγάπη και εκτίμηση,

*Σταματία Ιερομονάχου
Πρόεδρος του Συμβουλίου
Αγίου Νικολάου
Βαλτιμόρης*



Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό (Continued)

και δέσμευση στοιχεία απαραίτητα όταν ασχολούμαστε με τη νεολαία της Ενορίας μας. Ας επανέλθουμε στη κανονική μας τροχιά. Σας παρακαλούμε να μην είσαστε νωχελικοί στις ευθύνες σας σχετικά με την πνευματική ευημερία των παιδιών σας. Με το να μην φέρνουμε τα παιδιά στην εκκλησία, τους αποδίδουμε τεράστιο δίκαιο. Είτε φέρνουμε τα παιδιά μας στην Εκκλησία, ή στο Κατηχητικό, ή στο Ελληνικό Σχολείο, ή στη GOYA, στο JOY ή στις πρόβες του χορού, εμείς, ως γονείς, παίζουμε σημαντικό ρόλο στην πνευματική ανατροφή τους. Να θυμάστε το ρητό, «Μπορείς να οδηγήσεις ένα άλογο στο νερό, αλλά δεν μπορείς να το κάνεις να πει». Ως γονείς πρέπει να θέσουμε τις προτεραιότητές μας. Η ζωή δεν είναι μόνο αθλητισμός, διακοπές και ψυχαγωγία. Πρέπει να αναρωτηθούμε, «Η ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΕΙΝΑΙ Η ΚΥΡΙΑ ΠΡΟΤΕΡΑΙΟΤΗΤΑ ΣΤΗ ΖΩΗ ΤΩΝ ΠΑΙΔΙΩΝ ΜΑΣ;» Αν απαντήσουμε «ναι», είναι υπέροχο! Αλλά αν απαντήσουμε «όχι», τότε θα χάσουμε σιγά-σιγά τα παιδιά μας στις απολαύσεις αυτού του κόσμου που θα είναι χωρίς τη φροντίδα και την καθοδήγηση του Θεού. Σας παρακαλούμε να μην διδάξετε στα παιδιά μας ότι η υλιστική ζωή είναι αυτή που πρέπει να ακολουθήσουν. Δεν είναι αυτό το μονοπάτι που θα οδηγήσετε τα παιδιά σας, εάν θέλετε να ζήσουν μια πνευματική ζωή εν Χριστώ.

Ας μην ξεχνάμε ότι ο Θεός δεν είναι μια ιδέα ή πληροφορία. Ο Θεός είναι κάποιος που πρέπει να γνωρίζουμε και να συστήνουμε στα παιδιά μας. Όταν μιλάμε για αυτό το θέμα, ακούω συχνά ανθρώπους να λένε ότι είναι λάθος των γονιών που δεν φέρνουν

τα παιδιά τους στην εκκλησία. Υπάρχει κάποια αλήθεια σε αυτό, αλλά θα ήθελα επίσης να προσθέσω ότι οι γονείς πρέπει πρώτα να γνωρίσουν τον Θεό. Πρέπει να δείξουν στα παιδιά τους με προσωπικό παράδειγμα πώς να αγαπούν τον Κύριο μας και Σωτήρα Ιησού Χριστό. Τα παιδιά διδάσκονται πάντα με το παράδειγμα και εάν εμείς ως γονείς δεν το δείξουμε αυτό, τότε δεν πρέπει να κατηγορούμε τα παιδιά μας.

Ένα άλλο θέμα που αντιμετωπίζω ως Ιερέας της Ενορίας σας είναι η προσωπική μου συνταξιοδότηση. Έχουν περάσει σχεδόν τρία χρόνια από τη στιγμή που υπέβαλα τα χαρτιά μου στη Μητρόπολη της Νέας Ιερσέης. Το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο μέχρι στιγμής έχει παραδώσει όλα τα απαραίτητα επίσημα έγγραφα στο Γραφείο Μετανάστευσης, και ακόμη περιμένουμε από το Γραφείο της Μετανάστευσης να μας παράσχει κάποιες πληροφορίες για την τρέχουσα κατάσταση του πατρός Γεωργίου Οικονόμου και της οικογένειάς του. Θέλω μόνο να κάνετε όλοι υπομονή και ελπίζω ότι σύντομα θα λάβουμε περισσότερες θετικές πληροφορίες για αυτό το σημαντικό βήμα στη ζωή της Εκκλησίας μας.

Εύχομαι ο Θεός να ευλογεί τις όμορφες οικογένειες μας εδώ στον Άγιο Νικόλαο, και ελπίζω και προσεύχομαι να ξαναρχίσουμε τη Νέα Εκκλησιαστική Χρονιά γεμάτη με υγεία, χαρά και ευτυχία.

ΚΑΛΩΣΟΡΙΣΑΤΕ

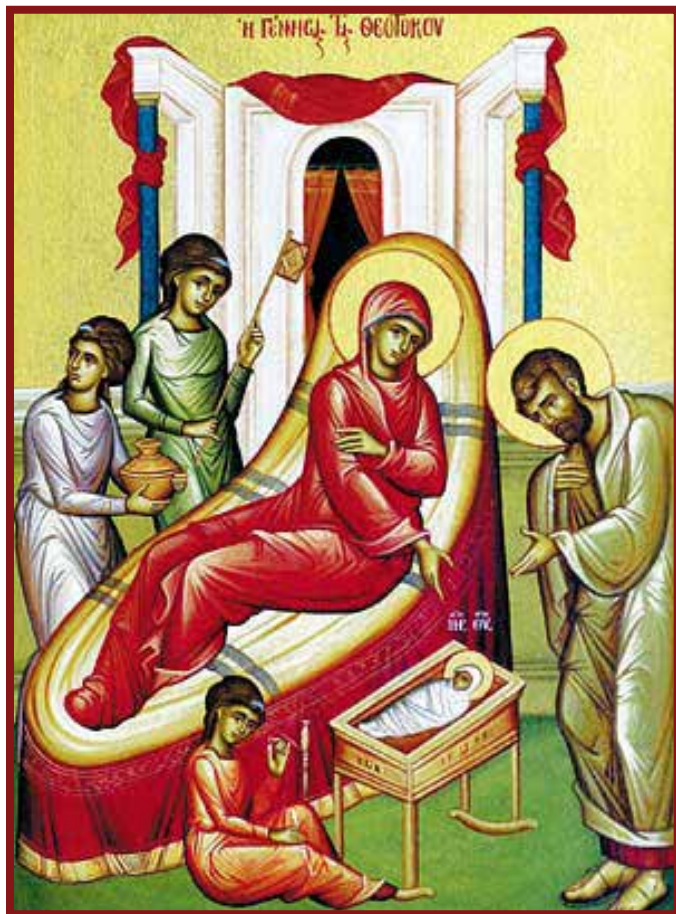


St. Nicholas celebrated the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary with a Great Vespers service the evening of Sunday, August 14th, and a feast celebrating the Dormition on Monday, August 15th.



Nativity of the Theotokos

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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.

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

The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross

Courtesy of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
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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.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Eugenia Kalis

Kathe Apesos Lazarides
James & Maria Fotinos
Ms. Samantha Voxakis
Mr. & Mrs. George & Sylvia
Voxakis

In memory of Antonios Sfiriou

Mrs. Mary Serafis
Mrs. Sofoula Frangakis
Ms. Maria Salpeas
Mrs. Tsambika Kellis & Family
George & Debbie Nistazos
Charalambos &
Aspasia Charalambopoulos
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Mrs. Maritsa Souranis
Ms. Antonia Manolitsis
Chevalier
Sean Healey
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Chrisovergis
Ms. Anastasia Primikirios
Ms. Calliopi Topaltzas

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Demetrios Cavouras

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Mr. Antonios Cavouras
Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Pantelidis
Mrs. Stacia Gialamas

In memory of Pantelis Tserkis

Pavlas & Joanne Karagiannis
Antonios Sazaklis
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Anastasiades
Col. & Mrs. John Gavrilis

In memory of

Manuel Matsangos

Mrs. Anastasia Sarioglou

In memory of

Aristotelis (Telly) Stroumbis

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Mrs. Helen Pikounis
Mrs. Sofoula Frangakis
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Mrs. Stacia Gialamas
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Ms. Maria Salpeas
Mr. Chris Angelopoulos
Ms. Maria Karagiannis
Mrs. Maritsa Souranis

In memory of

Emmanuel Pikounis

Mrs. Helen Pikounis

In memory of Filippou Family

Mr. Nicholas Filippou

In memory of

Nicholas Pantoulis

Mr. Steve Kouroupis

In memory of Mookos,

Anastasia & Savas Tsakiris

Mrs. Connie Tsakiris

In memory of Gus Kazamias

Mrs. Panagiota Karamitos
Mr. George Karamitos
Panagiotis Karamitos

In memory of

Cleopatra Govastes

Mr. George Chahalalis & Family

In memory of Joseph Durishin

Mr. & Mrs.
George Chrisovergis





St. Nicholas celebrated the Holy Martyr Phanourios with a service on Saturday, August 27.



We are excited to begin the new Ecclesiastical year with **Sunday School registration and the first day of Sunday School on September 11th**.

Students who are in church by 10:00 a.m. will sit in the front pews until after the Holy Gospel and Father's sermon. We will then dismiss to Sunday School.

Sunday School classes are from pre-k to tenth grade. We would love to have more volunteers as aides and teachers. We will take volunteers from high school juniors to adults. Please email stnicholassundayschool@yahoo.com, if you are willing and able to give back to the church in this way.

High Schoolers!!

We can offer you community service hours for your service.



Με ενθουσιασμό ξεκινάμε τη νέα Εκκλησιαστική χρονιά!! Οι εγγραφές του Κατηχητικού Σχολείου, και η έναρξη των μαθημάτων είναι την Κυριακή, 11 Σεπτεμβρίου, 2022.

Αν οι μαθητές βρίσκονται στην Εκκλησία στις 10:00 το πρωί θα κάθονται στα μπροστινά στασίδια, μέχρι την ανάγνωση του Ευαγγελίου και μετά το τέλος του Κηρύγματος του Ιερέα. Στη συνέχεια θα αναχωρούμε για τις τάξεις του Κατηχητικού Σχολείου.

Το Κατηχητικό Σχολείο αρχίζει με παιδιά του Προ-νηπιαγωγείου και συνεχίζει μέχρι και τη Δεκάτη Τάξη. Χρειαζόμαστε περισσότερους εθελοντές ως βοηθούς και δασκάλους. Δεχόμαστε ως εθελοντές βοηθούς και δασκάλους, νέους τελιόφοιτους Γυμνασίων έως και ενήλικους.

Αν ενδιαφέρεστε παρακαλείστε να στείλετε e-mail στο stnicholassundayschool@yahoo.com. Αν είστε πρόθυμοι και ικανοί να επιστρέψετε κάτι πίσω στην Εκκλησία σας κατ' αυτό το τρόπο.

Προσφέρουμε στους μαθητές Γυμνασίων Πιστοποιητικό Κοινοτικών Υπηρεσιών (Community Service).

† B A R T H O L O M E W

By God's Mercy Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome
and Ecumenical Patriarch
To the Plenitude of the Church
Grace, Peace and Mercy from the Maker of All Creation
Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

Most reverend brother Hierarchs and beloved children in the Lord,

As we enter, with God's blessing, the new ecclesiastical year today, we honor with the Feast of the Indiction the "Day of protecting the natural environment" and offer glory and gratitude to the Creator of all for the "great gift of creation."

We proclaim once again with all our heart that the respect for creation and the constant concern for its protection belong to the core of our Orthodox identity as one of its most precious elements. The Church recognizes and teaches that the cause of human alienation from the "very good" creation and one's fellow human beings is the "alienation from God." It boldly reminds us that there is no authentic freedom without the Truth and outside the Truth, which is the power that truly liberates. "Know the truth, and the truth will free you" (John 8.32).

For over three decades, the Holy Great Church of Christ emphatically and dynamically promotes the eco-friendly message of Orthodoxy through its diverse initiatives. September 1, 1989, will forever signify and symbolize the commencement of a movement that produced much fruit, raised awareness about the spiritual and ethical roots and parameters of the destruction of the natural environment, mobilized individuals and institutions, inspired the rest of the Christian world, highlighted the way of responding to this great challenge – a way that passes firstly through an understanding of its connection with the crisis of human freedom and the need for radical change in mentality and conduct with a view to creation, and secondly through a common and universal action given the global dimensions and tragic consequences of the ecological destruction.

An invaluable legacy for the future lies in the many important writings on the field of theological ecology, among which the work of the professor and academician, His Eminence Elder Metropolitan John of Pergamon, retain a prominent place. An inexhaustible source of inspiration will also be found in the presentations of the nine water-borne international symposia, which hosted renowned specialists and scientists as well as representatives of the cultural and spiritual worlds. These texts are especially beneficial for environmental learning, which has carved out a significant place in contemporary education. As it has rightly been said: "In the future, an education without ecological orientation will be a parody of education."

Sustainable development is a one-way street. It will secure ecological balance in the present and constitute a guarantee for the future, but it has its conditions: ecological economy, changes in agricultural and biomechanical productivity, the production and use of energy, the movement and transportation of goods, new models of consumption, and so on. Unfortunately, good intentions,

agreements and proclamations often remain theoretical, merely “big words,” without any impact on action, “superficial injunctions,” as it has been written. Humankind has not learned from the consequences of climate change, the destructive fires, heat waves, and floods, the rapid reduction in biodiversity, the pollution of the atmosphere and seas, the deforestation and social repercussions of the environmental crisis, above all revealed in the mass migration for ecological reasons. Humanity continues to be deluded about the innate capacity of nature to protect itself and overcome human-induced damages. We know, and yet we continue to act as if uninformed, suppressing the truth that with regard to its relationship to the natural environment, our modern technocratic and econo-centered civilization does not comprise progress, since the greatest devastation of the natural environment has taken place in our own time, and age where science and economy prevail. Climate change is an immense destruction caused by human irresponsibility and the impasse of our model of organization in the life of our economy. We only have a future if we understand that the protection of the integrity of creation does not only not comprise a hurdle for economic development, but is the vehicle for real progress.

This year, the celebration of the Day of the protection of creation are accompanied by the sound of weapons in Ukraine, by the cry of the victims of military violence, the bombardment of cities and infrastructures, the groaning of nature and moaning of refugees. Every war is a humanitarian and ecological catastrophe. The ongoing violence, beyond the thousands of human lives, also destroys the natural environment that it pollutes, forcing nations and peoples to return to ways of securing energy efficiency through means that are unfriendly to the environment. Thus, humanity enters a new vicious cycle of destructive impasses, which confirm the saying that *homo sapiens* to this day continues to behave simultaneously as *homo demens*, as imprudent and irrational.

Brothers in the Lord and blessed children,

For the Church, the elements of the world – according to a theological formulation – “are not simply utilitarian or useful material for the individual needs of human beings, but they are actions of the Person of the one Creator”. Everything created by God blesses, praises and exalts God to the ages, the heavens declare His glory. This is the message expressed by the concern of the Great Church for the protection of creation. The life of the Church of Christ is a foretaste of all that we expect in the Kingdom of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. On our way to the Eschaton, the Holy Church offers to the world the Gospel of grace as its guide and the unswerving certainty that evil, in all its forms, will not have the final word in history.

In closing, we wish you a blessed and fruitful new ecclesiastical year, and we call upon all of you, through the intercessions of the First-among-the-saints Theotokos Pammakaristos, the lifegiving grace and great mercy of the creator and redeemer of all, the pioneer and perfecter of our immaculate faith to whom be the glory and the dominion unto everlasting ages. Amen!

September 1, 2022

† Bartholomew of Constantinople

Fervent supplicant for all before God

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Τερώτατοι ἀδελφοί Ἀρχιερεῖς καί τέκνα ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀγαπητά,

Εἰσερχόμενοι σήμερον, εὐλογία Θεοῦ, εἰς τό νέον ἐκκλησιαστικόν ἔτος, τιμῶμεν κατά τήν ἑορτήν ταύτην τῆς Ἰνδίκτου τήν «Ἡμέραν προστασίας τοῦ φυσικοῦ περιβάλλοντος» καί ἀναπέμπομεν δοξολογικάς καί εὐχαριστηρίους εὐχάς πρὸς τόν Κτίστην τῶν ἀπάντων διὰ τό «μέγα δῶρον τῆς δημιουργίας».

Διακηρύσσομεν καί πάλιν γεγονυῖα τῇ φωνῇ, ὅτι ὁ σεβασμός πρὸς τήν κτίσιν καί ἡ διαρκῆς μέριμνα διὰ τήν προστασίαν τῆς ἀνήκουν εἰς τόν πυρήνα τῆς Ὁρθοδόξου ἡμῶν ταυτότητος, ὡς ἓν ἐκ τῶν τιμαλφεστάτων στοιχείων τῆς. Ἡ Ἐκκλησία γνωρίζει καί διδάσκει ὅτι αἰτία τῆς ἀλλοτριώσεως τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἀπό τήν «καλήν λίαν» δημιουργίαν καί τόν συνάνθρωπον εἶναι ἡ «Θεοῦ ἀλλοτρίωσις». Ὑπενθυμίζει δέ εὐθαρσῶς ὅτι δέν ὑπάρχει αὐθεντική ἐλευθερία χωρίς τήν Ἀλήθειαν καί ἔξω ἀπό τήν Ἀλήθειαν, ἡ ὁποία εἶναι ἡ κατ' ἐξοχήν ἐλευθεροποιός δύναμις. «Γνώσεσθε τήν ἀλήθειαν, καί ἡ ἀλήθεια ἐλευθερώσει ὑμᾶς» (Ἰωάν. ἡ', 32).

Ἐπί τρεῖς καί πλέον δεκαετίας, ἡ Ἁγία τοῦ Χριστοῦ Μεγάλη Ἐκκλησία προβάλλει μετ' ἐμφάσεως καί δυναμισμού, διὰ ποικίλων πρωτοβουλιῶν, τό οἰκοφιλικόν μήνυμα τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας. Ἡ 1^η Σεπτεμβρίου 1989 θά σηματοδοτῆ καί θά συμβολίζη ἑσαεὶ τήν ἑναρξιν ἑνός εὐλογημένου κινήματος, τό ὁποῖον παρήγαγε καρπὸν πολύν, ἀνέδειξε τὰς πνευματικάς καί ἠθικάς ρίζας καί παραμέτρους τῆς καταστροφῆς τοῦ φυσικοῦ περιβάλλοντος, ἐκινητοποίησε πρόσωπα καί θεσμούς, ἐνέπνευσε τόν λοιπὸν χριστιανικόν κόσμον, ἔδειξε τήν ὁδὸν πρὸς ἀντιμετώπισιν τοῦ μεγάλου προβλήματος, ὁδόν, ἡ ὁποία διαβαίνει διὰ μέσου, πρῶτον, τῆς κατανοήσεως τῆς συνδέσεως αὐτοῦ μέ τήν κρίσιν τῆς ἀνθρωπίνης ἐλευθερίας καί τῆς ἀνάγκης ριζικῆς ἀλλαγῆς νοοτροπίας καί συμπεριφορᾶς ἀπέναντι εἰς τήν κτίσιν, καί, δεύτερον, διὰ τῆς κοινῆς καί πανανθρωπίνης δράσεως, δεδομένων τῶν παγκοσμίων διαστάσεων καί τῶν τραγικῶν ἐπιπτώσεων τοῦ οικολογικοῦ ὀλέθρου.

Πολύτιμον παρακαταθήκην διὰ τό μέλλον ἀποτελεῖ ἡ σημαντικὴ συγγραφικὴ παραγωγή εἰς τόν χῶρον τῆς θεολογικῆς οικολογίας, κεντρικὴν θέσιν εἰς τήν ὁποίαν κατέχουν αἱ μελέται τοῦ Ἱερωτάτου Μητροπολίτου Περγάμου κ. Ἰωάννου, Καθηγητοῦ καί Ἀκαδημαϊκοῦ. Ἀνεξάντλητον πηγὴν ἐμπνεύσεως θά ἀποτελοῦν καί αἱ εἰσηγήσεις εἰς τὰ ἑννέα ἐν πλῶ διεθνῇ οικολογικά Συμπόσια, εἰς τὰ ὁποῖα συμμετεῖχον ὀνομαστοὶ εἰδικοί ἐπιστήμονες καί ἐκπρόσωποι τῆς πολιτικῆς, τοῦ πολιτισμοῦ καί τοῦ πνεύματος. Τὰ κείμενα αὐτά εἶναι ἰδιαιτέρως χρήσιμα καί διὰ τήν

περιβαλλοντική αγωγή, ή οποία διεκδικεί σημαντικό ρόλο εις τήν σύγχρονον εκπαίδευσιν. Ὅρθως ἔχει λεχθῆ, ὅτι «στό μέλλον, μία παιδεία χωρίς οικολογικό προσανατολισμό θά εἶναι παρωδία παιδείας».

Ἡ ἀειφόρος ἀνάπτυξις εἶναι μονόδρομος. Αὐτή, ἡ ὅποια διασφαλίζει τήν οικολογικήν ἰσορροπίαν εις τό παρόν καί ἀποτελεῖ ἐγγύησιν διά τό μέλλον, ἔχει τούς ὄρους τῆς: τήν οικολογικήν οἰκονομίαν, τήν ἀλλαγὴν εις τήν γεωργικήν καί τήν βιομηχανικήν παραγωγὴν, εις τήν παραγωγὴν καί τήν χρῆσιν τῆς ἐνεργείας, εις τὰς μετακινήσεις καί τὰς μεταφοράς ἀγαθῶν, νέα καταναλωτικά πρότυπα κ. ἄ. Δυστυχῶς, συχνά αἱ καλαί προθέσεις, αἱ συμφωνίαι καί αἱ διακηρύξεις, παραμένουν ἀπλή θεωρία, «μεγάλα λόγια», χωρίς ἀντίκρουσμα εις τήν πράξιν, «ἀκάλυπτες ἐπιταγές», ὅπως ἔχει γραφῆ. Ἡ ἀνθρωπότης δέν συνεντίζεται ἀπό τήν κλιματικήν ἀλλαγὴν, τὰς καταστροφικὰς πυρκαϊὰς, τούς καύσωνας, τὰ πλημμυρικὰ φαινόμενα, τήν ραγδαίαν μείωσιν τῆς βιοποικιλότητος, τήν μόλυνσιν τῆς ἀτμοσφαιρας καί τῶν θαλασσῶν, τήν ἀποψύλωσιν τῶν δασῶν καί τὰς κοινωνικὰς ἐπιπτώσεις τῆς περιβαλλοντικῆς κρίσεως, μέ πρώτην τήν μαζικήν μετανάστευσιν διά περιβαλλοντικούς λόγους. Ἐξακολουθεῖ νά τρέφῃ ψευδαισθήσεις περί τῆς ἐγγενούς ἰκανότητος τῆς φύσεως νά αὐτοπροστατεῦται καί νά ὑπερβαίῃ τὰ ἀνθρωπογενῆ τραύματα. Γνωρίζομεν, ἀλλά συνεχίζομεν νά δρῶμεν ὡς ἀπληροφόρητοι, νά ἀπωθῶμεν τήν ἀλήθειαν ὅτι, ἀναφορικῶς πρὸς τήν σχέσιν μέ τό φυσικόν περιβάλλον, ὁ σύγχρονος τεχνοκρατικός καί οἰκονομοκεντρικός πολιτισμός μας δέν ἀποτελεῖ πρόοδον, ἐφ' ὅσον ἡ μεγαλύτερα καταστροφή τοῦ φυσικοῦ περιβάλλοντος συνετελέσθη εις τήν ἐποχήν μας, ἐποχήν κυριαρχίας τῆς ἐπιστήμης καί τῆς οἰκονομίας. Ἡ κλιματική ἀλλαγὴ εἶναι μία μεγάλη καταστροφή, ἡ ὅποια προεκλήθη ἀπό τήν ἀνθρωπίνην ἀνευθυνότητα καί τό ἀδιέξοδον πρότυπον ὀργανώσεως τῆς οἰκονομικῆς ζωῆς. Ἔχομεν μέλλον, μόνον ἐάν κατανοήσωμεν ὅτι ἡ προστασία τῆς ἀκεραιότητος τῆς δημιουργίας ὄχι μόνον δέν ἀποτελεῖ ἐμπόδιον εις τήν οἰκονομικήν ἀνάπτυξιν, ἀλλά εἶναι τό ὄχημα διά πραγματικήν πρόοδον.

Ἐφέτος, οἱ ἑορτασμοὶ τῆς Ἡμέρας προστασίας τῆς κτίσεως συνηχοῦν μέ τήν κλαγγὴν τῶν ὄπλων εις τήν Οὐκρανίαν, μέ τήν κραυγὴν τῶν θυμάτων τῆς πολεμικῆς βίας, τούς βομβαρδισμούς τῶν πόλεων καί τῶν ὑποδομῶν, τήν συνοδυνωμένην φύσιν καί τούς στεναγμούς τῶν προσφύγων. Κάθε πόλεμος εἶναι μία ἀνθρωπιστική καί οικολογική καταστροφή. Ἡ συνεχιζομένη βία, ἐκτός ἀπὸ τὰς χιλιάδας ἀνθρωπίνων ζωῶν, τὰς ὁποίας καταστρέφει, καί τήν μόλυνσιν τοῦ φυσικοῦ περιβάλλοντος, ἀναγκάζει κράτη καί λαούς νά ἐπιστρέψουν εις μὴ φιλικὰς πρὸς τό περιβάλλον μορφὰς ἐξασφαλίσεως ἐνεργειακῆς ἐπαρκείας. Τοιοῦτοτρόπως, ἡ ἀνθρωπότης εἰσέρχεται εις ἓνα νέον φαῦλον κύκλον καταστροφικῶν ἀδιεξόδων. Ἐπιβεβαιώνεται δέ τό λεχθέν, ὅτι ὁ homo sapiens καί σήμερον ἐξακολουθεῖ νά συμπεριφέρεται ἐκ παραλλήλου ὡς homo demens, ὡς ἄσφορος καί παράφρων.

Ἀδελφοί ἐν Κυρίῳ καί τέκνα εὐλογημένα,

Διά τήν Ἐκκλησίαν, τὰ στοιχεῖα τοῦ κόσμου, κατά μίαν θεολογικωτάτην διατύπωσιν, «δέν εἶναι ἀπλῶς χρήματα, χρήσιμο ὑλικό γιά τίς ἀτομικές ἀνάγκες τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἀλλά πράγματα, δηλαδή πράξεις - πεπραγμένα ἑνός δημιουργοῦ Προσώπου». Πάντα τὰ ἔργα Κυρίου εὐλογοῦν, ὑμνοῦν καί ὑπερυψοῦν Αὐτόν εις τούς αἰῶνας, οἱ οὐρανοὶ διηγοῦνται τήν δόξαν Του. Αὐτό τό μήνυμα ἐκφράζει ἡ μέριμνα τῆς Μεγάλης Ἐκκλησίας διά τήν προστασίαν τῆς δημιουργίας. Ἡ ζωὴ τῆς Ἐκκλησίας τοῦ Χριστοῦ εἶναι πρόγευσις ὅσων προσδοκῶμεν ὡς πραγματικότητα εις τήν Βασιλείαν τοῦ Πατρὸς καί τοῦ Υἱοῦ καί τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος. Καθ' ὁδόν πρὸς τὰ Ἔσχατα, ἡ Ἁγία Ἐκκλησία προσφέρει εις τόν κόσμον ὡς ὁδηγόν τό Εὐαγγέλιον τῆς χάριτος καί τήν ἀκλόνητον βεβαιότητα, ὅτι τό κακόν, ὑπό ὅλας του τὰς μορφὰς, δέν ἔχει τόν τελευταῖον λόγον εις τήν ἱστορίαν.

Κατακλείοντες, εὐχόμεθα αἴσιον καί καρποτόκον τόν νέον ἐκκλησιαστικόν ἐνιαυτόν, ἐπικαλούμενοι ἐπί πάντας ὑμᾶς, πρεσβείαις τῆς Ἁγιοπρώτου Παναγίας τῆς Παμμακαρίστου, τήν ζωήρυτον χάριν καί τό μέγα ἔλεος τοῦ ποιητοῦ καί λυτρωτοῦ τῆς κτίσεως ὅλης, τοῦ ἀρχηγοῦ καί τελειωτοῦ τῆς ἀμωμήτου ἡμῶν πίστεως Χριστοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ, ᾧ ἡ δόξα καί τό κράτος εις τούς ἀπεράντους αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν.

βββ' Σεπτεμβρίου α'

Ὁ Κωνσταντινουπόλεως

διάπυρος πρὸς Θεόν εὐχέτης πάντων ὑμῶν

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Celebration of the Ordination of
His Grace Constantine Moralis Bishop of Sassima
PANTA AXIOS - ΠΑΝΤΑ ΑΕΙΟΣ

Sunday, October 23, 2022

4:00pm to 8:00pm Martin's West

(6817 Dogwood Rd, Baltimore, MD 21244)

Dinner followed by Community Dance—Music by Zephyros



Tickets are: \$50/Ages over 12 ~ \$30/ages 6 to 12 ~ Free/5 and under

To RSVP, fill out the Ticket RSVP form located:

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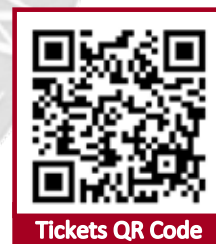
or scan the Ticket QR code and follow the instructions.

Tables consist of 10 seats.

Payment options will appear once your RSVP is submitted.

Checks and Credit Cards are accepted.

RSVP By October 2, 2022. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.



Tickets QR Code

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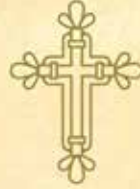
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THE SERVANT OF GOD
KONSTANTINOS LOUKAS

WILL BE ORDAINED TO
THE HOLY DIACONATE
YOUR PRESENCE AND PRAYERS ARE
REQUESTED ON

Saturday, September 17, 2022

**ST. NICHOLAS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

520 S. Ponca St. Baltimore, MD 21224

8:30 A.M. ORTHROS | 9:30 HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY

Reception to Follow | RSVP kloukas21@gmail.com



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

August 4, 2022

To Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy,
Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils and Philoptochos Sisterhood
Beloved Youth Directors and Advisors and
All Faithful Orthodox Christians of the Sacred Metropolis of New Jersey

My beloved,

It is truly with tremendous joy and enthusiasm that I announce that His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, upon the recommendation of His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia, has appointed Mr. Konstantinos Loukas to the position of Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for our sacred Metropolis of New Jersey, effective June 15, 2022.

Konstantinos Loukas was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and grew up attending St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. After completing High School, he enrolled at Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, graduating with his Bachelors in Religious Studies in 2018 and his Masters of Divinity in May of 2021. In addition, Konstantinos completed the Byzantine Music program offered by our *Scholi* and received a Certificate in Byzantine Chant in 2021. Since graduation, he has worked on the parish level as Pastoral Assistant and Youth Director of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Bethesda, Maryland.

Konstantinos is succeeding the Rev. Fr. Peter Thornberg, who faithfully served as the Metropolis Youth Director for the past year. He has already eagerly assumed his new responsibilities, which will include the Metropolis-wide youth programs of Camp Good Shepherd, the annual Hellenic Folk Dance Festival, the Oratorical Festival and the Annual GOYA Olympics, as well as overseeing all of the various regional and parish youth events and ministries. For any information regarding youth programs, Konstantinos may be contacted by phone at the Metropolis Office (908-301-0500) or by email at kloukas@nj.goarch.org.

In closing, I am pleased to announce that with the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia will ordain Mr. Konstantinos Loukas to the Holy Diaconate on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Baltimore, MD.

Conveying to you the archpastoral blessings of His Eminence and praying that our loving Lord continues to bless you and your service to His Church, I remain

At the Direction of the Archbishop

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**HIS EMINENCE
ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS
OF AMERICA**

WILL ORDAIN

ARCHDEACON PHILOTHEOS TOMCZEWSKI

TO THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
1033 W PARK AVE
OCEAN, NJ 07712

**ORTHROS 9:00 AM
HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM**



*You are cordially invited to attend as your presence at
the Sacred Sacrament of Ordination will be an honor and
a blessing, and your prayers will strengthen Fr. Philotheos as
he continues his service to our Lord, to our Sacred Archdiocese
and to the Metropolis of New Jersey.*



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

August 22, 2022

To Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy,
Beloved Members of the Metropolis Council
Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils and the Philotochos Sisterhood
All Faithful Orthodox Christians of the
Sacred Metropolis of New Jersey

My beloved,

It is truly with tremendous joy that at the direction of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and on behalf of His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia I communicate with you to share the wonderful news regarding our beloved Archdeacon Philotheos Tomczewski.

With the recent election of His Grace Bishop-Elect Constantine (Moralis) of Sassima as an assistant Bishop for the Metropolis of Denver, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America has decided to ordain Archdeacon Philotheos to the Holy Priesthood and assign him as the new Proistamenos of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Baltimore, Maryland. Archdeacon Philotheos' ordination will take place on **Saturday, September 10, 2022**, at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Asbury Park (Ocean), New Jersey, and he will be assigned to his new parish effective October 1, 2022. I am truly confident that all of you join us in our excitement for this beautiful news for our Archdeacon as he prepares for this new chapter in his ministry and service to our Church.

Since June of 2008 Archdeacon Philotheos has faithfully and selflessly served our Sacred Metropolis in various capacities. He has served for many years as our Metropolis Youth Director, the Director of Registry and for the past 8 and half years as the Deacon and now Archdeacon of our Metropolis. Though all of us will surely miss his constant daily presence in the life of the Administration of our Metropolis, please know that he still remains a most valuable part of our Metropolis family and will continue to assist our sacred Metropolis in various roles, including continuing to oversee the Registry Department.

Conveying to you the archpastoral blessings of His Eminence and praying that our loving Lord continues to bless you and exclaiming AXIOS to our beloved Archdeacon, I remain

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PHILOPTOCHOS

“Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. The LORD will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.”

- Isaiah 58:10:11

We would like to welcome everyone back to the new ecclesiastical year! We hope everyone enjoyed their summer and stayed safe. You should have received our Annual August mailing which included the 2022-2023 calendar of events. If you have not or would like to be put on our mailing list, please contact any Philoptochos board member.

Philoptochos continued its missions throughout the summer months. We attended the National Clergy/ Laity Conference in New York and will be giving a report at our first general meeting which will take place on Monday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m. downstairs hall of the Plateia. Please join us and bring a friend, everyone is welcomed. If you are not a member, consider joining!

On Monday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m. our Annual Welcome Back Crab Feast at Costas Inn, 4100 North Point Blvd. Donation \$60.00 includes appetizers, crabs, soft drinks and desert. CASH BAR. Tickets are limited! Please contact Nora Kefalas 410-979-6656 (Norakefalas@gmail.com) or Stella Koukides 410-574-4875 to reserve your tickets. All proceeds to benefit Philoptochos Missions. Thank you for your support.

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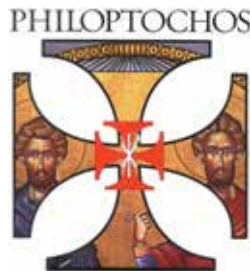
In Memory of Antonios Sifriou: From Stella Karais Family and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kefalas

In Memory of Evgenia Kallis: From Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kefalas

«Ταΐστε τους πεινασμένους και βοηθήστε εκείνους που έχουν προβλήματα. Τότε το φως σου θα λάμψει από το σκοτάδι, και το σκοτάδι γύρω σου θα είναι τόσο φωτεινό όσο το μεσημέρι. Ο ΚΥΡΙΟΣ θα σε καθοδηγεί συνεχώς, δίνοντάς σου νερό όταν θα είσαι διψασμένος και θα αποκαθιστά τη δύναμή σου. Θα είσαι σαν ένας καλά ποτισμένος κήπος, σαν μια αέναη πηγή».

- Ησαΐας 58:10:11

Θα θέλαμε να καλωσορίσουμε όλους στη νέα Εκκλησιαστική χρονιά! Ελπίζουμε ότι όλοι απόλαυσαν το καλοκαίρι τους και είναι ασφαλείς. Θα πρέπει να έχετε λάβει την ετήσια αλληλογραφία μας του Αυγούστου, η οποία περιελάμβανε το ημερολόγιο εκδηλώσεων 2022-2023. Εάν δεν έχετε ή θέλετε να συμπεριληφθείτε στο κατάλογο της αλληλογραφίας μας, παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε με οποιοδήποτε μέλος του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Φιλοπτώχου.



Η Φιλοπτώχος συνέχισε τις αποστολές της καθ' όλη τη διάρκεια των καλοκαιρινών μηνών. Παρακολουθήσαμε το Εθνικό Συνέδριο Κληρικών/Λαϊκών στη Νέα Υόρκη και θα δώσουμε αναφορά στην πρώτη μας Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών μας, που θα πραγματοποιηθεί τη Δευτέρα, 12 Σεπτεμβρίου στις 6:00 μ.μ. στην

αίθουσα του κάτω ορόφου της Πλατείας. Παρακαλείστε να συμμετέχετε και φέрте μια φίλη σας, όλοι είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι. Αν δεν είστε μέλος, σκεφτείτε να γίνετε.

Τη Δευτέρα 19 Σεπτεμβρίου στις 6:00 μ.μ. θα έχουμε το ετήσιο Welcome Back Crab Feast στο Costas Inn, 4100 North Point Blvd. Η δωρεά \$ 60,00 περιλαμβάνει ορεκτικά, καβούρια, αναψυκτικά και επιδόρπιο. ΠΛΗΡΩΝΕΤΕ ΤΟ ΠΟΤΟ ΣΑΣ. Ο αριθμός των εισιτηρίων είναι περιορισμένος! Επικοινωνήστε με τη Νόρα Κεφάλια 410-979-6656 (Norakefalas@gmail.com) ή τη Στέλλα Κουκίδη 410-574-4875 για να κρατήσετε τα εισιτήριά σας. Όλα τα έσοδα είναι προς ενίσχυση του ταμείου των Αποστολών της Φιλοπτώχου. Σας ευχαριστούμε για την υποστήριξή σας.

ΔΩΡΕΕΣ ΠΡΟΣ ΤΗ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟ:

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Έκτωρ & Σούζαν Αλεξανδράτου

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Κατίνα & Γιάννης Πάλας, Κος & Κα Μιχαήλ Κεφάλιας

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2022-2023 GREEK SCHOOL YEAR

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Σχολικό Έτος 2022-23/ School Year 2022-23

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.

GRADE – ΤΑΞΗ

Pre-K Kindergarten 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th Ellinomatheia Adults

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, 2020.
5. Tuition: \$ 720.00 per student, includes tuition, books and 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

2022-2023 GREEK SCHOOL YEAR



Saint Nicholas Greek Afternoon School Yearly Calendar, 2022-23

Phone Number: 410-633-5022 EMAIL: stngreekschool@gmail.com

PTA E-mail : stnicholaspta520@gmail.com

DATES	EVENTS
<u>September</u>	
Now	Registration begins through church office during normal business hours. Last day of registration Sunday, September 4 th , 2022
Sunday, 11 th	BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL IN CHURCH FOR ALL CLASSES FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY
Monday, 12 th	Back-to-School Night for all parents /Open House - the first 15 minutes of class - Mandatory Attendance by All parents
<u>October</u>	
Sunday, 30 th	School Program- OXI Day, 28th of October 1940 in the large social hall of the church. No Greek School Classes.
<u>November</u>	
Monday, 21 st	School Closes (Thanksgiving Holiday)
Monday, 28 th	Greek School Resumes after Thanksgiving Day Break
<u>December</u>	
Wednesday, 21 st	Greek School Christmas Party & Caroling. All students & parents should be in attendance. More information to follow.
Thursday, 22 nd – Monday, January 2 nd	Christmas Break - Greek School Is Closed Merry Christmas!
<u>January</u>	
Wednesday, January 4 th	School Reopens & Theophany Celebration: video/ craft in class & Saint Basil's Bread (Vasilopita) cutting for the school
Monday, 9 th	1 st day of Review for mid-term examination; grades 1st-6th
Wednesday, 11 th	2 nd day of Review for mid-term examination; grades 1st-6th
Monday, 16 th	School Closed (Martin Luther King Day)
Wednesday, 18 th	Mid-term examination for grades 1st-6th
Monday, 23 th	Make-up Day for Exams
Wednesday, 25 ^h	Report Cards Distributed & Parent-Teacher Conferences before/ after class. Please email your teacher to schedule a time to meet
Sunday, 29 th	Three Hierarchs Celebration, 5th & 6th Grade reciting poems in Church

2022-2023 GREEK SCHOOL YEAR

February	
Monday, 20 st	School Closed (President's Day)
Wednesday, 22 nd	Celebrating Apokries – Activities/ crafts 30 minutes
Monday, 27 th	Clean Monday- Picnic in class with Lenten foods
March	
Wednesday, 1 st	March bracelets activity in class (Μάρτηδες)
Sunday, 4 th	Celebration organized by the Metropolitan
Sunday, 19 th	School Program, 25 th of March, Greek Independence Day Celebration Program immediately after church services.
Sunday, 26 th	Md. Greek Independence Day Parade at 2 p.m.; all students and parents to attend
April	
Wednesday, 5 th	Easter Program in Class for all students & crafts
Saturday, 8 th	Lazarus Saturday/ Easter Breakfast for the Community Children after church services at the Plateia starting at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, 9 th	Palm Sunday
Monday, April 10 th –15 th	Holy Week- Please attend church with your children; Easter Break- School Closed
Sunday, 16 th	Holy Pascha
Monday, 17 th	School Closed (Monday of Pascha)
Wednesday, 19 th	Greek School Resumes
May	
Monday, 1 st	Wreath of Flowers Program at Plateia
Monday, 15 th	1 st Day of Review for Final Examination Grades 1st-6 th
Wednesday, 17 th	2 nd Day of Review for Final Examination Grades 1st-6 th
Monday, 22 nd	Final Examination for Grades 1st-6 th
Wednesday, 24 th	Make-up day for Exams & Parent-Teacher Conference Day Last Day of Greek School Classes & last rehearsal for our End of the Year Program
Monday, 29 th	Greek School Closed (Memorial Day)
Wednesday, 31 st	Report Cards Distributed. End of the Year Program
June	
TBD	6 th Grade Graduates Presented in Church and Graduation Luncheon held afterwards.
	Saint Nicholas Greek Festival

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, GREEK SCHOOL CLOSSES WHEN THE BALTIMORE COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED. IN A DIFFERENT SITUATION PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE & EMAIL!

2022-2023 GREEK SCHOOL YEAR

Εβδομαδιαίο Πρόγραμμα

Saint Nicholas Greek Afternoon Weekly Schedule, 2022-23

Phone Number: 410-633-5022 EMAIL: stngreekschool@gmail.com

	ΠΡΟΝΗΠΙΟ Pre-K	ΝΗΠΙΑΓΩΓΕΙΟ Kindergarten	Α΄ 1st	Β΄ 2 nd	Γ΄ 3 rd	Δ΄ 4th	Ε΄ 5th	ΣΤ΄ 6th	ΕΛΛΗΝΟ ΜΑΘΕΙΑ 1 (A1-A2)	ΕΛΛΗΝΟ ΜΑΘΕΙΑ 2 (B1 - B2)	ΕΝΗΛΙΚES ΑΡΧΑΙΟ ΕΠΙΠΕΔΟ	ΕΝΗΛΙΚES ΠΡΟΧΩΡΗΜΕΝΟ ΕΠΙΠΕΔΟ
Δευτέρα Monday												
4:45-6:10 (1 ^η βάρδια)	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	ΤΡΙΤΗ - ΠΕΜΠΤΗ	ΤΡΙΤΗ - ΠΕΜΠΤΗ
5:45-6:15					Χορός Dance	Χορός Dance	Χορός Dance	Χορός Dance				
6:15-6:45			Χορός Dance	Χορός Dance				Χορός Dance				
6:20-7:45 (2 ^η βάρδια)	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language
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100 CENTENNIAL 1922-2022 PILGRIMAGE

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CAPPADOCIA

- Among the many sites visit Goreme Open Air Museum to see the Byzantine rock churches, the Underground City of Kaymakli (Anakou), the old Greek cities of Sinassos, Aravissos & much more Attend the Divine Liturgy celebrated by H.A.H. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at the Ancient Rock Church.

SMYRNA

Tour the city including the old Greek section & the promenade by the sea. A full day tour to Ephesus where St Paul preached the Gospel & was imprisoned. See the Library of Celsus, & the Basilica of St. John. Tour Pergamon, the northern most of the seven churches of Asia & visit the Pergamon Altar, the Asclpion



CONSTANTINOPLE

- Experience the Queen of Cities by visiting sites sacred to the Orthodox faith: The Sacred Center of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Hagia Sophia, the Theological School of Halki, Panagia Vlacherna, Baloukli Monastery, and celebrate the Feast Day of the H.A.H Ecumenical Patriarch Batholomew!

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Hello Beec Friends and Family,

As we start our new academic year, we have a lot of memories from the previous month. We had our preschool graduation All the teachers feel proud for our little friends whom turns 5. We wish a nice academic year at your new school.

For this month we welcome our new Director Michell Abuel. We are lucky she works with us.

Finally, as always Beec starts a new academic year with a program full of activities and Knowledge for our little friend.

Elina Papadima Tsapakidis
Assistant Director of BEEC

Γεια σας φίλοι και οικογένεια Beec,
Καθώς ξεκινάμε τη νέα ακαδημαϊκή χρονιά έχουμε πολλές αναμνήσεις από τον προηγούμενο μήνα. Είχαμε την αποφοίτησή στα παιδιά της Προσχολικής ηλικίας που έκλεισαν τα πέντε έτη Όλοι οι δάσκαλοι νιώθουμε περήφανοι για τους μικρούς μας φίλους. Ευχόμαστε καλή ακαδημαϊκή χρονιά στο νέο σας σχολείο.

Για αυτόν τον μήνα καλωσορίζουμε την νέα μας διευθύντρια Michell Abuel. Είμαστε τυχεροί που συνεργάζεται μαζί μας.



Τέλος όπως πάντα η Beec ξεκινά μια νέα ακαδημαϊκή χρονιά με ένα πρόγραμμα γεμάτο δραστηριότητες και γνώσεις για τους μικρούς μας φίλους.

Ελίνα Παπαδήμα Τσαπακίδης
Υποδιευθύντρια του BEEC

The Saint Nicholas Bilingual Early Education Center provides a safe, nurturing, home away from home learning center. We accept children from 6 weeks till 5 years of age. **BEEC is hiring part-time and full-time**

TEACHERS AND AIDES at the Center. If you or anyone you know is interested, please call the Center at 410-633-5020 extension 4 or message us on Facebook.



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

GUIDELINES FOR RESPECTFUL WORSHIP

Probably the most important duty that we each have as worshippers attending church services is to do all that is in our power to see that a proper decorum and atmosphere is maintained so that all of the congregation is able to pray sincerely, peacefully and meaningfully.

It is with this fact in mind that we have set forth the following guidelines:

Upon entering the Church, at all times, but especially during services an individual should remember that he or she is in the House of God. Reverence and good manners are required so as not to disturb those who are already engaged in prayer, but, even more importantly, as an expression of sincere faith and awareness of the presence of the Lord. No irrelevant conversations should take place, either in the Narthex or in any part of the Church.

According to actual church service procedures, each and every member of the congregation is required to be seated in the pews at the beginning of the service. It is only by leniency that anyone is allowed to enter the Church once the services have begun. Thus it behooves us not to take undue advantage of this leniency.

There are several parts of the service during which no one should be moving about. Wherever a person happens to be at these moments, he or she should stop and stand reverently, until the proper time to proceed. These parts of the service are:



1. The Procession of the Priest and Altar Boys with the Gospel;
2. The reading of the Gospel;
3. The Cherubic Hymn and the Great Procession of the Priest and Altar Boys with the Holy Gifts;
4. The recitation of the Nicene Creed (in which the entire congregation should participate);
5. The prayers of offering "Take, eat..." and the prayers of the consecration of the Holy Gifts;
6. The Sermon;
7. Any special services (memorial services, processions, prayers).

One basic rule to follow is that, whenever the Priest is facing the people or outside of the altar, either with the censer or giving the blessing, everyone should stand wherever they are.

Please remember that the Parish Council members and the ushering staff are required to keep order during services, and all should follow their instructions at all times.

Thank you.



DEPARTMENT OF OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

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ΟΔΗΓΙΕΣ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΩΡΑΝ ΤΗΣ ΛΑΤΡΕΙΑΣ

Ἡ ὥρα τῆς προσευχῆς καὶ τῆς λατρείας στὴν ἐκκλησία εἶναι τὸ πιὸ σπουδαῖο ἔργο ποὺ κάνουμε ὅλοι μαζὺ σὰν Ὁρθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί, ἐπομένως ὀφείλουμε ὅλοι νὰ κάνουμε τὸ πᾶν γιὰ νὰ ἐπικρατεῖ τάξη, ἡσυχία καὶ κατάνυξη κατὰ τὴν ἱερὰν ὥραν τῆς λατρείας, πρὸ οἰκοδομῆν ὄλων τῶν πιστῶν.

Πρὸ τὸν σκοπὸν αὐτὸν προσφέρουμε τῆ ὁδηγίᾳ ποὺ ἀκολουθοῦν, μὲ τὴν θερμὴν παράκλησιν ὅπως τηρηθοῦν κατὰ τὸ δυνατόν.

Εἴσοδος εἶ τὸν ναὸν σημαίνει εἴσοδον εἶ τὸν οἶκον τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ τοῦτο ἀπαιτεῖ ἄψογον ἐξωτερικὴν συμπεριφορὰν στὸ λόγο, στὴ στάση, ἀλλὰ πιὸ πολὺ στὴν ἐσωτερικὴν μας κατάστασιν ποὺ θὰ μᾶς βοηθήσει νὰ εἰσέλθουμε σὲ μιὰ κατανυκτικὴ ἀτμόσφαιρα καὶ νὰ συμβάλουμε εἰς τὴν λατρείαν ποὺ καθιστᾷ τὴν παρουσίαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ὅλο καὶ πιὸ αἰσθητή.

Ἡ παράδοσις τῆς Ἐκκλησίας ἀπαιτεῖ τὸ ἐκκλησίασμα νὰ εἶναι παρὸν ἀπὸ τὴν ἀρχὴν τῆς ἀκολουθίας. Εἶναι ἀταξία λοιπὸν νὰ μπαίνουμε στὴν ἐκκλησία μετὰ τὴν ἔναρξιν καὶ ἀργὰ ὅπως ἐπικρατεῖ ἀπὸ ἀρκετοῦς. Μόνον κατὰ ἐπιείκτιαν ἐπιτρέπεται ἢ εἴσοδος μετὰ τὴν ἔναρξιν τῆς λατρείας, καὶ ἐπομένως ὅταν μπαίνουμε ἀργὰ πρέπει νὰ εἴμαστε ἀκόμη πιὸ πολὺ προσεκτικοὶ νὰ μὴν ἐνοχλήσουμε τοὺς ἄλλους ἀδελφοὺς ποὺ ἤδη εἶναι στὴ θέσιν τους καὶ προσεύχονται.

Κατὰ τὴν διάρκειαν τῆς Θείας Λειτουργίας εἶναι ὀρισμένα σημεῖα ποὺ δὲν πρέπει νὰ κινούμεθα. Θὰ σταθοῦμε μὲ εὐλάβεια πρὸς στιγμὴν καὶ μετὰ θὰ πᾶμε στὴ θέσιν μας.

1. Στὴν μικρὴν εἴσοδον τοῦ ἱερέως μὲ τὸ Ἱερὸν Εὐαγγέλιον
2. Κατὰ τὴν ἀνάγνωσιν τοῦ Ἀποστόλου καὶ τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου
3. Στὴν μεγάλην εἴσοδον τοῦ ἱερέως μὲ τὰ Τίμια Δῶρα
4. Στὴν ἀπαγγελίαν τοῦ Πιστεύω, ἀπὸ ὅλο τὸ ἐκκλησίασμα
5. Κατὰ τὴν διάρκειαν τοῦ καθαγιασμοῦ τῶν Τιμίων Δώρων, Ἱλάβετε, φάγετε... κτλ.
6. Κατὰ τὴν διάρκειαν τοῦ κηρύγματος
7. Κατὰ τὴν διάρκειαν ἐκτάκτων ἀκολουθιῶν στὸ τέλος τῆς Λειτουργίας μνημόσυνα, λιτανεῖες, κτλ.



Γενικὰ ἔχετε αὐτὸν τὸν κανόνα στὸν νοῦν σας. Ὅταν ὁ ἱερεὺς βλέπει πρὸς τὸ νλαὸν, εὐλογεῖ ἢ θυμιάζει τὸν λαὸν ὅλοι ὀφείλουν νὰ στέκοντε μὲ προσοχὴ καὶ εὐλάβεια.

Τὰ μέλη τοῦ Κοινοτικοῦ Συμβουλίου ἔχουν τὴν εὐθύνην τῆς τάξεως κατὰ τὴν ὥραν τῆς λατρείας. Δεχθῆτε λοιπὸν καὶ ἀκολουθήσετε προσεκτικὰ ὅτι ὑποδείξεις σᾶς κάνουν.

Σᾶς εὐχαριστοῦμε γιὰ τὴν κατανόησιν καὶ τὴν συνεργασίαν σας.

NOTICES

SPONSOR A COFFEE HOUR

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

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

*Thank you
for your
support!*



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



NOTICE:



All organizations must review their upcoming events with Maria Salpeas (410-633-5020) who will add the event to the official church calendar on the bulletin board across from Father Michael's office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Thoughts on Life

*A truly happy person
is one who can enjoy
the scenery on a
detour*



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In gratitude for God's blessings I/we make the following commitment to the ministries of St. Nicholas Church:
Σαν έκφραση ευγνωμοσύνης μου για τις ευλογίες που έχω λάβει από τον Θεό, δεσμεύομαι με την ακόλουθη οικονομική και εθελοντική μου προσφορά προς την Εκκλησία του Αγίου Νικολάου:

\$ _____ (Weekly / Monthly / Quarterly / Yearly)
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Come and See God work through your talents, skills, and experience, as well as your financial support.
Your offering to Christ and His Church can do as much as you empower it to do.
We give to Christ and His Church not according to our means but according to our love for Him.
Γίνετε μάρτυρες του έργου του Θεού! Δώστε από το ταλέντο με το οποίο σας έχει προικίσει, με τις ικανότητες, τις εμπειρίες, την οικονομική σας ευχέρεια. Η προσφορά μας στον Χριστό και την Εκκλησία Του ας βασιστεί στην αγάπη μας προς Αυτόν, όχι στην οικονομική μας δυνατότητα.

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

Print Full Name/ Γράψτε με κεφαλαία γράμματα το επίθετό σας

Signature/ Υπογραφή

Date/ Ημερομηνία

Name / Ονομα	Date of Birth / Ημερομ. Γεννήσεως
Name of Spouse / Ονομα συζύγου	Date of Birth / Ημερομ. Γεννήσεως
Occupation / Επάγγελμα	
Occupation / Επάγγελμα (Spouse)	
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Mobile Phone / Κινητό τηλέφωνο	Mobile Phone / Κινητό τηλέφωνο (Spouse)
Email Address / Ηλεκτρονική διεύθυνση	
Email Address of Spouse / Ηλεκτρονική διεύθυνση συζύγου	
Communication Preferences / Προτιμήσεις επικοινωνίας	
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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Budget vs. Actuals: Church and Greek School January - July 2022

	Actual	Budget	over (under) Budget
Income			
4000 Stewardship	129,732.00	128,954.00	778.00
4010 Greek School Registration	5,045.01	1,500.00	3,545.01
Other Income	160,192.08	110,600.50	49,591.58
Total Income	294,969.09	241,054.50	53,914.59
Total Cost of Goods Sold	28,537.02	25,215.00	3,322.02
Gross Profit	266,432.07	215,839.50	50,592.57
Expenses			
Total CAPITAL COSTS (CHURCH)	3,787.40	5,890.00	(2,102.60)
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	139,139.20	148,847.00	(9,707.80)
Total OCCUPANCY COSTS	42,911.06	43,279.50	(368.44)
Total PAYROLL EXPENSES	176,228.24	163,849.25	12,378.99
Total YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	90.00	2,500.00	0.00
Total Expenses	362,155.90	364,365.75	(2,209.85)
Net Operating Income	(95,723.83)	(148,526.25)	52,802.42

4815 Eastern AVE Mortgage Principal Payments	\$ 3,956.67
OVERALL CHURCH SURPLUS (LOSS) (Operating and Mortgage)	(\$99,680.50)

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Budget vs. Actuals: Learning Center January - July 2022

	Actual	Budget	over (under) Budget
Income			
4011 Learning Center Income	463,678.92	658,717.00	(195,038.08)
Total 4011 Learning Center Income	463,678.92	658,717.00	(195,038.08)
Total Income	463,678.92	658,717.00	(195,038.08)
Gross Profit	463,678.92	658,717.00	(195,038.08)
Expenses			
LEARNING CENTER			
Total Payroll Expense (L.C.)	317,463.75	418,492.00	(101,028.25)
Total Food and Classroom Supplies (L.C.)	20,550.46	27,725.00	(7,174.54)
Total Admin and Office Expenses (L.C.)	17,654.35	28,584.00	(10,929.65)
Total Occupancy Expenses/Cap Improvements (L.C.)	28,077.81	28,334.50	(256.69)
Total LEARNING CENTER	383,746.37	503,135.50	(119,389.13)
Total Expenses	383,746.37	503,135.50	(119,389.13)
Net Operating Income	79,932.55	155,581.50	(75,648.95)
Other Revenue			
State and Local Grants	42,554.00	0.00	42,554.00
Total Other Revenue	\$ 42,554.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 42,554.00
Net Other Revenue	\$ 42,554.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 42,554.00
Net Revenue	\$ 122,486.55	\$ 155,581.50	(33,094.95)

FINANCIALS

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

	Actual	Budget	over (under) Budget
Income			
4140 Plateia Income (Onsite)	107,772.88	187,130.00	(79,357.12)
Total Income	107,772.88	187,130.00	(79,357.12)
Cost of Goods Sold			
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Total Plateia CGS Expenses	32,296.77	70,525.00	(38,228.23)
Total COST OF GOODS SOLD	32,296.77	70,525.00	(38,228.23)
Total Cost of Goods Sold	32,296.77	70,525.00	(38,228.23)
Gross Profit	75,476.11	116,605.00	(41,128.89)
Expenses			
PLATEIA EXPENSES			
Total Occupancy Expenses (Plateia)	52,215.63	56,093.50	(3,877.87)
Total Payroll Expenses (Plateia)	7,723.91	31,514.00	(23,790.09)
Total Admin Expenses (Plateia)	8,972.67	9,305.00	(332.33)
Total Bus Dev/Marketing Expenses (Plateia)	8,686.50	10,220.00	(1,533.50)
Total PLATEIA EXPENSES	77,598.71	107,132.50	(29,533.79)
Total Expenses	77,598.71	107,132.50	(29,533.79)
Net Operating Income	(2,122.60)	9,472.50	(11,595.10)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER

- Thursday, September 1 Beginning of the New Ecclesiastical Year:
Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
- Sunday, September 4 12th Sunday of St. Matthew: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- Thursday, September 8 Nativity of the Theotokos: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
- Sunday, September 11 Sunday before the Holy Cross: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- Tuesday, September 13 Great Vesper Service on the Feast of the Holy Cross:
Service will begin at 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross:
Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
- Saturday, September 17 Ordination of Konstantinos Loukas with the blessing of
His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and through the laying on of hands
by His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Media
Orthros 8:30 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
Reception to follow – RSVP kloukas21@gmail.com
- Sunday, September 18 Sunday after the Feast of the Holy Cross:
Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- Sunday, September 25 First Sunday of St. Luke: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- Monday, September 26 Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian:
Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am