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Pastoral Message from Fr. Michael Pastrikos

PASCHAL MESSAGE

The all joyous and most desired day of Holy Pascha will be with us on Sunday April 15th. On this day the whole Universe will radiantly celebrate the rising of Christ from the grave. The purpose of His life was to offer Himself as a sacrificial Lamb for the sins of mankind. The Lord rose to bring joy to the whole world, to bring joy to His disciples, and to all of the righteous; The Holy Apostle Paul said; “If Christ did not rise, then faith is in vain”.

Pascha celebrates the promise of life in the face of death. The Resurrection of Christ must fill our lives more radiantly than the bright light of the rays of the sun. But just as one can hide from the rays of the sun in a cold dark place-so also can one distance oneself from the light of the Resurrection of Christ. But how terrible and dark then would become an individual’s life, if he keeps himself in darkness. For what reason then would one live, for that reason would one suffer, love, create something with effort, if everything will end with the grave as their destination. But today sorry to say, there are people who believe in this destructive concept, that there is no life after the grave. It is very sad that people believe in this concept that there is no life after death.

Why would God create this world and then destroy it if there was nothing valuable afterwards? Why would God spend all this energy to come up short in the end.? Why would God go through all that trouble to come to the earth and be born of the Virgin Mary, and go through His trials, His passions, His sufferings, and at the end be humiliated by Crucifixion on the Cross? Why would God go through all of this, if there wasn’t the gift of everlasting life on the other side of the grave.

For those who don’t believe that there is no Resurrection of Christ, then there is no personal resurrection from the dead for them. And then, there will be nothing with which to fill one’s soul, deformed by

sin—a soul which by its nature is called by the Creator to strive toward immortal eternal life.

If you ask any Christian who do they choose to follow? Their answer will be to follow our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, because He is the One who fulfills the emptiness of our souls. With this in mind we all acknowledge that through His Redeeming Sacrifice which has been offered, death is defeated, and the people of God are delivered from the captivity of hell. Now we can say that the doors of Paradise are open once again for all who have come to believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Saviour.

If we look back to the Old Testament, this Sacrificial Triumph was prefiguratively revealed some 1500 years before the Nativity of our Saviour. When the Egyptian Pharaoh refused to grant freedom to the enslaved Hebrew Nation despite the efforts of Moses, the Lord sent Egypt various tribulations, but the heart of Pharaoh was hardened. It was then that the Lord sent the severe punishment” the death of all the first born in Egypt”.

If you read into this story, you will understand that this was the First Old Testament Passover that was celebrated serving as a prefiguration of the great and eternal Pascha (Passover), Christ Himself who offered Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world by crucifixion on the Cross.

We sing in the service during the Paschal night” Christ is the New Passover, the living sacrifice, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world”. As I conclude, let us worship Him, the Lord of life and death, the Lord Who is risen and Who bestows resurrection upon all creation, Who is the “Bread of Life” Who has “come down from heaven” and Who is given “for the life of the world!”. Let us also glorify God with Thanksgiving and with great joy great each other with the Holy kiss, repeating the Sacred words, “**CHRIST IS RISEN — TRULY HE IS RISEN**”.



KONONIA

Μήνυμα από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Λ. Παστρικό

ΠΑΣΧΑΛΙΝΟ ΜΗΝΥΜΑ

Την Κυριακή, 15 Απριλίου, θα εορτάσουμε την πιο χαρούμενη ημέρα της χριστιανοσύνης, ΤΟ ΑΓΙΟ ΠΑΣΧΑ.

Την ημέρα αυτή ολόκληρος ο κόσμος θα γιορτάσει την ένδοξο Ανάσταση του Χριστού από τον τάφο. Ο σκοπός της ζωής του ήταν να προσφέρει τον εαυτό του ως Αμνό θυσίας για τις αμαρτίες της ανθρωπότητας. Ο Κύριος αναστήθηκε για να φέρει χαρά σε ολόκληρο τον κόσμο, να φέρει τη χαρά στους μαθητές Του, και σε όλους τους δίκαιους! Ο Άγιος Απόστολος Παύλος είπε: "Αν ο Χριστός δεν αναστήθηκε, τότε η πίστη είναι μάταιη".

Το Πάσχα γιορτάζεται η υπόσχεση της ζωής κατά του θανάτου. Η Ανάσταση του Χριστού πρέπει να γεμίζει τις ζωές μας πιο πολύ από ό,τι το φως που ακτινοβολούν οι ακτίνες του ήλιου. Άλλα ακριβώς όπως μπορεί κάποιος να κρύβεται από τις ακτίνες του ήλιου σε ένα κρύο και σκοτεινό μέρος, με τον ίδιο τρόπο επίσης μπορεί να απομακρύνεται και από το φως της Αναστάσεως του Χριστού. Άλλα πόσο τρομερή και σκοτεινή θα είναι τότε η ζωή του, αν κρατά τον εαυτό του στο σκοτάδι; Για ποιο λόγο τότε θα ξούσε, για πιο λόγο θα υπέφερε, θα αγαπούσε, θα δημιουργούσε κάτι με πολύ κόπο, αν δια θα τέλειωναν με τον τάφο ως προορισμό τους; Σήμερα, όμως, λυπάμαι να πω, υπάρχουν άνθρωποι που πιστεύουν σε αυτή τη καταστρεπτική έννοια, ότι δεν υπάρχει ζωή μετά τον τάφο.

Είναι πολύ λυπηρό το γεγονός ότι οι άνθρωποι πιστεύουν σε αυτήν την έννοια, ότι δεν υπάρχει μετά θάνατον ζωή. Γιατί ο Θεός λοιπόν να δημιουργήσει αυτόν τον κόσμο και στη συνέχεια να τον καταστρέψει, αν δεν υπήρχε, στην συνέχεια, τίποτα αξιόλογο; Γιατί ο Θεός θα έκανε όλη αυτή την προσπάθεια για να καταλήξει σ' αυτό το σύντομο τέλος; Γιατί ο Κύριος θα περνούσε μέσα από όλα αυτά τα βάσανα, να έρθει στη γη, να γεννηθεί από την Παρθένο Μαρία, και να περάσει από τις δοκιμασίες Του, τα πάθη Του, και στο τέλος να ταπεινωθεί από τη Σταύρωση πάνω στον Σταυρό; Γιατί ο Θεός θα τα υπέφερε όλα αυτά, αν δεν υπήρχε το δώρο της αιώνιας ζωής στην άλλη πλευρά του τάφου. Για όσους δεν πιστεύουν ότι υπάρχει η Ανάσταση του Χριστού, τότε δεν υπάρχει γι' αυτούς ανάσταση εκ νεκρών. Και τότε, δεν θα υπάρχει τίποτα που να γεμίζει την ψυχή τους, θα είναι παραμορφωμένη από την

αμαρτία—μια ψυχή που από τη φύση της, καλείται από τον Δημιουργό να αγωνιστεί για να κατακτήσει την αθάνατη αιώνια ζωή.

Αν ωρτήσετε οποιονδήποτε Χριστιανό, ποιόν επιλέγει να ακολουθήσει, η απάντηση θα είναι ότι επιλέγουν να ακολουθήσουν τον Κύριο και Σωτήρα μας Ιησού Χριστό, διότι Αυτός είναι ο μόνος που πληρεί την κενότητα των ψυχών μας. Με αυτό κατά νου όλοι αναγνωρίζουμε ότι εξαγόρασε με την Θυσία που προσέφερε, την νίκη κατά του θανάτου, και οι άνθρωποι του Θεού απέλευθερώθηκαν από την αιχμαλωσία της κόλασης. Τώρα μπορούμε να πούμε ότι οι πόρτες του Παραδείσου είναι ανοικτές για άλλη μια φορά για όλους όσους πιστεύουν ακράδαντα ότι ο Ιησούς Χριστός είναι ο Κύριος και Σωτήρας μας.

Αν κοιτάξουμε πίσω στην Παλαιά Διαθήκη, αυτός ο θυσιαστικός θρίαμβος είχε προφητευθεί περίπου 1500 χρόνια πριν από τη Γέννηση του Σωτήρα μας. Όταν ο Αιγυπτιος Φαραώ αρνήθηκε να ελευθερώσει το υπόδουλο Εβραϊκό Γένος, παρά τις προσπάθειες του Μωυσή, ο Θεός έστειλε στην Αίγυπτο διάφορες δοκιμασίες, αλλά η καρδιά του Φαραώ ήταν σκληρή. Τότε ήταν που ο Κύριος έστειλε την αιστηρή τιμωρία "το θάνατο όλων των πρωτότοκων παιδιών στην Αίγυπτο". Αν μελετήσετε αυτή την ιστορία, θα καταλάβετε ότι αυτό ήταν το πρώτο Πάσχα της Παλαιάς Διαθήκης, που εορτάστηκε και υπηρετεί ως προεικόνιση της μεγάλης και της αιώνιας Εορτής του Πάσχα (Πάσχα), που ο ίδιος ο Χριστός πρόσφερε τον εαυτό Του ως θυσία, για τις αμαρτίες του κόσμου, με την Σταύρωση πάνω στον Σταυρό.

Θα ψάλλουμε στην Ακολουθία κατά τη διάρκεια της Πασχαλινής Λειτουργίας "ο Χριστός είναι το Νέο Πάσχα, η ζώσα θυσία, ο Αμνός του Θεού ο αίρων τις αμαρτίες του κόσμου". Ολοκληρώνοντας, ας λατρεύουμε, τον Κύριο της ζωής και του θανάτου, τον Κύριο που ανεστήθη, και χάρισε ανάσταση σε όλην την ανθρωπότητα, τον Κύριο που είναι "ο άρτος της ζωής" που "κατέβηκε από τον ουρανό" και που θυσίασε τη ζωή Του για τον κόσμο.

Ας δοξάζουμε το Θεό ευχαριστώντας Τον με μεγάλη χαρά, χαιρετώντας μεταξύ μας ο ένας τον άλλον με το Αγιό φιλί, επαναλαμβάνοντας τα Άγια λόγια:

"ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ — ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ"

PROTOPRESBYTER FR. MICHAEL PASTRIKOS, PASTOR

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MARY GUTIERREZ, FOURTH GRADE

VOULA G. SAKELAKIS, FIFTH GRADE

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COMMUNITY NEWS - KOINOTIKA NEA



Left to right: Irene Tsambikos, Sophie Agelopas, Stefanie Tahinos, Zoe Perdikakis, President of Philoptochos, Despina Kaitis, Dora Patras, Tina Harris, accepting the award on behalf of her mother, Elpida, and Nora Kefalas, Vice President of Philoptochos.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

I hope everyone is having a Blessed Lenten Journey.

On April 8th, Palm Sunday we will be selling tsoureki (Easter bread). Since there will a limited amount prepare please be sure to reserve your order in advance by calling Zoe Perdikakis at 410-908-1556 or Nora Kefalas at 410-979-6656. This year there will be two sizes, a 1 pound braid for \$10.00 and a 2 pound kouloura for \$16.00.

April 13th is Great and Holy Friday. (You should have already received our Easter mailing with the Epitafio envelope). All the ladies of our parish are urged to come and participate in this most solemn tradition, the decoration of the Kouvouklion.

May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. will be our last meeting of the ecclesiastical year, so please join us.

During the past few weeks, Philoptochos has received the following donations:

Food account:

In memory of Chrysante Charalambous from her family.

A donation from Mrs. Vasiliki Kapou.

General account:

In memory of Kosta and Stella Maniatis from Evangelia Alexion.

In memory of Anastasios Saliaris: Panayiotis and Evangelia Saliaris; Costa and Tsambika Trantafilos; Michael and Nora Kefalas, George and Zoe Perdikakis; Pete and Genny Stakias ; and Steve and Nitsa Zdziera.

In memory of George Chuvala: Michael and Nora Kefalas, George and Zoe Perdikakis.

General Donations: Panayiotis and Evangelia Saliaris, Mrs. Stefanie Tahinos and Mrs. Despina Kaitis.

Philoxenia House Account:

From Deacon Panayiotis of the New Jersey Metropolis and Mrs. Mary Serafis.

We thank everyone for their kind donations and wish them health, joy and prosperity in their lives.

On February 24th during our Aprokreatiko Glendi we had the pleasure of honoring 6 of our beloved and respected ladies of our community who have served our Philoptochos for more than 50 years. They are: Mesdames Despina Kaitis, Stefanie Tahinos, Dorothy Patras, Hope Harris, Sophie Agelopas, and Irene Tsambikos.

May our Heavenly Father keep them under His care and grant them many years. Metropolitan Evangelos and the Metropolis Philoptochos President, Anastasia Michals, sent certificates to the honorees that were presented that evening.

This year our chapter commemorates the 10th Anniversary of the opening of our "Philoxenia House" which houses the individuals and families visiting the Baltimore area as they await medical services. In honor of this milestone, we are planning a 3-day weekend celebration to be held during April 20-22, 2012. Please join us as we

celebrate the success of this unique philanthropic project. A flyer was sent to all the homes with our spring mailing. Please make every effort to attend at least one of the events that are being planned.

It was with great pleasure that the President and Members of the Board of the Saint Nicholas Philoptochos Society were invited to tour the new Plateia building and view the recent progress made towards its completion. As a sister organization of our Church, we wish to congratulate those who have worked to make this dream come true and pledge to support the efforts of the Plateia project.

To this end, at one of the recent general meetings of Philoptochos, a motion was made and passed that the Philoptochos would donate the amount of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) from the "Church Needs" account toward the purchase of a new elevator for the Plateia. Also, the board, along with the president, Zoe Perdikakis, unanimously voted that an additional \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) from the profit of this year's Apokreatiko Glendi be donated to the Plateia. These recent donations bring the total amount of \$27,000 (twenty seven thousand dollars) given for this project by our chapter.

Through divine guidance from our Lord and the prayers of Saint Nicholas, we pray that the Plateia will be fully operational in the very near future. "Let us all stand united filled with love for our Church and our Community."

**With Love for our God and our Neighbors,
Zoe Perdikakis, President**

NEA TΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

Εύχομαι να περνάτε ήρεμα και ευλογημένα την Αγία και Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή.

Το πρόγραμμα τής Φιλοπτώχου συνεχίζεται.

Απριλίου 8—Κυριακή των Βαΐων—Πώλησης Τσουρεκιών.

Για παραγγελίες τηλεφωνήστε στην Ζωή Περδικάκη 410-908-1556, Νόρα Κεφάλα 410-979-6656. Τιμή \$10.00 τις πλεξούδες και \$ 16.00 για τις κουλούρες. Καλό θά ήταν να παραγγείλετε τα δικά σας.

Απριλίου 13—Μεγάλη Παρασκευή—Στολισμός του Επιταφίου στις 9 το πρωί. Παρακαλείσθε ολες οι κυρίες οπως συμμετάσχετε.

Μαΐου 2—Τετάρτη 7:00 μμ—Τελευταία συνεδρίαση της εκκλησιαστικής χρονιάς.

Τις τελευταίες εβδομάδες είχαμε τις κάτωθι δωρεές:

Γιά το λογαριασμό “σύντομης τών απόδων”:

Δωρεά από την κα. Βασιλική Κάπου, και είς μνήμη της Χρυσάνθης Χαροκάλαμπου από τήν οικογένεια της.

Για τον “καθημερινό λογαριασμό”

Είς μνήμη τών Κώστα και Μαρίας Μανιάτη από την Κα Εναγγελία Αλεξίου.

Είς μνήμη τού αειμνήστου Αναστασίου Σαλιάρη:

COMMUNITY NEWS - KOINOTIKA NEA

SCHEDULE HOURS FOR FOOD AND PASTRY

PREPARATIONS FOR FESTIVAL 2012

All preparations will start at 9:00 a.m. All Ladies, young and old, who can and want to help are asked to call the Saint Nicholas Office 410-633-5020, and give their name and telephone number and the hours they can help, or they can call Mrs. Rose Cornias, 410-633-2805.

Also, if you wish to make a donation for the purchase of the ingredients for the food or sweets they can call Mrs. Cornias.

ΩΡΕΣ ΠΡΟΕΤΟΙΜΑΣΙΑΣ ΦΑΓΗΤΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΓΛΥΚΙΣΜΑΤΩΝ ΤΟΥ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ 2012

Όλες οι προετοιμασίες θα αρχίζουν στις 9:00 π.μ. Όσες κυρίες και δεσποινίδες μπορούν και θέλουν να βοηθήσουν στις προετοιμασίες, παρακαλούνται να τηλεφωνούν στο Κοινοτικό Γραφείο, 410-633-5020, και να δηλώνουν το όνομάτους, τις μέρες και ώρες που μπορούν να βοηθήσουν ή να επικοινωνούν με την υπένθυνη κ. Ρόζα Κόρνια στο τηλέφωνο 410-633-2805.

Επίσης, όποιος θέλει να δώσει δωρεά για την αγορά των διαφόρων υλικών για τα φαγητά ή τα γλυκίσματα, μπορεί να επικοινωνεί με την κ. Κόρνια.

Tuesday, April 17	Tyropites	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 18	Baklavas	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 19	Kantaifi	9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 23	Preparation/Spanakopites	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 24	Spanakopites	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 25	Galaktoboureko	9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 30	Preparation/Dolmades	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 2	Dolmades	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 3	Dolmades	9:00 a.m.
Monday, May 7	Kourabiethes-Finikia	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 8	Koulourakia-Ahладакия	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 9	Diples - Xerotigania	9:00 a.m.
Monday, May 14	Preparation/Pastitsio	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15	Pastitsio	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 16	Pastitsio	9:00 a.m.
Monday, May 21	Preparation/Mousakas	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22	Mousakas	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 23	Mousakas	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 24	Tsoureki	9:00 a.m.

P.L.C. News

The next Parish Life Committee (PLC) meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 5th at 7 pm. All organization heads are asked to be present or send a representative to attend. We hope to see everyone there!

Thank you, The P.L.C. Committee

TRADITIONAL PALM SUNDAY FISH LUNCHEON

The Saint Nicholas Parish Council is sponsoring a traditional Palm Sunday family fish luncheon immediately following church services on April 8th.

Bring your entire family and join us to celebrate the last joyous event until Easter. The cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for the child's meal (ages 12 and under). Let's make this a true church family event. All proceeds to benefit the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. We hope to see everyone at the luncheon.

NOTICE FROM THE METROPOLITAN

February 9, 2012

Dear Parishioners,

Effective immediately for all Sacraments of Marriage, Baptism, and Chrismation, a copy of the Sponsor's Ecclesiastical Marriage Certificate, or a copy of the Sponsor's Ecclesiastical Divorce must be submitted to the Metropolis. For a Wedding, the Certificate must be submitted to the Metropolis with the Affidavit for Marriage. For Baptisms and Chrismations, the Certificate must be submitted to the Metropolis with the Record of Baptism or Chrismation. **If a potential Sponsor cannot provide the Certificate, he/she is not eligible to serve as a Sponsor.** If any questions should arise please contact the Metropolis.

Praying that our loving Lord will continue to strengthen all of you as you perform the Holy Sacraments for the spiritual benefit of our Orthodox Faithful, I remain

*With Paternal Love and Blessings,
EVANGELOS
Metropolitan of New Jersey.*

The Parish Council of Saint Nicholas

PHILOPTOCHOS SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Philoptochos Chapter will be awarding scholarships on Sunday, May 20th. If you are a student entering college or already in college, you may pick up your application form in the church office starting April 1st, 2012. The completed forms must be returned by May 1st.

ΑΙΤΗΣΕΙΣ ΓΙΑ ΥΠΟΤΡΟΦΙΕΣ

Αιτήσεις για τις υποτροφίες βρίσκονται εις το γραφείο της εκκλησίας μας. Η τελευταία ημέρα για να επιστραφούν οι αιτήσεις συμπληρωμένες είναι Μαΐου 1η. Η απονομή θα γίνει στις 20 Μαΐου.

Όλοι οι μαθητές και μαθήτριες που τελειώνουν λύκειο και θα φοιτήσουν σε κολέγια τον Σεμπτέμβριο η και οι φοιτητές κολλεγίου καλούνται να υποβάλουν αιτήσεις.

CHESAPEAKE YOUTH COUNCIL

(CYC) SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IN FULL SWING

It is time to begin making your plans for the Chesapeake Youth Council (CYC) Summer Camp. CYC is one of the premier and oldest Orthodox Christian camps in our area. This year promises to be a year of spiritual growth and fellowship. This year's camp theme, "Are We Ready For Jesus?", allows our youth to come together and experience a great spirit of faith enrichment. The dates for camp are July 23-27, 2012.

IN ORDER TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT, FORMS ARE NO LONGER BEING MAILED. You may download volunteer and camper forms at www.cycsummercamp.com. Scroll to the bottom of the page for all downloads. Kindly take note that the camp does fill up very quickly and substantial discounts are offered for early registration and payment. Don't wait until the last minute!

Thank you, John Daskalakis, Jr., Director

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GREEKTOWN CDC

A message from Col. John E. Gavrilis, CEO

We would like to congratulate the 2012 Greek Independence Parade committee and everyone who participated in the event. The Greektown CDC is proud to have such a vibrant committee help showcase our neighborhood to outside visitors, Baltimore residents and members of the Greek community. We look forward to continuing our participation in the parade for many years to come!

It is with great pleasure to announce that two members of our organization received accolades for their accomplishments in their respective fields. Our Board member, **Aris Melissaratos**, has been awarded Corridor's Person of the Year award for all of his accomplishments in Maryland's business community. Our Executive Director, **Jason Filippou**, has been awarded the national top 40 under 40 Greek American by the Greek America Foundation based in Chicago, USA and was recently appointed to the Baltimore City Democratic State Central Committee for the 46th District. Congratulations to both Aris and Jason for all of their accomplishments.

We had a successful community clean up on March 24 with

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Announcement Regarding Memorial Services and Food Offering Parishioners,

We would like to inform you of a minor change in our policy regarding memorial services.

All forty-day memorial services will continue to be held on the appropriate Sunday. However, in an effort to prevent an overlap between the Church's fundraising events and memorial services, all other memorial services (six months, one year, etc.), will now be held on a date coordinated between the family and the Church office.

These fundraising events are aimed at securing the much needed financial capital to complete the community "Plateia", which has been making remarkable progress over the last year.

We would like to thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We apologize for any inconvenience this decision may cause.

Respectfully, The President and Members of the St. Nicholas Parish Council

Προς τα μέλη της Κοινότητας — Θέμα: Μνημόσυνα και προσφορά μεξέδων/φαγητών.

Θα θέλαμε να σας ενημερώσουμε ότι από όως και στο εξής όταν μία Κυριακή συμβεί η Κοινότητα να προσφέρει μεσημεριανό φαγητό προς πληωμή στα μέλη της, την Κυριακή αυτή δεν θα γίνονται επήσια ή πολυετή μνημόσυνα. Μνημόσυνα θα γίνονται τις Κυριακές αυτές μόνον αν είναι σαρανταήμερα.

Εξάμηνα, ετήσια ή πολυετή μνημόσυνα, παρακαλούμε να τα προγραμματίζετε αφού προηγουμένως συν-νενοηθείτε με το γραφείο της Κοινότητας.

Προσπαθούμε ποικιλότροπα να βρούμε πόρους απαραίτητους για την αποπεράτωση του έργου «Πλατεία» και την οικονομική ευωστία της Κοινότητας.

Ευχαριστούμε για την καταννόηση και προσοχή σας στο θέμα αυτό.

Ζητούμε συγγνώμη για την μικρή αυτή αλλαγή που αναγκάζομαστε εκ των πραγμάτων να κάνουμε.

Με εκτίμηση, Ο Πρόεδρος και τα μέλη των Διοικητικού Συμβούλιον Αγίου Νικολάου

FAMILY BINGO

FRIDAY, April, 27, 2012, 6 p.m.

Saint Nicholas Social Hall — 520 S. Ponca St.
Baltimore, Md. 21224

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. — *Bingo 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.*

* Prizes * Pizza * Refreshments will be sold.

Proceeds: We need to buy a new double burner & double oven stove. Donation \$10.00 per person

To buy your tickets please call the Church Office
410-633-5020, or Rose Cornias 410-633-2805 or Kelly
Papadopoulos 410-967-0940, or Kiki Vavakas 410-633-
6482. Bring your family members and friends.

ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΕΙΑΚΗ ΒΡΑΔΥΑ ΜΠΙΝΓΚΟ

Την Παρασκευή, 27 Απριλίου, 2012, στις 6 το απόγευμα.
Στη Κοινοτική Αίθουσα του Αγίου Νικολάου.

Θα σας χαρίσουμε και πάλι μια ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΕΙΑΚΗ ΒΡΑΔΥΑ ΜΠΙΝΓΚΟ. Οι πόρτες θα ανοίξουν στις 5:30 μ.μ. Το "παιχνίδι" θα αρχίσει από τις 6 και θα συνεχιστεί μέχρι τις 11 μ.μ. Θα μοιράσουμε δώρα, και θα πουλάμε σνάκς, πίτσα, αναψυκτικά κ.ά. Με τα έσοδα θα αγοράσουμε και θα αντικαταστήσουμε την παλιά διπλή κουζίνα, με το διπλό φύρων. Είσοδος \$10.00 το ατόμο.

Για να κλείσετε το τραπέζι σας παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με το Κοινοτικό Γραφείο, 410-633-5020 ή με την κ. Ρόζα Κόρνια 410-633-2805, την Κέλλη Παπαδοπούλου 410-967-0940, ή την Κικί Βάβακας 410-633-6482. Θα χαρούμε να σας δώμε! Φέρτε γνωστούς φίλους και μέλη της οικογενείας σας. Σας υποσχόμαστε μια ανεπανάληπτη βραδυά!



St. Nicholas Diamonds

presents a 7 day / 6 night Exciting Trip

Arizona, Las Vegas & The Grand Canyon

October 4 - 10, 2012

Package Includes:

- Round-trip airfare from Baltimore
- Airport/hotel transfers in Phoenix and Las Vegas
- Deluxe motor coach transportation for touring
- Fully Escorted
- 6 nights hotel accommodations including:
 - 2 nights in Scottsdale, AZ
 - 1 night in Flagstaff, AZ
 - 3 nights in Las Vegas, NV
- 3 breakfasts
- 3 dinners
- Baggage handling of one suitcase at all hotels
- Hotel taxes
- Meal gratuities
- Airport taxes

Tour Highlights

- Visit to the Grand Canyon - View this awesome monument from its famed South Rim
- Visit to Montezuma Castle - an ancient five-story Indian dwelling carved out of a great limestone cliff
- Visit to Sedona - this charming artist village is surrounded by beautiful red rock formations
- Sightseeing tour of Phoenix- Enjoy the beauty of downtown Phoenix, a mix of highrise buildings and Victorian style homes. Visit the State Capital and discover the 5 "Cs" of Arizona
- Sightseeing tour of Scottsdale - Visit "the west's most western town" and the 5th Avenue Artisans' Shops. Learn the pioneer history of the cosmopolitan city it has become today.
- Free time to experience the excitement of the casinos along the Las Vegas strip

\$100.00 per person deposit with reservation.

For Further Information & Reservation Contact:

Rose Tsakalos
410-282-2940

\$1,500.00

Per Person, Double Occupancy
Single Supplement \$300 Additional



Greek School News



The St. Nicholas Greek School students performed various songs, poems and skits to commemorate the 25th of March, 1821 Greek Independence Day. The teachers, parents and parishioners were very proud of the students' excellent performance.



ΑΠΟΓΕΥΜΑΤΙΝΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ, ΚΑΛΟΚΑΙΡΙΝΗ ΚΑΤΑΣΚΗΝΩΣΗ, 2 - 31 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ 2012

Στη Κοινότητά μας θα λειτουργήσει και πάλι φέτος, για τούτη κατά σειρά χρονιά, τον Ιούλιο μήνα, η «Καλοκαιρινή κατασκήνωση του Ελληνικού μας Σχολείου».

Το πρόγραμμα απευθύνεται σε παιδιά ηλικίας 4 μέχρι 5 ετών.

**Ώρες λειτουργίας: 9:00 π.μ. - 12:00 μεσημέρι
(Δευτέρα μέχρι και Παρασκευή)**

Δίδακτρα: \$300.00 για το κάθε παιδί.

Διδάσκουσα: κ. Βίκυ Καλογράνη

Εγγραφές: Μέχρι και 30 Απριλίου 2012

Προκαταβολή: \$100.00

(πληρωτέα μέχρι και τις 10 Απριλίου 2012)

Ανώτατος αριθμός παιδιών: Δέκα (10) παιδιά.

Όσοι γονείς ενδιαφέρονται, παρακαλούνται να εγγράψουν τα παιδιά τους έγκαιρα.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες, τηλεφωνείστε στην κ. Ελένη Μονόπωλη, τηλέφωνο, 410-633-5020, Δευτέρα μέχρι και Παρασκευή, 3:30 μ.μ - 4:20 μ.μ.

**Γιάννης Σφακιανούδης, Πρόεδρος Σχολικής Επιτροπής
Ελένη Λ. Μονόπωλη, Διευθύντρια**

**Πρεσβ. Μιχαήλ Παστρικός, Ιερατικός Προϊστάμενος
Τάκης Παπαδόπουλος, Πρόεδρος Κοινότητας**

GREEK AFTERNOON SCHOOL

SUMMER CAMP: JULY 2nd TO JULY 31, 2012

Our Greek School is offering again this year the "Summer Camp of our Greek School" to children ages four and five 5.

TIME: Monday thru Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

TUITION: \$300.00 per child

TEACHER: Ms. Vicki Kalograni

REGISTRATION DUE DATE: April 30, 2012

DEPOSIT: \$100.00 (due at time of registration)

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS: Ten (10)

For more information, please call Mrs. Monopolis at 410-633-5020, Monday thru Friday from 3:30 - 4:20 p.m.

John Sfakianoudis, Chairman Greek School Committee,

Eleni L. Monopolis, Principal,

Fr. Michael Pastrikos,

Takis Papadopoulos, President of the Parish Council

GRADUATION 2012!

The Ellinakia Junior group celebrated their graduation from the dance group on March 17, 2012. After the January 2012 Greek Folk Dance Festival (FDF) in Annapolis, the Ellinakia dancers who were 13 years or older, graduated from the Ellinakia Junior Dance group. Most of the dancers joined the Hellenic Golden Coin and will represent St. Nicholas Church in the upcoming Greek Folk Festival in June, 2012.



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ST. NICHOLAS GREEK FOLK FESTIVAL 2012

The Festival Committee is working hard to make this year's festival bigger and better. Plans are underway to expand the festival area to the Plateia site. This means that more volunteers will be required to make the festival an efficient operation. We are asking everyone from the community to pitch in and volunteer.

This festival belongs to us, the St. Nicholas parish, and it needs everyone's time and effort. We are asking everyone, young and old, to donate their time at least one day to help prepare the food and pastry, set up and work at one of the stands. That way everyone will be able to enjoy the festival and have the inner satisfaction that a personal contribution was made. When we all work together as a family, we become a closer knit parish.

Please take the time to consider how and when you will be helping during our festival. Volunteers are needed in the Plateia building as well as in the outside food area. Below is a form you may complete to let us know what area, day and times you wish to work during the festival. The dates are June 7-10 from 11 through 11 on most days.

Also, it is extremely important that every committee head attend the monthly Festival meetings. Our next Festival meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. The rain date will be Thursday, April 19th.

Please don't let St. Nicholas down. The Church is depending on you to help.

Thank you! Frank Mitsos, Festival Chairperson

Name

Phone No.

Area of interest

Date & Time

2nd Area

Date & Time

ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ 2012

Η Επιτροπή του Φεστιβάλ εργάζεται σκληρά για να οργανώσει και να κάνει το φετεινό φεστιβάλ μεγαλύτερο και καλύτερο από κάθε άλλη χρονιά. Βρίσκονται σε εξέλιξη σχέδια που θα επεκτείνουν το χώρο του Φεστιβάλ και στο χώρο της Πλατείας. Αυτό σημαίνει ότι χρειαζόμαστε περισσότερους εθελοντές για την καλή και αποτελεσματική λειτουργία του Φεστιβάλ. Ζητάμε από όλους τους ενορίτες και φίλους του Αγίου Νικολάου να δώσουν ένα χέρι βοηθείας.

Το Φεστιβάλ ανήκει σε όλους μας, όπως και η Εκκλησία του Αγίου Νικολάου, γι' αυτό χρειάζεται τον χρόνο και την προσπάθεια όλων μας. Ζητάμε από όλους, μικρούς και μεγάλους, να προσφέρουν τον χρόνο τους τουλάχιστον μία ημέρα για στην προετοιμασία των φαγητών και γλυκισμάτων, ή στο στήσιμο των περιπτέρων και στην λειτουργία τους.

Με αυτόν τον τρόπο όλοι θα είναι σε θέση να απολαμβάνουν το Φεστιβάλ και να έχουν την εσωτερική ικανοποίηση ότι έκαναν το καθήκον τους προς την Εκκλησία τους. Όταν εργαζόμαστε όλοι μαζί σαν μια οικογένεια, τότε δενόμαστε πιο πολύ και σαν Κοινότητα.

Αφιερώστε λίγο χρόνο για να εξετάσετε το πώς και πότε μπορείτε να βοηθήσετε κατά τη διάρκεια του Ελληνικού Λαϊκού Πανηγυριού μας. Χρειαζόμαστε εθελοντές στο κτίριο της Πλατείας καθώς και στον χώρο των φαγητών.

Συμπληρώστε το έντυπο (αριστερά) για να μας ενημερώσετε σε ποια περιοχή θέλετε να εργαστείτε, την ημέρα και την ώρα που επιθυμείτε να εργαστείτε κατά τη διάρκεια του φεστιβάλ. Οι ημερομηνίες είναι 7 - 10 Ιουνίου από 11 - 11 τις περισσότερες ημέρες.

Επίσης, είναι εξαιρετικά σημαντικό όπως όλοι οι υπεύθυνοι

των διαφόρων επιτροπών συμμετέχουν στις μηνιαίες συνεδριάσεις του Φεστιβάλ. Η επόμενη συνεδρίαση μας θα πραγματοποιηθεί την Πέμπτη, 12 Απριλίου, 2012 στις 7:00 μ.μ. Σε περίπτωση αλλαγής θα είναι την Πέμπτη, 19 Απριλίου, 2012.

Παρακαλώ μην απογοητεύσετε τον Άγιο Νικόλαο. Η Εκκλησία μας και η επιτυχία του Φεστιβάλ, εξαρτάται από την συμμετοχή όλων μας! Σας ευχαριστούμε!

Φωτης Μητσός, Υπεύθυνος του Φεστιβάλ 2012

ΝΕΑ ΤΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

Συνέχεια από την σελίδα 3

Από Παναγιώτη και Ευαγγελία Σαλιάρη, Μιχάλη και Νόρα Κεφάλα, Κώστα και Τσαμπίκα Τοιαντάφυλος, Γεώργιο και Ζωή Περδικάκη, Παναγιώτη και Ζηνοβία Στακιάς, Στήβ και Νίτσα Ζδέλερα.

Είς μνήμη τού αείμνηστου Γεωργίου Τσουβάλα: από Μιχάλη και Νόρα Κεφάλα, Γεώργιο και Ζωή Περδικάκη. Δωρεές για τον "καθημερινό λογαριασμό": από Παναγιώτη και Ευαγγελία Σαλιάρη, κα. Δέσποινα Καϊτη, κα Στέφανη Ταχίνος.

Δωρεές για τό "Σπίτι της Φιλοξενίας":

Από τόν Διάκονο Παναγιώτη της Μητρόπολεος της Νέας Ιερσέτης, και από τήν κα. Μαίον Σεραφή.

Ευχαριστούμε θεομών όλους τούς δωρητές και τούς ευχόμαστε Καλό Πάσχα και κάθε εκ Θεού αγαθόν.

Στις 24 Φεβρουαρίου κατά τήν διάρκεια της αποκρεάτικης χοροεσπεριδίας είχαμε τη χαρά και την τιμή να αναγνωρίσουμε 6 αξιοσέβαστες και πολύ αγαπητές κυρίες της παροικίας μας, για προσφορά υπηρεσίας προς την Φιλόπτωχο για παραπάνω από 50 χρόνια! Οι κυρίες αυτές είναι: Δέσποινα Καϊτη, Στέφανη Ταχίνον, Δωροθέα Πάτρα, Σοφία Αγγέλοπα, Ειρήνη Τσαμπίκου, Ελπίδα Χάροις.

Τις ευχαριστούμε και ευχόμαστε στήν καθεμιά ξεχωριστά υγεία, ευτυχία, και μακροημέρευση.

Αυτόν τόν χρόνο η Φιλόπτωχος εορτάζει τήν επέτειον 10 χρόνων λειτουργίας τού οικήματος «Φιλοξενίας» τό οποίον στεγάζει άτομα και οικογένειες πού έχονται στήν Βαλτιμόρη διά ιατρική περιθαλψιν. Πρός τιμή αυτού τού σταθμού έχει προγραμματισθή εορτασμός τριών ημερών για τίς ημέρες Απριλίου 20, 21, 22, 2012. Σας παρακαλούμε να συμμετέχετε είς τήν επιτυχία αυτού τού μοναδικού φιλανθρωπικού έργουν.

Η πρόεδρος τής Φιλοπτώχου και τά μέλη τού συμβουλίου είχαμε τήν ευκαιρία νά επισκεφθούμε τό κτίριο τής Πλατείας, και μέ μεγάλη χαρά νά δούμε τίς τελειωτικές εργασίες τής αποπεράτωσης του. Ως οργάνωση τής εκκλησίας, θά θέλαμε νά συγχαρούμε όλους όσους συμβάλλουν σ' αύτο τό μεγάλο έργο τής κοινότητός μας και νά εκφράσωμε και εμείς τήν συμπαράσταση μας στήν προσπάθεια αυτή. Διά αυτόν τόν σκοπόν κατόπιν ψήφο τής ολομέλειας τής Φιλοπτώχου απεφασίσθη και έγινε δωρεά ποσόν \$10,000 (δέκα χιλιάδων) από τόν ειδικό λογαριασμό «Άνάγκες Επισκευών τής Εκκλησίας» τό οποίον και διετέθη διά τήν δαπάνην ανελκυστήρος τού κτηρίου.

Επίσης κατόπιν ομοφύνος αποφάσεως τού συμβουλίου μας μετά τής Προέδρου Κας Ζωής Περδικάκη προσφέρεται και τό ποσόν τών \$1,000 (χιλιών) από τά κέρδη τής Αποκριάτικης χοροεσπεριδίας. Μέχρι σήμερα τό συνολικό ποσόν πού έχει ιδιαίτερη γιά την πλατεία είναι \$27,000.00.

Ευχόμεθα μέ τήν βοήθεια τού Θεού και τού Αγίου Νικολάου, σύντομα νά ανοίξουν οι πόρτες τής Πλατείας μας και νά εκπληρωθή όλων μας η επιθυμία τής λειτουργίας της. «Όλοι μαζί ενωμένοι και αγαπημένοι γιά τήν Εκκλησία μας και τήν κοινότητά μας.»

**Μέ αγάπη στόν Θεόν και στόν πλησίον μας.
Ζωή Περδικάκη, Πρόεδρος**

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STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

How Do We Abide in Jesus? We abide in Him when follow His example and love, serve and support the Church which is His Body. When we abide in Jesus, we express this through generosity and devotion, especially in our stewardship and acts of personal generosity. Bearing fruit in the world is the visible result of our abiding in Christ.

Just as the vine bears fruit only through its branches, so Jesus has chosen to work in the world through us. We are the members of His Body. We are the branches through which the True Vine must bear fruit. We bear fruit when we serve and support God and His Church.

This past year we initiated the completion of the Plateia

project and started to take a hard look at the fundamentals of our ministry programs and decided a renewal was needed. Perhaps, you have noticed a quite renaissances happening at our beloved church, St. Nicholas. Today, we ask you join us in this monumental moment of change and share in our vision for the future. Take a moment, read and believe in our vision:

- Imagine a Plateia that functions as a conference center, training center, meeting place for the elderly during the day and engaging families with family oriented activities in a safe, clean environment.
 - Imagine the Plateia as the Anchor of Greek Town.
 - Imagine St. Nicholas Folk Festival as the No. 1 Festival in Baltimore City.
 - Imagine a Gymnasium for our children to play basketball, in-

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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 \$20.00. Fill out this form and send or bring it to Saint Nicholas Church.

Αν επιθυμείτε να κάνετε τη δωρεά σας \$20.00, συμπληρώστε το έντυπο αυτό και στείλετε την δωρεά σας εγκαίων στον Άγιο Νικόλαο.

NAME _____

ADDRESS
.....

AMOUNT \$20.00

OTHER AMOUNT
.....



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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- door soccer, indoor lacrosse, volleyball, badminton, or dance.
- Imagine growing our Greek language School for immigrants, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th generation Greek American children and adults.
 - Imagine owing a van or bus to transport our children to events or activities or to transport the elderly to church.
 - Imagine workout facilities and a parent lounge for those parents bringing their children for GOYA, Ta Ellinakia, Hellenic Golden Coins, Greek School and various other activities.
 - Imagine a Sunday School with adequate classrooms, blackboards, and interactive software to engage and educate our children in the teachings of the Holy Bible and Jesus Christ, our Lord, our God.
 - Imagine a daycare that serves the community as well as our parishioners.
 - Imagine an out-reach office that helped our neighbors become better citizens and reduce crime and trash in the area.

Remember, "Stewardship is caring for the needs of others. Stewardship is offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us. Stewardship is what a person does after saying, "I believe..." as proof of that belief." —Williams and McKibben

All of this is possible with your involvement and commitment. Parishioners with ideas and a willingness to lead the way is what turns a good church into a great church. Money helps, but people solve problems and erect change. How many times have we read in the newspaper how lottery winners have squandered their winnings. Why? Because they lacked a purpose, and a vision. Money does not heal a broken soul, only God does.

Money does not help you grieve over a passing loved one, only God does. Money does not mend a broken family, only God does.

Help us bring this vision to life by making a commitment to serve your church today and tomorrow. Lead us your time and expertise. Examine your talents and get involved.

We ask you to support these worthy initiates. Giving to His Church is a way to thank God for His grace and generosity. The question is not, "How much do I give to stay in the club?" or "What are the dues?" but "How can I thank God for my many blessings?"

Please give prayerful consideration to the commitment you are making. A check mailed to the church is most meaningful when accompanied by your presence, by your willingness to serve in any capacity, by your prayers, and by your commitment. Giving is not a substitute for commitment- it is an expression of your commitment. All parishioners should freely declare their annual commitment by submitting a Commitment Card. Contrary to what it states on the Commitment Card, Stewardship is free-will giving, with each individual giving as he or she is able in order to advance the ministries of the Church. There is no minimum or maximum Stewardship commitment.

We humbly ask that you help us make the Church's vision a reality. Please mail in your pledge card or pick one up from the main office. "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit." (John 15:8)

***Yours for the continued growth of our beloved
Saint Nicholas Church, The Stewardship Committee***

PHILOXENIA HOUSE, INC.

520 SOUTH PONCA STREET, BALTIMORE, MD 21224 — 410-633-5020

PHILOXENIA HOUSE OF BALTIMORE will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary beginning Friday, April 20th with a weekend of events. Since opening its doors in 2002, Philoxenia House has provided assistance to 98 families from around the world, while they were receiving medical attention at nearby Hospitals and Universities in the Baltimore area. It is strictly operated by volunteers of the Ladies Philoptochos Society of Saint Nicholas.

All proceeds from these events will go toward the operation and the future expansion of the home. Please mark your calendars and tell a friend for a fun-filled weekend and at the same time support a great cause! If you are unable to attend a donation will be appreciated.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012: CRAB FEAST

Jimmy's Seafood

Music by DJ George Tsakeris

Donation \$50.00 (Adult) — \$30.00 (Children 12 & under)

For tickets or information:

Antonia Stavrakis

Irene Vasilios: 410-687-3978

Christine Zervos: 410-627-0202

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012: GRAND BANQUET / SILENT AUCTION

Martins West

Music by Apollonia

Donation \$100.00 (Adult) — \$50.00 (Children 12 & under)

Sponsor tables \$2,000.00 with your name or company placed on The Tree of Hope

For tickets or information:

Stella Koukides: 410-574-4875 / Stellayk@hotmail.com

Zoe Perdikakis: 410-908-1556 / Zoe0707@aol.com

Nora Kefalas: 410-661-2853 /Norakefalas@gmail.com

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2012: HARBOR LUNCH CRUISE

Spirit of Baltimore

Music and Entertainment

Donation \$60.00 (Adult) — \$50.00 (Children 12 & under)

For tickets or information:

Colette Sakellis: 410-916-2093 / Colettesakellis@gmail.com

Sophia Paros: 443-910-5338 / Sophiaparos@gmail.com

Package Price for all three events \$195.00 per Adult — \$115.00 per child

All tickets must be purchased by March 30, 2012

Accommodations will be available at the Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards at \$149.00 per night. To reserve please call 410-962-0202 and mention Philoxenia House, Inc.

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many alleys cleaned and numerous bags of trash collected. We would like to thank those residents and businesses who participated. Our next clean up will be April 21, the Mayor's Spring Clean Up. Our Citizen on patrol program is starting up soon, call the office to enroll and help keep our neighborhood safe (410.327.3306). Be aware of scams and impostors posing as utility persons. Do not open your door to strangers. Ask for identification or call the police. Remember if you witness a crime call 911 immediately. If you need help for other City services (trash, bulk pickups, zoning issue, etc) call 311. We wish everyone a ...

KALO PASKA! AND XRISTOS ANESTI!**Believe in Your Community!****Saint Nicholas Church
Profit & Loss****January 1 through March 23, 2012**

	Jan 1 - Mar 23, 12
Income	
Candles	16,162.00
Dances	
Special events	(780.00)
Dances - Other	<u>13,192.63</u>
Total Dances	12,412.63
Donations	
Other Donations	14,001.60
Flowers Income	410.00
Christmas Card Income	40.00
Donations - General	6,850.04
Donations - Hall	2,700.00
Donations - Memorial	4,125.00
Total Donations	28,126.64
Greek school registration	1,160.00
Stewardship	76,049.20
Trays	<u>3,292.00</u>
Total Income	137,202.47
Cost of Goods Sold	
Dance Expense	3,029.03
Total COGS	<u>3,029.03</u>
Gross Profit	134,173.44

**Saint Nicholas Church
Profit & Loss****January 1 through March 23, 2012****Jan 1 - Mar 23, 12**

Expense	
4000 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	(214.80)
CAPITAL COSTS	
Plateia Expenses	18,600.82
Total CAPITAL COSTS	<u>18,600.82</u>
EMPLOYEE COSTS	
Health Insurance	10,746.29
Organist	1,500.00
6560 · Payroll Expenses	44,483.70
Payroll taxes	3,403.00
Pension	1,000.00
6050 · Automobile Expense	3,000.00
Temporary Clergy Services	500.00
EMPLOYEE COSTS - Other	<u>21,502.98</u>
Total EMPLOYEE COSTS	<u>86,135.97</u>
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	
Advertising	2,824.50
6060 · Bank & Credit Card Svc Charges	260.80
Church Supplies	5,363.46
Clergy Laity Congress	521.83
Flower Donations	90.00
Fair Share	6,000.00
Insurance - General	4,775.45
6530 · Miscellaneous	1,838.62
Office Expense	1,142.54
6610 · Postage and Delivery	1,865.00
Telephone	887.50
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	<u>25,569.70</u>
OCCUPANCY COSTS	
Mainten · Building Maintenance	6,571.66
Janitor's Supplies	1,233.11
6940 · Utilities	<u>14,887.06</u>
Total OCCUPANCY COSTS	<u>22,691.83</u>
YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	
Scholarship	52.20
YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL - Other	860.00
Total YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	<u>912.20</u>
Total Expense	<u>153,695.72</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>(19,522.28)</u>
Net Income	<u>(19,522.28)</u>

DONATIONS IN MEMORIAM**IN MEMORY OF STAVROULA FORAKIS**

Michael & Effie Moniodes
Maria Salpeas

IN MEMORY OF PANAGIOTA PATRIKAKOU

Michael & Effie Moniodes

**IN MEMORY OF KONSTANTINOS &
ANTONIOS HAZARIDES**

Michael & Effie Moniodes

IN MEMORY OF DESPINA MONIODES

Michael & Effie Moniodes

IN MEMORY OF ANASTASIOS DOUKSAS

Mr. Thomas Tsatsos
The Ioannis Sakpazis Family
Mr. Stephen Kontokostas
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Reda
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Georgalas
Mr. & Mrs. Petros Koliofotis
Mr. & Mrs. Haralambos Barkas
William & Inez Prevezanos
Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos Dimas
Mr. & Mrs. Athanasios Sarioglu

IN MEMORY OF ANASTASIOS SALARIAS

Mrs. Maria Salpeas
Mrs. Mary Serafis

Mrs. Kiki Vavakas

George & Rosa Cornias
Mr. & Mrs. George Minas
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsampos
Mr. & Mrs. Kimon Milonas
Ms. Deborah Braxton

IN MEMORY OF MARIA GEORGAS

Ms. Anthie Georgas
Ms. Harriett Georgas

IN MEMORY OF DIANE MARIANOS

Ms. Maria Salpeas
Mr. & Mrs. Gerasimos Fotinos

IN MEMORY OF HELEN FRAPAS

Mr. & Mrs. Alex Kalambihis

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE SOURANIS

Stelios, Maria & George Souranis

IN MEMORY OF MARIA ANGELES

Mr. Stelios Souranis

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE CHUVALA

Mrs. Helen Bisbikis
Ms. Stavroula Christakou
George & Rosa Cornias
George & Sylvia Voxakis
Ms. Joan Balas

Ms. Carmen Tolonese

Mrs. Ann Stavrakis
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony & Lenora Marmaras

IN MEMORY OF ANTONIOS PAPAGIANNIS

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Trintis

IN MEMORY OF SAVAS GEORGAS,

SOCRATES GIANNAKOULIAS,

EMMANUEL HATZIKONSTANTINOU

Mr. & Mrs. Alexandros Kalambihis

IN MEMORY OF ZOE KALPATSOGLOU

Stefanos & Katina Yianakis
Mrs. Maria Paros

IN MEMORY OF EFTIHIA MILONAS

Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Rologas
Mr. & Mrs. Athanasios Sarioglou

IN MEMORY OF VICTOR HAJIMIHALIS

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Yianakis
Ms. Maria Salpeas

IN MEMORY OF GABRIEL HATZISTEFANIS

Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Rologas
Ms. Maria Salpeas

IN MEMORY OF DESPINA ROXANIS

Dean, Soula, Steven & John Roxanis

PLATEIA REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

First, thank you to everyone who has unselfishly given to the Plateia fund or has given of their time and expertise to finish the 1st floor of the Plateia.



The vision of the Plateia is to become the “anchor” of Greektown with social and community activities occurring 24 hours, 7 days a week. The goal is for the Plateia to be a true “cultural center” which engages everyone in the community and surrounding areas.

We are very close to completing the 1st floor and gaining the Use and Occupancy

permit. If you have not yet donated to the Plateia, please consider donating now. Any donation amount is greatly appreciated. Please make your donation payable to the Plateia Fund and forward all donations to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church c/o Plateia Fundraising Committee, 520 S. Ponca Street, Baltimore, Md. 21224. With your generous donations and support, we will complete the 1st floor by May 1, 2012.

May God bless you.

Demos Anastasiades, Parish Council Board Member



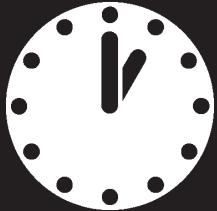
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Monday, April 2: | Greek School Executive Board Meeting at 6:00 pm. |
| Wednesday, April 4: | The Ladies Philoptochos Monthly Meeting at 7:00 pm. |
| Thursday, April 5: | Parish Life Committee Meeting (P.L.C.) at 7:00 pm. |
| Saturday, April 7: | Lazarus Saturday/Easter Breakfast starting at 11:00 am. |
| Sunday, April 8: | Palm Sunday Lenten Luncheon |
| Monday-Fri., April 9-16: | Greek School Easter Break |
| Tuesday, April 17: | Greek School Resumes |
| Friday, April 20-22: | Philoxenia House 10th Anniversary Celebration Weekend |
| Saturday, April 28: | J.O.Y. Program from 12 noon to 2 pm. |

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Wednesday, May 2: | The Ladies Philoptochos Monthly Meeting at 7:00 pm. |
| Saturday, May 5: | Mother's Day Tea starting at 1:00 pm. |
| Wednesday, May 9: | The Ladies Panchian Society Meeting at 7:00 pm. |

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... MENOYN AKOMA
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KOINONIA DEADLINE

To all of our readers and organizations, submit your article(s) to the Koinonia staff by the deadline stated below. If your article is not received by that time, it will not be included in upcoming Koinonia. All articles or posters are due by the 15th of the current month for the upcoming month's issue.

ISSUE MONTH: MAY, 2012
DEADLINE: APRIL 16TH

You may drop your article to the church office or e-mail it to Mr. Demos Anastasiades at: demos@comcast.net

APRIL LITURGICAL CALENDAR & HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- Sunday, April 1: Fifth Sunday of Lent: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.
Monday, April 2: Compline Service: 7:00 pm.
Wednesday, April 4: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy: 8:45 am.
Saturday, April 7: Saturday of Lazarus: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am.
Sunday, April 8: Palm Sunday: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- April 9—Holy Monday—Evening: The Bridegroom Service: 7:00 pm.
April 10—Holy Tuesday—Evening: The Bridegroom Service (Kassiani Troparion) 7:00pm
April 11—Holy Wednesday—Morning: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy: 9:00 am.
April 11—Holy Wednesday—Evening: Holy Unction Service: 6:00 pm.
April 12—Holy Thursday—Morning: Divine Liturgy commemorating the Last Supper*
April 12—Holy Thursday—Evening: The Service will begin at 6:00 am. (Working People)
The Reading of the Twelve Gospels: 7:00 pm.
The Royal Hours: 9:00 am.
April 13—Holy Friday—Afternoon: Apokathelosis Service: 2:00 pm.
April 13—Holy Friday—Evening: The Lamentations Service: 7:00 pm.
April 14—Holy Saturday—Morning: Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil (First Resurrection) Services will begin at 7:30 am.
April 14—Holy Saturday—Evening: Resurrection Service: 11:00 pm; Pascha Vigil 12:00 Midnight;
Outside Service: 1:00 am, Orthros and Divine Liturgy.

Sunday, April 15: GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA: Vespers of Love: 11:00 am.
The Reading of the Holy Gospels in different languages.

- Tuesday, April 17: Sts. Rafael, Nicholas, and Irene: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.
Friday, April 20: Theotokos of the Life-Giving Font: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.
Sunday, April 22: Sunday of St. Thomas: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.
Monday, April 23: St. George the Great Martyr: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

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