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SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

K O I N O N I A

In a few weeks the Orthodox Church will be preparing once again for the Feast of all Feasts, "PASCHA, the celebration of Christ's resurrection. But there is much preparation needed to reach that final destination. For that reason, the Church has many services throughout the months of February, March and April. There is always a purpose for this journey that we take through the season of preparation which is to acquire the Kingdom of Heaven within our hearts, so that we may rejoice in truly seeing the Resurrected Lord, and have life in Him.

Before the Lenten Season begins, there are the three Saturdays of the Souls when we commemorate and remember our departed loved ones, the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, the Prodigal Son, Meatfare (Judgment) Sunday, and Cheesefare (Forgiveness) Sunday. During the Great Lent season, there are the Compline Services held on every Monday, Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday, Salutations Services on Friday and after that we have the Holy Week services which lead up to the Feasts of all Feasts "Pascha".

From the earliest days of Christianity, Great Lent was always a period of public penance, a period of self-examination, and a period of clearing away the underbrush of sin to let the Sun of God's love shine on us. Great Lent is an incredible opportunity that comes once a year. It's not only about spiritual growth, but also about transformation and sanctification of the entire world. These forty days of Lent provide us a period of time to reflect on our ability to get closer to God and to develop a life of discipline and prayer. There are so many reminders throughout this journey that remind

us of our own mortality--the need for penitence, the need for charity, praying for the departed and loved ones who are living on this earth.

We have two important means that teach us about spiritual preparation; and they are Prayer and Fasting. These are 2 great means of Repentance which are lacking in our lives today. Just a few weeks ago before celebrating Epiphany we heard the words of St. John the Baptist who said: "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand". By using this spiritual method of Prayer and Fasting, we will be able to focus on what we need to do during our spiritual journey towards Christ. It lifts our spirit to give compassion to one another; and it builds a stronger relationship with God.



As Christians, we realize that throughout the years we lack the deeper connection and deeper relationship with Christ. The question here is why? What can we do about it, and how can

we help ourselves to regenerate that love and respect that we had with Him when we were younger? During this Lenten period, let us take the time to look back and recall our mistakes and seek the ways to correct them. It gives us time to repent as St. John the Baptist preached in the wilderness before meeting Christ at the Jordan River to be baptized. It gives us the opportunity to meditate and rediscover the true path that opens the windows of our hearts in order to let God's light to penetrate inside us. We all understand that to reach that level of spirituality, we cannot wave a "Magic Wand" and think for a moment that everything will come to us. Absolutely not, we have to put forth a lot of effort and ask our Lord to help and strengthen our faith.



Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

Another positive step that we need to take as parents is to teach and instill in our children what the Lenten period means. I have always believed that the first place where we teach our children about the ways of life is in the home. If we never discuss faith and teachings of our Lord in our home, we are teaching our children that it isn't important, or that doesn't apply to our home life. As parents, we have that responsibility to educate our children, about our Church, our Faith, about prayer, fasting, and most of all to bring them closer to God, so they can feel His presence and compassion. Many parents bring their children to church for other reasons such as meetings, Greek School classes, basketball practices, and other non-religious events. But many parents don't bring their children to worship in the church on Sundays. In our Parish, we probably have children that have never attended a Church service for years, nor have they received the Body and Blood of Christ through Holy Communion. Parents think because we bring our children to church once a year during Holy Week to receive Holy Communion that we have done justice to ourselves and our children. We are teaching a wrong

method of Orthodox Christianity to our children. I could go on and on writing pages and pages about Great Lent, but the most important thing to know as parents is that we teach our children by what we do, how we do it, and what we don't do. I will give you a good example of that understanding. If you take a flower pot and fill it with dirt, then put the seed into the pot and let it go for months without water and nutrients, will that flower grow or will it die? You can make your own observation and answer to that question. I will leave it up to each parent to answer that. This is what we are doing to our children when we keep them from being nourished by God.

Have a great Lenten Period and attend church services with your family that our church provides throughout the Great Lenten Season.

God bless you, and remember that Fasting, Prayer, Repentance, receiving the Holy Eucharist, and Almsgiving, constitute the recipe for Eternal Life.

Σε λίγες εβδομάδες η Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία θα πρέπει να ετοιμάζεται και πάλι για την Εορτή όλων των Εορτών το Άγιο «ΠΑΣΧΑ» τη γιορτή της Ανάστασης του Χριστού. Όμως απαιτείται πολλή προετοιμασία για την επίτευξη αυτού του τελικού προορισμού. Για το λόγο αυτό, η Εκκλησία τελεί πολλές Ακολουθίες καθ' όλη την διάρκεια των μηνών Φεβρουαρίου, Μαρτίου και Απριλίου. Πάντα υπάρχει ο στόχος για αυτό το ταξίδι που διανύουμε κατά την εποχή της προετοιμασίας ο οποίος είναι να αποκτήσουμε τη Βασιλεία των Ουρανών μέσα στις καρδιές μας, έτσι ώστε να μπορούμε να χαρούμε πραγματικά τον Αναστάντα Κύριο, και να ζήσουμε μια ζωή σύμφωνα με το θέλημα Του.

Πριν από την έναρξη της Μεγάλης Σαρακοστής, υπάρχουν τα τρία Ψυχοσάββατα, που τιμούμε και θυμόμαστε τους απελθόντες αγαπημένους μας, η Κυριακή του Τελώνου και Φαρισαίου, του Ασώτου Υιού, η Κυριακή της Απόκρεω (Κρίσεως), και η Κυριακή της Τυρινής (Συγχωρητική). Κατά τη διάρκεια της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής, υπάρχουν οι Ακολουθίες των Αποδείπνων που τελούνται κάθε Δευτέρα, οι Προηγιασμένες Θείες Λειτουργίες την Τετάρτη, και οι Ακολουθίες των Χαιρετισμών τη Παρασκευή. Μετά έχουμε τις Ακολουθίες της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας, που οδηγούν στις Γιορτές όλων των Εορτών το «Πάσχα».

Από τις πρώτες μέρες του χριστιανισμού, το Μεγάλο Σάββατο ήταν πάντα μια περίοδος δημόσιας μετάνοιας, μια περίοδος αυτοελέγχου και μια περίοδος εκκαθάρισης της αμαρτίας ώστε να αφήσουμε τον ήλιο της αγάπης του Θεού να λάμψει. Η Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή είναι μια απίστευτη ευκαιρία που έρχεται μία φορά το χρόνο. Δεν πρόκειται

μόνο για την πνευματική ανάπτυξη, αλλά και για τον μετασχηματισμό και τον αγιασμό ολόκληρου του κόσμου. Αυτές οι σαράντα ημέρες της Σαρακοστής μας παρέχουν ένα χρονικό διάστημα για να προβληματιστούμε σχετικά με την ικανότητά μας να πλησιάσουμε πιο κοντά το Θεό και να αναπτύξουμε μια ζωή πειθαρχίας και προσευχής. Υπάρχουν τόσες πολλές υπενθυμίσεις σε όλο αυτό το ταξίδι που μας θυμίζουν τη δική μας θνησιμότητα - την ανάγκη για μετάνοια, την ανάγκη για φιλανθρωπικούς σκοπούς, επίσης προσευχόμαστε για τα αγαπημένα μας πρόσωπα που δεν ζουν πια σ' αυτή τη γη.

Έχουμε δύο σημαντικά μέσα που μας διδάσκουν την πνευματική προετοιμασία, είναι η προσευχή και η νηστεία. Αυτά είναι τα δύο μεγάλα μέσα μετάνοιας που λείπουν σήμερα από τη ζωή μας. Μόλις πριν από λίγες εβδομάδες πριν από τον εορτασμό των Θεοφανείων ακούσαμε τα λόγια του Αγίου Ιωάννη του Βαπτιστή που είπε: "Μετανοήστε πλησιάζει η Βασιλεία του Θεού". Με τη χρήση αυτής της πνευματικής μεθόδου προσευχής και νηστείας, θα είμαστε σε θέση να επικεντρωθούμε σε αυτό που πρέπει να κάνουμε κατά τη διάρκεια του πνευματικού ταξιδιού μας προς το Χριστό. Αναπτερώνει το πνεύμα μας, δίνει αγάπη ο ένας στον άλλο και θεμελιώνει μια ισχυρότερη σχέση με το Θεό.

Ως Χριστιανοί, συνειδητοποιούμε ότι όλα αυτά τα χρόνια μας λείπει η βαθύτερη σύνδεση και βαθύτερη σχέση με τον Χριστό. Το ερώτημα εδώ είναι, γιατί; Τι μπορούμε να κάνουμε γι' αυτό και πώς μπορούμε να βοηθήσουμε τον εαυτό μας να αναπτερώσει εκείνη την αγάπη και το σεβασμό που είχαμε μαζί Του, όταν ήμασταν νεότεροι;

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/ ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟ

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

One month has passed with the blessing and love of our Lord. Together we help one another moving along the path of our lives, making this more humane, more dignified.

Let's not forget that everything in this life is temporary! Nothing belongs to us completely! Let's look around and offer our help generously before someone asks for it because, my loved ones, there are always people waiting for a warm look, a hand or a good word from the heart to ease their pain!

The story below is an inspiring one!

A baker was always complaining about his wife who was going to churches and giving to the poor and the fundraisers. One day, when the hot bread came out and the whole neighborhood could smell, a poor man came and stood at his door.

- Boss, are all these breads yours? ...
- But who's is it?
- And you don't eat them?
- Get out of here!
- Please, give me a bread! I am so hungry!
- Go away! Leave me alone!
- Boss, please!
- I said...Go!
- Boss! The poor begged ...

He did not make it to finish the sentence and the baker threw a loaf of bread at his head. The poor man bent down and the bread crossed over his head. He ran, grabbed it and sat in a corner to eat it.

The baker was upset for the rest of the day about the greasy visitor and the bread he missed. Let him dare to come back, he said!

At night, about two after midnight, the baker jumps out of his sleep terrified and sweaty!
- Woman, get up, wake up! Bring me a shirt to change!
I have something to tell you ... Woman, he says, I saw that I died. Angels and devils gathered around me. They were fighting over who is going to take my soul. The demons added my sins in a large balance scale. And the demons' pan was getting heavier and heavier, and the Angels had nothing to add. They were sorry for me.

At one point, an angel shouts: Bread! He fed the hungry! Put it in the other balance! The devils rebelled: He did not mean to give the bread! He threw it to break the poor man's head. And the Angels answered: But the hungry he did eat, and he gave him his wish. So, my wife, that bread made the scales leaned over and I was saved. So you should give and give! Do not ever give up! I will give too. Ah, and that poor one must come back!

So my dear brothers and sisters, do not stop giving your love and help because you get what you give!

In Christian love,
Stamatia Ieromonahos
President of the Parish Council
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Baltimore

Αγαπημένοι μου ενοριτες,

Ένας μήνας κύλησε με την ευλογία και την αγάπη του Κυρίου μας.

Όλοι μαζί βοηθώντας ο ένας τον άλλον μας προχωράμε δίπλα δίπλα στον μονόδρομο της ζωής μας κάνοντας την πορεία μας πιο ανθρώπινη, πιο αξιοπρεπή.

Ας μην ξεχνάμε ότι όλα σε αυτήν την ζωή είναι δανεικά και τίποτα δεν μας ανήκει ολοκληρωτικά για αυτό πρέπει να κοιτάμε γύρω μας και να προσφέρουμε απλόχερα την βοήθεια μας πριν μας την ζητήσουν γιατί πάντα αγαπημένοι μου υπάρχουν άτομα που περιμένουν καρτερικά μια ζεστή ματιά, ένα χέρι να τους απαλύνει τον πόνο, μια καλή κουβέντα από καρδιάς!!

Ο φούρναρης γκρίνιαζε συνέχεια στην γυναίκα του που πήγαινε στις εκκλησίες και έδινε στους φτωχούς και στους εράνους. Μια μέρα, εκεί που έβγαλε το ζεστό ψωμί και μοσχοβόλησε η γειτονιά, ήρθε και στάθηκε στην πόρτα του ένας φτωχός.

- Αφεντικό, όλα αυτά τα ψωμιά είναι δικά σου;
- Αμ' τίνος να 'ναι;
- Και δεν τα τρως;
- Βρε φύγε από δω!
- Δώσε μου και μένα ένα ψωμάκι που πεινάω.
- Φύγε σου είπα, παράτα με.
- Αφεντικό!
- Φεύγεις ή δεν φεύγεις;
- Αφεντικό! Παρακαλούσε ο φτωχός...

Δεν πρόλαβε να τελειώσει, και ο φούρναρης πετάει ένα ψωμί στο κεφάλι του. Έσκυψε ο φτωχός και το ψωμί τον πήρε ζυστά και έπεσε παραπέρα. Τρέχει, το αρπάζει, κάθεται σε μια γωνιά και το τρώει... Ο φούρναρης όλη μέρα ήταν νευριασμένος για τον γρουσουζή επισκέπτη και το ψωμί που έχασε. Ας τολμήσει να ξανάλθει, έλεγε!

Τη νύχτα, κάπου δύο μετά τα μεσάνυχτα, πετάγεται ο φούρναρης από τον ύπνο του τρομαγμένος και καταϊδρωμένος.

- Γυναίκα, σήκω, ξύπνα. Φέρε μου μία φανέλα να αλλάξω και να σου πω... Γυναίκα, πέθανα λέει, και μαζεύτηκαν γύρω μου Άγγελοι και διάβολοι. Ποιος να πάρει την ψυχή μου. Σε μια μεγάλη ζυγαριά όλο και πρόσθεταν οι τρισκατάρατοι τα κρίματά μου. Και ο ζυγός βάρυνε και βάρυνε και οι Άγγελοι δεν είχαν τίποτα να βάλουν και λυπόντουσαν.

Σε μια στιγμή, ένας Άγγελος φωνάζει: Το ψωμί! Αυτό που χόρτασε τον πεινασμένο. Βάλτε το στον άλλο ζυγό. Οι διάβολοι επαναστάτησαν: Το ψωμί δεν το έδωσε. Το έριξε να σπάσει το κεφάλι του φτωχού. Και απάντησαν οι Άγγελοι: Όμως χόρτασε τον πεινασμένο και εκείνος έδωσε την ευχή του. Και που λες γυναίκα μου, εκείνο το ψωμί έκανε και έγειρε η ζυγαριά αντίθετα και σώθηκα. Το λοιπόν, δίνε, δίνε και μη σταματάς. Και εγώ θα δίνω. Αχ, και να ξανάρθει εκείνος ο φτωχός!

Αγάπη λοιπόν και βοήθεια στον πλησίον μας αγαπημένα μου αδέρφια γιατί ότι δίνεις θα πάρεις !!!

Σας ευχαριστώ από καρδιάς για την βοήθεια και συμπαράσταση σας στο έργο της εκκλησίας μας.

Με ειλικρινή αγάπη και εκτίμηση

Σταματία Ιερομονάχου
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ΠΡΩΤΟΧΡΟΝΙΑΤΙΚΟ ΜΗΝΥΜΑ Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ

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Κατά τη διάρκεια αυτής της περιόδου της Σαρακοστής, ας πάρουμε το χρόνο και ας κοιτάξουμε πίσω, να θυμηθούμε τα λάθη μας και να αναζητήσουμε με ποιο τρόπο μπορούμε να τα διορθώσουμε. Μας δίνει χρόνο να μετανοήσουμε όπως κήρυξε ο Άγιος Ιωάννης ο Βαπτιστής στην έρημο, πριν συναντήσει τον Χριστό στον ποταμό Ιορδάνη για να βαπτιστεί. Μας δίνει την ευκαιρία να διαλογιστούμε και να ανακαλύψουμε και πάλι το αληθινό μονοπάτι που ανοίγει τα παράθυρα της καρδιάς μας για να αφήσει το φως του Θεού να διεισδύσει μέσα μας. Όλοι καταλαβαίνουμε ότι για να φτάσουμε σε αυτό το επίπεδο της πνευματικότητας, δεν είναι δυνατόν να κουνήσουμε το «μαγικό ραβδί» και να σκεφτούμε έστω και για μια στιγμή ότι όλα θα έρθουν σε εμάς. Απολύτως όχι, θα πρέπει να καταβάλλουμε μεγάλη προσπάθεια και να ζητήσουμε από τον Κύριο μας να μας βοηθήσει και να ενισχύσει την πίστη μας.

Ένα άλλο θετικό βήμα που πρέπει να κάνουμε ως γονείς είναι να διδάξουμε και να ενσταλάξουμε στα παιδιά μας τι σημαίνει η περίοδος της Σαρακοστής. Ανέκαθεν πίστευα ότι το πρώτο μέρος όπου τα παιδιά μας διδάσκονται τους τρόπους ζωής, είναι το σπίτι. Αν δεν συζητάμε για την πίστη και τις διδασκαλίες του Κυρίου μας στο σπίτι μας, διδάσκουμε στα παιδιά μας ότι δεν είναι σημαντικό, ή ότι δεν ισχύει για τη ζωή στο σπίτι μας. Ως γονείς, έχουμε την ευθύνη να εκπαιδεύσουμε τα παιδιά μας, για την Εκκλησία μας, την πίστη μας, για την προσευχή, τη νηστεία, και πάνω απ' όλα να τα φέρουμε πιο κοντά στο Θεό, ώστε να μπορούν να αισθάνονται την παρουσία και την αγάπη Του. Πολλοί γονείς φέρνουν τα παιδιά τους στην Εκκλησία για άλλους λόγους, όπως συνεδριάσεις, μαθήματα Ελληνικού Σχολείου, πρακτικές μπάσκετ, και άλλες μη-θρησκευτικές

εκδηλώσεις. Ωστόσο, πολλοί γονείς δεν φέρνουν τα παιδιά τους να εκκλησιαστούν τις Κυριακές. Στην Ενορία μας, πιθανότατα έχουμε παιδιά που δεν έχουν παρακολουθήσει ποτέ Λειτουργία στην Εκκλησία εδώ και χρόνια, ούτε έχουν λάβει το Σώμα και το Αίμα του Χριστού μέσω της Θείας Κοινωνίας. Οι γονείς σκέφτονται επειδή φέρνουν τα παιδιά τους στην Εκκλησία μια φορά το χρόνο, κατά τη διάρκεια της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας για να λάβουν Θεία Κοινωνία, έχουν κάνει το καθήκον τους προς τους εαυτούς τους και τα παιδιά τους. Διδάσκουμε στα παιδιά μας μια λανθασμένη μέθοδο Ορθόδοξου Χριστιανισμού. Θα μπορούσα να συνεχίσω και να γράφω σελίδες και σελίδες για τη Μεγάλη Σαρακοστή, αλλά το πιο σημαντικό που πρέπει να γνωρίζουν οι γονείς είναι ότι διδάσκουμε τα παιδιά μας από ό, τι κάνουμε, πως το κάνουμε και τι δεν κάνουμε. Θα σας δώσω ένα καλό παράδειγμα αυτής της κατανόησης. Αν πάρετε μια γλάστρα τη γεμίσετε με χώμα, στη συνέχεια, φυτέψετε το σπόρο μέσα στο δοχείο και το αφήνετε για μήνες χωρίς νερό και λίπασμα, το λουλούδι θα αναπτυχθεί ή θα πεθάνει; Μπορείτε να κάνετε τη δική σας παρατήρηση και να απαντήσετε σε αυτή την ερώτηση. Θα το αφήσω στο κάθε γονέα να απαντήσει σε αυτό. Αυτό κάνουμε στα παιδιά μας όταν τα κρατάμε μακριά από τη τροφή του Θεού.

Να έχετε καλή Σαρακοστή και να εκκλησιάζεστε με τις οικογένειές σας στις Ακολουθίες που έχει η Εκκλησία μας κατά την περίοδο της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής.

Ο Θεός να σας ευλογεί και να θυμάστε ότι νηστεία, προσευχή, μετάνοια, Θεία Ευχαριστία, και Ελεημοσύνη, αποτελούν τη συνταγή για την αιώνια ζωή.

GODPARENT'S SUNDAY

Godparen⁺'s Sunday

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Σχολείου Αγίου Νικολάου,

Σας πληροφορούμε ότι το Κέντρο Ελληνικής Γλώσσας σε συνεργασία με το Αριστοτέλειο Πανεπιστήμιο Θεσσαλονίκης έκαναν αποδεκτή την αίτηση μας και αναγνώρισαν το Ελληνικό Σχολείο Αγίου Νικολάου Βαλτιμόρης σαν το μοναδικό εξεταστικό κέντρο στο Μερυλαντ για τις προσεχείς εξετάσεις Πιστοποίησης Επάρκειας της Ελληνομάθειας (18,19 & 20 Μαΐου) βάση της απόφασης 266/2019.

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Χαρά μας να σας εξυπηρετήσουμε και να σας βοηθήσουμε για οποιαδήποτε πληροφορία χρειαστείτε .

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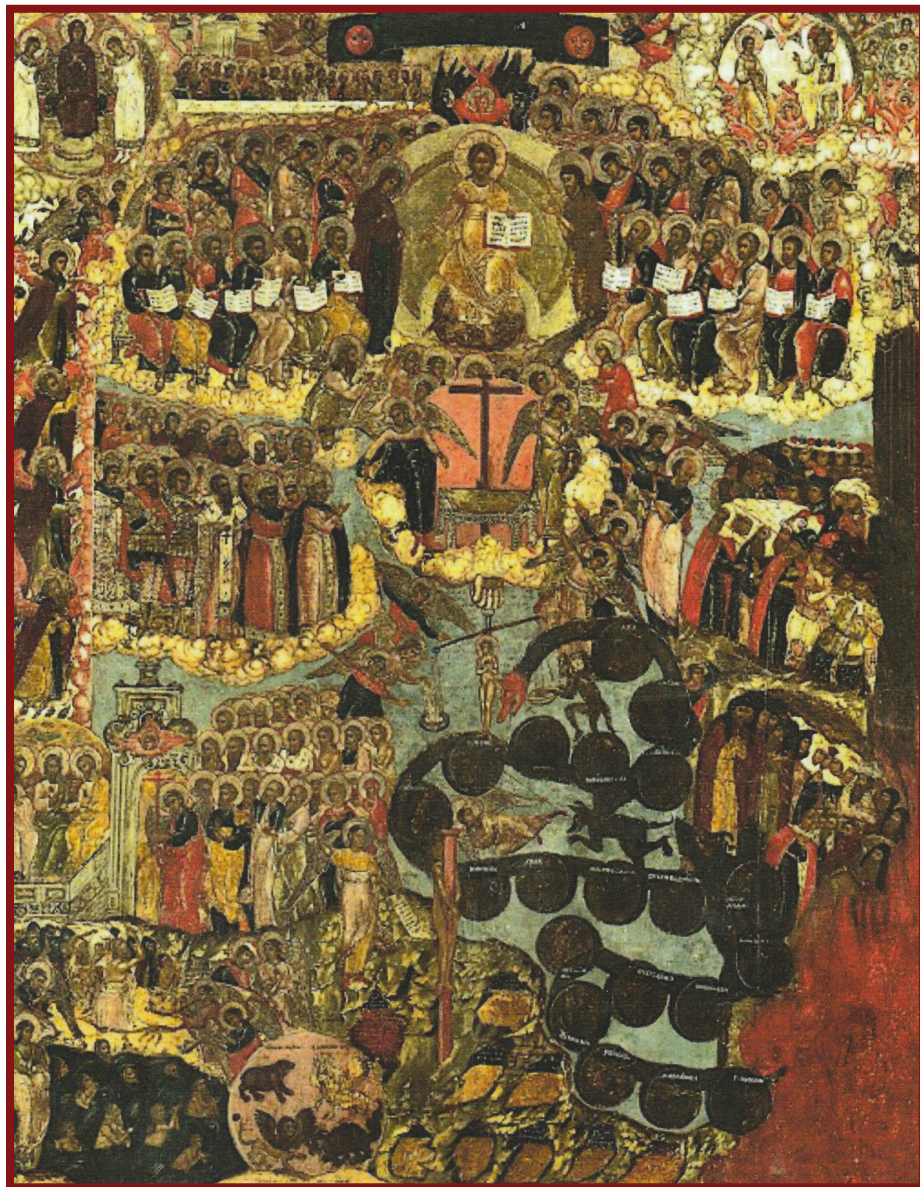
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Ο Δίγλωσσο Βρεφονηπιακός Σταθμός Αγίου Νικολάου παρέχει ένα ασφαλές περιβάλλον, ένα σπίτι μακριά από το σπίτι, ένα σπίτι μάθησης. Δεχόμαστε παιδιά ηλικίας 6 εβδομάδων έως 5 ετών. **Ο σταθμός μας ψάχνει να προσλάβει βοηθούς δασκάλων μερικής και πλήρους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



Saturday of Souls

Praying for our Departed Loved Ones



despair over the dead, because “if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in the Lord.” (1 Thess 4:14) For all of us who have believed in Christ and walked with Him in the newness of life here and now, death becomes but a doorway into the fuller union with Him. This is why St. Paul could say, “For me to live in Christ and to die is gain.” (Phil 1:21) The Apostle Paul goes on to say, “If we have been united through Baptism in the likeness of Christ’s death, we also shall be united in the likeness of His resurrection. (Rom 6:4-5)

On Saturday, March 2, March 9, and March 16, we celebrate in our Church the SATURDAY OF THE SOULS. We all have loved ones who have passed away, and as a Church we never forget them. At each Divine Liturgy, the Priest reads all the names of the Living as well as the departed faithful in the service of the Oblation. This service is prepared on the left side of the Altar during the Orthros service and this is where the names of the living and the dead are read and commemorated. Also the names of the departed are also mentioned during the Divine Liturgy. We also have Memorial services throughout the year, where we as Orthodox Christians have the opportunity to commemorate our loved ones during the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, as well as Week day services. We also have the opportunity to pray for them and to remember them on their anniversaries.

We are always inquisitive when it comes to question the purpose of our memorial service and why do we pray

At no matter what age of life we die, we always see death as a distortion of our existence. Death portrays a horrible tragedy because it is the fruit of evil in the world. We were not created to die. When Almighty God created the first man Adam, and Woman Eve, in his own image and likeness, he meant for all humanity to live for eternity with Him. Since God

has no end, He desired for His beloved creation to dwell in His infinite love forever. This is why, deep within each of us, we all sense an innate desire for life! From this prospective, death is fearful, and something we despise. And yet, although we can see death as the greatest evil, St. Paul counsels us “not to mourn as those who do not have hope” He advises us never

SATURDAY OF SOULS - Continued

for the dead? To answer this question, we must first understand clearly how we, as Orthodox Christians view death itself. Although death is the culmination of evil in our world, for Christians our faith in Jesus Christ transforms death. For one who is united to our Lord here on earth, death is no longer a fearful and tragic conclusion to one's life. It is but an entrance way into a new beginning.

Death itself may seem like an uncertain, even fearful journey, and yet as Christians we know who awaits us on the other side. Our Lord Jesus Christ is there lovingly waiting, with His arms outstretched, ready to embrace us in deeper union with Himself, and welcome us into our eternal home.

As Christians we can face death with hope, knowing that our loving, and merciful and compassionate Lord awaits us! Divine Love is greater than death. St. Paul even dares to say, "Death has been swallowed up in victory!" The victory of divine love.

Metropolitan Anthony Bloom wrote: "A person bereaved should never say "We loved one another." We should always say "We love each other." If we allow our love to become a thing of the past, we have to recognize that we do not believe in the continuing life of the person that died.

Well, this same love is central to understanding the Saturday of the souls in the Orthodox Church. We remember and pray for the dead because of God's divine love for us, and our sacred love for one another. We express our love to our departed ones through our prayers, which reaffirm that those who have died are not dead to us, nor to God. Our love for one another continues even after death.

St. Paul teaches, "Love never ends". The Church understands well this precept, and therefore, continues to pray for the dead always. Since love never ends, our prayers never end; our communion with the departed never end; our union with them through Christ never ends. Our prayers for the dead reveal in a most beautiful way our understanding of the Church as the Body of Christ both here on earth and in heaven. We are one Church, which includes those struggling here on earth, together with those who now live in fuller union with God in paradise. Just as we pray for one another here on earth, we also pray for those who have departed. The Body of Christ is not just the members who we see each week in Church. The Church is also the saints who we see in the icons, and the beloved faithful who have died and live in Christ. That is why before each Divine Liturgy, when the Priest prepares the bread which will be used for Holy communion, the priest offers prayers for the living as well as those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. There is no separation in our prayers for the living and the dead. Divine love unites us all together, as on Church.

On the Saturday of the Souls, as well as every Divine Liturgy and Memorial service that are conducted in the Church we pray for the dead because we love them. And we also need to understand that God hears our prayers and unites all of us together and our prayers do help others in their own union towards their Creator.

Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald, a professor at Holy Cross Theological School, writes, "Death alters but does not destroy the bond of love and faith which exists among all the members of the church. Orthodoxy believes that through our prayers, "those who have

fallen asleep in the faith and the hope of the resurrection" continue to have opportunity to grow closer to God. Therefore the church prays constantly for her members who have died in Christ. We place our trust in the love and forgiveness. We pray that God will forgive the sins of the faithful departed and that He will receive them into the company of Saints in the heavenly Kingdom."

Of course, some who have died have not lived a righteous life of faith and love in Christ Jesus. Even for such as these, we still pray with hope. We know that God's unfathomable mercy and love is immeasurably greater than any sin or shortcoming of a person, no matter how evil.

Therefore, by turning to this ocean of love in prayer, we believe as Orthodox Christians that our prayers in some way are a part of the mystery of God, and hopefully our prayers bring in some way comfort and benefit to the person we pray for! As a symbol of this hope we have for the dead, it is traditional for the family to bring a bowl of boiled wheat to the Church for the Saturday of the Souls (as well as for Memorial Services). This wheat, known as "Kolyva" in Greek, reminds us of the words of our Lord Jesus Christ spoke, "Unless the grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24) When we celebrate the Saturday of the Souls during the three Saturdays before Great Lent begins, we are affirming that death is not the end. Death never has the final say in our journey of faith!



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

January 2, 2020

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My Beloved in the Lord,

The recent events wherein members of Jewish communities have been cruelly targeted and viciously attacked has both shocked and appalled our nation. These heinous and cowardly crimes have opened a deep wound which most have been trying to heal for decades – the wound of anti-Semitism. It appears, however, that the scourge of anti-Semitism along with its historic brutality has reappeared not in some distant land where cultures collide, but within our midst in a country epitomized by religious freedom and cultural melding. These unprovoked and unwarranted acts cannot be viewed as the problem of one particular community, but an infection affecting all communities. The members of the Jewish communities are our neighbors, they are our friends, and we stand united with them in declaring that hatred has no home here.

Our Lord asks us to look at each person as our neighbor. His example exhorts us to find the image of God in each person regardless of who they are, their race, their ethnicity, or their religion. The Lord spoke with the Samaritan woman and asked her for a drink of water at the Well of Jacob even though such actions were considered contrary to cultural norms. Our Lord expressed love for all people and treated them with dignity. So too must we show our love and support for all peoples and religious communities who are being targeted by persons filled with hatred.

Historically, we Orthodox Christians have marked our opposition to various forms of hatred and racism. We have long fought for and defended the religious freedoms and civil rights of our fellow human beings of different racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. Our opposition of ethnophyletism at the Council of Constantinople in 1872, Archbishop Iakovos' historic and courageous march with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Selma, Alabama, and the heroic initiatives of Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens are all examples in recent history wherein Orthodox Christians stood up against the forces of prejudice.

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My beloved in the Lord, in this frightening era wherein we encounter new forms of aggression and hatred, ignorance and evil, violence and maliciousness, we must stand ever fervent in our resolve that peace is our language and love is our armament. We must remain determined that wherever and whenever we encounter these injustices we will not cower and remain silent, but we will confront this odious oppression and ardently speak out against this evil. Praying that God gives us to fortitude and strength to say and do that which is right and just in His eyes, and once again wishing you a happy, peaceful, loving and blessed New Year, I remain



With Paternal Love and Blessings,

Metropolitan Evangelos

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Metropolitan of New Jersey

TRIOGRAM AND AHEPA ARTICLES

In December, **The Lord Baltimore Chapter #364**, Order of AHEPA, held its annual “Christmas Party For The Children” at the Kennedy Krieger Institute. Every year the Chapter grants the wishes of many children who cannot be home for the holidays. Santa Claus handed out special gifts as family and friends enjoyed delicious Greek food prepared by the Chapter volunteers.

Many thanks go out to the Trintis family for all their hard work and to Brothers Vasili Skordalos and George Drakos for their tireless work in the kitchen.

Brother Alex Karas provided the entertainment for the evening. Special guests included Santa Claus and the Oriole Bird. The Chapter also welcomed the members of the St. Nicholas and St. Demitrios GOYA who participated in this event.





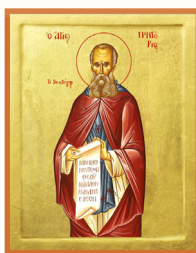
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Ο ΜΕΓΑΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΣ
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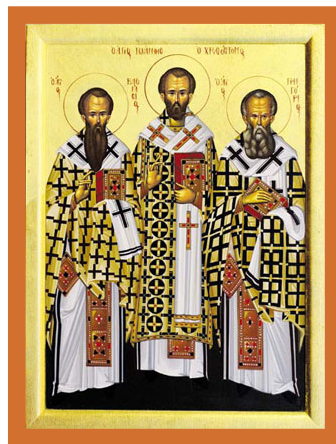
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Πρόγραμμα Εορτασμού
των Τριών Ιεραρχών και των Ελληνικών Γραμμάτων



Είσοδος της Εικόνας των Τριών Ιεραρχών
Τροπάριο Τριών Ιεραρχών

Χαιρετισμός από την τελετάρχη κα. Σταματία

Ιερομονάχου, διευθύντρια του Ελληνικού Σχολείου
Αγίου Νικολάου

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Ιέρσης κ.κ. Ευάγγελο

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- «Αφιέρωμα στο Βιβλίο», δραματοποίηση
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- «Ο γυρισμός του ξενιτεμένου», ποίημα

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χρήσιμη διδασκαλία τους», αφήγηση

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Feast of the Three Hierarchs 2020

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My Beloved in the Lord,

The feast of the Three Hierarchs, Saints Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom, celebrates the memories of three great bishops whose theological, oratorical, hermeneutical, and social contributions represent some of the most significant advances in living and comprehending our Orthodox faith. Their writings, theological concepts, and personal sacrifices to the Church help to give us a glimpse into their unfettered faith, unparalleled intellect, and unmatched character. Were it not for these three great saints, the course of history and theology may not have been as luminous as they were able to explain what no one else could adequately put into words 1,600 years ago.

So fierce was the devotion to these three hierarchs that at the turn of the first millennium, the people of Constantinople found themselves divided into factions each claiming that their preferred hierarch was greater than the others. It was eventually revealed to the populace that none of the hierarchs was greater than the other, but that they were equally deemed great for each had offered to the Church their utmost love and sacrifice. Saint John Chrysostom, who was known for his brilliant oratory, had been exiled from Constantinople on multiple occasions and even died in exile. Saint Gregory the Theologian, whose theological eloquence was instrumental in declaring the divinity of the Holy Spirit, was expelled as Archbishop of Constantinople and President of the 2nd Ecumenical Council. Saint Basil, who is remembered for creating what many would consider the first hospital, was often attacked by his own provincial bishops who placed personal power over ministry.

Each of these hierarchs was willing to give every fiber of his being for the Church and for the people who constitute the Church. Thus, these hierarchs have become for us examples we should emulate. The example of Christian living demonstrated in the lives of the Three Hierarchs is indeed a difficult standard to live up to, but our Lord, knowing our frailty, only asks that we aspire to do more. Though the Lord does not demand that we should all become theologians like Saint Gregory, we should endeavor to learn more about the love and grace of

God through reading and studying. Though we may not have the practical means of creating marvelous social ministries like Saint Basil, we should strive to provide food and shelter for our fellow neighbors who find themselves in need. Though we may not have the ability to be grand orators like Saint John Chrysostom, we should seek to live our Orthodoxy so that our actions become an eloquent sermon unto themselves.

Very few of us are called to be theologians, or orators, or hierarchs, but we are all called to be faithful Orthodox Christians. A part of being an Orthodox Christian is understanding that each of us has a responsibility and a role which is integral to the functioning of the Body of Christ. Each of us has a purpose in life and this purpose is revealed by God through time. As we hear Saint Paul explain to the faithful at Corinth, *“Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Now eagerly desire the greater gifts”* (1 Cor. 12:29-31). Therefore, when we hear the call of the Lord asking us to live our faith, we should never be afraid of responding, *“Here am I. Send me!”* (Is. 6:8)

My beloved in the Lord, the blessedness of the Three Hierarchs did not make them immune to adversity, but neither did their adversity prevent them from *“fighting the good fight, running the race, and keeping the faith”*. Their example helps to show us that we must always remain focused on Christ because if we faithfully complete the race, He will raise us up in glory. Praying that the Three Hierarchs continue to guide, embolden, and enlighten each of us so that we may be led to the Everlasting Kingdom of God, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

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

† EVANGELOS
Metropolitan of New Jersey



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ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

ΠΟΙΜΑΝΤΟΡΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ ΕΟΡΤΗΣ ΤΡΙΩΝ ΙΕΡΑΡΧΩΝ 2020

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

«Τούς τρεῖς μεγίστους φωστήρας τῆς Τρισηλίου θεότητος, [...] Βασίλειον τόν μέγαν, καί τόν Θεολόγον Γρηγόριον, σὺν τῷ κλεινῷ Ἰωάννῃ, τῷ τὴν γλώτταν χρυσορρήμονι, συνελθόντες ὕμνοις τιμήσωμεν»

Ἀγαπητοί μου ἀδελφοί,

Ἐορτάζουμε καί πάλι τὴν ἱερά μνήμη τῶν Ἁγίων Τριῶν Ἱεραρχῶν, τοῦ Μεγάλου Βασιλείου, τοῦ Ἰωάννου τοῦ Χρυσοστόμου, τοῦ προστάτου τῆς Ἱερᾶς μας Μητροπόλεως καί τοῦ Γρηγορίου τοῦ Θεολόγου. Ἀκόμη ἐορτάζουμε τὴν πανηγύρη τῶν «Ἑλληνικῶν Γραμμάτων» ὅπως τά δίδαξαν οἱ Ἅγιοι Τρεῖς Ἱεράρχες καί ὅπως ἀγωνιζόμαστε νά τά διατηρήσουμε καί νά τά διαδόσουμε ὅλοι ἐμεῖς οἱ Ἕλληνες ἐδῶ στήν ὁμορφη καί εὐλογημένη Χώρα τῆς Ἀμερικῆς ἀλλά καί ὅπουδήποτε χτυπᾶ καρδιά ἑλληνική.

Ὁ Μέγας Βασίλειος, ὁ Γρηγόριος ὁ Θεολόγος καί ὁ Ἰωάννης ὁ Χρυσόστομος ἐζησαν πολλούς αἰῶνες πρὶν. Συγκεκριμένα τόν 4^ο αἰῶνα μετὰ Χριστόν. Ὅμως ἄφησαν πίσω τους ἕνα σπουδαῖο καί ὑπέρολο ἐργον, τό ὅποιο ἔχει γίνε ἀντικείμενον καί ἀφορμὴ μελέτης καί ἐρεῦνης γιὰ ἀναρίθμητους μελετητές, θεολόγους καί ἐπιστήμονες ἀνά τούς αἰῶνες.

Τιμοῦμε λοιπόν, ὡς Ἑλληνορθόδοξος Ἐκκλησία τῆς Διασπορᾶς καί τῆς Ὁμογένειας, τούς Οἰκουμενικούς αὐτούς φωστῆρες, οἱ ὅποιοι ἀπέδειξαν παντοῦ τὴν ἀξία τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς Γλώσσας καί τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς Σκέψης.

Ὡς Κοινότητα καί Κοινωνία Ἑλλήνων πού ζοῦμε στήν ὁμορφη αὐτὴ Χώρα, προσπαθοῦμε μέ κάθε τρόπο νά διατηρήσουμε τό μήνυμα αὐτῶν Τριῶν Ἱεραρχῶν. Ἄς μὴν ξεχνοῦμε ὅμως ὅτι ἐδῶ στήν Διασπορά, οἱ Ἕλληνες μοιραζόμαστε ὄχι μόνο τὴν κοινὴ μας καταγωγή, ἀλλὰ κυρίως τὴν Ὁρθόδοξη μας πίστη, ἡ ὅποια εἶναι ἡ πραγματικὴ καί ἀληθινὴ «ἐξ αἵματος Θεοῦ» συγγένειά μας.

Μέ κάθε εὐκαιρία, ἡ Ἐκκλησία μας μᾶς συγκεντρώνει ὅλους, μᾶς ἐνώνει, καί μᾶς κάνει νά νιώθουμε ἀδέλφια. Μέσα στήν Ἐκκλησία χαιρόμαστε καί κλαῖμε, πονοῦμε καί προσευχοῦμαστε, μοιραζόμαστε τούς πολλαπλούς σταυρούς πού ὁ καθένας σηκώνει στήν ζωὴ του. Ἡ Ἐκκλησία μας εἶναι ἡ «Μάνα» μας, πού μᾶς τυλίγει στήν ἀγκαλιά της καί μᾶς κάνει νά νιώθουμε ἀσφαλεῖς.

Μέσα στην Ἐκκλησία μιλοῦμε τὴν Ἑλληνικὴ Γλῶσσα. Ὁ Λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ, τὰ Ἱερά Μυστήρια, οἱ Ἱερές μας Ακολουθίες, ἡ ὑπέροχη Ὑμνογραφία μας καὶ Ὑμνολογία μας, εἶναι παραδεδομένα σέ μᾶς στὰ Ἑλληνικά. Καὶ τὰ νοήματα πού διέπουν ὅλα αὐτά εἶναι πολὺ δύσκολο, σχεδόν ἀδύνατο, νὰ περάσουν κατὰ τὴν μετάφραση. Γνωρίζουμε ὅτι κάποιες ἑλληνικὲς λέξεις ὅπως «φιλότιμο», «συγχώρηση», «ἄνθρωπος», «φιλοξενία» δέν μποροῦν νὰ ἀποδοθοῦν ἐπακριβῶς σέ καμία γλωσσικὴ μετάφραση. Καὶ αὐτό γιατί ἔχουν βαθειὰ ἐρμηνεία, μέ πολλαπλές ἔννοιες. Τό ἴδιο ὅμως συμβαίνει καὶ μέ τὴν Ἐκκλησιαστικὴ Γλῶσσα. Γιά παράδειγμα, ὅταν λέμε «Θεῖα Λειτουργία», ἐννοοῦμε τό ἔργο τοῦ λαοῦ καὶ τὴν προσφορὰ του στόν Θεό. Αὐτὴ ἡ ἔννοια δέν κατανοεῖται στὴν ἀγγλικὴ λέξη «Liturgy». Ὁ ὅρος «Εὐχαριστία» σημαίνει πολλά περισσότερα ἀπὸ τό ἀπλό «Eucharist». Οἱ ὅροι «Ἐπίκλησις», «Ἀναφορὰ», «Δοξολογία», «Ἑσπερινός», «Ὁρθρος», «Σύναξις» δέν μποροῦν νὰ ἀποδοθοῦν νοηματικά μέ τίς λέξεις: «Epiclesis, Anaphora, Doxology, Vespers, Mattins, Synaxis, etc.».

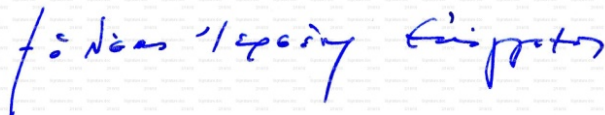
Ὅλα αὐτά τὰ ἀναφέρω γιὰ νὰ κάνω σαφές καὶ φανερό τό μεγάλο δῶρο καὶ τὴν μεγάλη εὐλογία πού ἔχουμε ἀπὸ τόν Θεό νὰ γνωρίζουμε Ἑλληνικά. Τὴν Γλῶσσα τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου μας, τῶν Γραφῶν, τῶν Πατέρων μας. Καὶ αὐτὴ τὴν Γλῶσσα πρέπει νὰ τὴν κρατήσουμε μέ κάθε τρόπο. Νὰ τὴν διδάξουμε στὰ παιδιά μας. Νὰ τὰ κάνουμε ὄχι νὰ μάθουν τὰ Ἑλληνικά μέ τό ζόρι καὶ μέ πίεση, ἀλλὰ πρῶτα νὰ τὰ ἀγαπήσουν. Ἄν δέν ἀγαπήσουν τὴν Γλῶσσα μας, ἂν δέν καταλάβουν τὴν ἀξία της, ἂν δέ τοὺς ἐξηγήσουμε πόσο εὐλογημένα εἶναι πού ἔχουν αὐτὴν τὴν δυνατότητα νὰ μάθουν τὴν Γλῶσσα τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου, τῆς Ἱατρικῆς ἀλλὰ καὶ κάθε Ἐπιστήμης, τότε τὰ παιδιά μας δέν πρόκειται νὰ συνεχίσουν αὐτό τό πανέμορφο ταξίδι τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς Γνώσης, καὶ ἔτσι θά σπάσει αὐτὴ ἡ ἀλυσίδα πού κρατᾶει ζωντανό τό Ἑλληνικό πνεῦμα σέ ὅλα τὰ μήκη καὶ τὰ πλάτη τῆς Οἰκουμένης.

Αγαπητοί μου ἀδελφοί,

Ἄς εὐχηθοῦμε, οἱ Προστάτες τῶν Ἑλληνικῶν μας Γραμμάτων, οἱ Ἅγιοι Τρεῖς Ἱεράρχες νὰ φωτίζουν τὰ παιδιά μας, τοὺς γονεῖς καὶ τοὺς Διδασκάλους μας ὥστε ὅλοι μαζί ἐνωμένοι νὰ κρατήσουμε ζωντανὴ τὴν φλόγα τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς Γνώσης καὶ Γλώσσης. Εὐχαριστῶ τοὺς Δασκάλους μας γιὰ ὅλα ὅσα προσφέρουν γιὰ τό καλὸ τῶν παιδιῶν μας, ἀλλὰ καὶ τοὺς γονεῖς, παππούδες καὶ γιαγιάδες γιὰ τό ἐνδιαφέρον τους, τίς θυσίες καὶ τοὺς κόπους πού ὑποβάλλονται ὥστε τὰ παιδιά μας νὰ μάθουν τὴν Ἑλληνικὴ Γλῶσσα. Εὐχομαί στὰ παιδιά μας πού σπουδάζουν στὰ Ἑλληνικά μας Σχολεῖα καλὴ ἐπιτυχία καὶ πρόοδο μέ τίς εὐχές καὶ πρεσβείες τῶν Ἁγίων Τριῶν Ἱεραρχῶν.

Χρόνια πολλά καὶ εὐλογημένα!
Μετὰ πατρικῆς ἀγάπης καὶ εὐχῶν,

Ο ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΤΗΣ



† Ὁ Νέας Ἱερσῆς ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ

IN MEMORIAM

Our Beloved Zoe

The beautiful wife, loving mother and closest friend

The sweetest woman we have ever known

Your love and compassion for your husband and children

You gave to the very end all on your own

We loved you so much

How we will miss your sweet kisses and touch

Knowing now that we are apart

Only God can heal our broken heart

Oh Zoe!

We will never forget all that you gave us

With all your love and all that you spent

A lady of class and dignity

A heart of gold

How we wish we still had you to hold

But, like you told us two days before you passed

My loved ones, I'm not going to last

So, Always remember our family's rich past

Farewell Zoe!

Now God has your hand

Taking you to his glorious land

Waiting for you at his golden gate

Your father, mother and brother patiently wait

And, so it goes that one day too

We will meet again to be with you!

With Our Eternal Love

John

Billy, Gina, Kelly, George, Eve, Jeffrey,

Maria, Jimmy, Zoe, Stephanie and Eleni



Zoë Paros Maltas

August 11, 1932 - September 14, 2019



In memory of George Kotzias

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Economides

Mrs. Connie Tsakirirs

Mr. & Mrs. John W. Pitcher

Kotzias Family

Mr. & Mrs. Stelios Koutsouris

Mr. & Mrs. Basil Lambros

Ms. Mary F. Alexander

Mr. Chris Angelopoulos

Rhodian Society of Maryland "DIAGORAS"

Mr. John Fotiou

Mrs. Soulla Kapetanakos

In memory of George Katsafanos

Mrs. Theodora M. Katsafanos

In memory of Florence Mavronis

Mr. & Mrs. Stefanos Mavronis

In memory of Demetrios Avgerinos

Mr. & Mrs. E. Lizme

Mr. & Mrs. Sotirios Kotsatos

Ms. Lele Hoersh

In memory of Lambros & Athina Neofitou

Mr. & Mrs. James Maurakis & Family

In memory of Anezina Sfyriou

Mrs. Fotini Anastasis

In memory of Sophia Karamanlidis

Peter & Kathy Tassis

In memory of Aphrodite Kouroupis

Ms. May Howser

Ms. Sophia Glyphis

Mr. James De Oms

In memory of Mary Akaras

Rhodian Society of Maryland "DIAGORAS"

In memory of George I. Roros

Mrs. Despina Cornias

In memory of Zoe Paros Maltas

Ms. Kalliopi M. Lintzeris

In memory of George & Hrysangi Passas

Eleni & Spyridon Trivizas

Ms. Angelina Tsakalos

Ms. Eileen De Cejare

In memory of Emmanuel Georgalas

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In memory of Peter & Elpidia Birch

Ms. Christine Micklos

In memory of John & Philomela Siskos

Ms. Christine Micklos

In memory of Filippou Family

Mr. Nicholas Filippou

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We would like to wish everyone a Blessed New Year filled with Health, Happiness and Prosperity!

Our Annual Vasilopita Sunday was on January 12th. Thank you to Mrs. Despina Kostalas and her family for their donation of the Vasilopites. We wish her and her family many years of health. The lucky winner of the cross has still not come forward. If you found the coin in the Vasilopites given out after church, please notify Irene Vasilios 410-687-3978. A special tray collection for Saint Basils totaled \$300.00

Thank you to the owners of 510 Johnny's of Belair for the hospitality for our Brunch that took place on January 18th. From the food to the service everything was perfect! Our appreciation and gratitude goes out to all our devoted supporters who despite the weather came out.

Next General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3rd at 7:00p.m. Join us for chocolate night and bring a friend! For the months of December and January our chapter has given assistance to families for a total sum of \$5,532.49. This would not have been possible without our supporters and donors. We are extremely grateful!

The Annual Apokreatiko Glendi, Friday, February 28th, 7:00 p.m. At Jimmy's Famous Seafood, 6526 Holabird Avenue. Featuring Apollonia, Savas Perselis, Vasilis Vasiliades and Christina Koza from Rhodes, Greece. Tickets: VIP \$80.00 / \$50.00 and children 12 and under \$25.00. Cash Bar Proceeds to benefit Philoxenia House, Inc. For tickets or information please contact Maria Giorgakis 443-413-2657 / Christine Zervos 410-627-0202 or any Philoptochos Board Member. Don't miss out on the event before Lent that promises Dinner, Dancing and Entertainment local and directly from Greece!

DONATIONS:

In Memory of Michael Tsamouras: John and Maria Georgaki

In Memory of George Kotzias: Manuel and Maria Antonakas, Mike and Nora Kefalas

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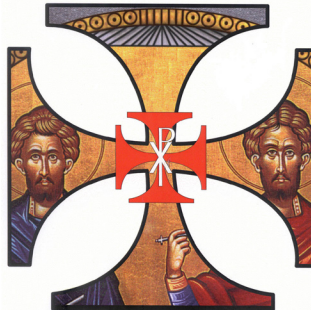
Eleni Pikounis

Please join us on Monday, March 2nd immediately after church as we begin the journey of lent with our traditional Kathari Devtera pot luck dinner and join together in fellowship.

Θα θέλαμε να ευχηθούμε σε όλους ευλογημένο το νέο έτος γεμάτο υγεία, ευτυχία και ευημερία!

Το ετήσιο κόμμο της πατροπαράδοτης Βασιλόπιτας έγινε την Κυριακή 12 Ιανουαρίου. Ευχαριστούμε την κ. Δέσποινα Κωστάλα και την οικογένειά της για τη δωρεά των Βασιλόπιτων. Ευχόμαστε σε αυτήν και στην οικογένειά της έτη πολλά με υγεία. Ο τυχερός νικητής του σταυρού δεν έχει ακόμη παρουσιαστεί. Δεν βρέθηκε ο τυχερός στις Βασιλόπιτες που μοιράστηκαν μετά την εκκλησία, παρακαλούμε να ειδοποιήσετε την Ειρήνη Βασιλείου 410-687-3978 αν ακούσετε ότι κάποιος βρήκε το σταυρό. Επίσης Περάσαμε έκτακτο δίσκο υπέρ της Ακαδημίας του Αγίου Βασιλείου, το ποσό που συλλέχθηκε ανήλθε στο ποσό των \$ 300.00.

PHILOTOCHOS



Ευχαριστούμε τους ιδιοκτήτες του 510 Johnny's of Bel Air για τη φιλοξενία τους στο Brunch μας που έγινε στις 18 Ιανουαρίου. Όλα ήταν τέλεια, από το φαγητό μέχρι την εξυπηρέτηση. Εκφράζουμε την εκτίμησή μας και την ευγνωμοσύνη μας προς όλους τους υποστηρικτές μας οι οποίοι μας τίμησαν με την παρουσία τους παρ'όλη την κακοκαιρία.

Η επομένη μας συνεδρίαση της ολομέλειας θα είναι στις 3 Φεβρουαρίου, στις 7:00 μ.μ. Ελάτε για μια βραδιά με σοκολάτα και φέρτε και μια φίλη σας. Τους μήνες Δεκέμβριο και Ιανουάριο το Τμήμα μας βοήθησε οικογένειες, το ποσό βοήθειας ανήλθε στις \$ 5,532.49. Το γεγονός αυτό δεν θα ήταν δυνατόν να επιτευχθεί χωρίς τους υποστηρικτές μας και δωρητές μας. Είμαστε εξαιρετικά ευγνώμονες.

Το ετήσιο Αποκριάτικο Γλέντι μας θα γίνει την Παρασκευή, 28 Φεβρουαρίου, στις 7:00 μ.μ. στο Jimmy's Famous Seafood, 6526 Holabird Avenue. Η ορχήστρα ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΙΑ, ο Σάββας Περσελής, ο Βασίλης Βασιλιάδης και η Χριστίνα Κόζα από την Ρόδο, Ελλάδα, θα σας διασκεδάσουν όλη τη βραδιά. Εισιτήρια: VIP \$80.00 / \$50.00 και παιδιά 12 ετών και κάτω

\$ 25.00. Πληρώνετε το ποτό σας. Όλα τα έσοδα θα διατεθούν για την αποπεράτωση του οικήματος της Φιλοξενίας. Για να κλείσετε θέσεις ή το τραπέζι σας παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με την Μαρία Γιωργάκη 443 -413-2657 ή την Χριστίνα Ζερβού ή οποιοδήποτε μέλος του Συμβουλίου της Φιλοπτώχου. Μην χάσετε αυτή την εκδήλωση πριν από τη Σαρακοστή, που προσφέρει φαγητό, χορό τοπική διασκέδαση αλλά και απ' ευθείας από την Ελλάδα!

ΩΡΕΕΣ:

Εις μνήμη του Μιχαήλ Τσαμουρά : Ιωάννης & Μαρία Γιωργάκη

Εις μνήμη του Γεωργίου Κοτζιά:

Μανώλης & Μαρία Αντόνακα
Μιχάλης & Νόρα Κεφάλια

ΩΡΕΕΣ ΣΤΟ ΛΟΓ/ΣΜΟ ΕΣΤΙΑΣΗΣ:

Ανόνημος
Κα. Ελένη Πικούνη

Ελάτε μαζί μας τη Δευτέρα, 2 Μαρτίου, αμέσως μετά την Ακολουθία του Αποδείπνου, θα ξεκινήσουμε το ταξίδι της Σαρακοστής με την παραδοσιακή μας Καθαρή Δευτέρα με νηστήσιμα φαγητά που μπορείτε να φέρετε, ελάτε να περάσουμε μια βραδιά συντροφικότητας.



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

January 31, 2020

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy
The Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils
The Presidents and Members of the Philoptochos Sisterhood
All devout Orthodox Faithful of the
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved,

I pray that my letter finds you in the best of health and experiencing all of God's Heavenly blessings.

It is with much joy that I take this opportunity to announce to you an upcoming charitable benefit concert, which will be taking place within the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey. The Concert featuring the world renowned artist, George Dalaras, entitled "*Songs of our Life*" will take place on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Hard Rock Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Proceeds from this concert will be given to the philanthropic organization *Ark of the World (Kivotos tou Kosmou)*, a charitable nonprofit based in Greece that provides special care and protection to single mothers and unprotected children.

I ask the Clergy and Faithful of our Holy Metropolis to please support this truly philanthropic endeavor by attending this beautiful concert. Enclosed with this letter is the official Flyer for the concert, which I ask to be distributed to your parishioners through your parish email list serv, printed in your parish bulletins and published on your parish website. Tickets for the event may be purchased from the Concert Website www.globeent.com.

Praying that our loving Lord continues to bless all of you and your families, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

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| Occupation / Επάγγελμα (Spouse) | |
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| City / πόλη | Zip Code / ταχ. τομέας |
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- ❌ use the contact information provided in the email
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DO...FOLLOW THE 3 V'S

- ✅ **VIGILANCE** requires that you should question every email that comes in
- ✅ **VERIFY** the email by contacting your parish
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ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH - PROFIT & LOSS

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Church (incl. Greek School) Profit and Loss January - October 2019

| | <u>Total</u> | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Income | | | |
| 4000 Stewardship | 174,764.23 | | |
| 4010 Greek School Registration | 60,802.86 | | |
| 4020 Sales _ Candles | 72,675.00 | | |
| 4030 Sales - Flowers | 125.00 | | |
| 4040 Sales - Dances | 3,908.00 | | |
| 4044 Sales - ATM | 251.00 | | |
| 4050 Donations - Church | 31,119.13 | | |
| 4055 Donations/Income Diamonds | 4,251.00 | | |
| 4056 Dues - Diamonds | 380.00 | | |
| 4060 Donations - Trays | 15,964.00 | | |
| 4061 Donation - Building Fund | 4,396.00 | | |
| 4070 Donations - Church Hall | 873.51 | | |
| 4080 Donations - Memorial | 29,556.00 | | |
| 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 | 430.00 | | |
| 4145 Sunday School Income | 905.00 | | |
| 4150 Vacation Bible School | 1,075.00 | | |
| Services | 395.00 | | |
| Uncategorized Income | 12,222.14 | | |
| Total Income | \$ 417,399.82 | | |
| Cost of Goods Sold | | | |
| 5014 Greek School Security Expense | 980.00 | | |
| COST OF GOODS SOLD | | | |
| 5000 Candle expense | 13,870.00 | | |
| 5010 Flowers Expense | 2,147.97 | | |
| 5012 Greek School Expense | -157.41 | | |
| 5013 Greek School PTA Expenses | 646.00 | | |
| 5015 Christmas Card Expense | 639.50 | | |
| 5020 Dance Expense | 510.75 | | |
| 5033 Vacation Bible School Expense | 939.05 | | |
| 5125 Independence Day Expenses | 800.00 | | |
| Total COST OF GOODS SOLD | \$ 19,395.86 | | |
| Total Cost of Goods Sold | \$ 20,375.86 | | |
| Gross Profit | \$ 397,023.96 | | |
| Expenses | | | |
| 7009 Bank Service Charges | 862.28 | | |
| Ask My Accountant | 1,500.00 | | |
| CAPITAL COSTS | | | |
| 6420 Capital Improvements to Church | 47,923.26 | | |
| Total CAPITAL COSTS | \$ 47,923.26 | | |
| GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION | | | |
| 6100 Accounting | 40,604.54 | | |
| 6110 Advertising | 200.00 | | |
| 6140 Bank Fees | 335.45 | | |
| 6142 Paypal Fees | 523.25 | | |
| 6160 Clergy Laity Congress | 2,769.94 | | |
| 6170 Credit Card Processing Fee | 1,207.06 | | |
| 6200 Equipment Rental | 2,273.44 | | |
| 6210 Fair Share (Archdiocese) | 57,780.00 | | |
| 6211 Stewardship Committee Expenses | 562.88 | | |
| 6216 Pension (Clergy) | 5,850.00 | | |
| 6220 Gifts | 257.00 | | |
| 6250 Insurance - General Liability | 23,937.74 | | |
| 6260 Insurance - Workers Comp | 2,807.00 | | |
| 6300 Office Expense | 3,277.99 | | |
| 6320 Postage and Delivery | 623.70 | | |
| 6330 Professional Fees - Subcontract | 4,236.49 | | |
| 6332 HR Consulting Services | 463.64 | | |
| 6333 Background Screening Services | 60.00 | | |
| | | 6335 Church Cleaning | 23,147.04 |
| | | Total 6330 Professional Fees - Subcontract | \$ 27,907.17 |
| | | 6340 Printing Expense | 2,734.20 |
| | | 6360 Telephone | 4,164.56 |
| | | 6380 Travel & Entertainment | 1,186.68 |
| | | 6530 Miscellaneous | 886.36 |
| | | Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION | \$ 179,888.96 |
| | | OCCUPANCY COSTS | |
| | | 6120 Alarm Monitoring | 457.92 |
| | | 6150 Building Maintenance | 27,830.73 |
| | | 6230 Ground Rent | 60.00 |
| | | 6280 Janitor's Supplies | 2,168.06 |
| | | 6310 Permits & Licenses | 853.71 |
| | | 6365 Security | 11,800.00 |
| | | 6370 Trash Removal | 7,394.07 |
| | | 6375 Pest/Termite Control | 450.00 |
| | | 6390 Utilities | 21,669.63 |
| | | 6400 Water & Sewer | 5,288.95 |
| | | Total OCCUPANCY COSTS | \$ 77,973.07 |
| | | PAYROLL EXPENSES | 95.15 |
| | | 6000 Church Office Administration | 47,169.21 |
| | | 6010 Priest Payroll | 73,387.02 |
| | | 6015 Church Sexton | 16,800.00 |
| | | 6020 Greek School Teachers Payroll | 33,642.71 |
| | | 6032 Assistant Chantor | 3,050.00 |
| | | 6040 Organist Payroll | 2,500.00 |
| | | 6050 Payroll taxes | 6,846.28 |
| | | 6070 Employee Benefits (Health) | 21,260.14 |
| | | 6080 Auto/Housing Allowance | 9,692.13 |
| | | Total PAYROLL EXPENSES | \$ 214,442.64 |
| | | Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense | 7,554.58 |
| | | YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL | |
| | | 6190 Books/CDs | 1,818.36 |
| | | 6355 Educational & Youth Expenses | 160.00 |
| | | Total YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL | \$ 1,978.36 |
| | | Total Expenses | \$ 532,123.15 |
| | | Net Operating Income | (\$135,099.19) |

Cash Basis

BEEC - PROFIT & LOSS

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church BEEC Profit and Loss January - October 2019

| | <u>Total</u> | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Total Learning Center Income | \$ | <u>396,108.97</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| Uncategorized Expenses | | 1,023.80 |
| LEARNING CENTER | | |
| 6600 Capital Improvement (L.C.) | | 39,783.29 |
| 6605 Utilities (Learning Center) | | 5,717.58 |
| 6610 Advertising (Learning Center) | | 335.00 |
| 6615 Alarm Monitoring (L.C.) | | 1,979.00 |
| 6620 Bank Fees (Learning Center) | | 72.00 |
| 6624 PayPal Learning Center Fees | | 3,625.64 |
| 6625 Building Maintenance (L.C.) | | 17,389.69 |
| 6626 Cleaning Supplies for Classroom | | 1,374.65 |
| 6630 Equipment Rental (L.C.) | | 754.31 |
| 6635 Food Expense (Learning Center) | | 8,560.08 |
| 6636 Paper Products (Plates,Cups...) | | 4,684.03 |
| 6640 Insurance Expense (L.C.) | | 310.00 |
| 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.) | | 9,329.46 |
| 6652 Learning Center T-Shirt Expense | | 2,250.00 |
| 6655 Payroll Expense (L.C.) | | 194,768.36 |
| 6656 Health Benefits(L.C.) | | 11,184.67 |
| 6660 Payroll Taxes Expense (L.C.) | | 14,559.45 |
| 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.) | | 4,064.60 |
| Total LEARNING CENTER | \$ | <u>326,484.99</u> |
| PAYROLL EXPENSES | | |
| 6070 Employee Benefits (Health) | | 1,876.84 |
| Total PAYROLL EXPENSES | \$ | <u>1,876.84</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$ | <u>329,385.63</u> |
| Net Operating Income | \$ | <u>66,723.34</u> |
| Net Income | \$ | <u>66,723.34</u> |

Cash Basis

PLATEIA PROFIT & LOSS

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

| | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Income | |
| 4140 Plateia Income (Onsite) | 202,518.81 |
| Total Income | \$ 202,518.81 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | |
| COST OF GOODS SOLD | |
| Plateia CGS Expenses | |
| 5031 Plateia Food Expensr | 37,481.39 |
| 5035 Plateia Auto Reimb | 769.24 |
| 5151 Plateia Liquor Expense | 1,827.20 |
| 5153 Plateia Equipment Rental | 431.61 |
| 5154 Plateia Linen Rental | 3,249.26 |
| 5155 Plateia Decoration Expenses | 143.87 |
| 5156 Plateia Direct Labor Expense | 54,368.12 |
| 5157 Plateia Entertainment Expense | 250.00 |
| 5159 Plateia Plastic Dinnerware, etc | 2,475.43 |
| Total Plateia CGS Expenses | \$ 100,996.12 |
| Total COST OF GOODS SOLD | \$ 100,996.12 |
| Total Cost of Goods Sold | \$ 100,996.12 |
| Gross Profit | \$ 101,522.69 |
| Expenses | |
| PLATEIA EXPENSES | |
| 6426 Interest Expense (Plateia) | 4,374.11 |
| 6430 Kitchen utensils/supplies (Plat | 972.08 |
| 6431 Plateia,BGE | 27,641.70 |
| 6432 Plateia, Water & Sewer | 6,811.25 |
| 6433 Plateia, Verizon | 751.52 |
| 6434 Lawn Cutting/Landscaping | 720.00 |
| 6444 Plateia, Internet/Cable | 3,614.33 |
| 6452 Bank Fee (Plateia) | 3,853.49 |
| 6453 Creditcard Proc. Fee (Plateia) | 162.44 |
| 6454 Alarm Monitoring (Plateia) | 742.00 |
| 6464 Building Maintenance (Plateia) | 15,823.53 |
| 6465 Equipment Repair (Plateia) | 2,716.58 |
| 6466 Marketing (Plateia) | 5,220.54 |
| 6468 Entertainment (Plateia) | 117.66 |
| 6470 Office Expense (Plateia) | 1,350.65 |
| 6472 Permits & Licensing (Platiea) | 1,225.00 |
| 6474 Professional Fees (Plateia) | 3,089.75 |
| 6475 Trash Removal (Plateia) | 1,825.00 |
| 6476 Pest/Termite Control (Plateia) | 120.00 |
| 6477 Travel Expenses (Plateia) | 24,546.92 |
| Total PLATEIA EXPENSES | \$ 108,713.08 |
| Uncategorized Expense | 9,379.99 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 118,093.07 |
| Net Income | (\$16,570.38) |

MAINTENANCE & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church (Maintenance and Cap Improvements) January - November 2019

| Date | Transaction Type | Num | Adj | Name | Memo/Description | Account | Class | Amount |
|---|------------------|--------------|-----|---------------------------------|--|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| CAPITAL COSTS | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Improvements to Church | | | | | | | | |
| 02/07/2019 | Bill | 7919047 | No | The Trusted Electrician | | 6420 CAPITAL COSTS:Capital Improvements to Church | Church | 2,005.00 |
| 02/07/2019 | Bill | 7919047 | No | The Trusted Electrician | | 6420 CAPITAL COSTS:Capital Improvements to Church | Church | 1,950.00 |
| 07/03/2019 | Bill | | No | Bahret Church Interiors, Inc. | Remaining balance for Completion of Church Pews | 6420 CAPITAL COSTS:Capital Improvements to Church | Church | 2,812.00 |
| 08/08/2019 | Bill | 201 | No | Two Bolts Studios | brass railings | 6420 CAPITAL COSTS:Capital Improvements to Church | Church | 1,631.26 |
| 09/06/2019 | Bill | 138838 | No | Fence Masters, Inc. | | 6420 CAPITAL COSTS:Capital Improvements to Church | Church | 4,515.35 |
| 09/06/2019 | Bill | 138838 | No | Fence Masters, Inc. | | 6420 CAPITAL COSTS:Capital Improvements to Church | Church | 2,554.65 |
| 11/04/2019 | Bill | 207 | No | Two Bolts Studios | brass railings | 6420 CAPITAL COSTS:Capital Improvements to Church | Church | 1,718.74 |
| Total for Capital Improvements to Church | | | | | | | | \$ 17,441.74 |
| Total for CAPITAL COSTS | | | | | | | | \$ 17,441.74 |
| OCCUPANCY COSTS | | | | | | | | |
| Building Maintenance | | | | | | | | |
| 01/27/2019 | Bill | 570 | No | Infinite HVAC, LLC | Inv #000570 (#6 behind stage) | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 2,475.00 |
| 01/27/2019 | Bill | 563 | No | Infinite HVAC, LLC | Inv #000563 (#5 Next to basement) | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 2,090.00 |
| 02/07/2019 | Bill | 598 | No | Infinite HVAC, LLC | 2nd half of job - replaced roof top A/C unit serving the lobby | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 5,400.00 |
| 02/07/2019 | Bill | 1 | No | Spiro's Painting | Interior Painting Progress Payment | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 7,000.00 |
| 03/12/2019 | Bill | | No | Crystal Chandelier Cleaning | Add-on two crystal chandeliers and brass entry chandelier | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 700.00 |
| 03/12/2019 | Bill | | No | Crystal Chandelier Cleaning | Cleaning of church chandeliers - Balance | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 1,800.00 |
| 03/18/2019 | Bill | 2019-deposit | No | Crystal Chandelier Cleaning | Cleaning of church chandeliers | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 1,200.00 |
| 03/18/2019 | Bill | 6314 | No | R.A. Daffer Church Organs, Inc. | Parts and Labor Electrical for Center Chandelier, plus fits to raise and lower, install new push buttons for main door release in lobby. Remove speakers, replace burnt lamps | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 813.60 |
| 04/01/2019 | Bill | 752 | No | Innovative Electric, Inc. | New receptacles in hallway outside main Sanctuary, run wiring in EMT and wire mold, install devices needed to test lights & TV | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 1,750.00 |
| 04/01/2019 | Bill | 751 | No | Innovative Electric, Inc. | Interior Painting Final Payment | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 600.00 |
| 05/17/2019 | Bill | | No | Spiro's Painting | | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 7,025.00 |
| 06/13/2019 | Bill | 1 | No | Excel Painting Co. | Caulk, Clean, and Repoint Bricks, Power wash | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 5,330.00 |
| 06/27/2019 | Expense | | No | A & B Flooring Systems, Inc. | WEB PMT A&B FLOORING SYSTEMS INC | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 5,405.00 |
| 11/14/2019 | Bill | SR100119 | No | SAS Electric | Front and rear Church lighting | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 2,663.69 |
| 11/14/2019 | Bill | | No | SAS Electric | LED Flood Fixture install | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 295.78 |
| 11/14/2019 | Bill | SR090919 | No | SAS Electric | Front Church lighting | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 2,029.44 |
| 11/14/2019 | Bill | 238570 | No | Harris Fire Protection | Inspections | 6150 OCCUPANCY COSTS:Building Maintenance | Church | 151.00 |
| Total for Building Maintenance | | | | | | | | \$ 46,728.51 |
| LEARNING CENTER | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Improvement (L.C.) | | | | | | | | |
| 08/26/2019 | Bill | EM868 | No | Sparks at Play, LLC. | Opportunity No. 003571; 50% Deposit for new playground equipment | 6600 LEARNING CENTER:Capital Improvement (L.C.) | Learning Center | 31,078.29 |
| 09/06/2019 | Bill | 138838 | No | Fence Masters, Inc. | | 6600 LEARNING CENTER:Capital Improvement (L.C.) | Learning Center | 2,554.65 |
| 09/06/2019 | Bill | 138838 | No | Fence Masters, Inc. | | 6600 LEARNING CENTER:Capital Improvement (L.C.) | Learning Center | 1,445.35 |
| 10/22/2019 | Bill | 24213 | No | Halkias Custom Woodwork | LC Custom Cabinetry | 6600 LEARNING CENTER:Capital Improvement (L.C.) | Learning Center | 3,800.00 |
| Total for Capital Improvement (L.C.) | | | | | | | | \$ 38,878.29 |
| Building Maintenance (L.C.) | | | | | | | | |
| 05/24/2019 | Bill | 621 | No | Infinite HVAC, LLC | LC Replaced complete assembly, heat exchanger | 6625 LEARNING CENTER:Building Maintenance (L.C.) | Learning Center | 91.00 |
| 06/05/2019 | Bill | 621 | No | Infinite HVAC, LLC | LC Replaced complete assembly, heat exchanger | 6625 LEARNING CENTER:Building Maintenance (L.C.) | Learning Center | 4,459.00 |
| 08/08/2019 | Bill | | No | Excel Painting Co. | Power Wash Caulk | 6625 LEARNING CENTER:Building Maintenance (L.C.) | Learning Center | 1,000.00 |
| 08/08/2019 | Bill | | No | Excel Painting Co. | Basement CMU Walls | 6625 LEARNING CENTER:Building Maintenance (L.C.) | Learning Center | 6,450.00 |
| 08/08/2019 | Bill | | No | Excel Painting Co. | Work on walls and cabinets | 6625 LEARNING CENTER:Building Maintenance (L.C.) | Learning Center | 3,325.00 |
| Total for Building Maintenance (L.C.) | | | | | | | | \$ 15,325.00 |
| PLATEIA EXPENSES | | | | | | | | |
| Building Maintenance (Plateia) | | | | | | | | |
| 04/14/2019 | Bill | 1 | No | Excel Painting Co. | Exterior Power Washing and Painting | 6464 PLATEIA EXPENSES:Building Maintenance (Plateia) | Plateia | 5,180.00 |
| Total for Building Maintenance (Plateia) | | | | | | | | \$ 5,180.00 |
| Total for PLATEIA EXPENSES | | | | | | | | \$ 16,750.11 |

EVENTS



COME JOIN THE
Rhodian Society of Maryland
AT OUR ANNUAL

BULL, SHRIMP & OYSTER FEAST TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Friday, February 07, 2020

from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

UAW Hall Local 239

1010 S. Oldham Street

Early Valentines Day Celebration!!

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Come join us for a good time, plenty of food, good friends,
games and music!

***** MUSIC by: DJ: Greek & American *****

Menu: All you can eat Steamed Shrimp, Raw Oysters, Pit Beef,
Pit Ham, Greek Salad, Corn Pudding, Shrimp soup, Beer, soft
drinks & much more included!! (menu subject to change)

Adults: \$50.00/pp & kids 12 & under \$35.00

**Interested in tickets please contact: Stella Karais 443-
469-4086, Anthony Pearce- 443-794-9195 or John
Fotiou- 443-850-5685**

St. Nicholas Greek School Apokriatiko Dance



When: Saturday February 8, 2020

Time: 7-10 pm

Place: St. Nicholas Social Hall

**Put on your favorite festive mask and costume and come eat, dance
and have lots of fun with us!**

St. Nicholas Greek school kids: Free admission

Adults: \$10

Non-Greek school children: \$5

**Saturday,
February 8**

7-10 pm

**St. Nicholas Social
Hall**

Ladies Pan Chian Society of Baltimore



Ελάτε Να Γιορτάσουμε
Μαζί Την Τσικνοπέμπτη
Saturday, February 22, 2020
8pm-2am

Orchestra of Giorgos Floradis

St. Nicholas Church Greek Orthodox Social Hall

520 Ponca St. Baltimore Maryland 21224

Mezedes, Desserts and Cash Bar

Costume Strongly Encouraged ~ Prize for Best Costume

\$45 Adults / \$20 Children (12 & under) / Free (5 & under)

For Ticket Information:

Kiki Stoumbis 410-952-3679 Sofia Xouri 240-375-5464

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Axion Charity Events



FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, FEB. 29th, 2020

TICKETS

\$25

In Advance

\$30

At the Door

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM

GAMES BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 6:30PM

Saint Demetrios - Hermes Rafailides Center

2504 Cub Hill Road

Parkville, MD 21234

- Admission includes 20 Bingo games as well as Lucky Loser Bingo
- Extra Cards, Early Bird Game, Special Games & Raffles available for Purchase
- Generous Game Prizes and Tons of Door Prizes
- Food, Soft Drinks, Beer and Wine will be sold - No Outside Food or Drink Permitted

**Kate Spade ~ Michael Kors ~ Tory Burch ~ Apple ~ Under Armour ~ Ravens ~ Orioles
Jewelry ~ Stuff for Women ~ Stuff for Men ~ Home Goods ~ Gift Cards ~ Much More!**

To purchase tickets, in advance:

Make Check out to Axion Charity Events, Inc. and mail to
Axion Charity Events, Attn: Bingo, PO Box 1993, Cockeysville, MD 21030

Tables can be reserved in groups of 10 only.

Children (under 18) must have their own ticket, play their own card, and be accompanied by a paying adult.
As a reminder, Bingo is a game of chance and children's attendance is at their discretion.

For Information and Tickets:

axioncharityevents@gmail.com

Eleni Roros - 443.621.0587—Olga Paterakis - 410.491.4066

Axion Charity Events, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit foundation that engages with the Greek community in fundraising projects to enhance and support the Greek Orthodox churches of the Baltimore Metropolitan area. We serve the community by providing fellowship and organizing cultural events that benefit the various ministries of the churches.



February 21-22, 2020

**The Pryzbyla Center
Rooms 321/323**

To register, go to:

[https://
cua.irisregistration.com/Form/
BMPP2020](https://cua.irisregistration.com/Form/BMPP2020)



**Institute for the Study
of Eastern Christianity**

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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS:

Friday, February 21, 12:00-18:00
Archbishop Alexander (OCA)
Joel Kalvesmaki
Michael Petrin
Casey Knott
Tom Papademetriou
Metropolitan Tikhon (OCA)

Saturday, February 22, 9:00-18:00
Despoina Prassas
Robin Darling Young
Fr. Damaskinos of Xenophontos
Fr. Columba Stewart, OSB
Fr. Justin of Sinai
Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou
Fr. Chrysostom Koutloumousianos
Fr. Patrick Viscuso
Sister Vassa Larin
Metropolitan Savas (GOA)

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To request accommodations for individuals with disabilities, please email Roxana Paalvast at paalvast@cua.edu.

EVENTS



Axion Charity Events brings you...
“Cruizin with the Greeks” on the Carnival Pride
Join us for a fun filled week on the Carnival Pride with planned events sponsored by Axion Charity Events.
Sailing Sunday, June 21st – Sunday, June 28th, 2020 from Baltimore, MD

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| Day 1 ~ Baltimore, MD | Day 4 ~ Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos | Day 7 ~ Fun Day at Sea |
| Day 2 ~ Fun Day at Sea | Day 5 ~ Half Moon Cay, The Bahamas | Day 8 ~ Baltimore, MD |
| Day 3 ~ Fun Day at Sea | Day 6 ~ Freeport, The Bahamas | |

1st & 2nd passenger rates are per person based on double occupancy & include cruise fare, port charges & gov't taxes:

Staterooms Category - Type

Category 8K – Extended Balcony – Located on Decks 7 & 8 – \$1346.52 per person

Category 8D – Balcony – Located on Decks 6 & 7 – \$1330.52 per person

Category 8B – Balcony – Located on Decks 4 & 5 – \$1323.52 per person

Category 4K – Obstructed View – located on Deck 4 – \$1075.52 per person.

(with floor to ceiling windows in front of lifeboats)

Additional categories including Premium Balconies, Vista, Ocean and Grand suites are available on a request basis. Call for pricing – \$500 deposit within 3 days of holding cabin and based on availability.

Triple & Quad Occupancy – Call for pricing – \$500 deposit within 3 days of holding cabin and based on availability.

- * All rates are subject to availability at the time when registration and payment are received.
- * Stay tuned for more details on the planned events sponsored by Axion during the cruise.

**\$50/person (non-refundable) deposit required to reserve your spot—
 add an additional \$200/person to reserve a specific cabin.**

Final payment due by: March 20, 2020 (No exceptions)

Installment pay plan available.

Reservation are based on availability.

**Contact Effie Karabelas at 410-284-9200/effie@goingplacesinc.com at
 Going Places Travel for more information or to pay your deposit.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - FEBRUARY

Monday, February 3: Ladies Philoptochos Meeting, Chocolate Night - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4: First Festival Meeting at the Plateia - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 5: St. Nicholas Special General Assembly Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 7: Rhodian “Diagoras” Bull, Shrimp, and Oyster Feast. UAW Hall - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 8: St. Nicholas Greek School Apokriatiko Dance in the Social Hall - 7-10 p.m.

Sunday, February 9: Board Meeting/Goya Meeting/Activity - after church

Tuesday, February 11: St. Nicholas Diamonds Meeting - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12: Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 17: Greek School closed for President’s Day

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, March 8: Board Meeting/Goya Meeting/Activity - after church

Sunday, March 29: Greek Independence Day Parade - 2:00 p.m.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR - FEBRUARY

- Sunday, February 2: The Feast of the "Presentation of our Lord"
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Sunday, February 9: Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (Triodion Begins) Fast Free Week
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Sunday, February 16: Sunday of the Prodigal Son: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Saturday, February 22: First Saturday of the Souls: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
A Memorial service will be chanted for the departed in Christ
- Sunday, February 23: Meatfare Sunday (Judgment Sunday)
Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Saturday, February 29: Second Saturday of the Souls: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am
Memorial service will follow for the departed in Christ

2020 PLEDGES-\$86,020.00 / Payments-\$46,544.74 / Balance--\$39,475.26

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