



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

K O I N O N I A

WHY CHRISTMAS IS BECOMING LESS "HOLY"

I wonder at times, WHY? Christmas has become a commercialized event, instead of being the true gift of humanity. We Christians, have allowed this tragedy to happen. We have gone away from the true essence of why we celebrate Christmas. One thing that we should agree together, and we hear this all the time, that Christmas is becoming less and less "HOLY" and more and more "WORLDLY."

Let me take you back in time when we were children decades ago, when our parents got us ready on Christmas Eve or Christmas day to go to Church. Those were memorable times. I can personally remember the aromas that were coming from the kitchen. My mother would slave all day in the kitchen cooking the traditional meal that would be served on Christmas Day. The house was decorated and the atmosphere was pleasant. But in my house, attending the Christmas Liturgy was the main thing on the agenda. It wasn't the traditional family meal where everyone got together and had a good time watching television, playing games, or waiting and anticipating the food to be brought to the table.

That didn't happen in my house! First, before going to Church we had to receive the blessings from our parents, ask forgiveness from them, and then go to Church to celebrate the Birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. What really made my Christmas, was that we went to Church as a family, and we received Holy Communion together. This was the highlight of the day. This is what made the celebration so special in our home and I'm sure in thousands of other homes.



But today this spirit is slowly fading, something is missing. Our society has gone the opposite way. I personally see the Christmas spirit becoming less and less popular. Growing up we tried our best to stay awake to catch a glimpse of Santa Claus and gazed with delight at the homes decorated with lights and the white snow all around the neighborhoods. For too many of

us, Christmas Day is just another day. To others, it is a day of just having fun and entertainment. As we grow up, we begin to realize another element of the Holiday, and we now have become more accepting and more sensitive to the commercial aspect of the holiday. The wonder grew harder and harder to find, the warmth in our hearts susceptible to the draftiness of the world. We must realize that what we had back then in our younger years, we are not experiencing these same feelings.

I wonder about our children's children, how will they face their first experiences of Christmas. That really depends on the parents, and what is being taught at home.

We can see the struggle that we have today to preserve "The Christmas Spirit." Christmas throughout the ages provides a litmus test for our souls and how we understand what it means to be a Christian and to live in this world at the same time. We must make sacrifices and personal decisions in our lives. Some might agree or disagree, but I'm pretty sure that if we focus on Christ "FIRST" everything will work out perfectly and our spirit will surely be filled with love and hope.

We all have to accept, that since commercialization has come into the picture, Christmas is not what it



Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

used to be. I believe that Christmas is a Holiday that we share ourselves with others. That's what Christ did. There is nothing wrong, in going out and buying gifts for friends and family, but it is also great to buy a gift or gifts for people who we don't know. Let's get back to the basics and the old times where Christ came first in our lives. We all have the time to enjoy and entertain ourselves, in fact that is what we do. We don't think of Christmas as a Holy day but just as a fun day. We need to overcome that, we need to think more spiritual and accept Christmas "Present." We each have to ask ourselves what Christmas really means, and how we are going to celebrate it this year.

You want to know my suggestion, is that we celebrate this Christmas Day by bringing our families to church, and receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord through "Holy Eucharist," and then celebrate the traditional Christmas Meal,

and the opening of the gifts. Let's start on the right foot, and head to a course that will truly bring us love, joy, and happiness. If we stay true to the purpose, then we will experience and see many more Christmas futures.

In closing, I hope and pray during this Holiday Season that we make the right choice and make the right decisions to follow our Christian Orthodox Traditions. That we attend Church with our families during the Christmas Eve Services and on Christmas Day. This is the only way true Christians celebrate the "Birth of our Lord" and the only way to experience that Christ is truly in our midst and that He is the center of our lives.

God bless everyone and may you have a wonderful and Blessed Christmas!

ΓΙΑΤΙ ΤΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ ΓΙΝΟΝΤΑΙ ΟΛΟ ΚΑΙ ΛΙΓΟΤΕΡΑ «ΙΕΡΑ»

Μερικές φορές αναρωτιέμαι : ΓΙΑΤΙ; Τα Χριστούγεννα έχουν καταστήσει να είναι εμπορικό γεγονός, αντί να είναι το σημαντικότερο δώρο της ανθρωπότητας. Εμείς οι Χριστιανοί, έχουμε επιτρέψει αυτό το τραγικό λάθος. Έχουμε ξεφύγει από το αληθινό νόημα της Εορτής των Χριστουγέννων. Για ένα πράγμα θα πρέπει να συμφωνούμε όλοι μας, αυτό που ακούμε ολοένα και περισσότερο, ότι τα Χριστούγεννα γίνονται όλο και λιγότερο ΙΕΡΑ, και αντιθέτως όλο και περισσότερο ΥΛΙΚΑ.

Επιτρέψτε μου να αναφερθώ στο παρελθόν, όταν είμαστε παιδιά, δεκάδες χρόνια πίσω, όταν οι γονείς μας μας ετοίμαζαν να πάμε στην Εκκλησία την Παραμονή των Χριστουγέννων. Είναι αξέχαστες εποχές. Προσωπικά θυμάμαι τις μυρωδιές που έρχονταν από την κουζίνα. Η μητέρα μου καταγινόταν όλη μέρα στην κουζίνα να ετοιμάσει το παραδοσιακό γεύμα που θα σέρβιρε τα Χριστούγεννα. Το σπίτι ήταν στολισμένο και η ατμόσφαιρα ήταν ευχάριστη. Αλλά στο σπίτι μας το σημαντικότερο γεγονός ήταν να πάμε στην Εκκλησία για τη Χριστουγεννιάτικη Λειτουργία. Δεν ήταν το παραδοσιακό οικογενειακό γεύμα που όλοι θα μαζεύονταν να διασκεδάσουν, παρακολουθώντας τηλεόραση, παίζοντας παιχνίδια ή περιμένοντας να γευθούν το φαγητό. Στο σπίτι μας δεν υπήρχε περίπτωση να γινόταν αυτό. Πρώτα απ' όλα πριν πάμε στην Εκκλησία έπρεπε να πάρουμε τις ευλογίες των γονιών μας, να λάβουμε την συγχώρεσή τους και μετά να πάμε στην Εκκλησία να εορτάσουμε τη γέννηση του Σωτήρα μας Ιησού Χριστού. Τι πραγματικά με ευχαριστούμε ιδιαίτερα τα Χριστούγεννα, ήταν που πηγαίναμε στη Εκκλησία όλοι μαζί σαν οικογένεια, και λαβαίναμε Θεία Κοινωνία. Ήταν το σημαντικότερο γεγονός της ημέρας. Αυτό έκανε την

Εορτή αυτή ακόμη σημαντικότερη στο σπίτι μας, και είμαι σίγουρος και χιλιάδων άλλων ανθρώπων.

Στις ημέρες μας όμως αυτό το πνεύμα σβήνει με αργό ρυθμό, και μερικές φορές δεν υπάρχει. Η Κοινωνία μας έχει ακολουθήσει αντίθετη κατεύθυνση. Προσωπική μου γνώμη είναι ότι το Πνεύμα των Χριστουγέννων γίνεται όλο και λιγότερο δημοφιλές. Μεγαλώνοντας προσπαθήσαμε όσο μπορούσαμε να μείνουμε άγρυπνοι για να τον Άι Βασίλη, να δούμε με θαυμασμό τα σπίτια στολισμένα με τα λαμπιόνια, όπως και τις χιονισμένες γειτονιές. Για πολλούς από εμάς η Ημέρα των Χριστουγέννων είναι απλά μια άλλη ημέρα. Για άλλους πάλι, είναι μια ημέρα διασκέδασης. Αλλά όσο μεγαλώνουμε αρχίζουμε να αντιλαμβανόμαστε και μια άλλη όψη της Εορτής. Γινόμαστε πιο δεκτικοί και πιο ευαίσθητοι στην εμπορική πλευρά της Εορτής. Βρίσκουμε το θαύμα όλο και πιο δύσκολο, η ζεστασιά στις καρδιές μας όλο και πιο ευπαθής στο ρεύμα της Κοινωνίας που ζούμε. Πρέπει να καταλάβουμε ότι, ότι αισθανόμαστε τότε που είμαστε παιδιά, δεν το αισθανόμαστε σήμερα. Αναρωτιέμαι τι θα γίνει με τα παιδιά των παιδιών μας. Πως θα αντιμετωπίσουν την πρώτη τους εμπειρία των Χριστουγέννων. Αυτό εξαρτάται από τους γονείς, και τι μαθαίνουν από το σπίτι.

Είναι φανερή η μάχη που δίνουμε εμείς σήμερα για να διατηρήσουμε το «Πνεύμα των Χριστουγέννων». Τα Χριστούγεννα μέσω των αιώνων είναι ένα καθαρό πείραμα για τις ψυχές μας και ένας τρόπος να καταλάβουμε τι σημαίνει να είσαι Χριστιανός και να ζεις σε τούτο το κόσμο κατ' αυτό το τρόπο. Πρέπει να κάνουμε θυσίες και να πέρνουμε προσωπικές αποφάσεις για τη ζωή μας. Μερικοί μπορεί να συμφωνούν και μερικοί να διαφωνούν, αλλά είμαι απόλυτα σίγουρος ότι αν ο Χριστός είναι το επίκεντρο της Πίστης μας, τότε όλα θα πάνε κατ' ευχήν και το πνεύμα μας θα γεμίσει από αγάπη και ελπίδα.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/ ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟ

To all my beloved, parish members and friends of our church,

I hope you are all doing well!

I recently read this beautiful article that I want to share it with you due to the Lenten holy days we, Christians, are going through.

Fasting but not fooling God, people, and primarily ourselves. Fasting is not just a diet change, but small amounts a little change that becomes too much in the soul. Getting up from the table and feeling still a little hungry, so that we can remember that food would never fills you up unless the soul fills up with Christ's love.

Abstain from food, but also abstain from the flesh of the people around you. Let's talk less and pray more! Let's avoid criticizing but understanding and covering up people's mistakes instead.

Fasting is not about losing weight but changing minds. Minds. Thoughts. Heart. When the fast is over, let's be a little better as humans. Love more and criticize less. Consider any person as a paradise rather than a threat and hell. Waiting for his presence and suffering in his absence. Fasting is not about improving our health but enlightening our souls. Giving our soul meaning to live and exist. And when a person is happy living, then his health will also improve.

Fast and be happy, not full of anger about something we are doing but we do not really want it from the bottom of our heart. Just obeying a rule it's not enough. We also need the One to who applies.

We can be with no food, drink or sleep for days, getting tired and fighting to see, to touch and rejoice. And all this because we crave because we love. Because in the end only the lovers really fast ...

P. Libios

Health and Love my brothers.
I wish you from the bottom of my heart!

Have a blessed Christmas Lent!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

In Christian love,
Stamatia Ieromonahos
President of the Parish Council
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Αγαπημένοι μου,

Διάβασα αυτό το όμορφο άρθρο και θέλησα να το μοιραστώ μαζί σας λόγω των Αγίων ημερών της Σαρακοστής που διανύουμε εμείς οι Χριστιανοί.

Να νηστεύουμε μα να μην κοροϊδέσουμε τον Θεό, τους ανθρώπους και πρωτίστως το εαυτό μας. Δεν είναι νηστεία απλά μια διατροφική αλλαγή, μα οι μικρές ποσότητες. Το λίγο που γίνεται πολύ στην ψυχή. Να σηκωνόμαστε από το τραπέζι και λίγο να πεινάμε ακόμη, ώστε να θυμόμαστε ότι η τροφή ποτέ δεν χορταίνει εάν η ψυχή δεν γεμίσει Χριστό.

Να νηστεύουμε τις τροφές αλλά να προσέξουμε να μην τρώμε τις σάρκες των συνανθρώπων μας. Λίγο να μιλάμε και πολύ να προσευχόμαστε να μην κατακρίνομαι μα να κατανοούμε και να σκεπάζομαι τα λάθη των ανθρώπων.

Δεν είναι νηστεία ο στόχος να χάσω κιλά μα να αλλάξω μυαλά. Νου. Λογισμούς. Καρδιά. Σαν τελειώσει η νηστεία, να είμαστε λιγάκι καλύτεροι ως άνθρωποι. Να αγαπάμε περισσότερο και να κατακρίνουμε λιγότερο. Να βλέπουμε τον άλλο ως παράδεισο και όχι ως απειλή και κόλαση. Να λαχταρούμε την παρουσία του και να πονάμε στην απουσία του. Δεν είναι νηστεία να διορθώσουμε την υγεία μα να φωτίσουμε την ψυχή μας. Να της δώσουμε νόημα να ζει και να υπάρχει. Και όταν ένας άνθρωπος είναι χαρούμενος που ζει, τότε και η υγεία του σαφώς θα είναι καλύτερη.

Να νηστεύουμε και να είμαστε χαρούμενοι, όχι γεμάτοι νεύρα και θυμό, για κάτι που κάνουμε αλλά δεν το θέλουμε με το βάθος της καρδιάς μας. Δεν φτάνει απλά να υπακούμε σε ένα κανόνα χρειαζόμαστε και Εκείνον για τον οποίο το εφαρμόζουμε.

Μέρες μπορούμε να μην φάμε, να μην πιούμε να μην κοιμηθούμε, να κουραστούμε και να αγωνιστούμε, για να δούμε, να αγγίξουμε και να χαρούμε. Κι όλα τούτα γιατί ποθούμε γιατί αγαπάμε. Γιατί τελικά μονάχα οι ερωτευμένοι νηστεύουν αληθινά...

π.Λίβιος

Υγεία και Αγάπη αδέλφια μου.
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The Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Flesh

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As the story is told by the Apostles, the Roman Empire was powerful. The Romans had conquered much of the then known world. Judea and Samaria, what we know today as Israel, were included in their conquests. Emperor Augustus ordered that a census be taken in all his lands. He needed to know how many people lived in the empire so he could tax them. Everyone had to go to the town of their family's origin to register for the census. This meant that Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem. They were descendants of King David and Bethlehem was the City of David.

Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth and it was a great distance from Bethlehem. It was about 100 miles over very rugged roads. Moreover, Mary was expecting the baby

Now, that night the shepherds were out in the fields guarding their sheep. Suddenly, there was a bright light which startled the shepherds. The light was so bright that it turned the night into daylight. Of course, the shepherds were frightened. Nothing such as this had ever happened. Soon an angel appeared and calmed them. The angel said:

"Fear not for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior; which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" (Luke 2:11-12).

Then a larger group of angels appeared. They praised and glorified God and sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). When the angels finished singing, they disappeared and the light began to fade. It became dimmer and dimmer until it was dark again. The shepherds were awed. They didn't know what to do. Finally, they decided to leave their flocks of sheep and go to Bethlehem. They decided that they wanted to see for themselves what the angels had told them. When they got to Bethlehem, they found Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus. They fell to their knees and adored Jesus.

Some Wise Men came from the East for they knew of the coming of Jesus. They had seen a star that told them that a new king had been born to the Jews. They followed the star and were looking for the child. At this time the governor of Judea was King Herod. He was a wicked man and was feared and hated by the people. When Herod heard about the Wise Men looking for the child, he invited them to his palace. Herod asked the Wise Men to find the child so that he, too, could worship Him. But Herod was lying. He did not want anyone to take his place. The Wise Men went on to look for Jesus. The Star led them to Jesus and Mary. When the Wise

Introduction

The Feast of the Nativity of Jesus is one of the most joyful days of the Orthodox Church. It ranks next to the greatest holiday, the Resurrection of Jesus. The Feast of the Birth of Jesus is also known as the "Incarnation of Christ." This means that Jesus became a man and came into the world to save us. We also refer to this joyous feast as Christmas.

Biblical Story

The story of the Nativity of Christ is beautifully told in the Holy Scriptures. The story is found in Matthew 1:18-25 and in Luke 2:1-20. No matter how often the Birth of Jesus is told, we realize that it is an important event.

and it was almost time for her to give birth. Bethlehem was a small town and there were many descendants of David who had come to register for the census. By the time Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem there was no place for them to stay. Joseph tried very hard to find a place to sleep that evening. There was no room at the inn. Finally, Joseph found a cave-like place where they could rest. This place was used by shepherds to protect their sheep in stormy weather. It was here that Mary gave birth to Jesus. The baby was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the straw in the manger.

Men found Jesus, they fell to their knees and worshipped Him. They gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Wise Men left but did not return to Herod. They had a dream that warned them that Herod wanted to harm Jesus. Instead, they returned to their native country by a different route.

Icon of the Feast

The icon of the Nativity tells the story of Christ's birth from the Scriptures. It also shows that all creation is taking part in Christ's birth. The angels give thanks with their song; the heavens give the star; the Wise Men give their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The poor, humble shepherds give their praise and amazement; the earth gives the cave, and humanity gives the Virgin.

This Holy Icon is an icon with many scenes. First, it stresses the importance of the Theotokos, the Mother of Jesus. She is placed in the center and is the largest figure in the icon. In this icon, she is kneeling with crossed arms, looking at the Christ child. The three stars, denoting her virginity before, during, and after the Nativity, are on her garments. The Christ Child, in the center of the icon, is in swaddling clothes and is lying in the manger. In the background is the dark cave where He was born. In the cave are an ox and a donkey guarding the newborn Babe. Even though the Gospels say nothing of the cave, this information is from Holy Tradition. Neither do the Gospels speak of the ox and the donkey, but all icons of the Nativity include these animals. Including the animals in the icon fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah 1:3, "The ox knows his master, and the donkey his master's crib; but Israel does not know me, and the people have not regarded me." The long ray of light from the star points directly to the cave. This ray comes from the star and travels to all parts of the world. It teaches that this bright star is an astronomical happening, and is a messenger from heaven announcing the birth of Jesus.

On the left hand side of the icon is another scene. The Wise Men, who were led by the star, are riding horses to bring their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus. The Wise Men are of various ages. One is without a beard. In those days, young

men did not wear beards. The other Wise Man has long hair and a long beard, which indicates that he is much older. These details teach that regardless of age and appearance, the Good News was given to each and everyone.

Opposite the Wise Men is the scene with the humble shepherds. An angel proclaims the glad tidings. A young shepherd plays a reed instrument. This scene reveals that the music of the humans was added to the hymn of the angels. Across from the shepherd's scene is the heavenly choir of angels. They are giving glory to God. The angels serve two purposes in the Nativity of Christ. They give glory to God and announce the good news to all mankind.

The background shows a very rugged terrain. This is not a true representation of the land in this area. Joseph could not find room in Bethlehem, so they went outside of Bethlehem to a cave. This rocky mountain formation only serves as a background for the event.

In the lower part of the icon are two more scenes. In the right hand corner are the two women Joseph brought to take care of the Christ child. They are bathing Him just as any baby is bathed. The humanity of Jesus is clearly shown in this setting.

Opposite the bathing of Jesus scene sits a sad and worried Joseph. He is not part of the central group the Christ Child and the Theotokos. Joseph is not the natural father. Joseph is troubled and despondent. There is an old man talking to Joseph. The old man is Satan. Satan can appear in many forms. Here he is as an old man who is tempting Joseph and disturbing him. Satan is telling Joseph that virgin birth is impossible. He's telling Joseph that he's a fool if he believes this. This story comes to us from Holy Tradition. The sad Joseph shows us not only his personal predicament but the dilemma of all mankind the difficulty of accepting that which is "beyond words or reason."

The tree, which is in the middle of the lower part of the icon, is a symbol of the Tree of Jesse. This tree refers to Isaiah 11:1-2, "But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall

rest upon Him." King David was often mentioned as the son of Jesse and Jesus was from the House of David.

The Holy Icon of the Nativity reminds one to praise and glorify the Birth of Christ. The celebration of Christmas each year serves to remind each and everyone of us that Christ came for you and me.

The Orthodox Celebration of the Feast of the Nativity

As with Pascha, or Easter, the Feast of the Nativity begins with a period of preparation. It is preceded by a fast corresponding to Lent and lasting for forty days. The fast begins on November 15.

On the Sundays immediately before December 25, special commemorations emphasize the link between the Old Covenant and the New. On December 20 the Forefeast of the Nativity is commemorated, and the daily liturgical texts are directed toward the Feast itself. On Christmas Eve, services include the Great or Royal Hours, the Great Vespers, and the Liturgy of Saint Basil.

On Christmas Day the service commemorates the birth of Christ in Bethlehem, the adoration of the Shepherds, and the arrival of the Wise Men with their gifts. The service held on this day is the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom.

The days following Christmas are associated with the Theotokos and Joseph. December 26 is the Synaxis of the Mother of God, and the first Sunday after the Feast commemorates "Joseph the Betrothed." December 29 commemorates the Massacre of the Innocents, and January 1 the Circumcision of our Lord. The Nativity season concludes on December 31, but the spirit of the festival extends to the celebration of Theophany (Epiphany), the feast commemorating the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan River. ■

Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

(Continued from pg. 2)

Όλοι μας έχουμε δεχθεί ότι η εμπορικότητα έχει επικρατήσει και ότι τα Χριστούγεννα δεν έχουν την σημασία που είχαν. Πιστεύω ότι τα Χριστούγεννα είναι μια εορτή που μοιραζόμαστε με τους δικούς μας και με άλλους. Αυτό πιστεύω ότι έκανε ο Χριστός. Δεν είναι λάθος να αγοράζουμε δώρα για άλλους, για φίλους και συγγενείς. Αλλά είναι εξ ίσου και ίσως σημαντικότερο να αγοράζουμε δώρα για αγνώστους. Αλλά ας γυρίσουμε πίσω στα βασικά και στο παρελθόν που ο Χριστός πρωτοήλθε στη ζωή μας.

Όλοι βρίσκουμε χρόνο να χαρούμε και να διασκεδάσουμε, και στην πραγματικότητα αυτό κάνουμε. Δεν θεωρούμε τα Χριστούγεννα ως Ημέρα Αγία, αλλά σαν ημέρα διασκέδασης. Πρέπει να αποβάλλουμε αυτή την άποψη, πρέπει να σκεφθούμε περισσότερο πνευματικά και να δεχθούμε τα Χριστούγεννα σαν «Δώρο». Ας αναρωτηθούμε τι πραγματικά σημαίνουν τα Χριστούγεννα, και με ποιον τρόπο θα τα εορτάσουμε εφέτος. Θέλετε να μάθετε τι προτείνω; Προτείνω να εορτάσετε τα Χριστούγεννα φέρνοντας τις οικογένειές σας στην Εκκλησία, και να λάβετε το Σώμα και το Αίμα του Κυρίου με το Μυστήριο της Θείας

Ευχαριστίας. Κατόπιν να εορτάσετε το πατροπαράδοτο Χριστουγεννιάτικο Δείπνο, και να ανοίξετε τα δώρα σας. Ας ξεκινήσουμε σωστά, και ας ακολουθήσουμε την πορεία που πραγματικά θα φέρει αγάπη, χαρά και ευτυχία. Ας ακολουθήσουμε πιστά το στόχο μας, τότε θα έχουμε την εμπειρία να δούμε πολλά περισσότερα Χριστούγεννα στο μέλλον.

Κλείνοντας, ελπίζω και προσεύχομαι ότι κατά τη διάρκεια των εορτών θα κάνουμε τη σωστή επιλογή και θα πάρουμε τις σωστές αποφάσεις ακολουθώντας τις παραδόσεις της Χριστιανικής Ορθοδοξίας, που είναι να εκκλησιαζόμαστε με τις οικογένειές μας την Παραμονή των Χριστουγέννων. Είναι ο μόνος τρόπος που οι Χριστιανοί εορτάζουν τη «Γέννηση του Χριστού» και ο μόνος τρόπος για να καταλάβουμε ότι ο Χριστός είναι πράγματι το επίκεντρο της Πίστης μας και ο Πυρήνας της ζωής μας.

Με τις ευλογίες του Θεού σας εύχομαι Καλά Χριστούγεννα!
Πατήρ Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικός.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH WORKERS

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH WORKERS WHO DEAL WITH THE YOUTH OF OUR PARISH

To all Sunday School Teachers, GOYA Advisors, Coaches, Chaperones, Greek School Teachers, Learning Center Staff. We have received from the Archdiocese an important update Regarding Youth Safety in our Parishes.

The Archdiocese is introducing a new policy for the safety of children and youth. This policy is strictly for youth workers in the Church. We need programs and activities that are safe and healthy.

To become a Youth Worker under the Policies, a person must simply:
Register with his/her home parish. Successfully complete the on line training once a year, and successfully pass a background screen every two years.

In order to perform these tasks every person in the parish who deals with children must register by filling out certain forms that the Archdiocese has sent to all the parishes. This policy implementation is based on careful, prayerful consideration and a desire to keep our children safe. Our primary goal is that our young people know Christ, and to achieve this, it is imperative that we cultivate the safety which the Policies help facilitate.

So with this in mind I am scheduling a meeting with all of the mentioned above to meet on **Thursday, December 19, 2019** at 7:00 pm. This meeting will take place at the Church.

This is a **mandatory meeting** with those who are mainly involved with the children of the Parish.

Youth workers who do not attend this meeting, do not fill out the registration forms and do not complete the background check, will not be able to work with our youth as Advisors, Coaches, Chaperones, Teachers of Sunday School nor Greek School. This regulation comes down from the Archdiocese of New York.

More information about the Policies, will be distributed to those attending the meeting.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year 2020.

With Love in Christ,
Fr. Michael L. Pastrokos, Protopresbyter



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΣΗΣ

Albania Earthquake 2019

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My Beloved in the Lord,

It is truly with increasing concern and sadness that I communicate with you as we continue to receive updates on the destructive 6.4 magnitude earthquake that has brought major damage, much devastation and loss of life in Albania.

As of today this tremendous earthquake has taken the lives of at least 51 people, has displaced thousands of people from their homes, and has created a sense of complete desolation and despair for the victims of this destructive natural disaster. It is during times of tragic and devastating events such as this, that we as Orthodox Christians must put our faith into practice and offer assistance to our brothers and sisters in Christ living in Albania, many of whom have lost their loved ones, have lost their homes and have lost all of their worldly possessions.

It is in this spirit of love and concern for our fellow man that I exhort all of our faithful to pray fervently for the repose of the 51 souls lost in this natural disaster, as well as to offer our prayers for the health and well being of the thousands that have been left homeless by this catastrophic event. Furthermore, in an effort to offer financial assistance to the victims of this disaster in their hour of need, I ask that on **Sunday, December 1, 2019 and every Sunday during the month of December, a Special Tray be passed in all of the parishes of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey** for the victims of the earthquake in Albania. All donations will be forwarded to His Beatitude, Archbishop Anastasios of Albania, who will disburse the funds to those in need. It is my utmost prayer that all of you will give as generously as possible so that those who have been affected by this devastating earthquake can soon recover as they strive to return to their normal lives.

Praying that our merciful Lord will offer His love and compassion to those suffering in Albania, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

† EVANGELOS
Metropolitan of New Jersey

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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Parish Council elections were held on December 1, 2019 at Saint Nicholas Church to fill five (5) positions for a three (3) year term (January 2020 to December 2022). A total of 81 stewards voted for the seven (7) candidates, and the results are listed below:

John Kevas – 62 votes

John Themelis – 60 votes

Xariklia Christina Koukoulas – 55 votes

Katerina Patrikios – 55 votes

Sofia Xouri – 43 votes

The two (2) remaining candidates received the following votes:

Eleni Fotiadou – 37 votes

Antonis Chionis – 26 votes

Congratulations to the five (5) persons elected and many thanks to the remaining candidates.

- Saint Nicholas Election Committee



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD & Poinsettias for the Church

Please help us to decorate our beautiful church for the upcoming Christmas season by donating **\$20.00** toward the purchase of a poinsettia plant.

Your family is also invited to join the Community Christmas Card for a donation of **\$20.00**. Please specify your choice and enclose your donation with this form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Community Christmas Card (# _____) \$ _____

Please indicate how you wish your family name to appear on the Christmas card _____

Poinsettias (# _____) \$ _____



Thank you for your support!

Due Sunday, December 8th

PROFIT & LOSS - CHURCH

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Profit and Loss - Church and Greek School January - September, 2019

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
4000 Stewardship	159,844.23
4010 Greek School Registration	49,350.00
4020 Sales _ Candles	63,977.00
4030 Sales - Flowers	125.00
4040 Sales - Dances	3,908.00
4044 Sales - ATM	251.00
4050 Donations - Church	30,409.13
4055 Donations/Income Diamonds	4,251.00
4056 Dues - Diamonds	380.00
4060 Donations - Trays	14,829.00
4061 Donation - Building Fund	3,996.00
4070 Donations - Church Hall	873.51
4080 Donations - Memorial	26,626.00
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	400.00
4145 Sunday School Income	905.00
4150 Vacation Bible School	1,075.00
49900 Uncategorized Income {401}	5,950.00
Services	395.00
Uncategorized Income	12,852.14
Total Income	\$ 383,703.96
Cost of Goods Sold	
COST OF GOODS SOLD	
5000 Candle expense	11,435.00
5010 Flowers Expense	2,147.97
5012 Greek School Expense	-192.57
5013 Greek School PTA Expenses	646.00
5020 Dance Expense	510.75
5033 Vacation Bible School Expense	939.05
5125 Independence Day Expenses	800.00
Total COST OF GOODS SOLD	\$ 16,286.20
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 16,286.20
Gross Profit	\$ 367,417.76
Expenses	
7009 Bank Service Charges	776.28
Ask My Accountant	5,560.00
CAPITAL COSTS	
6420 Capital Improvements to Church	15,468.26
Total CAPITAL COSTS	\$ 15,468.26

PROFIT & LOSS - BILINGUAL EDUCATION CENTER

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Profit and Loss - Learning Center January - September, 2019

	<u>Total</u>
Learning Center Income	<u>\$ 353,505.72</u>
Expenses	
Ask My Accountant	1,023.80
LEARNING CENTER	
6600 Capital Improvement (L.C.)	35,983.29
6605 Utilities (Learning Center)	5,148.60
6610 Advertising (Learning Center)	335.00
6615 Alarm Monitoring (L.C.)	1,904.00
6620 Bank Fees (Learning Center)	67.00
6624 PayPal Learning Center Fees	3,625.64
6625 Building Maintenance (L.C.)	17,189.69
6626 Cleaning Supplies for Classroom	1,374.65
6630 Equipment Rental (L.C.)	754.31
6635 Food Expense (Learning Center)	4,832.32
6636 Paper Products (Plates,Cups...)	4,324.43
6640 Insurance Expense (L.C.)	300.00
6641 Center Events (L.C.)	201.40
6642 Field Trips/Outreach Programs	496.00
6645 Janitorial Supplies (L.C.)	431.68
6650 Office Supplies (L.C.)	1,016.89
6651 Classroom Supplies (L.C.)	3,898.20
6652 Learning Center T-Shirt Expense	2,250.00
6655 Payroll Expense (L.C.)	173,717.45
6656 Health Benefits(L.C.)	11,444.81
6660 Payroll Taxes Expense (L.C.)	13,024.83
6665 Permits & Licensing (L.C.)	259.50
6670 Pest/Termite Control (L.C.)	170.00
6675 Professional Fees (subcontract)	1,922.25
6680 Telephone/TV/internet (L.C.)	299.88
6685 Trash Removal (L.C.)	800.00
6686 Travel Expense (L.C.)	145.58
6695 Water & Sewer (L.C.)	1,063.24
Total LEARNING CENTER	<u>\$ 286,980.64</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 288,004.44</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>\$ 65,501.28</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 65,501.28</u>

PROFIT & LOSS - PLATEIA

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Profit and Loss - Plateia January - September, 2019

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
4140 Plateia Income (Onsite)	173,949.07
Uncategorized Income	150.00
Total Income	\$ 174,099.07
Cost of Goods Sold	
COST OF GOODS SOLD	
Plateia CGS Expenses	1,769.24
5031 Plateia Food Expensr	31,304.08
5035 Plateia Auto Reimb	769.24
5153 Plateia Equipment Rental	431.61
5154 Plateia Linen Rental	2,783.23
5155 Plateia Decoration Expenses	143.87
5156 Plateia Direct Labor Expense	45,276.12
5157 Plateia Entertainment Expense	250.00
5159 Plateia Plastic Dinnerware, etc	2,475.43
Total Plateia CGS Expenses	\$ 85,202.82
Total COST OF GOODS SOLD	\$ 85,202.82
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 85,202.82
Gross Profit	\$ 88,896.25
Expenses	
PLATEIA EXPENSES	240.00
6426 Interest Expense (Plateia)	5,017.14
6430 Kitchen utensils/supplies (Plat	54.12
6431 Plateia,BGE	27,641.70
6432 Plateia, Water & Sewer	3,630.31
6433 Plateia, Verizon	751.52
6434 Lawn Cutting/Landscaping	600.00
6444 Plateia, Internet/Cable	3,210.61
6452 Bank Fee (Plateia)	2,818.43
6454 Alarm Monitoring (Plateia)	742.00
6464 Building Maintenance (Plateia)	15,564.25
6465 Equipment Repair (Plateia)	1,728.58
6466 Marketing (Plateia)	4,525.54
6468 Entertainment (Plateia)	117.66
6470 Office Expense (Plateia)	1,350.65
6472 Permits & Licensing (Platiea)	525.00
6474 Professional Fees (Plateia)	2,515.75
6475 Trash Removal (Plateia)	1,825.00
6477 Management salary (Plateia)	21,388.07
6478 Payroll Taxes - Plateia	3,417.24
Total PLATEIA EXPENSES	\$ 97,663.57

STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON



The annual St. Nicholas Stewardship Luncheon was held Sunday, November 10th. Thank you to everyone who has turned in their stewardship cards for 2020, and thank you to the Stewardship Committee for all of their hard work planning this event!



STEWARDSHIP CARD

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE CARD ΚΑΡΤΑ ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ

“A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN. THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME.”

“ΤΟΙΣ ΠΑΣΙ ΧΡΟΝΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΚΑΙΡΟΣ ΤΩ ΠΑΝΤΙ ΠΡΑΓΜΑΤΙ ΥΠΟ ΤΟΝ ΟΥΡΑΝΟΝ.
ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑ ΧΡΟΝΟΥ”

2020 SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CONFIDENTIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD
2020 ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ –ΚΑΡΤΑ ΑΠΟΡΡΗΤΗΣ ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ ΜΕΛΩΝ

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

\$ _____ (Weekly / Monthly / Quarterly / Yearly)
\$ _____ (Εβδομαδιαίως / Μηνιαίως / Ανά Τρίμηνο / Ετησίως)

TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE FOR 2020 :\$ _____
Συνολικό ποσό προσφοράς για το 2020 :\$ _____

Come and See Good 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 / Όνομα	Date of Birth / Ημερομ. Γεννήσεως
Name of Spouse / Όνομα συζύγου	Date of Birth / Ημερομ. Γεννήσεως
Occupation / Επάγγελμα	
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PHILOTOCHOS NEWS / ΝΕΑ ΤΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

We Our Annual Non Profit Food Drive for our local soup kitchen was a success thanks to the generosity of those who donated. This year Philoptochos supplied six families with Thanksgiving

Food Baskets. We will also be supplying food for Christmas, if there is anyone that you know that is in need of food or clothing, please contact Nora Kefalas 410-979-6656 or Evagelia Saliaris 410-592-8345. Please rest assured that all information is strictly confidential.

Sunday, November 3rd Agion Anagyron Artoclasia, we would like to thank the Gerapetrides family for their donation and wish them many years of health. The Agape Luncheon which was sponsored by Diagoras and our Philoptochos to benefit Leonidas was a day full of emotion and support for this little boy and his family. Thank you to all those that attended, made donations and helped in anyway. We are grateful to have Diagoras by our side always ready and willing to help when the need arises. We would also like to acknowledge all those that have signed up and prepared meals for the family, bought gifts or spoken a kind word all greatly appreciated. Leonidas is currently continuing his therapy at Kenndy Kreiger and with Gods blessings and your prayers we hope his condition continues to improve.

On Monday, November 18th, Mrs. Eleni Constantinides Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos President and the Maryland Metropolis Board Members toured the NICU at the University of Maryland. During that visit a demonstration was given of the equipment that was purchased with funds from the National Philoptochos Children's Medical Luncheon. Mrs. Constantinides presented the university with another donation for the purchase of additional equipment that was needed.

On December 5th, Please join us for Saint Nicholas Vespers and reception sponsored by Philoptochos and the community. There will also be a coffee hour the following morning after Liturgy as well. We wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas and may you enjoy it with family and friends!

Up Coming Events:

Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Philoptochos General Meeting

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

"Christmas Cheer" donation \$25.00

Save the date:

Saturday, January 18th at 11:30 Brunch 510 Johnnys

Donation \$35.00

General Donations:

In memory of Michael Tsamouras

Mr. And Mrs. John Georgaki

Food Account Donations:

Anonymous

Mrs. Eleni Pikounis

Hσυλλογή κονσερβοποιημένων τροφίμων για το τοπικό κέντρο Soup Kitchen είχε μεγάλη επιτυχία χάρις στη γενναιοδωρία εκείνων που συμμετείχαν στις δωρεές. Εφέτος η Φιλόπτωχος μοίρασαν έξι καλάθια με τρόφιμα σε οικογένειες για την Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών. Επίσης θα μοιράσουν καλάθια με τρόφιμα για τα Χριστούγεννα, αν υπάρχει κανείς που γνωρίζει ότι κάποια οικογένεια χρειάζεται τρόφιμα ή ρουχισμό, παρακαλείται να επικοινωνήσει με την Νόρα Κεφάλια 410-979-6656 ή την Ευαγγελία Σάλιαρη 410-592-8345. Σημειώστε ότι κάθε πληροφορία είναι άκρως εχέμυθη.

PHILOTOCHOS



Την Κυριακή, 3 Νοεμβρίου, εορτάσαμε με Αρτοκλασία την εορτή των Αγίων Αναργύρων. Θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε την οικογένεια Γεραπετρίτη για τη δωρεά τους και να τους ευχηθούμε υγεία και μακροζωία. Το Γεύμα Αγάπης που οργανώθηκε από το Παν-Ροδιακό Σύλλογο ΔΙΑΓΟΡΑ και την Φιλόπτωχο για το ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ, ήταν μια πολύ συγκινητική ημέρα, μια ημέρα υποστήριξης για το μικρό μας φίλο και την οικογένειά του. Ευχαριστούμε όλους που παρευρέθηκαν, έκαναν δωρεές και βοήθησαν με οποιοδήποτε τρόπο. Είμαστε πού τυχερές που έχουμε το ΔΙΑΓΟΡΑ δίπλα μας πάντοτε έτοιμοι να βοηθήσουν όταν υπάρχει ανάγκη. Επίσης ευχαριστούμε και αναγνωρίζουμε όλους εκείνους που προσφέρθηκαν και έγραψαν το όνομά τους για την προετοιμασία των καθημερινών γευμάτων της οικογένειας, ή έφεραν δώρα ή είπαν μια καλή κουβέντα, όλα αυτά εκτιμήθηκαν ιδιαίτερα. Ο Λεωνίδας επί του παρόντος συνεχίζει τη θεραπεία του στο Kenndy Kreiger και με τη δύναμη του Θεού και τις δικές σας προσευχές ελπίζουμε η κατάστασή του να συνεχίσει να βελτιώνεται.

Την Δευτέρα 18 Νοεμβρίου, η κ. Ελένη Κωνσταντινίδη Πρόεδρος της Φιλοπτώχου της Μητρόπολης Νέας Ιερσέης και Μέλος του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Φιλοπτώχου του Μέριλαντ, επισκέφθηκε το NICU στο Νοσοκομείο University of Maryland. Κατά τη διάρκεια της επίσκεψης αυτής έγινε επίδειξη του εξοπλισμού που αγοράστηκε με χρήματα της Φιλοπτώχου για το Εθνικό Παιδικό Ιατρικό Τμήμα. Η κ. Κωνσταντινίδη παρουσίασε στο Νοσοκομείο άλλη μια δωρεά για την αγορά πρόσθετου εξοπλισμού που χρειαζόταν.

Στις 5 Δεκεμβρίου, είναι ο Μέγας Εσπερινός του Αγίου Νικολάου, θα ακολουθήσει δεξίωση που παρατίθεται από την Φιλόπτωχο και την Κοινότητα. Θα προσφέρουμε επίσης καφέ, αναψυκτικά και γλυκά και την επομένη το πρωί μετά την Ακολουθία της Εορτής του Αγίου Νικολάου. Ευχόμαστε σε όλους εσάς Χαρούμενα Χριστούγεννα με τις οικογένειές σας και τους φίλους σας.

ΠΡΟΣΕΧΕΙΣ ΕΚΔΗΛΩΣΕΙΣ

Δευτέρα, 2 Δεκεμβρίου, 2019 στις 7:00 μ.μ. Συνεδρίαση της Φιλοπτώχου

Τρίτη, 7 Δεκεμβρίου, 2019 στις 6:30 μ.μ. 'ΧΑΡΟΥΜΕΝΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ' Δωρεά \$ 25

ΣΗΜΕΙΩΣΤΕ ΤΗΝ ΗΜΕΡΟΜΗΝΙΑ

Σάββατο, 18 Ιανουαρίου Μπράντς στις 11:30 π.μ. στο 510 Johnnys, δωρεά \$ 35 το άτομο.

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Εις μνήμη του Μιχαήλ Τσαμουράκος & κα Ιωάννη Γεωργάκη

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EARLY EDUCATION CENTER NEWS



ST. NICHOLAS BILINGUAL EARLY EDUCATION CENTER



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

The BEEC children hosted a Pajama Drive in November to help children facing instability during this holiday season. Scholastic matched each PJ donation with a book donation. We fellowship and feasted at our own BEEC Thanksgiving.

The BEEC children are very busy this month. We are preparing for the name day celebration of Saint Nicholas as well as Christmas. Our little ones are working diligently to prepare for our Christmas Program. And this month would not be completed without a visit from Santa to take

pictures and give gifts to the students! **All of us at the BEEC want to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!**

ΔΙΓΛΩΣΣΟ ΕΚΠΑΙΔΕΥΤΙΚΟ ΚΕΝΤΡΟ ΠΡΟΣΧΟΛΙΚΗΣ ΗΛΙΚΙΑΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ

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

Τα παιδιά του Σταθμού μας το Νοέμβριο έκαναν συλλογή από μπιζάμες για να βοηθήσουν άπορα παιδιά την γιορτινή αυτή εποχή. Ακαδημαϊκά συνόδευσαν το θέμα τις μπιζάμες με το αντίστοιχο βιβλίο. Τα παιδιά και το διδακτικό μας προσωπικό γιορτάσαμε την Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών στο Σταθμό μας.



Τα παιδιά του Σταθμού θα είναι επίσης πολύ απασχολημένα αυτό το μήνα. Προετοιμαζόμαστε να εορτάσουμε την Εορτή του Πολιούχου μας Αγίου Νικολάου, καθώς επίσης και των Χριστουγέννων. Τα παιδάκια μας εργάζονται ασταμάτητα για να προετοιμαστούν για το Χριστουγεννιάτικο Πρόγραμμά τους. Αλλά ο μήνας αυτός δεν θα ήταν κομπλέ χωρίς την επίσκεψη του Άγιου Βασίλη να τους δώσει να δώρα τους και να φωτογραφηθούν μαζί του! Όλοι μας, από το **ΔΙΓΛΩΣΣΟ ΕΚΠΑΙΔΕΥΤΙΚΟ ΚΕΝΤΡΟ ΠΡΟΣΧΟΛΙΚΗΣ ΗΛΙΚΙΑΣ** θα θέλαμε να ευχηθούμε σε εσάς και τις οικογένειές σας **ΚΑΛΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ ΚΑΙ ΕΥΤΥΧΙΣΜΕΝΟΣ Ο ΚΑΙΝΟΥΡΓΙΟΣ ΧΡΟΝΟΣ.**

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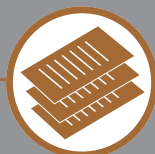
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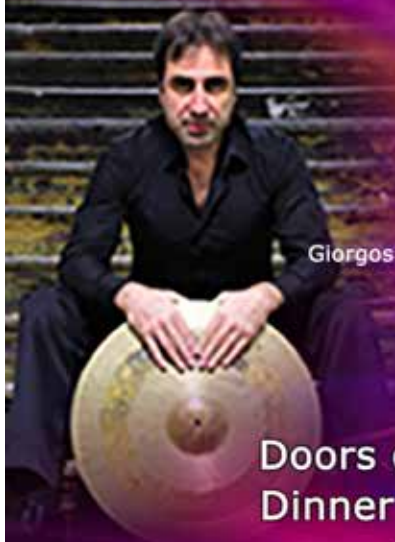
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR - DECEMBER

DECEMBER 2019 LITURGICAL PROGRAM

CHRISTMAS FAST CONTINUES

Sunday, December 1: 14th Sunday of St. Luke: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Wednesday, December 4: St. Barbara the Great Martyr: Orthros: 8:45 am D.Lit. 9:30 am

Thursday, Dec. 5: Great Vesper Service: St. Nicholas Name Day: 7:00 pm.

Reception will follow.

Friday, December 6: St. Nicholas Name Day Celebration: Orthros: 8:45 am. D.Lit. 10:00 am

Reception will follow.

Saturday, December 7: Name Day Banquet has been scheduled for this evening. Please come and support this festivity. For more information please look in the Newsletter(KOINONIA) The St. Nicholas (Website) of the Weekly Bulletins.

Sunday, December 8: 10th Sunday of Luke: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Wednesday, Dec. 12: St. Spyridon the Wonderworker: Orthros: 8:45 am D. Lit. 9:30 am

STRICT FAST BEGINS FROM DEC. 13TH TILL DEC 24TH. NO MEAT, FISH AND DAIRY PRODUCTS DURING THIS PERIOD ARE PERMITTED.

Sunday, December 15: 11th Sunday of St. Luke: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Sunday, December 22: Sunday before the Nativity of our Lord: Orthros: 8:45am D.L. 10:00

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Service: 7:00 pm. Reception to follow

Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day Celebration: The Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

On behalf of the Parish Council, Fr. Michael, the Church Staff, and the entire family of St. Nicholas we would like to wish everyone in the Community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Friday, December 27: St. Stephen the First Martyr: Orthros: 8:45 am D. Lit.9:30 am

Sunday, December 29: Sunday after the Nativity: Orthros: 8:45 am D. Lit. 10:00 am

LITURGICAL HOURS: The Liturgical Hours stay the same throughout the year. Sunday services:

Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:am. Week Day Liturgy: Orthros: 8:45 am D. Lit. 9:30 am

Vesper Services: 7:00 pm.

2019 PLEDGES-\$207,317.50 / Payments-\$210,372.74 / Balance--\$3,055.24

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 MS XOURI SOFIA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - DECEMBER

Sunday, December 1: Parish Council Elections following the Divine Liturgy

Monday, December 2: Philoptochos meeting

Sunday, December 8, 15, and 22: GOYA Ornament and Vasilopita Sale

Saturday, December 7: St. Nicholas Name Day Dance at the plateia

Tuesday, December 10: Diamonds meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11: Bible Study with Father Michael at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 12: AHEPA Kennedy Kreiger Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14: Rhodian Society "Diagoras" Breakfast with Santa at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 15: Hellenic Golden Coins Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 16: Greek school caroling (No school Dec. 18)

Tuesday, December 17: "Christmas Cheer" 6:30 p.m. donation \$25

Saturday, December 21: GOYA Christmas Party

Thursday, December 27: GOYA Caroling

Sunday, December 29: GOYA Vasilopita Pick-Up

Sunday, December 29: Hellenic Golden Coins Christmas party

Tuesday, December 31: New Year's Eve at the
 Greektown Square & Event Center



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, January 7: Philoptochos meeting

Tuesday, January 7: GOYA Board Meeting and
 General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday 10-11: GOYA Lock-in / Tree down / Meeting

Saturday-Sunday 11-12: GOYA Richmond Tournament (away)

Saturday, January 18: 510 Johnnys Donation 11:30 Brunch \$35.00

Tuesday, January 21: Philoptochos Night Out at 7:00 p.m. - TBD

Sunday, January 26: GOYA Ice Skating - Ice World after church