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SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

K O I N O N I A

We are already in the first week of the Great Lenten Period. This is a time of reflection, self evaluation, and a time to remind us of the depth of Love that Christ has for us. It is also a time of preparation for the feast of the Resurrection of Christ. All Orthodox Christians are called to make a spiritual effort to rediscover their relationship with Christ. While we battle with our own problems in life, I urge you to recall the words of St. Paul (2 Cor-10:4) “The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, rather the weapons given to us have divine power to demolish strongholds”. Our Lord tells us in His Commandment to “Love one another as I have loved you” John 13:34. Christ said also in John 14:23- “If a man loves Me, he must keep my words”. In this verse there is no competitive spirit, there is no personal interpretation. It simply states, it’s either you Love Christ, or you don’t, there is no in between.

As we move towards Pascha, we get ready to embark in the great spirituality of Holy Week. We can never forget that our Orthodox Church is the Church of the Resurrection because it gives prominence to Christ’s victory over death. During the Lenten Period, God gives us a beautiful recipe. A time to Fast, a time to pray, a time to meditate, and to give alms to the less fortunate of the world. Let us never forget that the Church is a hospital for all of us, since we inherited a fallen nature, we are suffering from various diseases that keep us from being who God wants us to become. If we take a follow this recipe of Fasting, Prayer, Meditation and giving Alms, we will begin to see a beautiful transformation in our lives.

The purpose of the Church, is to give us the tools to achieve the likeness of God, who by the way- is the

doctor of our souls and bodies. In life my brothers and sisters in Christ, we meet many difficulties and discouragements. In Romans 13:11-14:4 we read, “And do this knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep, for now our salvation is nearer than we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast of the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light”. Therefore, as faithful Orthodox Christians we need to focus on our spiritual responsibilities during this Lenten Period and not wait for the next one to come. We should learn to know about God and His great love for us all.



This period should remind us of the depth of the love that Jesus has for us. It is truly a wonderful truth that His love for us is filled with His goodness and mercy. If we take the word (Fasting) what does it do for us? When we fast, we lighten our bodies, so that we can pray more attentively. When we worship in Church during the Lenten Period and hear the beautiful Lenten melodies and hymns, our hearts are softened and we experience the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. If we take the words (Prayer, Meditation, and Alms giving) what do these words remind you of? When we attend Church, we worship in prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ. When we read the words in meditation, we release our thoughts and mind to a new dimension. When we secretly perform acts of Charity and Love to others expecting nothing in return, we receive back in greater measure the rich blessings of God. So, the Lenten Period, is designed to help restore our spiritual balance, and improve our spiritual insight. Prayer and Meditation, also trigger the relaxation response, a state of mind-body rest that has been shown to decrease



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stress, heart rate, and blood pressure. It alleviates chronic disease symptoms, and even change gene expression.

So now is the time for all of us to respond. Don't let this important season pass you by. Take advantage while you still live and breathe on this earth to reward yourself with treasures laid up in heaven. Prepare yourself and members of your family to sense and feel the true joy of Christ's Resurrection, and Pascha.

So, in closing, during this Lenten season let's turn to God in prayer and worship, and learn more about Him through the beautiful services that our Orthodox Church offers us.

KALH SAKAKOSTI- KALH ANASTASI !!!

May you have a blessed Lenten Season and much success on your personal spiritual journey towards Christ's Holy Pascha.

Βρισκόμαστε ήδη στην πρώτη εβδομάδα της Περιόδου της Μεγάλης Σαρακοστής. Είναι μια περίοδος αντανάκλασης, αυτοαξιολόγησης και μιας Περιόδου που μας υπενθυμίζει το βάθος της Αγάπης που έχει ο Χριστός για εμάς. Είναι επίσης μια Περίοδος προετοιμασίας για την εορτή της Αναστάσεως του Χριστού. Όλοι οι Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί καλούνται να κάνουν μια πνευματική προσπάθεια για να ξαναανακαλύψουν τη σχέση τους με τον Χριστό. Ενώ πολεμάμε με τα δικά μας προβλήματα στη ζωή, σας καλώ να θυμηθούμε τα λόγια του Αποστόλου Παύλου (2 Cor-10: 4) 'Τα όπλα του πολέμου μας δεν είναι σαρκικά, και τα όπλα που μας δόθηκαν έχουν θείκη δύναμη να κατεδαφίσουν οχυρά.' Ο Κύριός μας μας λέει στην Εντολή του να «Αγαπάτε αλλήλους, όπως εγώ σας αγάπησα» κατά Ιωάννης 13:34. Ο Χριστός είπε επίσης στο κατά Ιωάννη 14: 23- "Αν κάποιος με αγαπά, πρέπει να κρατήσει το λόγο μου". Σε αυτό το στίχο δεν υπάρχει ανταγωνιστικό πνεύμα, δεν υπάρχει καμία προσωπική ερμηνεία. Δηλώνει απλώς, είτε εσείς αγαπάτε τον Χριστό, είτε δεν το κάνετε, δεν υπάρχει ενδιάμεσο.

Καθώς προχωράμε προς το Πάσχα, είμαστε έτοιμοι να ξεκινήσουμε τη μεγάλη πνευματικότητα της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας. Δεν πρέπει ποτέ να ξεχνάμε ότι η Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία μας είναι η Εκκλησία της Αναστάσεως, διότι δίνει έμφαση στη νίκη του Χριστού επί του θανάτου. Κατά τη διάρκεια της περιόδου της Σαρακοστής, ο Θεός μας δίνει μια όμορφη συνταγή. Χρόνο για νηστεία, χρόνο για προσευχή, χρόνο για να διαλογιστούμε και να δώσουμε ελεημοσύνη στους λιγότερο τυχερούς του κόσμου. Ας μην ξεχνάμε ποτέ ότι η Εκκλησία είναι ένα νοσοκομείο για όλους μας, δεδομένου ότι κληρονομήσαμε ένα πεσμένο χαρακτήρα, που υποφέρουμε από διάφορες ασθένειες, που μας εμποδίζουν να γίνουμε αυτό που θέλει ο Θεός να γίνουμε. Αν ακολουθήσουμε αυτή τη συνταγή της νηστείας, προσευχής, διαλογισμού και ελεημοσύνης, θα αρχίσουμε να βλέπουμε μια όμορφη μεταμόρφωση στη ζωή μας.

Ο στόχος της Εκκλησίας, είναι να μας δώσει τα εργαλεία για να επιτευχθεί η ομοίωση του Θεού, ο οποίος από τον τρόπο Του- είναι ο γιατρός των ψυχών και των σωμάτων μας. Στη ζωή αδελφοί και αδελφές μου εν Χριστώ, συναντάμε

πολλές δυσκολίες και απογοητεύσεις. Στην Επιστολή προς Ρωμαίους 13: 11-14: 4 αναφέρεται, «Και θα το κάνει αυτό γνωρίζοντας την ώρα, ότι τώρα είναι καιρός να ξυπνήσετε από τον ύπνο, προς το παρόν η σωτηρία μας είναι πιο κοντά από ό, τι πίστευαν πρώτα. Η νύχτα είναι μακριά πέρασε, η ημέρα είναι κοντά μας. Ως εκ τούτου, ας απομακρυνθούμε από τα έργα του σκότους και ας βάλουμε την πανοπλία του φωτός». Ως εκ τούτου, ως πιστοί Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί θα πρέπει να επικεντρωθούμε στις πνευματικές ευθύνες μας κατά τη διάρκεια αυτής της περιόδου της Σαρακοστής και όχι να περιμένουμε να έρθει η επόμενη. Θα πρέπει να μάθουμε να γνωρίζουμε το Θεό και τη μεγάλη αγάπη Του για όλους μας.

Η περίοδος αυτή θα πρέπει να μας θυμίζει το βάθος της αγάπης που έχει ο Ιησούς για μας. Είναι πραγματικά μια θαυμάσια αλήθεια ότι η αγάπη Του για μας είναι γεμάτη με την καλοσύνη και το έλεος Του. Αν πάρουμε τη λέξη (νηστεία) τι κάνει η νηστεία σε μας; Όταν νηστεύουμε φωτίζουμε το σώμα μας, ώστε να μπορούμε να προσευχόμαστε πιο προσεκτικά. Όταν θα εκκλησιαζόμαστε κατά την Περίοδο της Σαρακοστής και θα ακούμε τις όμορφες μελωδίες και τους ύμνους, οι καρδιές μας θα μαλακώσουν και θα βιώνουμε την ειρήνη του Θεού, η υπερέχουσα πάντα νουν. Αν πάρουμε τα λόγια (προσευχή, διαλογισμό, και ελεημοσύνη) τι σημαίνουν αυτά τα λόγια, τι σου θυμίζουν; Όταν ερχόμαστε στην Εκκλησία, προσευχόμαστε στον Κύριο μας Ιησού Χριστό. Όταν διαβάζουμε τις λέξεις στο διαλογισμό, απελευθερώνουμε τις σκέψεις και το μυαλό μας σε μια νέα διάσταση. Όταν εκτελούμε κρυφά πράξεις φιλανθρωπίας και αγάπης προς τους άλλους, και δεν περιμένουμε τίποτα σε αντάλλαγμα, λαμβάνουμε πίσω σε μεγαλύτερο βαθμό τις πλούσιες ευλογίες του Θεού. Έτσι, η Περίοδος της Σαρακοστής, έχει σχεδιαστεί για να βοηθήσει στην αποκατάσταση της πνευματικής μας ισορροπίας και να βελτιώσει την πνευματική μας γνώση. Προσευχή και διαλογισμός, προκαλούν και την αντίδραση της χαλάρωσης, μια κατάσταση ανάπαυσης νου-σώματος που έχει αποδειχθεί ότι μειώνει το στρες, του καρδιακού ρυθμού και της αρτηριακής πίεσης. Ανακουφίζει χρόνια συμπτώματα παθήσεων, και της γονιδιακής έκφρασης, ακόμη και την αλλαγή.

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Thank you

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/ ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟ

To all my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

With the Blessing of the Lord and the Protection of St. Nicholas, our community is moving forward having our hearts filled with love and peace. All together we keep on working for this beautiful community. After our new council's oath ceremony, we continue working on our projects. Renovations continue all around our church!

First of all, we have started working on the elevator, thanks to our generous donors. Really soon this dream will come true. We consider that as a gift to our people who have difficulty going up and down the stairs due to health problems. This is a proof of our love for the elderly in our community indicating how much we care about them and their willingness to be there, in church, every Sunday or in any other event of our community.

Work has also begun on renovating our middle and upper floors toilets always with the support of our beloved donors.

Moreover, we have recently begun renting our church hall. This will be an extra source of profits making us able to cover many of our church's expenses.

Our staff and accountants excel at keeping all finances and accounting in excellent organization and transparency.

A new manager has taken over the Greektown Square helping our staff since it is a business with many responsibilities. We look forward to a good partnership and communication that will benefit our church.

There is also a new manager in our Early Education Center. We are trying to keep everything under control in there too since the state visits on a regular basis.

Furthermore, we renovated the basement of the Early Education Center creating a beautiful space for our staff's needs. There will be lockers for keeping their personal belongings safe, meeting rooms and a rest area for them to use during their breaks.

Regarding the playground project, we continue working on this and we hope that the state will help us create a safer playground surface really soon.

Last but not least, actions have also begun for renewing our parking lot for easier and safer operation.

All these and so much more can actually happen because we LOVE each other, we HELP our church's family, and we can see that every dollar we willingly GIVE becomes something beautiful for all of us.

I wish you have a blessed Lent season!

Kali SARAKOSTI!

In Christian love,

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

Αγαπημένοι μου εν Χριστώ Αδελφοί,

Με την Ευλογία του Κυρίου και την Προστασία του Αγίου Νικολάου προχωράμε στην κοινότητα μας με αγάπη και γαλήνη στις καρδιές μας. Όλοι μαζί συνεχίζουμε το όμορφο έργο μας δουλεύοντας με το χέρι στην καρδιά μας. Μετά την ορκωμοσία του νέου συμβουλίου μας συνεχίζουμε τις δραστηριότητές μας.

Έχουμε ξεκινήσει το ασανσέρ μας με την βοήθεια των δωρητών μας προχωράει και σύντομα θα γίνει πραγματικότητα το όνειρο πολλών χρόνων. Δώρο για τους ανθρώπους μας που με δυσκολία κατεβαίνουν τις σκάλες λόγω διαφόρων προβλημάτων. Απόδειξη της αγάπης μας στην τρίτη ηλικία των ενοριτών μας δείχνοντας τους πόσο τους θέλουμε κάθε Κυριακή μαζί μας.

Ξεκίνησαν οι προεργασίες για την ανακαίνιση των τουαλετών μας του μεσαίου ορόφου και του επάνω ορόφου με την βοήθεια και εδώ των αγαπημένων δωρητών μας.

Συνεχίζονται οι ανακαινίσεις στην εκκλησία μας σε όλους τους χώρους με τάξη και οργάνωση. Ξεκινήσαμε την ενοικίαση της αίθουσας της εκκλησίας μας και αυτό θα μας αφήνει ένα καλό κέρδος για τα έξοδα του ναού μας.

Με την βοήθεια του προσωπικού μας και των λογιστών μας όλα τα οικονομικά και λογιστικά βρίσκονται σε άριστη οργάνωση και διαφάνεια.

Νέος μάνατζερ ανέλαβε στην Πλατεία μας με στόχο να βοηθήσει το προσωπικό μας εκεί με τις τόσες ευθύνες που υπάρχουν σε αυτήν την επιχείρηση.

Ευελπιστούμε σε μια σωστή συνεργασία μεταξύ μας για καλύτερα αποτελέσματα προς όφελος της εκκλησίας μας.

Νέα μάνατζερ και στον παιδικό σταθμό μας. Προσπαθούμε και εκεί να τα έχουμε όλα υπό έλεγχο λόγω τακτικών επισκέψεων της πολιτείας.

Ανακαινίζουμε το υπόγειο κάτω στον σταθμό με στόχο να δημιουργήσουμε έναν όμορφο χώρο για το προσωπικό μας, με αποθηκευτικούς χώρους, αίθουσα συνεδριάσεων και χώρο ξεκούρασης στα διαλείμματα τους.

Συνεχίζουμε την αποπεράτωση της παιδικής χαράς και ευελπιστούμε σύντομα η πολιτεία να μας ασφαλοστρώσει τον χώρο απέξω από τον σταθμό μας για μια ποιοτική και ασφαλή εικόνα.

Ξεκίνησαν οι ενέργειες και για την ανακαίνιση του πάρκινγκ μας για πιο εύκολη και ασφαλή εξυπηρέτηση όλων μας.

Αυτά όλα και άλλα τόσα γίνονται γιατί είμαστε ΟΛΟΙ ΜΑΖΙ ΑΓΑΠΗΜΕΝΟΙ γιατί βοηθάμε για την οικογένεια της εκκλησίας μας, γιατί βλέπουμε ότι το κάθε δολλάριο που δίνουμε με προθυμία γίνεται κάτι όμορφο για όλους μας.

ΚΑΛΗ ΣΑΡΑΚΟΣΤΗ ΜΕ ΥΓΕΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΕΥΛΟΓΙΑ

Με ειλικρινή αγάπη και εκτίμηση

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Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

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Έτσι, τώρα είναι η ώρα για όλους μας να ανταποκριθούμε. Μην αφήσετε αυτή τη σημαντική Περίοδο να σας προσπεράσει. Επωφεληθείτε ενώ ζείτε και αναπνέετε σε αυτή τη γη, για να ανταμειφθείτε με θησαυρούς που βρίσκονται στον ουρανό. Προετοιμάστε τον εαυτό σας και τα μέλη της οικογένειάς σας, για να αισθανθείτε και να νιώσετε την αληθινή χαρά της Αναστάσεως του Χριστού, και του Πάσχα.

Έτσι, κλείνοντας, κατά τη διάρκεια αυτής της Περιόδου της Σαρακοστής, ας στραφούμε στο Θεό σε προσευχή και λατρεία για να μάθουμε περισσότερα για 'Αυτόν μέσω των

υπέροχων Ακολουθιών που μας προσφέρει η Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία μας.

ΚΑΛΗ ΣΑΡΑΚΩΣΤΗ- ΚΑΛΗ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΗ !!!

Σας εύχομαι να έχετε μια ευλογημένη Τεσσαρακοστή και μεγάλη επιτυχία στο προσωπικό σας πνευματικό ταξίδι προς το Άγιο Πάσχα του Χριστού.

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As part of our preparation for the year 2020 here at St. Nicholas, we sent Stewardship Pledge cards to all of our parishioners, asking them to provide us with their best estimate of the level of financial support that they plan to give to the parish this year. We would like to have more of our parishioners involved in the life of St. Nicholas, beyond Sunday morning Liturgy. In order for us to be truly successful as a community, we all should feel our own share of responsibility for the Church.

Please let us know what talents you have so that we could turn to you when we need help in certain areas. We have so many parishioners that are very successful in their professions. With your commitment and participation both help our spiritual lives and help us establish connections with other parishioners and to get to know them better.

Our goal, as a parish, is to be a dynamic community of faithful Orthodox Christians who continue to actively show our love for God and for each other. With your help and support we can become that which we are called to be by our Lord!



Στο πλαίσιο της προετοιμασίας μας για το έτος 2020 εδώ στον Άγιο Νικόλαο, στείλαμε κάρτες της Εθελοντικής Προσφοράς σε όλους τους ενορίτες μας, ζητώντας τους να προσφέρουν την καλύτερη εκτίμηση τους στο επίπεδο της χρηματοδοτικής στήριξης που σκοπεύουν να δώσουν στην ενορία για το τρέχον έτος. Θα θέλαμε να συμμετέχουν περισσότεροι ενορίτες μας στη ζωή του Αγίου Νικολάου, πέρα από την Κυριακή το πρωί στη Λειτουργία της Κυριακής. Προκειμένου να είμαστε πραγματικά επιτυχημένοι ως Κοινότητα, όλοι θα πρέπει να αισθανόμαστε το δικό μας μερίδιο ευθύνης για την Εκκλησία.

Παρακαλούμε να μας ενημερώσετε ποιες είναι οι επιδεξιότητές σας, ώστε να μπορούμε να αποτανθούμε σε εσάς όταν χρειαζόμαστε βοήθεια σε ορισμένους τομείς. Έχουμε τόσους πολλούς ενορίτες που είναι πολύ επιτυχημένοι στα επαγγέλματά τους. Με τη δέσμευσή σας και τη συμμετοχή σας, βοηθήστε τόσο την πνευματική μας ζωή όσο και να βοηθήσετε να δημιουργήσουμε σχέσεις με άλλους ενορίτες μας και να γνωριστούμε καλύτερα.

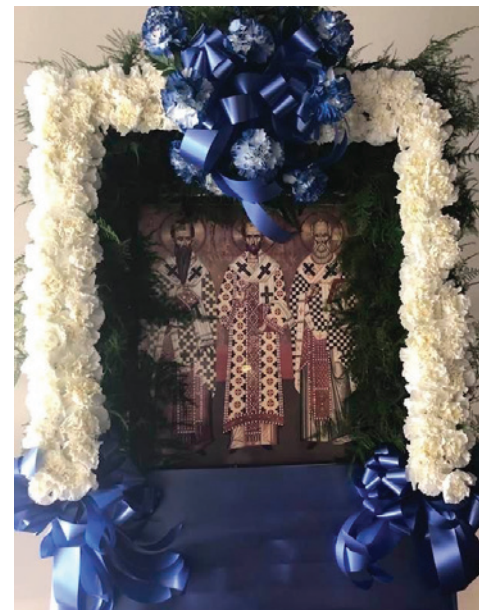
Στόχος μας, ως ενορία, είναι να γίνουμε μια δυναμική Κοινότητα πιστών Ορθόδοξων Χριστιανών που εξακολουθούν να παρουσιάζουν ενεργά την αγάπη τους στο Θεό και ο ένας προς τον άλλο. Με τη βοήθεια και την υποστήριξή σας μπορούμε να γίνουμε εκείνο το οποίο καλούμεθα να γίνουμε από το Κύριό μας!

THREE HIERARCHS CELEBRATION



On Saturday, February 1, 2020, the Metropolis Greek School “Three Hierarchs” Program with His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos took place at the Greektown Square & Event Center. Joining His Eminence in this gathering were the parish priests from the participating schools, the students and their teachers, the parents and many welcomed guests. We thank His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey who was able to be with us on this day to celebrate the Three Hierarchs Program with the students from the Greek Schools in the state of Maryland and Northern Virginia. The students came from the following parish schools: Annunciation Cathedral-Baltimore; Sts. Constantine & Helen Church-Annapolis; St. George Church-Bethesda; St. Theodore Church-Lanham; The Hellenic School-Potomac; Holy Apostles Church-Virginia; Genesis tou Kyriou Church-Virginia and our own students from St. Nicholas Church-Baltimore. Thank you everyone for your participation.

Ευχαριστούμε τον Σεβασμιότατο Μητροπολίτη Νέας Ιερσέης κ.κ. Ευάγγελο που ήταν μαζί μας την 1η Φεβρουαρίου να συνορτάσουμε το Πρόγραμμα των ΤΡΙΩΝ ΙΕΡΑΡΧΩΝ. Το πρόγραμμα αυτό συμπεριλάμβανε όλα τα Ελληνικά Σχολεία της Πολιτείας του Μέρυλαντ και της Βόρειας Βιρτζίνιας. Τα Σχολεία που εόρτασαν μαζί μας ήταν τα εξής: Ελληνικό Σχολείο Ευαγγελισμού-Βαλτιμόρης; Ελληνικό Σχολείο Αγίων Κωνσταντίνου & Ελένη-Αννάπολης; Ελληνικό Σχολείο Αγίου Γεωργίου-Βηθέσθα; Ελληνικό Σχολείο Αγίων Θεοδώρων-Λάνχαμ; The Hellenic School-Ποτόμακ; Ελληνικό Σχολείο Αγίων Αποστόλων-Βιρτζίνια; Ελληνικό Σχολείο Γέννησης του Κυρίου-Βιρτζίνια και το Ελληνικό Σχολείο του Αγίου Νικολάου-Βαλτιμόρης.



HOLY RESURRECTION SERVICE & HOLY PASCHA NIGHT

Pascha is the inauguration of a new age. It reveals the mystery of the eight day. It is our taste, in this age, of the new and unending day of the Kingdom of God. All Orthodox Christians should be present and participate in the Midnight Paschal Matins and Divine Liturgy. (Resurrection Service at midnight) Unless special circumstances do not permit, missing this once a year opportunity to witness as an Orthodox is a “No-No”. It is remarkable that those who have no problem whatsoever attending New Year’s Eve parties, and drinking, eating, and dancing at wedding receptions, yet give excuses that “it is too late, too long, and too tiresome to attend the Holy Week services and to attend the Midnight Liturgy. Our children should participate too! We think nothing of driving our children late at night while traveling on vacations, or making special trips, or going camping. We don’t think of the time, when we wake up early on Sunday morning and take our children to Soccer games. But when it comes to church, we are always with excuses. I would like to know what excuses we are going to give to the Lord on Judgment Day.

Coming to church should be a family experience, and we as parents should encourage our children to participate. Remember what Jesus said in (Luke 18:16) “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them.”

Our Paschal celebration will continue following the Liturgy with blessing of the Eggs and a Paschal Feast after church. We look forward to being with all of you for this blessed event in the life of the Church celebrating our Lord’s Holy Resurrection.

Το Πάσχα σηματοδοτεί τα θεμέλια μιας νέας εποχής. Αποκαλύπτει το μυστήριο της όγδοης ημέρας. Είναι η χαρά μας, η νέα και ατέλειωτη ημέρα της Βασιλείας του Θεού. Όλοι οι Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί θα πρέπει να παραβρίσκονται και να συμμετέχουν στο μεταμεσονύκτιο Πασχαλινό Όρθρο και τη Θεία Λειτουργία. (Η Ακολουθία της Αναστάσεως μετά τα μεσάνυχτα).



Εκτός αν ειδικές περιστάσεις δεν το επιτρέπουν, το να απουσιάζεις από αυτή την ευκαιρία που γίνεται μια φορά το χρόνο, για να μαρτυρήσεις ως Ορθόδοξος, είναι ένα «Οχι-Όχι».

Είναι αξιοσημείωτο ότι πολλοί δεν έχουν κανένα πρόβλημα να παρευρίσκονται στα πάρτι της Πρωτοχρονιάς, να πίνουν, να τρώνε και να χορεύουν σε γαμήλιες δεξιώσεις, αλλά να βρίσκουν δικαιολογίες όταν πρόκειται να παρακολουθήσουν τις Ακολουθίες της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας και την Μεσονύκτια Θεία Λειτουργία, ότι «είναι πολύ αργά, παίρνουν πολύ καιρό και είναι πολύ κουραστικό». Και τα παιδιά μας πρέπει να συμμετέχουν! Δεν σκεφτόμαστε τίποτα όταν οδηγούμε τα παιδιά μας αργά το βράδυ όταν ταξιδεύουμε για διακοπές ή κάνουμε ειδικές εκδρομές ή κάμπινγκ. Δεν σκεφτόμαστε την ώρα που θα ξυπνήσουμε νωρίς την Κυριακή το πρωί για να πάρουμε τα παιδιά μας

σε παιχνίδια ποδοσφαίρου. Αλλά όταν πρόκειται για την εκκλησία, βρίσκουμε πάντα με δικαιολογίες. Θα ήθελα να ξέρω τι δικαιολογίες πρόκειται να δώσουμε στον Κύριο την Ημέρα της Κρίσης.

Ο εκκλησιασμός πρέπει να είναι μια οικογενειακή εμπειρία, και εμείς, ως γονείς, θα πρέπει να ενθαρρύνουμε τα παιδιά μας να συμμετάσχουν. Θυμηθείτε τι είπε ο Ιησούς (Λουκάς 18:16). «Αφήστε τα μικρά παιδιά να έλθουν σε Μένα, και μην τα εμποδίζετε.»

Η πασχαλινή εορτή μας θα συνεχιστεί μετά με τη Λειτουργία, με την ευλογία των αυγών και τη πασχαλινή γιορτή μετά το τέλος της Εκκλησίας. Ανυπομονούμε να συνεορτάσουμε μαζί σας αυτό το ευλογημένο γεγονός στη ζωή της Εκκλησίας, γιορτάζοντας την Αγία Ανάσταση του Κυρίου μας.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of George Kotzias
Mrs. Toula Koukoulas – Woods
Mr. & Mrs. Spero Demetrides

In memory of Anezina Sfiriou
Ms. Maria Karagianis

*In memory of Filippou &
Marianthi Filippou & Family*
Mr. Nicholas Filippou

In memory of Harriet Georgas
Ms. Anthie Georgas
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Skordalos

In memory of Demetrios Avgerinos
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Skordalos

*In memory of Apostolia (Lia)
Karagiannopoulos*
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Skordalos

In memory of Zoe Paros Malta
Ms. Kalliopi M. Lintzeris

Sunday of Orthodoxy

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Reading

For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous

men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.

[Apolytikion of Sun. of Orthodoxy](#)

Second Tone

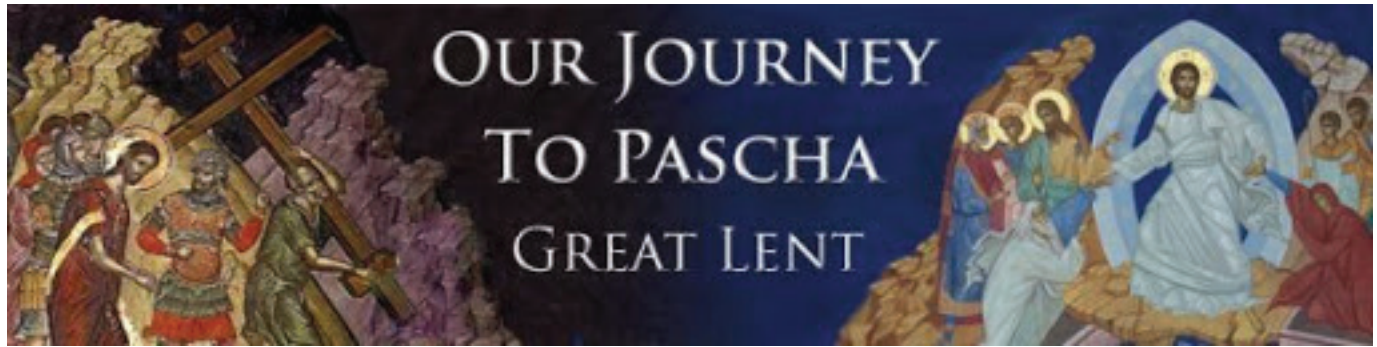
O Christ our God, begging forgiveness of our sins, we venerate Your Pure Image, O Good One. Of your own will you condescended to ascend upon the Cross in the flesh and deliver those You created from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, thankfully, we cry out, "When You came to save the world, Your filled all things with joy, O Our Savior."

[Kontakion of Sun. of Orthodoxy](#)

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

The indescribable word of God became defined when He became incarnate of You O Theotokos. He restored our soiled image to what it was of old by joining it to His divine beauty. We confess salvation, and recount it in word and deed.

EXPLANATION OF THE LENTEN SERVICES



Great Compline Service (Monday Evenings 7:00 pm.)

Compline in Greek is “Apodeipno” meaning after dinner. The Compline service in monasteries is traditionally offered after dinner. We have two services of the Compline, The Small and the Great Compline. The one that is chanted in our churches during Lent is the “Great Compline Service”. This service consists of the reading of Psalms and the chanting of hymns related to combating sin in the evening hours and during sleep. The Great Compline Service is a wonderful way to begin the week.

Presanctified Liturgy (Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.)

The Presanctified Liturgy is a service celebrated on Wednesdays during Great Lent. The Liturgy is called Presanctified because the consecration of the Holy Gifts (Holy Eucharist) takes place on the preceding Sunday. The Presanctified Liturgies in the Early Church were celebrated over the tombs of the Saints.

They are offered during Lent to the faithful for more opportunities to receive Holy Communion during the most Holy Period of the Church Year. The question frequently comes up regarding fasting before the evening Presanctified Liturgy. The faithful make every effort to eat a light Lenten meal near 12:00 in the afternoon. We should do our best to keep at least a 6 hour fast before the Liturgy.

The first part of the service is a Vespers with beautiful readings from the Psalms. The last part of the service is a Divine Liturgy. During the readings of the psalms the Presanctified Gifts are transferred from the altar table, the Proskomide(Oblation Table). The Presanctified Liturgy is unique because the mood of the service is very solemn. The Liturgy is traditionally considered to be the effort of St. Gregory of Rome 6th century Bishop). I encourage everyone to participate in as many of these Liturgies as possible. There is no reason why the children should be absent from these beautiful services. This would be a wonderful time to help them understand what a Presanctified Liturgy is.

Akathist Hymn (Salutations to the Virgin Mary) Akathistos (Friday Evenings, 7:00 p.m.)

“Akathistos” in Greek means standing up and not sitting down. In the Orthodox Tradition the people offer this service standing up the entire time(Elderly, the sick, and small children are permitted to sit).

It is believed the Akathist Service was composed and offered to the Mother of God in the year 626.

That year Constantinople was saved from the siege of the Avars and Persians. The entire service is a poetic canon dedicated to the Mother of God “The Theotokos”. The Akathist Service is known as one of the hymnological masterpieces of the Church. The service is both historical as well as Theological. We hear hymns expounding the belief in the Incarnation of the Lord and the salvation of those who believe in Him. The hymns are not only offered to the Lord and the Virgin Mary, but also to St. John the Baptist, Gabriel the Archangel, the Shepherds and Wise Men worshipping Christ. Most agree the Akathist Service is the most emotional of all the Lenten Services. Make this Lenten journey a family experience.

FASTING:

Fasting must be undertaken willingly and not by compulsion. (Fr. Theodore Stylianopoulos). God doesn't need our fasting. We don't fast as a kind of personal punishment for our sins. We cannot pay God back for our sins but we can only confess them to Him to receive forgiveness. Fasting with willing spirit and not just with an attitude of fulfilling a religious obligation means that we keep the purposes of fasting always before us which is to develop self control. Fasting is simplicity of eating. We leave the table not with loaded stomachs. Being a little hungry during the day becomes a constant reminder of God, of our dependence on Him, and of the fact that the Lord, alone can give us “food that lasts for eternal life”. (John 6:27). In fasting and prayer, He reveals Himself to us as our true food and drink.



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΗΣ

Holy and Great Lent 2020

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy
Esteemed Members of the Metropolitan Council, Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils,
Philoptochos Sisterhood, Faculty and Students of the Catechetical and Greek Afternoon Schools,
Directors and Participants of all Youth Organizations, and all devout Orthodox Christians of the
Communities of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

*“Wash me with my tears, O Savior, for I have been soiled by many sins. Therefore I fall down before
You, I have sinned, have mercy on me, O God!” (Sunday Triodion Vespereal Hymn)*

My Beloved in the Lord,

We stand at the very threshold of Holy and Great Lent; a time of reflection, repentance, prayer, and a return to God who constantly and mercifully embraces us even in our numerous faults. The period of Holy and Great Lent is not meant to emphasize self-deprivation, but it is meant to give us greater spiritual clarity so that we may come to better recognize ourselves. It can be very easy to think of this period as nothing more than a checklist of things to not do. Do not eat meat, do not eat dairy products, and abstain from that which the canons of the Church tell us to during this period of Lent. To approach Great Lent in this manner, however, would be nothing short of mistaken and even pharisaical. Yes, the Church teaches us that we should not eat meat, dairy, fish, oil, and wine, during a majority of this fasting period, but we must ask ourselves, why does the Church prescribe this? The Church asks us to fast, but fasting is not just about food. It is not limited to what we eat or do not eat. It is about our thoughts, our words, our actions, our inner disposition, and our entire mindset.

By understanding fasting in this broader sense, the Church intends for us to be more reflective and prayerful during the Lenten period and to focus our attention on the greater themes of Great Lent – repentance and prayer. Being repentant is not easy. It requires us to admit that we are occasionally wrong which is difficult for anyone to admit since it requires humility. Furthermore, repentance requires that we seek forgiveness from both those whom we have hurt and from God. We must be willing to ask both God and neighbor for forgiveness otherwise we are not really repenting. In addition to this, fasting gives us a renewed spirit of prayer which helps us to pray more during Holy and Great Lent. This type of prayer includes participating more in the Divine Services in your parish as well as increasing your personal prayer on an individual level.

This broader sense of fasting is never done in and of itself, but it is always done with something particular in mind. This is because there is no fast without a feast and likewise there is no feast without a fast. The Church is asking us to engage in this particular fast because we are preparing ourselves both as individuals and as members of a community for the greatest event of all – the Resurrection of our Lord, which in turn, is our resurrection as well. In order to prepare ourselves properly for Pascha, we must endure to fast adequately. This means we have to ask forgiveness of our neighbors and when someone asks for our forgiveness, we must be willing to receive them with love. Simultaneously, our prayer life should increase so that we can develop a greater relationship with God who sheds His mercy freely upon us for our own mistakes. Furthermore, and for those who are physically able, we are called to prepare ourselves physically by abstaining from certain foods so that we can humble ourselves. Finally, we should more closely watch our words and our actions ensuring that what we say and what we do is in accordance with the Gospel of Christ.

My beloved in the Lord, everyone is at a different place spiritually. Some have been following the fasts and engaging in a spiritually uplifting life in the Church since their youth while others have done very few of these things. No matter where you are in your spiritual lives, I challenge you to do a little more and to seek God more fervently than before according to your spiritual maturity. As we hear the Apostle Paul say to the Corinthians regarding spiritual nourishment, *“I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it”* (1 Cor. 3:2). Let us strive to enrich our spiritual lives so that we may be ready to receive solid spiritual nourishment. Praying that God blesses each of you with a spiritually edifying Lenten Season so that we may experience Christ’s Resurrection on the third day, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,



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





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ΠΟΙΜΑΝΤΟΡΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΤΕΣΣΑΡΑΚΟΣΤΗΣ 2020

Πρός τόν Εὐλαβέστατον Ἱερόν Κληρὸν,
Τούς Προέδρους καὶ τὰ Μέλη τῶν Ἐκκλησιαστικῶν Συμβουλίων,
Τὰς Προέδρους καὶ τὰ Μέλη τῶν Φιλοπτώχων Ἀδελφοτήτων,
Τούς διδάσκοντας καὶ διδασκομένους τῶν Κατηχητικῶν καὶ Ἑλληνικῶν Σχολείων, Τὰς
Ὁργανώσεις τῆς Νεολαίας καὶ ἅπαν τό Χριστεπώνυμον πλήρωμα τῶν εὐσεβῶν Ὁρθοδόξων
Χριστιανῶν τῆς Ἱερᾶς Μητροπόλεως Νέας Ἱερσέης

*«Ἐφθασε καιρός, ἡ τῶν πνευματικῶν ἀγῶνων ἀρχή, ἡ κατὰ τῶν δαιμόνων νίκη, ἡ
πάνοπλος ἐγκράτεια, ἡ τῶν Ἀγγέλων εὐπρέπεια, ἡ πρὸς Θεόν παρρησία, ... δι' αὐτῆς
ἀξίωσον καὶ ἡμᾶς, προσκυνῆσαί σου τὰ Πάθη καὶ τὴν ἁγίαν Ἀνάστασιν, ὡς φιλάνθρωπος.»*
(Δοξαστικὸν Αἰῶν Κυριακῆς τῆς Τυρινῆς)

Ἀγαπητοὶ μου ἀδελφοί,

Μᾶς ἀξιῶνει καὶ πάλι τό ἔλεος τοῦ Παναγίου Θεοῦ νά φθάσουμε στό κατώφλι τῆς
Ἀγίας καὶ Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστῆς καὶ νά εἰσέλθουμε στήν πνευματική αὐτή περίοδο
ἐσωτερικῆς, ψυχικῆς καὶ πνευματικῆς κάθαρσης πού μᾶς χαρίζει ὡς φιλόστοργη μητέρα ἡ
Ἁγία Ὁρθόδοξος Ἐκκλησία μας. Ἀπό αὐριο ξεκινᾷ ἡ περίοδος τῶν σαράντα ἡμερῶν πού θά
μᾶς προετοιμάσει γιά τὴν ὑποδοχὴ καὶ βίωση τῶν μεγάλων γεγονότων τοῦ Σταυροῦ, τοῦ
Πάθους καὶ τῆς Ἀναστάσεως τοῦ Σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Ἡ Ἱερά Ὑμνογραφία τῆς σημερινῆς ἡμέρας, πού εἶναι ὁ καλύτερος Κήρυκας τῆς
πίστεώς μας, μᾶς περιγράφει τό μέγεθος τῆς περὸδος πού ξεκινᾷ καὶ τὴν σημασία της.
«Ἐφθασε καιρός, ἡ τῶν πνευματικῶν ἀγῶνων ἀρχή» μᾶς λέγει. Ἦρθε δηλαδή ἡ στιγμή πού
ὀφείλουμε νά ἀρχίσουμε ἐντονότερα τοὺς πνευματικούς μας ἀγῶνες. Καὶ ποιοὶ εἶναι αὐτοὶ
οἱ ἀγῶνες κατὰ τὸν ἱερό ὕμνωδό; Εἶναι «ἡ κατὰ τῶν δαιμόνων νίκη, ἡ πάνοπλος ἐγκράτεια, ἡ
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τῆς Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστῆς πρέπει νά εἶναι τόσο δυνατός ὥστε νά νικήσει τὴν δύναμη
τῶν δαιμόνων, νά μᾶς ὀπλίσει μὲ ἐγκράτεια διὰ τῆς σωματικῆς νηστείας, νά μᾶς ἐνδύσει
μὲ τὴν εὐπρέπεια τῶν ἁγίων ἀγγέλων καὶ νά διατρανώσουμε τὴν πίστη μας στὸν ἀληθινὸ
Θεὸ μὲ θάρρος καὶ παρρησία.

Καὶ συνεχίζει ὁ ὕμνογράφος: «δι' αὐτῆς ἀξίωσον καὶ ἡμᾶς, προσκυνῆσαί σου τὰ Πάθη
καὶ τὴν ἁγίαν Ἀνάστασιν, ὡς φιλάνθρωπος». Αὐτὸ σημαίνει ὅτι τό νά φθάσουμε γιά μιὰ
ἀκόμη φορά στήν ἐπίγεια ζωὴ μας νά ἐορτάσουμε καὶ νά προσκυνήσουμε τὰ Πάθη καὶ τὴν
ἁγίαν Ἀνάστασιν τοῦ Χριστοῦ, εἶναι δῶρο τοῦ Θεοῦ πρὸς ἐμᾶς. Εἶναι δωρεά. Εἶναι χρέος καὶ

χάρισμα. Είναι ή φιλανθρωπία Του πού μᾶς ἀξιώνει νά τόν ἐορτάσουμε καί ὄχι ή δική μας ἀξιοσύνη. Γι'αὐτό πρέπει νά προετοιμασθοῦμε κατάλληλα, νά καθαρίσουμε τόν «ἐσωτερικό μας ἄνθρωπο» καί ἔτοιμοι νά ἀξιωθοῦμε νά προσκυνήσουμε τήν Ἁγίαν τοῦ Χριστοῦ Ἀνάσταση, ή ὁποία θά μᾶς εἰσαγάγει καί στήν δική μας προσωπική πνευματική Ἀνάσταση.

Ἀγαπητοί μου ἀδελφοί,

Ὁ Ἅγιος Ἰωάννης ὁ Χρυσόστομος, ὁ προστάτης τῆς Ἱερᾶς μας Μητροπόλεως, ἀποκαλεῖ τήν Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή ὡς «φάρμακο τῶν ψυχῶν μας». Καί λέγει: «ἀφοῦ ἐμπορευθοῦμε καθ' ὅλη τήν περίοδο τῆς Ἁγίας Τεσσαρακοστῆς τό πνευματικό ἐμπόριο τῶν ἀρετῶν, θά συγκεντρώσουμε πολύ πλοῦτο ἀρετῆς. Θά ἀξιωθοῦμε μέ αὐτόν τόν τρόπο νά φθάσουμε καί στήν μεγάλη ἡμέρα τοῦ Ἁγίου Πάσχα καί μέ παρρησία νά προσέλθουμε στήν φρικτή καί πνευματική τράπεζα. Θά μετάσχουμε στά ἀνέκφραστα ἐκεῖνα καί ἀθάνατα ἀγαθά μέ καθαρή συνείδηση καί θά γεμίσουμε μέ τήν χάρη πού αὐτά δίνουν.» (Ἀγ. Ἰωάννου Χρυσοστόμου «Εἰς τήν εἴσοδον τῆς Ἁγ. Τεσσαρακοστῆς»).

Ἄς ἀγωνισθοῦμε λοιπόν ἀδελφοί μου, μέ ὅλη μας τήν δύναμη, νά κρατήσουμε τήν Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή μέ νηστεία τροφῶν καί ὅπωςδήποτε μέ νηστεία πράξεων. Ἡ νηστεία τῶν τροφῶν δέν εἶναι αὐτοσκοπός ἀλλά μέσον πού μᾶς ὁδηγεῖ στήν κάθαρση. Μαζί μέ τήν νηστεία, ἄς προσπαθήσουμε νά συμμετέχουμε περισσότερο στίς κατασκευτικές Ἀκολουθίες τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μας, στά Ἀπόδειπνα, τίς Προηγιασμένες, τούς Χαιρετισμούς τῆς Θεοτόκου πού θά μᾶς προσφέρουν οἱ Ἐνορίες μας. Ἄς αὐξήσουμε τίς καλές πράξεις διά τῆς ἐλεημοσύνης καί ἄς γεμίσουμε τήν ψυχή μας μέ ἀγάπη καί συγχωρητικότητα. Ἄς συγχωρήσουμε ὅλους καί ἔτσι νά ζητήσουμε καί ἐμεῖς συγχώρηση τῶν δικῶν μας ἁμαρτιῶν ἀπό τόν Θεό διά τοῦ Μυστηρίου τῆς ἱερᾶς ἐξομολογήσεως. Κάι γεμάτοι ἀπό τά χαρίσματα τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος νά προσκυνήσουμε ἀξίως τά Πάθη καί τήν Ἁγία τοῦ Κυρίου Ἀνάσταση.

Καλή καί εὐλογημένη Τεσσαρακοστή.
Μετά πατρικῆς ἀγάπης καί διαπύρων εὐχῶν,

Ο ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΤΗΣ

† Ὁ Νέας Ἱερσῆς ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ



SATURDAY OF SOULS

Through the Apostolic Constitutions (Book VIII, ch. 42), the Church of Christ has received the custom to make commemorations for the departed on the third, ninth, and fortieth days after their repose. Since many throughout the ages, because of an untimely death in a faraway place, or other adverse circumstances, have died without being deemed worthy of the appointed memorial services, the divine Fathers, being so moved in their love for man, have decreed that a common memorial be made this day for all pious Orthodox Christians who have reposed from all ages past, so that those who did not have particular memorial services may be included in this common one for all. Also, the Church of Christ teaches us that alms should be given to the poor by the departed one's kinsmen as a memorial for him.

Besides this, since we make commemoration tomorrow (Sunday, February 23rd) of the Second Coming of Christ, and since the reposed have neither been judged, nor have received their complete recompense (Acts 17:31; II Peter 2:9; Heb. 11:39-40), the Church rightly commemorates the souls today, and trusting in the boundless mercy of God, she prays to Him to have mercy on sinners. Furthermore, since the commemoration is for all the reposed together, it reminds each of us of his own death, and arouses us to repentance.

The Kollyva are symbolic of the resurrection of the dead on the day of the Second Coming of the Lord. St. Paul said, "what you sow does not come to life unless it dies" (I Corinthians 15:36), and St. John, "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24).

Thus, as the wheat is buried in the soil and disintegrates without really dying but is later regenerated into a new plant that bears much more fruit than itself, so the Christian's body will be raised again from the very corruptible matter from which it is now made; however, it will be raised not in its previous fleshy substance but in an incorruptible essence

which "will clad the mortal body with an immortal garment", in the words of St. Paul (I Corinthians 15:53).

The Kollyva then, symbolize the Apostolically rooted hope in the resurrection of the dead as the only eventuality that

gives meaning and attains the longed perfection on the part of the individual who takes his life to be a divinely ordained meaningful living forever.

The 16th century Archbishop Gabriel of Philadelphia wrote that the Kollyva are symbols of the general resurrection, and the several ingredients added to the wheat signify so many different virtues.

*Apolytikion of Saturday of Souls
Plagal of the Fourth Tone*

Only Creator who out of the depths of wisdom lovingly govern all things and upon all bestow what is accordingly best for them, give rest to the souls of Your servants, for they have placed their hope in You, our Author and Maker and God.

*Kontakion of Saturday of Souls
Plagal of the Fourth Tone*

Give rest, O Christ, among the Saints to the souls of Your servants, where there is no pain, no sorrow, no grieving, but life everlasting.



ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΑ



Τα Ψυχοσάββατα φτιάχνουμε κόλλυβα για την ανάπαυση των αγαπημένων κεκοιμημένων μας προσώπων.

Τι σημαίνουν τα υλικά που χρησιμοποιούμε.

Κ ό λ λ υ β α ετοιμάζουμε τα Ψυχοσάββατα (δηλ. τά Σάββατα πριν τις

Κυριακές της Απόκριω, της Τυρινής και της Α' Νηστειών της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής και το Σάββατο πριν την Κυριακή της Πεντηκοστής) καθώς και κάθε φορά που θέλουμε να τελέσουμε στο Ναό επιμνημόσυνη δέηση για την ανάπαυση των αγαπημένων κεκοιμημένων μας προσώπων.

Τα κόλλυβα συμβολίζουν την κοινή ανάσταση των ανθρώπων. Δηλ, όπως ο σπόρος του σιταριού πέφτει στη γη, θάβεται και χωνεύεται και σαπίζει χωρίς όμως να φθαρεί και στη συνέχεια φυτρώνει καλύτερος και ωραιότερος, έτσι και το νεκρό σώμα του ανθρώπου θάβεται στη γη και σαπίζει, για να αναστηθεί και πάλι άφθαρτο και ένδοξο και αιώνιο. Την ωραία αυτή εικόνα μας δίδει ο απόστολος Παύλος στην Α' προς Κορινθίους Επιστολή (κεφ. 12, στίχοι 35-44). Την ίδια εικόνα για την Ανάστασή Του χρησιμοποίησε και ο Χριστός (ευαγγέλιο Ιωάννη, κεφ. 12, στίχ. 24).

Τα Κόλλυβα είναι ένα από τα πιο παλαιά χριστιανικά έθιμα που διατηρήθηκε στη ζωή της Ορθοδόξου Εκκλησίας και συνδέεται άμεσα με τους κεκοιμημένους. Τα κόλλυβα είναι σιτάρι βρασμένο που κατά κανόνα σήμερα έχει τη μορφή στολισμένου δίσκου με ξηρούς καρπούς, όπως αμύγδαλα, καρύδια, φουντούκια, φιστίκι κ.α και κυρίως ζάχαρη.

Τα Κόλλυβα προσφέρονται στους παρευρισκόμενους σε μνημόσυνα στην εκκλησία, αλλά και διανέμονται στη συνέχεια σε συγγενικά ή φιλικά σπίτια. Το έθιμο προέρχεται από τα παλαιότερα χριστιανικά χρόνια και έχει σχέση με τα περιδείπνα των Ελλήνων και άλλων λαών.

Σε κάθε παράδοση τα κόλλυβα είναι μέρος της θρησκείας μας.

Τα υλικά πρέπει να είναι 9 γιατί 9 είναι τα τάγματα των αγγέλων, ενώ το κάθε υλικό έχει το δικό του συμβολισμό.

1. Σιτάρι: οι νεκροί (το γήινο στοιχείο)
2. Ζάχαρη: η γλυκύτητα του Παραδείσου
3. Σταφίδες: η Άμπελος (ο Χριστός)
4. Μαϊντανός: η ανάπαυση «εν τόπω χλοερών»
5. Φρυγανιά τριμμένη ή σουσάμι: το χώμα («..ας είναι ελαφρύ το χώμα που τον σκεπάζει..»)
6. Ρόδι: τα ελέη του Παραδείσου, η λαμπρότητα
7. Κανέλλα: η ευωδία, τα αρώματα («..αρώμασι εν μνήματι κηδεύσας απέθετο..», «..μύραναν τον τάφο αι μυροφόροι μύρα..»)
8. Αμύγδαλα: η ευγονία, η ζωή που διαιωνίζεται με τους απογόνους (αντί για αμύγδαλα μπορούν να χρησιμοποιηθούν καρύδια)
9. Κουφέτα (ασημένια και λευκά): τα οστά που μένουν αναλλοίωτα καθώς το σώμα φθείρεται.

Άπολυτίκιον

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Ὁ βάθει σοφίας φιλανθρώπως πάντα οικονομῶν, καὶ τὸ συμφέρον πᾶσιν ἀπονέμων, μόνε Δημιουργέ, ἀνάπαυσον Κύριε τὰς ψυχὰς τῶν δούλων σου· ἐν σοὶ γὰρ τὴν ἐλπίδα ἀνέθεντο, τῷ ποιητῇ καὶ πλάστῃ καὶ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Μετὰ τῶν Ἁγίων ἀνάπαυσον Χριστέ, τὰς ψυχὰς τῶν δούλων σου, ἔνθα οὐκ ἔστι πόνος, οὐ λύπη, οὐ στεναγμός, ἀλλὰ ζωὴ ἀτελεύτητος.



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

Sunday of Orthodoxy 2020

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy
Esteemed Members of the Metropolitan Council, Esteemed Members of the Parish
Councils, Philoptochos Sisterhood, Faculty and Students of the Catechetical and Greek
Afternoon Schools, Directors and Participants of all Youth Organizations, and all devout
Orthodox Christians of the Communities of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New
Jersey

My Beloved in the Lord,

In the 8th and 9th centuries the Byzantine Empire endured a harsh persecution perpetrated by some of its emperors and certain ecclesiastical figures who had been led astray in their theological conclusions. The persecution concerned the presence and usage of icons in the spiritual lives of Christians. Some of the people at the time believed that the recent military losses suffered by the empire were divine retribution for what was perceived as idolatry. There would subsequently be a series of emperors who persecuted Patriarchs, other clergy, monastics, and laity alike who held firmly to the tradition of using imagery in their spiritual lives.

As we well know, however, the usage of imagery in our spiritual lives is neither contrary to Holy Scripture nor to the tradition of the Church. This is because we, as Orthodox Christians, do not worship icons - we venerate icons. It was precisely this controversy which begat the 7th Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in 787. The Fathers of the Council determined that we can depict icons because of the Incarnation of Christ in which God revealed Himself to us giving full meaning to the Biblical verse, *"Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness"* (Genesis 1:26).

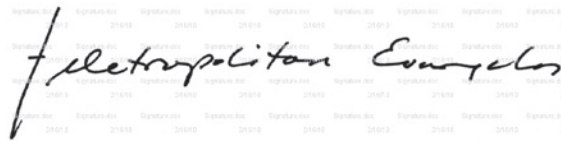
Thus, on this day we celebrate a feast wherein we affirm the faith of the Apostles, the faith of the Fathers, and the faith which has established the universe. In affirming our faith and the timeless truths which have been passed down to us, we affirm and defend our Orthodoxy. We defend our faith not as Greeks nor as Russians; not as Arabs nor as Serbs; neither as Romanians nor as Americans. As Orthodox Christians, we defend the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, undivided and undefiled.

SUNDAY OR ORTHODOXY

As the united Body of Christ, we are called not just to keep the faith of the Church within our hearts, but to express this faith through our works. This is why at all times we must seek to feed the hungry, shelter the poor, help the destitute, and defend the defenseless. We do these things not because society expects us to do them, but because we respect the personhood of each and every person since we recognize that each person is made in the image and likeness of God.

This is also why it is essential to acknowledge and support the crucial work of the Philoptochos Sisterhood of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey. Your support is essential for the Philoptochos Sisterhood to make a difference in the lives of countless persons who need the help of this Sisterhood. A special offering tray will be passed today in all Parishes of our Metropolis so you can actively participate in this Lenten season by aiding the poor through generous giving. May this Holy and Great Lent bring you many blessings, love, humility, patience, kindness, and every good virtue that we need for our salvation as we journey together to our Lord's glorious Resurrection from the dead.

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 larger, more prominent script, and "Evangelos" is written below it in a similar but slightly smaller script. The signature is centered on the page.

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

To be read from the Pulpit on Sunday, March 8, 2020

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Πρός τόν εὐλαβέστατον Ἱερόν Κλῆρον,
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.

*«Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ, Κυριακῇ πρώτῃ τῶν Νηστειῶν, ἀνάμνησιν ποιούμεθα τῆς ἀναστηλώσεως τῶν ἀγίων καί σεπτῶν εἰκόνων, γενομένης παρά τῶν ἀεμινήστων Αὐτοκρατόρων Κωνσταντινουπόλεως Μιχαήλ καί τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ Θεοδώρας, ἐπὶ Πατριαρχείας τοῦ ἀγίου καί ὁμολογητοῦ Μεθοδίου»
(Συναξάριον)*

Ἀγαπητοί μου ἀδελφοί,

Βρισκόμαστε ἤδη, μέ τὴν Χάρη τοῦ Θεοῦ, στό τέλος τῆς πρώτης ἐβδομάδος τῆς Ἁγίας καί Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστῆς, τῆς πνευματικῆς καί καταλυτικῆς αὐτῆς περιόδου, πού μᾶς προετοιμάζει ψυχικά καί σωματικά γιά τὴν ὑποδοχὴ τῶν Ἁγίων Παθῶν καί τῆς ἐνδόξου Ἀναστάσεως τοῦ Σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Πρῶτος σταθμὸς σέ αὐτό τό πνευματικὸ ταξίδι ἀποτελεῖ ἡ σημερινὴ εὐρτή τῆς ἀναστηλώσεως τῶν Ἁγίων Εἰκόνων, ἐνῶ μέ τούς παραπάνω λόγους, ὁ ἱερός Συναξαριστὴς μᾶς εἰσαγάγει στό νόημα τοῦ εὐρτασμοῦ τῆς σημερινῆς μεγάλης ἡμέρας τοῦ θριάμβου τῆς Ὁρθοδόξου πίστεώς μας, γνωστῆς καί ὡς «Κυριακὴ τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας»..

Γνωρίζουμε ἀπὸ τὴν Ἐκκλησιαστικὴ μας ἱστορία ὅτι ἡ Ἁγία Ἐβδόμη Οἰκουμενικὴ Σύνοδος, πού συγκλήθηκε στὴν Νίκαια τῆς Βιθυνίας τό 787 μ.Χ., καταδίκασε τὴν αἵρεση τῶν Εἰκονομάχων, οἱ ὅποιοι μάχονταν τὴν τιμὴ καί προσκύνηση τῶν ἱερῶν Εἰκόνων ὡς εἰδωλολατρικὴ ἔκφραση. Αὐτὴ ἡ αἵρεση εἶχε διχάσει τὸν Ὁρθόδοξο πιστὸ λαὸ καί ὀδήγησε σέ φοβεροὺς διωγμοὺς ἐκείνων πού τιμοῦσαν τίς Εἰκόνες καί ἔμεναν πιστοὶ στὴν ἐπὶ αἰῶνες διδασκαλία τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μας.

Μετά ἀπὸ διώξεις, βασανιστήρια, μαρτύρια καί κακουχίες πού ὑπέστησαν οἱ πιστοὶ Χριστιανοί, ἦρθε ἡ στιγμή τῆς ἱερᾶς δικαίωσης, ὅταν ἡ Αὐτοκράτειρα Ἁγία Θεοδώρα, ὡς Ἐπίτροπος τοῦ ἀνήλικου γιοῦ τῆς Μιχαήλ, συγκάλεσε Σύνοδο τό ἔτος 843 μ. Χ. στὴν Κωνσταντινούπολη, ὑπὸ τὴν προεδρία τοῦ Πατριάρχου Μεθοδίου. Ἡ Σύνοδος αὐτὴ ἀποκατέστησε ὀριστικὰ τὴν τιμὴ καί προσκύνηση τῶν ἱερῶν Εἰκόνων, ἐπικυρώνοντας τὸν Ὅρο τῆς Ζ' Οἰκουμενικῆς Συνόδου, ὁ ὁποῖος μεταξύ ἄλλων διευκρίνισε ὅτι: «μέσω τῆς προσκύνησης τῶν εἰκόνων λατρεύουμε τὸν Θεὸ καί τιμοῦμε

τούς ἁγίους Του ἀφοῦ ἡ τῆς εἰκόνας τιμὴ ἐπὶ τὸ πρωτότυπον διαβαίνει. Ὅποιος προσκυνᾷ τὴν εἰκόνα, προσκυνᾷ τὴν ὑπόστασιν τοῦ εἰκονιζομένου.»

Ἀγαπητοὶ μου ἀδελφοί,

Ἡ Ὁρθόδοξος μας πίστις εἶναι τὸ μεγαλύτερο δῶρο πού μᾶς ἔχει δώσει ὁ Θεός διὰ τοῦ Ἁγίου Βαπτίσματος. Γνωρίζουμε ὅτι εἴμαστε πλασμένοι «κατ'εἰκόνα καὶ καθ'ὀμοίωσιν Θεοῦ». Ἡ Ὁρθόδοξος Ἐκκλησία μᾶς καλεῖ, νὰ διατηρήσουμε ἀμόλυντη τὴν ἐσωτερικὴ μας εἰκόνα, τὸ δοσμένο «κατ'εἰκόνα», στοχεύοντας στό «καθ'ὀμοίωσιν», πού εἶναι κατὰ τοὺς Ἁγίους καὶ Θεοφόρους Πατέρες, ὁ τελικὸς στόχος τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἡ κατάκτηση τοῦ Παραδείσου, ἡ θέωση.

Γιὰ νὰ πορευθοῦμε ὁμῶς ἀπὸ τὸ «κατ'εἰκόνα» στό «καθ'ὀμοίωσιν» χρειάζεται πνευματικὸς ἀγῶνας καὶ ψυχικὴ κάθαρση, δωρεές πού μᾶς δίνονται μόνο μέσα ἀπὸ τὴν ζωὴ τῆς Ἐκκλησίας. Αὐτὸ ὀνομάζεται «Ὁρθοπραξία». Δηλαδή ὁ συνδυασμὸς τῆς Ὁρθοδόξου πίστεως μὲ τὴν πράξη. Καὶ ὅταν λέμε «πράξη» ἐννοοῦμε τὴν πνευματικὴ ζωὴ, τὴν συμμετοχὴ μας στὰ ἱερά Μυστήρια τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, στίς ἱερές Ἀκολουθίες πού ἰδιαίτερος μᾶς προσφέρει ἡ περίοδος τῆς Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστῆς, τὴν ἄσκηση τῆς Νηστείας καὶ ἀσφαλῶς τὴν ἀρετὴ τῆς ἐλεημοσύνης. Ἄλλωστε, ὅπως λέγει ὁ Ἅγιος Ἰάκωβος ὁ Ἀδελφόθεος: «οὕτω καὶ ἡ πίστις, ἐὰν μὴ ἔργα ἔχη, νεκρά ἐστὶ καθ' ἑαυτὴν» (Ἰακώβ. 2, 17).

Μέσα σέ αὐτὸ τὸ θριαμβευτικὸ πνεῦμα τῆς σημερινῆς Ἑορτῆς τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας μας, εὐχομαί σέ ὅλους κάθε εὐλογία ἀπὸ τὸν Πανάγιο Θεό, καλὴ δύναμη στὸν ἀγῶνα τῆς Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστῆς, καὶ σὰς παρακαλῶ νὰ μὴν ξεχνοῦμε ποτέ τοὺς ἀδελφούς μας πού ἔχουν ἀνάγκη. Αὐτούς πού ἀντιμετωπίζουν πολλές δυσκολίες ὥστε νὰ ἀνταπεξέλθουν στὴν καθημερινότητα τοῦ βίου. Αὐτὸ εἶναι τὸ ἔργο τῆς Ὁρθοδόξου Ἐκκλησίας μας, τὸ ἔργο πού ἐπιτελεῖται σέ κάθε Κοινότητά μας καὶ τὸ ἔργο πού ἀθόρυβα ἐπιτελεῖ καθημερινὰ ἡ Ἱερά μας Μητρόπολις, μέσω τῆς Φιλοπτώχου Ἀδελφότητος. Σὰς παρακαλῶ λοιπὸν ὅλους νὰ συνεισφέρετε, κατὰ τὸ δυνατόν, στὸν δίσκο πού θὰ περιαχθεῖ εὐθύς ἀμέσως ἀπὸ τὰ μέλη τῆς Φιλοπτώχου Ἀδελφότητος τῆς Ἑνορίας σας, πρὸς ἐνίσχυση τῶν Κοινωνικῶν ὑπηρεσιῶν καὶ τῶν φιλανθρωπικῶν προγραμμάτων τῆς Φιλοπτώχου Ἀδελφότητος τῆς Ἱερᾶς Μητροπόλεως Νέας Ἱερσῆς.

Χρόνια πολλά! Καλὸν πνευματικὸν ἀγῶνα,
Μετὰ πατρικῆς ἀγάπης καὶ διαπύρων εὐχῶν,

Ο ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΤΗΣ

† ὁ Νέας Ἱερσῆς ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY



SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

On this, the first Sunday of Lent, our church celebrates the day that Icons were allowed back in the church. This was done to reassure Orthodoxy then and now.

Bring your favorite Icon and hold it high during the Procession of Icons to proclaim and defend Orthodoxy and the use of Icons.

Please join our Sunday school students in the procession by bringing your own personal icon to church.

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Sunday Church School
520 S. Ponca St.
Baltimore, MD 21224



Great Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy



Join us in prayer on March 8, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation
24 West Preston Street
Baltimore, MD

Bring your icon for the procession. Reception to follow in the Father Constantine Monios Hall.

HOLY PASCHA DONATIONS

FLOWER DONATIONS

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2020 - (EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020)

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR TABLE – VASES

MARCH 8	1 ST SUNDAY OF LENT – SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
MARCH 15	2 ND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 22	3 RD SUNDAY OF LENT- THE VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – Daffodils
MARCH 29	4 TH SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 5	5 TH SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 12	PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 16	HOLY THURSDAY
APRIL 18	HOLY SATURDAY – (spring flowers)

SALUTATIONS FLOWERS FOR THEOTOKOS

MARCH 6	1 ST SALUTATIONS ICON PROSKINITARI & WALL ICON
MARCH 13	2 ND SALUTATIONS ICON PROSKINITARI & WALL ICON
MARCH 20	3 RD SALUTATIONS ICON PROSKINITARI & WALL ICON PROSKINITARI (SAME COLORS AS ABOVE)
MARCH 27	3 RD SALUTATIONS HYMN ICON PROSKINITARI & WALL ICON
APRIL 5 TH	4 TH SALUTATIONS AKATHISTOS HYMN PROSKINITARI & WALL ICON
APRIL 12	PALM SUNDAY PALMS
APRIL 12	PALM SUNDAY ICON ((MORNING) –PROSKINITARI (YELLOW FLOWERS)
APRIL 12	NYPHIOS ICON (EVENING) – (PURPLE flowers)
APRIL 16 TH	HOLY THURSDAY – WREATH FOR THE CROWN – (burgundy roses)
APRIL 16	HOLY THURSDAY – WREATH FOR BASE OF THE CROSS (burgundy roses)
APRIL 16	HOLY THURSDAY - PROSKINITARI – BURGANDY ROSES
APRIL 18	HOLY SATURDAY -- RESURRECTION ICON -- WHITE ROSES

INCENSE FOR LENT AND FOR HOLY WEEK

Saturday of Lazarus Breakfast – An individual or a group to host

Breakfast for the young members after Communion

Easter Egg Hunt for children – An Individual or a group to host this event

HOLY WEDNESDAY UNCTION SUPPLIES

GOOD FRIDAY – Sheet -- Rose pedals

HOLY SATURDAY LAUREL & BAY LEAVES

DECORATION OF THE ICONOSTASION

EASTER EGGS

CANDLES DONATIONS

11” YELLOW

11” WHITE

YELLOW LAMBADES FOR GOOD FRIDAY WITH WHITE CUPS

WHITE LAMBADES FOR HOLY SATURDAY WITH RED CUPS

5 DAY VOTIVE LIGHTS -- 50 CASES RED

5 DAY VOTIVE LIGHTS -- 50 CASES PURPLE

*Please contact
Maria Salpeas
(410) 633-5020
in the church office
of your desired choice
of donation(s)*

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

CLIP
HERE

GOOD FRIDAY—LAMENTATIONS SERVICE PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Την Μεγάλη Παρασκευή, κατά την διάρκεια της Ακολουθίας του Επιταφίου Θρήνου, και το Μεγάλο Σάββατο το πρωί, προσευχόμαστε στο Θεό για τις ψυχές των απελθόντων προσφιλών συγγενών και φίλων. Όσοι επιθυμούν να μνημονεύσουν τα αγαπημένα τους πρόσωπα τις ημέρες αυτές, παρακαλούνται να συμπληρώσουν το κάτωθι έντυπο και να το φέρουν στην Εκκλησία πριν την Μεγάλη Παρασκευή.

During the Lamentations Service of Good Friday evening, and on Holy Saturday morning, we offer prayers to God for the souls of our departed beloved family members and friends. For those who wish to have their departed brethren remembered on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, you are asked to complete the below form and submit the names before Good Friday.

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CLIP
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EASTER LILIES FOR THE CHURCH ΔΩΡΕΕΣ ΑΝΘΕΩΝ (ΚΡΙΝΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ)



Please donate Easter Lilies to decorate our church for Easter. The cost is \$25.00. Fill out this form and send or bring it to Saint Nicholas Church.

Αν επιθυμείτε να κάνετε τη δωρεά σας \$25.00, συμπληρώσετε το έντυπο αυτό και στείλετε την δωρεά σας εγκαίρως στον Άγιο Νικόλαο.

NAME

ADDRESS

AMOUNT \$25.00

OTHER AMOUNT

*For flower and other item donations, please contact the church office -
410-633-5020. Thank you for your support.*

*Για Δωρεές ανθέων και άλλων αντικειμένων για την Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή, την Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα και το Πάσχα παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με το Κοινοτικό Γραφείο,
410-633-5020. Σας ευχαριστούμε για την υποστήριξή σας.*

GUIDELINES FOR RESPECTFUL WORSHIP

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Thank you.



DEPARTMENT OF OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

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Outreach@goarch.org ♦ www.outreach.goarch.org

ΟΔΗΓΙΕΣ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΩΡΑΝ ΤΗΣ ΛΑΤΡΕΙΑΣ

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Σᾶς εὐχαριστοῦμε γιὰ τὴν κατανόησιν καὶ τὴν συνεργασίαν σας.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE- HOURS OF OPERATION:

MONDAY - FRIDAY, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
SATURDAY & SUNDAY OFFICE IS CLOSED.
ALSO OFFICE IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS' &
WEDNESDAYS' AFTERNOON – FOR EV-
ERYBODY NO EXCEPTIONS.

For your convenience you can put any notes or
documents into Church's mailbox (next to the
Office door) at any time.

ΩΡΕΣ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑΣ ΤΟΥ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΟΥ ΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΥ:

Οι ώρες λειτουργίας του Γραφείου είναι από
Δευτέρα έως Παρασκευή από 10:00 π.μ. –
4:00 μ.μ. Σάββατο και Κυριακή είναι κλειστό.
Επίσης παραμένει κλειστό το απόγευμα κάθε
Δευτέρα και Τετάρτη.

Προς εξυπηρέτησή σας μπορείτε να ρίχνετε τα
γράμματα, τα αιτήματά σας ή ο,τιδήποτε άλλο
έγγραφο στο άσπρο γραμματοκιβώτιο που
βρίσκεται στην είσοδο του Γραφείου.



*The teachers, staff, and students of
St. Nicholas Greek School wish*

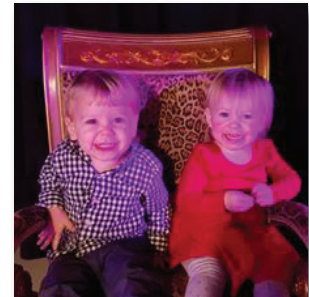
Kiria Xara

all the best on her move to Greece!

We will miss you!!

NOW HIRING!!

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.

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, παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με το Σταθμό μας στο τηλέφωνο 410-633-5020, γραμμή 4 ή στείλτε μας μήνυμα στο Facebook.



On February 28th we held our Annual Apokreatiko Glendi, we would like to thank Jimmy's Famous Seafood for their continued support, their very generous hospitality, delicious and abundant food and the excellent service. Thank you to everyone who attended or donated to make the evening a great success! All proceeds go to The Philoxenia House.

On Monday, March 2nd immediately after the service, please join us for the traditional Kathari Devtera (Clean Monday) pot luck dinner and fellowship. Everyone is welcomed!

On Saturday, March 14th The 7th Annual Retreat with Guest Speaker Mr. Constantine Zalalas. For details and registration form please see the flyer in this months newsletter. The retreat is food for our souls during the Lenten period and we encourage everyone to consider attending.

Sunday, March 8th Sunday of Orthodoxy there will be a Memorial service for our Philoptochos Members. May their memory be eternal!

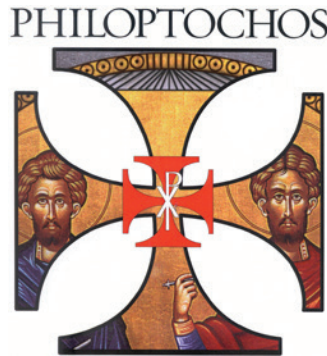
By now everyone should have received our Easter Mailing. If you have not, please see any Philoptochos Board Member. There is no March General Meeting. Due to evening services our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m.

On Palm Sunday again we will be selling Tsourekia for \$12.00. If anyone would like to place an advance order please call Irene Vasilios 410-687-3978. Wishing everyone a Blessed Lent. Kali Sarakosti.

Save the Date:

Lenten Crab Feast Friday, April 10th

Στις 28 Φεβρουαρίου είχαμε το Ετήσιο Αποκριάτικο ΣΓλέντι μας. Θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε το Jimmy's Famous Seafood για τη συνεχή υποστήριξή τους, την γενναιόδωρη φιλοξενία τους, το νόστιμο και άφθονο φαγητό και την άψογη εξυπηρέτησή τους. Ευχαριστούμε όλους όσους συμμετείχαν ή έκαναν δωρεές, η βραδιά είχε μεγάλη επιτυχία! Όλες οι εισπράξεις κατατέθηκαν προς το Οίκημα της ΦΙΛΟΞΕΝΙΑΣ.



Την Δευτέρα, 2 Μαρτίου, αμέσως μετά την Ακολουθία του Απόδειπνου, παρακαλείστε να προσέλθετε στο παραδοσιακό νηστήσιμο δείπνο της Καθαρής Δευτέρας, μπορείτε να συμμετέχετε και σεις στο δείπνο με το δικό σας πιάτο, νηστήσιμο φαγητό, και να απολαύσετε τη συντροφιά. Όλοι είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι.

Το Σάββατο, 14 Μαρτίου θα έχουμε την 7η Ετήσια Περισυλλογή με προσκεκλημένο Ομιλητή, τον κύριο Κωνσταντίνο Ζαλαλά. Για περισσότερες λεπτομέρειες και έντυπο εγγραφής παρακαλείστε δείτε το Φυλλάδιο αυτού του μήνα. Η Περισυλλογή είναι 'τροφή' των ψυχών μας κατά τη διάρκεια της Σαρακοστής και σας ενθαρρύνουμε όλους να εξετάσετε το ενδεχόμενο συμμετοχής σας.

Κυριακή, 8 Μαρτίου, Κυριακή της Ορθοδοξίας, θα κάνουμε το ετήσιο Μνημόσιο υπέρ αναπαύσεως των ψυχών των απελθόντων μελών του Οργανισμού μας. Αιωνία τους η μνήμη.

Μέχρι τώρα όλοιθα πρέπει να έχετε λάβει τη Πασχαλινή μας αλληλογραφίας. Αν δεν έχετε, παρακαλείσθε να επικοινωνήσετε με οποιοδήποτε μέλος του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Φιλοπτώχου. Δεν θα έχουμε Συνεδρίαση των μελών μας το Μάρτιο, λόγω των βραδινών Ακολουθιών, η επόμενη μας συνεδρίαση θα είναι την Τρίτη 7 Απριλίου στις 7:00 μ.μ.

Την Κυριακή των Βαΐων θα πουλάμε Πασχαλινά Τσουρέκια, \$12,00 δολάρια. Αν κάποιος θα ήθελε να δώσετε την παραγγελία του εκ των προτέρων παρακαλείσθε να καλέσετε την κ. Ειρήνη Βασιλείου 410-687-3978. Ευχόμαστε σε όλους ευλογημένη Σαρακοστή!

Να θυμάσαι αυτή την ημερομηνία:

Νηστίσιμη Καβουροφαγία, την Παρασκευή, 10 Απρ ήλιου, 2020.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & GREECE

ATTENTION EVERYONE:

Fr. Michael is planning a spiritual Pilgrimage to Italy and Greece. He has already contacted the Travel Agency (Cloud Tours) and made preliminary arrangements for the trip. Before he commits in the final plans to make this trip he wants to know first how many people would be interested in coming on this Pilgrimage. You cannot put the cart before the horse. If there is no interest then he will stop all communication with the travel Agency. We need to have approximately 25 people committed to go on this trip. If anyone is interested please call Fr. Michael at 443-742-8314 or Email him at frmichael@stnicholasmd.org. We will be touring the cities of Florence, Venice, Ravenna, Rome, Crete, Athens and some Islands of Greece. We will also visit the Vatican. This trip will begin on September 15th thru September 30th, 2020. This will be a 15-day trip to both countries. When we have our first meeting we can discuss the main issue of the trip and other important events that will take place during the Pilgrimage. Fr. Michael would like to schedule the first meeting on Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 pm.



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

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & GREECE St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Baltimore, MD Led By Reverend Father Michael Patrikos September 15-30, 2020: 14 Days / 12 Nights



VENICE – RAVENNA - FLORENCE – ROME - CRETE – ATHENS - AEGINA

ITALY: Our visit will begin with the mystical city of Venice. See St. Mark's Square and the Basilica, Rialto Bridge, Bridge of Sighs and Doge's Palace and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis and its' Icon Museum. Drive to Florence with a stop in Ravenna to see the magnificent Byzantine mosaics! In Florence visit the spectacular Duomo and Baptistery and the Academia with Michaelangelo's David. Our visits in Rome, the Eternal City includes the Vatican, St Peter's Basilica, Colosseum, the Forum and much more.

GREECE: Visit Crete and Athens! In Crete, you will stay at a beautiful resort in Elounda! Visit the major archeological site the Palace of Knossos and the Heraklion Museum. The Palace was the home of King Minos and the seat of the ancient Minoan culture and in Greek mythology, the home of the Minotaur. The Museum houses many of the treasures found during the excavation. Visit the island of Spinalonga, which was a leper colony under Venetian rule and is now a UNESCO world heritage site. Relax at a resort in the beautiful seaside town of Elounda. Enjoy some time in Athens and a day trip to Aegina to visit St. Nektarios Monastery.

SAVE THE DATES September 15-30, 2020 (approximate)

YOUR TOUR WILL INCLUDE:

- *Round trip transatlantic air
- *First class / deluxe hotel accommodations in Italy and Greece including daily breakfast and all taxes & service fees:
1 nt Venice, 2 nts. Florence, 3 nts Rome, 3 nts Elounda, 3nts Athens
- *All private transfers in a deluxe motorcoach with English speaking escort
- *Private sightseeing in air-conditioned motor coach with English speaking guide & entrance fees
- *Motor launch transfers in Venice
- *Flight from Rome to Athens, Athens to Heraklion and Heraklion Athens
- *Round trip hydrofoil tickets to Aegina

Cloud Tours Inc. 31-09 Newtown Ave. Long Island City, NY 11102
Tel: 718-721-3808 Toll Free 800-223-7880 Fax: 718-795-4356 Email: stephen@cloudtours.com

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

“ΤΟΙΣ ΠΑΣΙ ΧΡΟΝΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΚΑΙΡΟΣ ΤΩ ΠΑΝΤΙ ΠΡΑΓΜΑΤΙ ΥΠΟ ΤΟΝ ΟΥΡΑΝΟΝ.
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2020 SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CONFIDENTIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD
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In gratitude for God's blessings I/we make the following commitment to the ministries of St. Nicholas Church:
Σαν έκφραση ευγνωμοσύνης μου για τις ευλογίες που έχω λάβει από τον Θεό, δεσμεύομαι με την ακόλουθη οικονομική και εθελοντική μου προσφορά προς την Εκκλησία του Αγίου Νικολάου:

\$ _____ (Weekly / Monthly / Quarterly / Yearly)
\$ _____ (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
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Occupation / Επάγγελμα (Spouse)	
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Mobile Phone / Κινητό τηλέφωνο	Mobile Phone / Κινητό τηλέφωνο (Spouse)
Email Address / Ηλεκτρονική διεύθυνση	
Email Address of Spouse / Ηλεκτρονική διεύθυνση συζύγου	
Dependent Children's Names and Birthdates / Ονόματα παιδιών και ημερομηνία γεννήσεώς τους	

Introducing Auto Pay Set It and Forget It!

Take the work out of giving! Set up automatic offerings and pledges right from your computer or tablet that will seamlessly reoccur every week, month, quarter, or year.

If you would like to give electronically, visit our website www.stnicholasmd.org or contact the church office at 410-633-5020.

ΕΙΣΑΓΩΓΗ ΣΤΟΝ ΑΥΤΟΜΑΤΟ ΤΡΟΠΟ ΠΛΗΡΩΜΗΣ ΡΥΘΜΙΣΤΕ ΤΟ ΚΑΙ ... ΞΕΧΑΣΤΕ ΤΟ!

Δεν χρειάζεται να θυμάστε να στείλετε τη προσφορά σας. Ρυθμίστε την αυτόματη δωρεά και την εθελοντική σας προσφορά απευθείας από τον υπολογιστή σας ή το tablet σας που θα επαναλαμβάνεται ανελλιπώς κάθε εβδομάδα, μήνα, τρίμηνο ή έτος.

Αν θέλετε να επιλέξετε τη μέθοδο πληρωμής της ηλεκτρονικής μορφής, τότε επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα μας www.stnicholasmd.org ή επικοινωνήστε με το γραφείο της εκκλησίας 410-633-5020.

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- Give anytime, anywhere using your computer, tablet or mobile phone
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The Ladies Philoptochos Society of
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church / Baltimore, Maryland

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 7TH ANNUAL
LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, March 14, 2020

8:30a.m. ~ 4:30p.m.

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Speaker: Constantine Zalalas / Ομιλητής: Κωνσταντίνος Ζαλαλας

ENGLISH SESSION: 8:30a.m.-1:15p.m.

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΙΑΛΕΞΗ: 12:30μ.μ. - 4:30μ.μ.

THE IMPORTANCE OF RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION
PREPARATION AND FREQUENCY

ΤΟ ΠΟΣΟ ΣΥΜΠΑΝΤΙΚΗ ΕΙΝΑΙ Η ΣΥΜΜΕΤΟΧΗ ΜΑΣ ΣΤΗΝ ΘΕΙΑ ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑ
ΠΡΟΕΤΟΙΜΑΣΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΣΥΧΝΟΤΗΤΑ

TRANSGRESSIONS FATAL TO SPIRITUAL PROGRESS
SEVEN DEADLY SINS
Pride, Envy, Gluttony, Lust, Anger, Greed, Sloth

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ΕΠΤΑ ΘΑΝΑΣΙΜΕΣ ΑΜΑΡΤΙΕΣ
Υπερηφάνεια, Ζηλοφθονία, Λαιμαργία, Λαγνεία, Οργή,
Απληστία, Οκνηρία

Continental Breakfast and Lunch

Donation \$35

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them".

Lenten Retreat Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (Daytime) _____ (Evening/Mobile) _____

Email Address _____ Your Parish _____

Please include your check \$35, payable to St. Nicholas Philoptochos. Registration deadline is Monday, March 9th. Please respond the deadline since a catered lunch is included. Mail registration to:

Attending (check one):
 Morning (English Session)
 Afternoon (Greek Session)
 Both Sessions

The Ladies Philoptochos Society
c/o Kyriaki Kontoudis
8053 Woodhaven Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21237

_____ Amount Enclosed

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 26th annual

NICHOLAS TSAKALOS MEMORIAL LENTEN RETREAT

AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY: WHY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE LEAVING THE CHURCH (AND HOW WE CAN INSPIRE THEM TO STAY)

With Retreat Masters

*Rev. Andrew Stephen Damick
pastor of St. Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church
in Emmaus, Pa., and
podcaster on Ancient Faith Radio*

and

*Steven Christoforou
co-founder of the Archdiocese's Y2AM ministry
and presenter of "Be the Bee"*

Saturday, March 21, 2020

9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. - Retreat sessions and Lenten luncheon

4:00 p.m. Great Vespers



\$30 per person includes breakfast and Lenten lunch - Registration deadline March 9th
After March 9, registration will be \$35

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation
24 W. Preston St., Baltimore, Maryland 21201
Information: www.goannun.org - click on "2020 Retreat"

Further questions: Jeanne Tsakalos - Jeannetsakalos@hotmail.com - 410-252-6021

Please note: On Friday, March 20, after Salutations Service, there will be a light Lenten meal and special roundtable discussion with the Speakers and all youth in attendance. Please encourage the youth of your parish to attend! RSVP to Jeanne.

Registration form

Nicholas Tsakalos Memorial Lenten Retreat

March 21, 2020

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone - daytime _____ evening _____

E-mail address _____

Your parish _____

Indicate any food allergy restrictions _____

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Please complete and return by March 9th

This will be the only mailing for the Retreat. Please respond on time since it is a catered luncheon.
Include your check for \$30 per person - **please note any food allergies.**

Make checks payable to Annunciation Cathedral

Registration deadline March 9th. After March 9th, registration will be \$35.

Mail registration to:

Lenten Retreat - c/o Jeanne Tsakalos - 13 Sedgehill Court, Lutherville, MD 21093

Questions - Jeannetsakalos@hotmail.com or phone 410-252-6021

Note to clergy and their wives (if applicable): Attendance is at no cost to you, but please complete and return the registration form by March 9th.

Plenty of Cathedral parking available with attendant.
Additional parking 1/2 block south on Maryland Ave. (on the left)

Please remove me from mailing list

The St. Nicholas Parish Council
invites you to attend

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 12

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

\$25 donation

*Fish | Maryland Crab Soup | Patzaria (beets)
Skordalia | Bottle of Wine
Loukoumades | Coffee | Refreshments*



All proceeds will go toward the St. Nicholas Scholarship Fund



2:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020
ON EASTERN AVE. IN BALTIMORE'S GREEKTOWN

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

HONORING OUR ANCESTORS'
SACRIFICES TO PRESERVE THE IDEALS
OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY

Parade Grand Marshal Chuck Paterakis

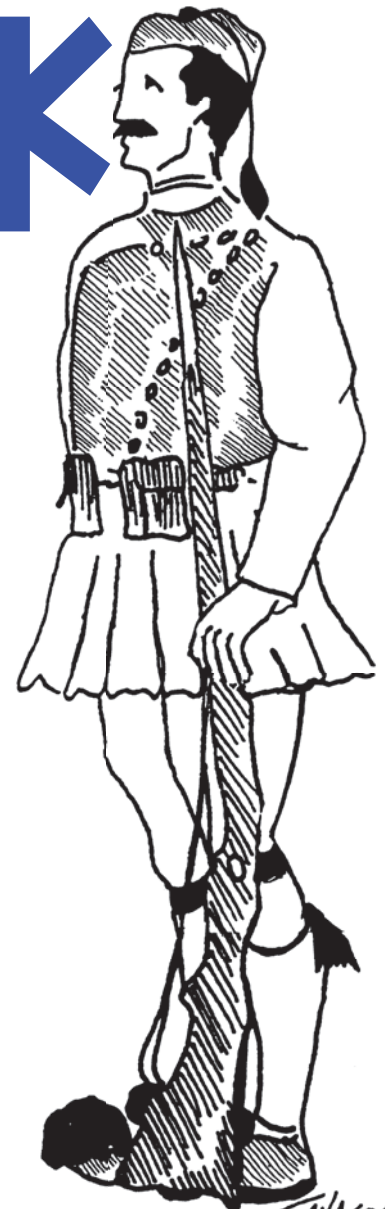
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Hellenic Philharmonic Society of New York*

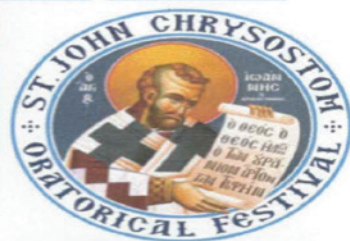
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PARADE HOTLINE: 443-267-4735

www.greekparade.com

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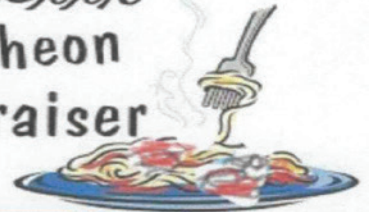


SATURDAY, APRIL 4th
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
**ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
PARISH ORATORICAL
FESTIVAL**



Please join us as we listen to our children speak about their Orthodox faith. All Sunday church school students (from grades 4th to 10th and all GOYANS up to 12th grade) are welcome to participate. Pick up your list of topics from the Sunday school office. Two Junior and two Senior Finalists at the Parish level will then move forward to participate at the District Festival.

*Spaghetti
Luncheon
Fundraiser*



SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH
**ANNUAL LENTEN
SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON**
AFTER CHURCH SERVICES IN
THE LARGE HALL

**Admission: Adults-\$12.00
Children 12 & under-\$ 7.00**

**PLEASE JOIN US WITH YOUR FAMILY AND
FRIENDS FOR THIS ONLY FUNDRAISER THAT
THE SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL HOLDS.**

**St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
520 Ponca St.
Baltimore, MD 21224**

SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK FOLK FESTIVAL

Check if same ad as 2019

2020 - June 11, 12, 13, 14
AD PLACEMENT ORDER FORM

*Support St. Nicholas Church by purchasing your ad space for 2020 now!
Don't forget weddings, baptisms, engagements, graduations, memorials*

- \$400 - Full Page - 6" x 9"
- \$200 - Half Page - 6" x 4.5"
- \$125 - Quarter Page - 3" x 4.5"
- (If Available):**
- \$600 - Back Cover
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- \$500 - Inside Back Cover

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 1ST

Completed forms and ads must be received by 5/1/20 or placement cannot be guaranteed in the ad book
(Jpg or pdf format, Minimum resolution - 150 ppi)

Artwork to adrienne@kosaridesign.com

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Submission date: _____ / _____ / 2020

NOTE: Please e-mail an electronic version of your ad to adrienne@kosaridesign.com by **Friday, May 1**. Ads that do not fit the measurements above will be resized. No bleed edge required. Please check box at top of form if same ad as 2019.

PAYMENT: Please send your form and check made out to: **St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival 2020 Ad Book**, 520 South Ponca Street, Baltimore, MD 21224. For payment questions please contact Sophia Paros at **443-910-5338**.



FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

!!!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!!

ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL - JUNE 11-14

PREPARATIONS ARE NOW UNDERWAY FOR THE 2019 ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL. MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT. THERE WILL BE A WIDE VARIETY OF VOLUNTEER OPTIONS FOR EVERYONE.



PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH THE OFFICE
(410-633-5020) OR PENNY (443-756-2201)
TO SIGN UP!



CARNIVAL Pride

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

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.
Reservations 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.**



2020 PLEDGES-\$112,510.00 / Payments-\$72,554.74 / Balance--\$39,955.26

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 MRS ANASTASIS FOTINI
 MRS APESOS ANTIGONE
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 MR/MRS ATSIDIS IOANNIS
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PARISH COUNCIL



We congratulate the new and returning members of the St. Nicholas Parish Council on their swearing-in to service.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MARCH

Monday, March 2: Philoptochos Lenten Pot Luck dinner after the Compline Service

Saturday, March 7: St. Nicholas GOYA "Bingo Night" at the Plateia

Sunday, March 8: GOYA Board Meeting/GOYA Meeting/Activity after church

Tuesday, March 10: St. Nicholas Diamonds meeting - 1:00 pm

Tuesday, March 10: Bible study with Father Michael - 6:00 pm

Thursday, March 12: Parish Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 14: Ladies Philoptochos 7th Annual Lenten Retreat

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

Sunday, March 22: Greek School March 25th "Independence Day Program" following the Divine Liturgy

Thursday, March 26: Pilgrimage to Italy and Greece meeting - 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 29: Greek Independence Day Parade - 2:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, April 4: St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival - 10:00 am

Sunday, April 5: Sunday School Lenten Spaghetti Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 5: GOYA Board Meeting after church

Monday, April 6: GOYA Meeting at 7:00 pm

Friday, April 10: Philoptochos Lenten Crab Feast

LITURGICAL CALENDAR - MARCH/APRIL

Monday	March 2	Great Lent Begins: Compline Service 7:00 pm
Wednesday	March 4	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm
Friday	March 6	First Salutation Service 7:00 pm
Saturday	March 7	Third Saturday of the Souls: St. Theodore/Kollyva Miracle: Orthros 8:45 am 9:30 am
Sunday	March 8	First Sunday of Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Procession of the Holy Icons
Monday	March 9	Compline Service 7:00 pm
Wednesday	March 11	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm
Friday	March 13	Second Salutation Service 7:00 pm
Sunday	March 15	Second Sunday of Lent: St. Gregory Palamas: Orthros: 8:45 am. D. Lit. 10:00
Monday	March 16	Compline Service 7:00 pm
Wednesday	March 18	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm
Friday	March 20	Third Salutation Service 7:00 pm
Sunday	March 22	Third Sunday of Lent. Veneration of the Holy Cross: Orthros: 8:45 am. D. Liturgy: 10:00 am.
Monday	March 23	Compline Service 7:00 pm
Tuesday	March 24	Great Vespers Service (Annunciation Cathedral) 5:00 pm
Wednesday	March 25	Feast Day of the Annunciation/Independence Day Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am (St. Nicholas)
Friday	March 27	Fourth Salutation Service 7:00 pm
Sunday	March 29	Fourth Sunday of Lent Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Monday	March 30	Compline Service 7:00 pm
Wednesday	April 1	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm
Friday	April 3	Akathist Hymn 7:00 pm
Sunday	April 5	Fifth Sunday of Lent Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Monday	April 6	Compline Service 7:00 pm
Wednesday	April 8	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy: 8:45 am.
Saturday	April 11	Saturday of Lazarus: Orthros: 8:45 am.D.Lit. 9:45 am.
Sunday	April 12	Palm Sunday: Orthros: 8:45 am. D. Liturgy 10:00am.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR - MARCH/APRIL

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday Evening	April 12	The Bridegroom Service	7:00 pm
Holy Monday Evening	April 13	The Bridegroom Service	7:00 pm
Holy Tuesday Evening	April 14	The Bridegroom Service (Kassiani Troparion)	7:00 pm
Holy Wednesday Morning	April 15	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	9:00 am
Holy Wednesday Evening	April 15	Holy Unction Service	6:00 pm
Holy Thursday Morning	April 16	Divine Liturgy commemorating the Last Supper*: The Service will begin at 6:00 am (Working People)	
Holy Thursday Evening	April 16	The Reading of the Twelve Gospels	7:00 pm
Holy Friday Morning	April 17	The Royal Hours	9:00 am
Holy Friday Afternoon	April 17	Apokathelosis Service	2:00 pm
Holy Friday Evening	April 17	The Lamentations Service	7:00 pm
Holy Saturday Morning	April 18	Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil (First Resurrection):	Services will begin at 7:30 am
Holy Saturday Evening	April 18	Resurrection Service:	11:00 am Pascha Vigil 12:00 Midnight: Outside service: 1:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy
Sunday of Holy Pascha	April 19	The Agape Vespers: Holy Pascha	11:00 am



HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to decorate our Church for the special days of Holy Week. We all love approaching the Church during these beautiful holy days and anticipate seeing the transformation from joy on Palm Sunday morning, to sorrow on Palm Sunday evening and then the celebration of Pascha on Holy Saturday evening! But the Church doesn't magically transform from one event to another. It takes dedicated people, young and old, who will take a few hours to participate in decorating the Church. The days and approximate times are as follows: Lazarus Saturday – decorating the Church and possibly the outside with greenery and Spring flowers for the next day of Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday afternoon – removing the greenery and drape the purple cloth over the altar icons. Good Friday night – strip the bay leaves. Holy Saturday afternoon – decorate the Church with the white lilies and whatever else is needed. Let's not forget the closing prayer of the Divine Liturgy which the priest reads, "Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house." The Lord is calling all of us who love the Church to be blessed and what a more beautiful way to receive this blessing than during the Holy Passion and Resurrection of Jesus, our Lord. Contact the Church Office at 410-633-5020 to place your name on the schedule. You will feel an inner feeling of joy knowing that you have participated in the preparation of these Holy Days.