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SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

K O I N O N I A

As we move towards Pascha with rapid steps and 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. Now is the time to stop for a minute and reflect on the transforming power that Great Lent produces for all Christians. The beautiful recipe that is given to us through the Lenten period, a time to fast, to pray, to meditate, and to give Alms to the less fortunate of the world. It also gives another true example of how we Christians should joyfully share more of our time, talent, and treasure with our Church through Stewardship for the greater purpose of salvation, not just as individuals, but as a Community of brothers and sisters in Christ. Let's not forget, as the Fathers of the Church describe it, 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. The Church provides the place, the means and the doctor to help us heal our wounds-our weaknesses, and our short comings of our falseness. The purpose of the Church, when it instituted the fasting, prayer, and almsgiving was to give us the tools to achieve the likeness of God-who by the way- is the only doctor of our souls and bodies. This is one of the greatest opportunities given to us during this Lenten season-on top of prayer and fasting in preparation for the Resurrection we are called to serve God and volunteering our time and energy anyway we can knowing that through this process we can make a difference in the lives of others who are going through rough times in their lives. It should never be forgotten that our Lord Jesus Christ came to us in order to die, this was known by Him, at least from the very beginning. In life we meet many difficulties and discouragements. We should not take this wonderful celebration of Christ's Resurrection from the dead so lightly. We have come through Meatfare, Cheese fare, and the Great Lenten period, and now we have experienced the Passions of Christ through Holy Week services, leading to the great climax the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. After that process, we must be truly elated by the fact Pascha, the Passover of Christ, will touch

our souls and will offer us the illumination of joy filled with God's grace.

In the Holy Icon of the Resurrection it symbolizes His radical descent into Hades to save all who have died. The golden bars by His feet are the gates of Hades. The keys floating in the Abyss below symbolizes that he has entered and conquered both death and Hades. You may also note the skeletal figure who is chained up; that is Death! he has been bound and killed by Christ.



Let's remember the Resurrection Hymn that we chant during the Resurrection service-"Christ has trampled down death by death". Looking in the Icon we also see Christ-holding hands with Adam and Eve-He is pulling them up from the Abyss symbolizing that His victory redeems all mankind - even back to the beginning of creation. To His left we see three Old Testament Saints Kings David and Solomon, two of His ancestors according to his fleshly nature. We also see John the Baptist who was his forerunner in both life and death. On the right side we have

the New testament, including the Apostles who are alive. The purpose is to show that Christ's redemption transcends time and space. The blue shaped oval that surrounds Christ is called the Mandorla, it is the uncreated eternal light of Christ. This is not just simply a pretty bright light- it is the same light which filled the Apostles when they witnessed His Transfiguration on the Mountain of Tabor.

To conclude, we are now in the heart of our spiritual journey. We will once again witness Christ's Passions, His Crucifixion, His Resurrection, and finally His Ascension. We all know that Pascha celebrates the promise of life in the face of death. With that in mind, I pray that the glorious un-waning light of the Resurrection of Christ shine in the deepest corners of our souls transforming us also into the light and bringing us all in Communion with Christ, the true Son of Righteousness.

I leave you with these wonderful and spiritual words:
CHRIST IS RISEN !! TRULY HE IS RISEN !!!

HAVE A BLESSED "PASCHA"



Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

Καθώς προχωρούμε προς το Πάσχα με γοργά βήματα και ετοιμαζόμαστε 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 κατά του θανάτου. Τώρα είναι η στιγμή να σταματήσουμε για ένα λεπτό και να αναρωτηθούμε σχετικά με τη δύναμη μετασχηματισμού που ασκεί η Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή σε όλους τους Χριστιανούς. Η υπέροχη συνταγή που μας δίνεται μέσω της περιόδου της Σαρακοστής, είναι: εποχή νηστείας, προσευχής και διαλογισμού, και βοήθειας στους λιγότερο τυχερούς του κόσμου. Μας δίνει επίσης ένα άλλο αξιόλογο παράδειγμα για το πως οι Χριστιανοί πρέπει με χαρά να μοιράζονται το χρόνο τους, το ταλέντο, και το οικονομικό τους με την Εκκλησία τους, μέσω της Εθελοντικής Προσφοράς με απώτερο σκοπό τη σωτηρία τους, όχι μόνο ως άτομα, αλλά και ως Κοινότητα αποτελούμενη από αδελφούς και αδελφές εν Χριστώ. Ας μην ξεχνάμε, όπως το περιέγραψαν οι Άγιοι Πατέρες της Εκκλησίας μας, ότι η Εκκλησία είναι το νοσοκομείο για όλους μας, από τότε που κληρονομήσαμε μια πεσμένη φύση, και πάσχουμε από διάφορες ασθένειες που μας παρεμποδίζουν να είμαστε όπως θέλει ο Θεός να είμαστε. Η Εκκλησία παρέχει τον χώρο, τα μέσα και τον γιατρό για να μας βοηθήσει να θεραπεύσουμε τις πληγές μας - τις αδυναμίες μας και τις ελλείψεις των ψευδαισθήσεών μας. Σκοπός της Εκκλησίας, όταν καθιέρωσε τη νηστεία, την προσευχή και την ελεημοσύνη, ήταν να μας δώσει τα απαραίτητα μέσα για να επιτύχουμε την κατ' εικόνα και ομοίωση με το Θεό - ο οποίος όπως γνωρίζουμε - είναι ο μόνος γιατρός των ψυχών και των σωμάτων μας. Είναι μια από τις σημαντικότερες ευκαιρίες που μας δίνεται κατά τη διάρκεια τη Σαρακοστής- που εκτός από την προσευχή και τη νηστεία για την προετοιμασία της Ανάστασης, καλούμαστε να υπηρετούμε τον Θεό και να προσφέρουμε εθελοντικά τον χρόνο και την ενέργειά μας, που ούτως ή άλλως γνωρίζουμε, ότι μέσω αυτής της διαδικασίας μπορούμε να καλλιεργήσουμε τις ζωές άλλων ανθρώπων που περνούν δύσκολες στιγμές στη ζωή τους. Δεν θάπρεπε ποτέ να ξεχνούμε ότι ο Κύριος μας Ιησούς Χριστός ήρθε σ' εμάς για να πεθάνει, το γνώριζε από την αρχή. Στη ζωή συναντάμε πολλές δυσκολίες και απογοητεύσεις. Δεν πρέπει να παίρνουμε αυτή την υπέροχη και χαρμόσυνη εορτή της Ανάστασης του Χριστού εκ νεκρών, έτσι ελαφρά τη καρδιά. Πέρασαμε μέσω της περιόδου της Απόκρεω, της Τυρινής και της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής και τώρα θα βιώσουμε τα Πάθη του Χριστού μέσα από τις Ακολουθίες της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας, που θα μας οδηγήσουν στο αποκορύφωμα της Σταύρωσης και της Ανάστασης του Κυρίου και Σωτήρα μας Ιησού Χριστού. Μετά από αυτή τη διαδικασία, θα πρέπει συνεπαρμένοι πραγματικά από το Πάσχα, το Πάσχα του

Χριστού να αγγίξει τις ψυχές μας και να μας προσφέρει το φωτισμό, και την ανάταση της χαράς, που είναι πλήρης με τη χάρη του Θεού.

Η Ιερά Εικόνα της Ανάστασης συμβολίζει τη κάθοδο Του στον Άδη για να σώσει όλους όσους απεβίωσαν. Οι χρυσές ράβδοι στα πόδια Του συμβολίζουν τις πύλες του Άδη. Τα κλειδιά που επιπλέουν στην Άβυσσο παρακάτω, συμβολίζουν ότι έχει έλθει και κατέκτησε τόσο το θάνατο όσο και τον Άδη. Μπορείτε επίσης να παρατηρήσετε την σκελετική μορφή που είναι αλυσοδεμένη. Αυτός είναι ο θάνατος! Που έχει δεσμευτεί και σκοτωθεί από τον Χριστό.

Ας θυμηθούμε τον Ύμνο της Ανάστασης που ψάλλουμε κατά τη διάρκεια της Ακολουθίας της Αναστάσεως - «Θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας... πάτησε τον θάνατο με το θάνατο». Εξετάζοντας την εικόνα βλέπουμε επίσης τον Χριστό, να κρατά χέρια με τον Αδάμ και την Εύα- ο Χριστός τους τραβά επάνω από την άβυσσο που συμβολίζει τη νίκη Του που λυτρώνει όλη την ανθρωπότητα - ακόμα και από την αρχή της δημιουργίας. Στα αριστερά Του βλέπουμε τρεις Αγίους Βασιλείς της Παλαιάς Διαθήκης, των Αγίων Βασιλέων Δαβίδ και Σολομώντα, δύο από τους προγόνους του, σύμφωνα με σαρκική φύση Του. Βλέπουμε επίσης τον Ιωάννη τον Βαπτιστή ο οποίος ήταν ο πρόδρομος Του, τόσο στη ζωή όσο και στον θάνατο. Στη δεξιά πλευρά έχουμε την Καινή Διαθήκη, που συμπεριλαμβάνει τους Αποστόλους, οι οποίοι είναι ζωντανοί. Ο σκοπός είναι να δείξει ότι η λύτρωση του Χριστού υπερβαίνει το χρόνο και το χώρο. Το θαλασσί οβάλ σχήμα που περιβάλλει το Χριστό ονομάζεται Μάντορλα, είναι το άκτιστο αιώνιο φως του Χριστού. Δεν είναι απλώς μια πολύ φωτεινή λάμψη - είναι το ίδιο φως που πλήρωσε τους Αποστόλους όταν είδαν την Μεταμόρφωση Του στο Βουνό Θαβώρ.

Τελειώνοντας, βρισκόμαστε πλέον στην καρδιά του πνευματικού ταξιδιού μας. Για άλλη μια φορά θα γίνουμε μάρτυρες των Παθών του Χριστού, της Σταύρωσής Του, της Ανάστασής Του, και, τέλος, της Ανάληψής Του. Όλοι γνωρίζουμε ότι το Πάσχα γιορτάζει την υπόσχεση ζωής μπροστά στο θάνατο. Με αυτό κατά νου, προσεύχομαι ότι το ένδοξο αμείωτο φως της Αναστάσεως του Χριστού, λάμψει στις βαθύτερες γωνιές της ψυχής μας, μεταμορφώνοντάς μας επίσης με το φως και να φέρει όλους μας σε κοινωνία με τον Χριστό, τον αληθινό Υίο της Δικαιοσύνης.

Σας αφήνω με αυτά τα υπέροχα πνευματικά λόγια:

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!! ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!!

ΚΑΛΟ ΠΑΣΧΑ

Message from

DEMOS ANASTASIADES, PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT / ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΟΝ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟ

Dear St. Nicholas Parishioners.

A simple Easter message that has touched millions of people. The message is titled “Because of Him.”

It was unthinkable, impossible, unfathomable, unprecedented. A single act that changed history. He was a carpenter, a teacher, an outcast and a leader. Yet He did what no other person had ever done. Like all who have preceded Him, He lived, and He died. But unlike all who preceded Him, He rose from the dead. He lived again. He still lives and because He lives, we all will live again. Because of Him death has no sting; the grave has no victory. We can start again, and again, and again. Guilt becomes Peace. Regret becomes Relief. Despair becomes Hope. Because of Him, we have a second chance. Clean slates. New beginnings. There is no such thing as the end because of Him.

This Pascha, let us come and participate in Holy Week. Let us serve as witnesses for others to share our Orthodox faith and to enjoy the endless possibilities we have with God in our lives. Let us pray for the atheists, the nonbelievers, and those who have lost their way. Let us forgive others who hurt or betrayed us. Let us encourage those who have become consumed by the daily hustle and pray for them to be still.

Come, Remember and Participate—Because of Him.

In Christ,

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Αγαπητοί Ενοριίτες,

Ένα απλό Πασχαλινό μήνυμα που έχει αγγίζει εκατομμύρια ανθρώπους. Ο τίτλος του είναι “Χάρις Αυτού”.

Ήταν αδιανόητο, αδύνατο, ανεξιχνίαστο, και άνευ προηγουμένου. Μια μόνο πράξη που άλλαξε την ιστορία. Ήταν ξυλουργός, δάσκαλος, αναρχικός και ηγέτης. Ωστόσο, έκανε ό, τι κανένας άλλος άνθρωπος δεν είχε κάνει ποτέ. Όλοι όσοι προηγήθηκαν Αυτού, έζησε και πέθανε. Αλλά σε αντίθεση με όλους εκείνους που προηγήθηκαν από Αυτόν, αναστήθηκε εκ νεκρών. Έζησε και πάλι. Ζει ακόμα και επειδή ζει, όλοι θα ζήσουμε ξανά. Χάρις σ’Αυτόν, ο θάνατος δεν έχει πόνο. Ο τάφος δεν έχει νίκη. Μπορούμε να ξεκινήσουμε ξανά, και πάλι, και πάλι. Η ενοχή γίνεται Ειρήνη. Η λύπη γίνεται Ανακούφιση. Η απελπισία γίνεται Ελπίδα. Χάρις σ’Αυτόν, μας δίνεται μια δεύτερη ευκαιρία. Καθαρστείτε. Κάνετε νέα αρχή. Δεν υπάρχει τέλος, Χάρις σ’Αυτόν.

Εφέτος το Πάσχα, ας έρθουμε και να συμμετάσχουμε στις Ακολουθίες της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας. Ας γίνουμε μάρτυρες για τους άλλους, να μοιραστούμε την ορθόδοξη πίστη μας και να απολαύσουμε τις απεριόριστες δυνατότητες που έχουμε με τον Θεό στη ζωή μας. Ας προσευχηθούμε για τους άθεους, τους μη πιστούς και εκείνους που έχουν χάσει το δρόμο τους. Ας συγχωρήσουμε όσους μας έβλαψαν ή μας προδώσαν. Ας ενθαρρύνουμε εκείνους που έχουν απορροφηθεί από την κίνηση της καθημερινότητας και ας προσευχόμαστε για αυτούς.

Έλα, να θυμάσαι και να συμμετέχεις – Χάρις σ’Αυτόν.

Με αγάπη εν Χριστώ

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Feast of the Annunciation 2018

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy

Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, 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 Greek Orthodox Communities of our Holy Metropolis of New Jersey

“The fetters of the curse once laid on our forefather now are loosed. And so with all the world we cry out to you, ‘Rejoice, O Maiden full of grace’”

My Beloved in the Lord,

Today we are granted the continual gift of salvation as we experience the unsurpassing love of God for His creation as His eternal Divine Plan for humanity finds its initial revelation in the person of the Virgin Mary who answers an unequivocal “Yes” to God when she said to the Archangel Gabriel, *“Behold the handmaiden of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word”* (Luke 1:38). With these words, this young woman full of devote faith became the Theotokos, the one who bears God.

As with all blessings, the blessings of her eternal reward would not come without struggle. She would find herself making a journey with her betrothed, Joseph, while she was still yet pregnant. She would have to give birth to Christ in a cave due to there not being any place for her elsewhere. Her Son would be hunted by a maniacal king thus driving her family into exile. She would experience the joy of seeing her Son *“increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men”* (Luke 2:52). She would see her Son begin His ministry and eventually enter the city of Jerusalem with throngs of people exclaiming “Hosanna!” She would witness her Son and her Lord be delivered to Pontius Pilate before being crucified in a horrific manner and dying before her very eyes. The extraordinary blessing of bearing the Savior would mean that she would have an equally extraordinary struggle. In the end, however, she would also see her Son resurrected and ascend to heaven in glory.

Likewise, though God grants us bountiful blessings every day, we must also be prepared to struggle. This struggle helps to fortify our Orthodox Christian character and prepares us to worthily receive Christ Himself. The free-will choice of the Theotokos initiated the Divine Plan which would see humanity released from the bonds of slavery to death and have the

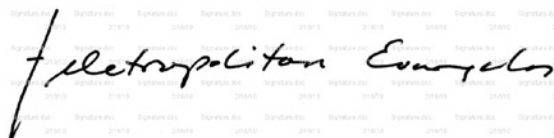
opportunity to enter into the Lord's Kingdom. Therefore, by exercising our free will and choosing to have a personal relationship with God, we follow the example of the Theotokos and, thus, move further away from the "sickness unto death" and closer to eternal life.

Finally, today also marks the 197th anniversary of Greek Independence Day. We celebrate the Greek people rising up against the Ottoman powers and declaring that we no longer would be subject to their tyrannical reign, cruel oppression, and religious persecution. The struggle of our forefathers to gain freedom was successful, however, it would be almost another century of struggle before the rest of Greece would become free and even to this day we still struggle for religious freedom for our Mother Church, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. And in their enduring sacrifice, what began at the monastery of Agia Lavra as an alliance of clergy and laity, of fathers and sons, of mothers and daughters, of tradesmen and paupers, of farmers and sailors, of statesmen and students, of Greeks and Philhellenes, lives today two centuries later as the nation of Greece.

It is my fervent prayer that as we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation, that we endeavor to learn the true meaning of Christian struggle as a means to overcome evil and come closer to God thus mirroring the example of the Theotokos. Furthermore, on this Greek Independence Day, it is my sincerest hope that we remember the struggle of our forefathers and the struggle of all persecuted people throughout the world as they pursue freedom and liberty.

ΖΗΤΩ Η ΕΛΛΑΣ! ΖΗΤΩ Η ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΙΑ!

With Paternal Love and Blessings,



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





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Πρός τόν εὐλαβέστατον Ἱερόν Κλήρον,
Τούς Ἐντιμοτάτους Ἀρχοντας τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ ἡμῶν Πατριαρχείου,
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 Ὄργανώσεις τῆς Νεολαίας καί ἅπαν τό Χριστεπώνυμον πλήρωμα τῶν εὐσεβῶν Ὁρθοδόξων
Χριστιανῶν τῆς Ἱερᾶς Μητροπόλεως Νέας Ἱερσῆς.

«Εἶπε δέ Μαριάμ· ἰδοὺ ἡ δούλη Κυρίου· γένοιτό μοι κατὰ τό ῥῆμα σου» (Λουκά 1, 38)

Ἀγαπητοί ἐν Χριστῷ ἀδελφοί,

Ἡ 25^η Μαρτίου ἀποτελεῖ γιά κάθε ἑλληνική ὀρθόδοξη ψυχή ἡμέρα θρησκευτικῆς εὐφροσύνης ἀλλά καί ἱστορικῆς μνήμης, ἡμέρα διπλῆς ἑορτῆς, τῆς προσωπικῆς καί συνάμα τῆς ἐθνικῆς μας παλιγγενεσίας. Ὁ ἑλληνικός λαός, μέ ἀπαράμιλλη σοφία, συνδύασε τήν ἀπαρχή τοῦ ἐθνικοαπελευθερωτικοῦ τοῦ ἀγῶνα μέ τήν ἑορτή τοῦ Εὐαγγελισμοῦ τῆς Θεοτόκου, ταυτίζοντας ἔτσι τήν ἀπαρχή τῆς σωτηρίας τοῦ γένους τῶν Ἑλλήνων μέ τήν ἀπαρχή τῆς σωτηρίας τοῦ ἀνθρωπίνου γένους. Κοινό στοιχεῖο τῶν δύο αὐτῶν γεγονότων εἶναι ἡ ἀνυπολόγιστη καί ἐλλογημένη ἀξία τῆς ἐλευθερίας καί, ὅπως πολύ σωστά ἀποτυπώνει ὁ ποιητής, εἶναι

*«δύο λευτεριές πού σμίγουνε μέσα στήν ἴδια μέρα...
ἡ λευτεριά τοῦ Ἑλληνα καί ἡ λευτεριά τοῦ ἀνθρώπου».*

Στόν Εὐαγγελισμό, ἡ ἔννοια τῆς ἐλευθερίας σαρκώνεται μέ τή συγκατάθεση τῆς Παναγίας στό χαρμόσυνο μήνυμα τοῦ Ἀρχαγγέλου Γαβριήλ γιά τόν ἐρχομό τοῦ Βασιλιᾶ τῆς Ζωῆς καί τῆς Ἀνάστασης, τοῦ Θεοῦ καί Λόγου. Τό «γένοιτό μοι κατὰ τό ῥῆμα σου», πού λέει ταπεινά ἡ ἀειπάρθετος Μαρία, γίνεται Εὐαγγελισμός τῆς σωτηρίας ὅλου τοῦ ἀνθρωπίνου γένους, τῆς νίκης κατὰ τοῦ θανάτου καί τῆς δυνατότητας ἐπιστροφῆς του στόν χαμένο παράδεισο. Κλείνει ὀριστικά τό κεφάλαιο τῆς φθορᾶς καί τῆς ὑποδούλωσης στήν ἁμαρτία καί ἀνοίγει τό κεφάλαιο τῆς λύτρωσης καί τῆς ἐλευθερίας.

Ὅχι τυχαία, λοιπόν, ὁ Εὐαγγελισμός γίνεται αἰῶνες μετά μήνυμα ἀνάστασης τοῦ ὑπόδουλου ἑλληνικοῦ γένους, γεμίζοντας τίς ψυχές τῶν Ἑλλήνων μέ τήν ἐλπίδα ὅτι ἡ Παναγία ὡς «Υπέρμαχος Στρατηγός», θά τοὺς βοηθήσει στόν δίκαιο Ἀγῶνα τους. Ὅπως χαρακτηριστικά διαλαλοῦσε ὁ Κολοκοτρώνης, ὁ Θεός ὑπόγραψε γιά τήν ἐλευθερία τῆς Ἑλλάδος καί δέν παίρνει πίσω τήν ὑπογραφή Του. Ὁ Εὐαγγελισμός τοῦ ἔτους 1821, λοιπόν, ἀποτελεῖ ἀναμφίβολα τήν ἀπαρχή τοῦ ἀγῶνα τῶν Ἑλλήνων γιά τή λευτεριά, καθῶς παίρνει σάρκα καί ὅστᾳ ἡ ἀπόφασή τους νά ἀποτινάξουν τήν τυραννία τῆς μακρόχρονης σκλαβιάς καί νά διεκδικήσουν τήν αὐτοδιάθεσή τους.

Στους τέσσερις σκοτεινούς αιώνες τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἑλληνικοῦ ἔθνους πού προηγήθηκαν, ἡ Ὁρθόδοξη Ἐκκλησία, ὡς θεσμός καί ὡς χῶρος, στάθηκε ἀληθινὴ κιβωτός του, διασώζοντας τὴ γλῶσσα, τὴν ἐθνικὴ καί θρησκευτικὴ συνείδηση καί τίς παραδόσεις τοῦ ἑλληνικοῦ λαοῦ, ἐνώνοντας τὸν ὑπόδουλο λαό σὲ σύνολο, διατηρώντας τὴν ἐπαφὴ του με τὸ μακρινὸ ἔνδοξο παρελθόν του καί τρέφοντας τον με τὴν ἐλπίδα τῆς λευτεριᾶς. Ἀλλὰ καί τὰ ἐθνικοαπελευθερωτικὰ κηρύγματα τῶν Ἑλλήνων Διαφωτιστῶν, τοῦ Ρήγα Φεραίου, τοῦ Ἀδαμάντιου Κοραῆ καί τοῦ Πατρο-Κοσμᾶ τοῦ Αἰτωλοῦ ἔγιναν οἱ σπίθες πού φώτισαν τίς μαυρισμένες ψυχές τῶν ὑπόδουλων Ἑλλήνων.

Πρωταγωνιστὴς αὐτοῦ τοῦ ἔνδοξου ἀγῶνα ἓνας ὁλόκληρος λαός, πού σηκώνει τὸ κεφάλι ἀπέναντι στὸν αἰμοβόρο κατακτητὴ του μὲ μοναδικὸ στηρίγμα τὴν πίστη στὸν Θεό. Ἐνα ὁλόκληρο ἔθνος, μὲ τὴν κραυγὴ καί τὴν ἀπαίτηση «**ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΙΑ ἢ ΘΑΝΑΤΟΣ**» νὰ ὑψώνεται σάν λάβαρο σὲ στεριά καί θάλασσα, ξεκινᾷ τὸν δύσκολο ἀγῶνα του, ὑπὸ τὴν ἡγεσία ἀνθρώπων σεβαστῶν, κληρικῶν καί λαϊκῶν, μὲ φλογερὴ καρδιά καί πύρινο λόγο. Πολλοὶ εἶναι αὐτοὶ πού κατορθώνουν νὰ ἐνσαρκώσουν τὰ ἰδανικά στὸν πιὸ ὑψηλὸ βαθμὸ καί νὰ ἀναδειχθοῦν σὲ σύμβολα ἀπαράμιλλου θάρρους: ὁ Κολοκοτρώνης, ὁ Μακρυγιάννης, ὁ Καραϊσκάκης, ὁ Νικηταρᾶς, ὁ Παπαφλέσσας, ὁ Διάκος στὴν Ἀλαμάννα καί ὁ Ἀνδρουτσος στὸ Χάνι τῆς Γραβιάς, ὁ Καραϊσκάκης στὴν Ἀράχοβα, ὁ Ψαριανὸς πυρπολητὴς Κανάρης, ὁ Μιαούλης, ἡ Μπουμπουλίνα, ἡ Μαντῶ Μαυρογένους καί τόσο ἄλλοι γνωστοὶ καί ἄγνωστοι ἀγωνιστές.

Πολλές φορές, ὥστόσο, ἀπὸ τότε καί μέχρι σήμερα ἡ Ἑλλάδα βρέθηκε στὸ στόχαστρο ἄλλων λαῶν -κυρίως γειτονικῶν- πού ἐποφθαλμιοῦν μὲ προκλητικὸ καί ἀνεπίτρεπτο τρόπο ὄχι μόνον ἐδάφη, ἀλλὰ καί τὴν ἴδια τῆς τὴν ἱστορία. Τὸ τελευταῖο διάστημα, μάλιστα, ἀναδύθηκε στὴν ἐπικαιρότητα γιὰ μίαν ἀκόμη φορὰ τὸ λεγόμενον «Μακεδονικὸ ζήτημα». Μὲ τὴν πλαστογράφηση τῆς ἱστορίας, ἐπιδιώκεται ἡ δημιουργία ἐνὸς κρατιδίου, τὸ ὁποῖο σφετερίζεται μὲ θρασύτατο τρόπο τὸ ὄνομα καί τὴν ἑλληνικὴ ἱστορία, προκειμένου νὰ ἐπιβιώσει. Γιὰ ὅσους, ἔστω καί στοιχειωδῶς, γνωρίζουν τὰ γεγονότα, εἶναι ξεκάθαρο ὅτι ἡ ἱστορία τῆς Μακεδονίας εἶναι ἀναπόσπαστο κομμάτι τῆς ἑλληνικῆς ἱστορίας.

Οἱ ἀπανταχοῦ Ἕλληνες, ὡς συνεχιστές τῶν ἡρώων τοῦ '21, βροντοφωνάζουν καί ἀπαιτοῦν: **«Καμία παραχώρηση τοῦ ὀνόματος τῆς Μακεδονίας»** καί ὅτι **«Ἡ Μακεδονία ἦταν, εἶναι καί θὰ εἶναι πάντα ἑλληνική»**. Εἶναι ἀπαίτηση τῶν ψυχῶν τῶν Μακεδονομάχων, που ἔδωσαν τὴ ζωὴ τούς καί ἔχυσαν τὸ αἷμα τους γιὰ μίαν Μακεδονία ἐλεύθερη καί ἑλληνική. Αποτελεῖ ἐθνικὸ χρέος, λοιπόν, ὅλων τῶν Ἑλλήνων, ἡ διαφύλαξη τῆς ἱστορικῆς μας μνήμης.

Οἱ Ἕλληνες ἀγαπᾶμε βεβαίως ὅλους τοὺς λαούς, καί εἰδικά τοὺς γειτονικούς, καί τὸ ἔχουμε ἀποδείξει πολλές φορές. Τὸ ἑλληνικὸ ἔθνος πιστεύει σταθερὰ στὸ δίκαιο. Δέν ἐποφθαλμιᾷ κανενὸς τὸ δίκαιο, ἀλλὰ καί δέν ἀνέχεται ἄλλοι νὰ καταπατοῦν τὸ δικό του. Προσευχόμαστε γιὰ τὴν ἐπίτευξη συμφωνίας στὸ ζήτημα τῆς ὀνομασίας καί στηρίζουμε ὅλες τίς εἰρηνικὲς καί ἀνιδιοτελεῖς δράσεις πού πραγματοποιοῦνται ὑπὲρ τοῦ δικαίου τῆς πατρίδας καί τοῦ λαοῦ μας. Οἱ Ἕλληνες σὲ ὅλα τὰ μῆκη καί πλάτη τοῦ κόσμου, καί ἰδιαίτερα οἱ Ἕλληνες τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, ὑπῆρξαν πάντοτε συμπαράστατες καί ἀρωγοὶ σὲ κάθε δίκαιη καί εἰλικρινῆ προσπάθεια τῆς μητέρας πατρίδας. Αὐτὸ πράττουν καί τώρα.

Αγαπητοί μου αδελφοί,

Η σημερινή ημέρα είναι ημέρα τιμής και ευγνωμοσύνης πρωτίστως στην Παναγία μας, πού πάντοτε υπήρξε βοηθός και συμπαραστάτης του Έθνους μας, και έπειτα των ήρώων πού θυσιάστηκαν για τή δική μας ελευθερία. Άς παρακαλούμε, λοιπόν, τήν Κυρία Θεοτόκο νά μᾶς επισκιάζει μέ τή χάρη της και ἄς αγωνιζόμαστε νά διαφυλάξουμε τήν ελευθερία και νά τήν παραδώσουμε μέ τή σειρά μας στην επόμενη γενιά σάν ιερή παρακαταθήκη. Οί αγώνες τών Ἑλλήνων ποτέ δέν ἔπαψαν και δεν πρόκειται νά πάψουν. Ἀκόμη και σήμερα, τό εὐλογημένο ἑλληνικό ἔθνος, συμπεριλαμβανομένης και τῆς φιλοθέου Ὁμογένειάς μας, πολεμᾷ και αγωνίζεται νά κρατήσει ζωντανή τήν ἑλληνορθόδοξη ταυτότητά του.

Στόν ἀγώνα αὐτόν ἄς μᾶς καθοδηγῆ ἡ μακραίωνη παράδοσή μας, ἡ ἱστορία μας, τό παράδειγμα τών πατέρων μας και οί θυσίες τών ήρώων μας, πού αγωνίστηκαν για κάθε κομμάτι ἑλληνικῆς γῆς. Τούς χρωστᾶμε και ἔμεις τόν δικό μας ἀγώνα, για μία δυνατή και ἀκέραια Ὁρθόδοξη Ἑλλάδα, ὅπως ἀκριβῶς μᾶς τήν παρέδωσαν, τήν Ἑλλάδα τών Ἁγίων, τών ήρώων και τών μαρτύρων. Ἐχουμε χρέος νά τιμήσουμε τούς ἥρωές μας, ἐμπνεόμενοι ἀπό τό παράδειγμά τους και νά φανοῦμε ἄξιοι ἀπόγονοι, ἄξιων προγόνων.

Χρόνια πολλά και πάντα ἐλεύθεροι!

Ζήτω ἡ 25^η Μαρτίου! Ζήτω ἡ Ἁγία Ὁρθοδοξία! Ζήτω ἡ Ἑλλάδα μας!

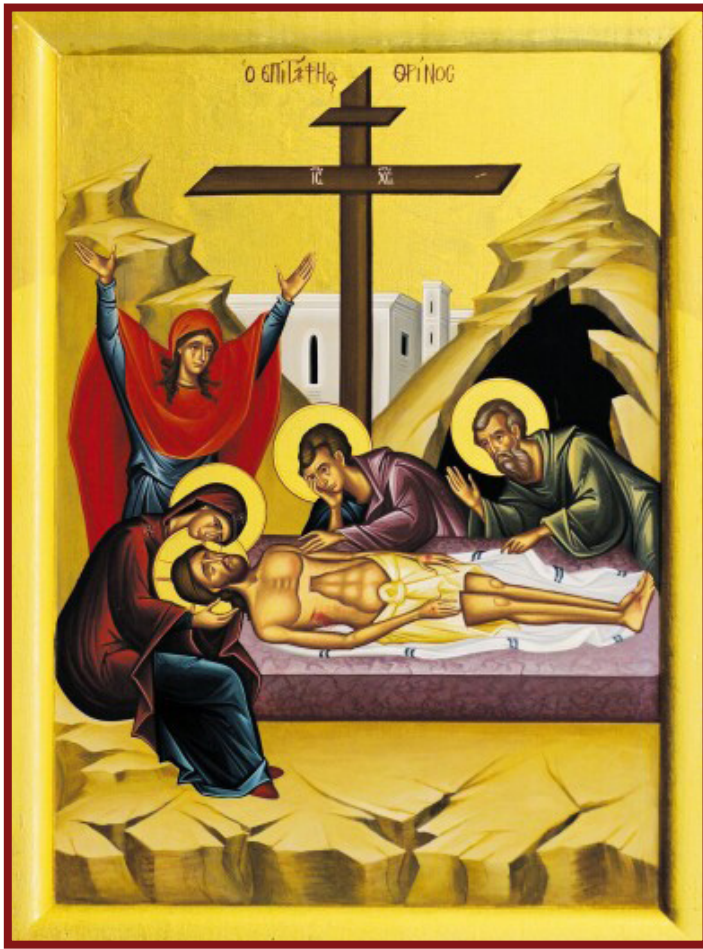
Ο ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΤΗΣ



† Ὁ Νέας Ἱερσέης ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ



HOLY FRIDAY - April 6



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When Friday dawned, Christ was sent bound from Caiaphas to Pontius Pilate, who was then Governor of Judea. Pilate interrogated Him in many ways, and once and again acknowledged that He was innocent, but to please the Jews, he later passed the sentence of death against Him. After scourging the Lord of all as though He were a runaway slave, he surrendered Him to be crucified.

Thus the Lord Jesus was handed over to the soldiers, was stripped of His garments, was clothed in a purple robe, was crowned with a wreath of thorns, had a reed placed in His hand as though it were a sceptre, was bowed before in mockery, was spat upon, and was buffeted in the face and on the head. Then they again clothed Him in His own garments, and bearing the cross, He came to Golgotha, a place of condemnation, and there, about the third hour, He was crucified between two thieves. Although both blasphemed Him at the first, the thief at His right hand repented, and said: "Remember me, O Lord, when Thou

comest in Thy Kingdom," to which our Saviour answered, "Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." As He hung upon the Cross, He was blasphemed by those who were passing by, was mocked by the high priests, and by the soldiers who were given vinegar to drink mixed with gall. About the ninth hour, He cried out with a loud voice, saying, "It is finished." And the Lamb of God "Which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29) expired on the day when the moon was full, and at the hour when, according to the Law, was slain the Passover lamb, which was established as a type of Him in the time of Moses.

Even lifeless creation mourned the death of the Master, and it trembled and was altered out of fear. Yet, even though the Maker of creation was already dead, they pierced Him in His immaculate side, and forthwith came there out Blood and Water. Finally, at about the setting of the sun, Joseph of Arimathea came with Nicodemus (both of them had been secret disciples of Jesus), and they took down the all-holy Body of the Teacher from the Cross and anointed it with aromatic spices, and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. When they had buried Him in a new tomb, they rolled a great stone over its entrance.

Such are the dread and saving sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ commemorated today, and in remembrance of them, we have received the Apostolic commandment that a fast be observed every Friday.

Apolytikion of Holy Friday

Plagal Of The First Tone

As the glorious disciples, in the washing of the feet, were enlightened, the profane Judas, ravaged by greed, was benighted. And to the lawless judges he surrenders You the just judge. Consider, you who love money, the one who hanged himself for the sake of it. Shun the insatiate heart that could dare such a deed against the Teacher. Lord, benevolent above all humans, glory to You.

Kontakion of Holy Friday

Plagal Of The Fourth Tone

Come, let us all praise Him Who was crucified for us. Mary beheld Him on the Tree and said, "Though You endure even the Cross, You are my Son and my God."



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2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Deadline May 4, 2018

NEW YORK – The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America announces that applications for the Scholarship and Fellowship programs administered by the Archdiocese are now available.

Applications can be accessed by visiting <http://www.goarch.org/>. For more information, please email scholarships@goarch.org or call 212-774-0283. The deadline for submitting an application for any of these scholarships is **May 4, 2018**.

George & Naouma (Gioule) Gioles Scholarship Katina John Malta Scholarship Paleologos Scholarship

Applications and instructions for these three scholarships administered by the Department of Philanthropy of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America are available for awards to be made for the 2018-2019 academic year. The **George & Naouma (Gioule) Gioles Scholarship** and the **Katina John Malta Scholarship** are for undergraduate studies, and the **Paleologos Scholarship** is awarded for graduate work of a non-theological nature. Each of these scholarships was established through generous gifts from dedicated Greek Orthodox Christians who wanted to provide financial assistance towards the education of young people from our Orthodox Christian community.

The Christos and Georgia Trakatellis Fellowship

Applications are also available for a fellowship from **The Christos and Georgia Trakatellis Fellowship Fund** for the 2018-2019 academic year. This Fund was established in 2011 by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and his brother, Prof. Antonios Trakatellis, in memory of their parents, Christos and Georgia.

The Fund, overseen by the Chancellor's Office, offers fellowships to graduates of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology to study Greek language, Hellenic culture and liturgical practice. These studies can take place in the United States or, preferably, in Greece or at the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. The study could be part of an established academic program (Doctoral or Master Levels) or part of a free program, which should be well structured and clearly defined in view of the above stated purpose of the Fund. Candidates shall be chosen based on merit and need. The amount of the fellowship is \$3,000 per semester for up to two semesters. One or more full or partial fellowships will be awarded annually.

The S. Gregory Taylor Scholarship

The Taylor Scholarship Fund offers financial assistance to students pursuing a post-graduate degree in the areas of theology, religious studies, or pastoral training. The Chancellor's Office of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America oversees the Fund and awards scholarships on an annual basis. Awarding of scholarships will be determined based on program of study, financial need, previous academic work, recommendations, availability of funds and how the applicant intends to serve the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America after receiving this degree. Scholarships are awarded for actual course work being done towards a post-graduate degree (an initial graduate-level degree is required). As per the guidelines of the Fund, preference will be given to graduates of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

The 5th Annual Lenten Retreat was held on Saturday, March 3rd we would like to thank Reverend Father Dasmaskinos Issa from Saint Mary Antochian Orthodox Church and Reverend Father Elefterios Plevrakis from Sts. Mary Magdelene and Markella Greek Orthodox Church for their spiritual presentation. Thank you also to Kyriaki Kontoudis and Mia Atsides along with all the ladies who helped.

On Sunday, April 1st was our annual Tsourekia Bake Sale. We would like to thank the families of Sun Bakery for their generous donation and wish them many years of health!

We are extremely grateful for all the donations towards the flowers. After all expenses have been paid, the remaining funds will be deposited in the Needs Account and will be used for those in need.

On Good Friday at 9:00 a.m. we will be decorating The Holy Epitaphio. Everyone is welcomed to come and help.

Please note that there will not be a general meeting in April. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. Due to the clergy laity that will take place in New Jersey on Monday.

Scholarship Applications are available in the church office and must be completed and returned no later than Sunday, April 29th and will be presented on Sunday, May 20th in church.

Save the date:

The Mothers Day Derby Brunch will be held on Saturday, May 5th at the Sparrows Point Country Club. So find your favorite dress and hat and join us for an afternoon of fun, food and prizes. Donation is \$35.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for children 12 and under. For tickets please call Nora Kefalas 410-661-2853 / Stella Koukides 410-574-4875 / Evagelia Saliaris 410-592-8345.

We would like to wish everyone Kali Anastasi!

Η 5η ετήσια Πνευματική Περισυλλογή της Τεσσαρακοστής έλαβε χώρα το Σάββατο 3 Μαρτίου. Θα θέλαμε επ' ευκαιρία να ευχαριστήσουμε τον Αιδεσ. Πατέρα Δαμασκηνό Ησσα από τον Ορθόδοξο Ναό της Αγίας Μαίρης Αντιοχείας, και τον Πατέρα Ελευθέριο Πλευράκη από την Ελληνική Ορθόδοξη Κοινότητα των Αγίων Μαρίας Μαγδαληνής και Μαρκέλλας, για την πνευματική τους παρουσίαση. Ευχαριστούμε επίσης την Κυριακή Κοντούδη και την Ευθυμία Ατσίδα καθώς και όλες τις κυρίες που εβοήθησαν.

PHILOTOCHOS



Την Κυριακή, 1η Απριλίου, θα πουλάμε και πάλι Πασχαλινά Τσουρέκια. Θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε τις οικογένειες του Sun Bakery για την γενναιοδωρία τους και τους ευχόμαστε υγεία και μακροημέρευση.

Είμαστε εξαιρετικά ευγνώμονες για όλες τις δωρεές προς τα λουλούδια του Επιταφίου. Μετά την κάλυψη όλων των εξόδων, τα υπόλοιπα χρήματα θα κατατεθούν στον λογαριασμό των απόρων και θα χρησιμοποιηθούν για εκείνους που έχουν ανάγκη.

Την Μεγάλη Παρασκευή στις 9:00 π.μ. θα στολίσουμε το Κουβούκλιο του Επιταφίου. Όλοι είστε ευπρόσδεκτοι να έλθετε να βοηθήσετε.

Σας ενημερώνουμε ότι δεν θα έχουμε Συνεδρίαση τον Απρίλιο. Η επομένη μας συνεδρίαση θα είναι την Τρίτη, 8 Μαΐου στις 7:00 μ.μ. Λόγω του Κληρικο-Λαϊκού Συνεδρίου που θα γίνει στη Νέα Ιερσέη την Δευτέρα.

Αιτήσεις Υποτροφίας μπορούν να παραλάβουν οι ενδιαφερόμενοι από το Κοινοτικό Γραφείο. Θα πρέπει να συμπληρωθούν και να επιστραφούν το αργότερο μέχρι και την Κυριακή, 29 Απριλίου. Θα απονεμηθούν στους δικαιούχους τη Κυριακή, 20 Μαΐου στην Εκκλησία.

Κρατείστε την ημερομηνία:

Η Εορτή της Μητέρας θα εορταστεί και πάλι στο Sparrows Point Country Club, με Brunch, το Σάββατο 5 Μαΐου. Φορέστε το ποιο όμορφο φόρεμά σας και το καπέλο σας και ελάτε να περάσετε ένα όμορφο απόγευμα, με φαγητό και πολλά δώρα. Δωρεά εισόδου \$ 35.00 το άτομο για μεγάλους και \$ 10.00 για παιδιά κάτω των 12 ετών. Για να κλείσετε θέση παρακαλείστε να τηλεφωνήσετε στη Νόρα Κεφάλια 410-661-2853 ή την Στέλλα Κουκίδα 410-574-4875 ή την Ευαγγελία Σαλιάρη 410-592-8345.

Ευχόμαστε σε όλους ΚΑΛΗ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΗ!!



ST. NICHOLAS BILINGUAL EARLY EDUCATION CENTER



SAINT 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. We currently have openings for children ages 3-5 in our Preschool room. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the director, Sophia Moshonisiotis, at 410-633-5020 extension 4.

This past month, we celebrated Greek Independence Day at the Center. Our little ones especially loved waving their Greek flags! During this Lenten period, we have been collecting donations for Weekend Backpacks for Homeless Kids. We would like to thank everyone that graciously donated.

This month we celebrate our 1-year Anniversary. We received our license on April 5, 2017 and we started off with only 5 children. We now have 30 children and we are continuing to grow. We would like to thank all the BEEC families, our staff, and the community for your support throughout our first year.



ΔΙΓΛΩΣΣΟ ΕΚΠΑΙΔΕΥΤΙΚΟ ΚΕΝΤΡΟ ΠΡΟΣΧΟΛΙΚΗΣ ΗΛΙΚΙΑΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ



Ο Δίγλωσσος Βρεφονηπιακός Σταθμός Αγίου Νικολάου προσφέρει ένα ασφαλές,

Τον περασμένο μήνα γιορτάσαμε τη διακήρυξη της ανεξαρτησίας της Ελλάδας. Οι μικροί μαθητές με μεγάλη χαρά ανέμισαν τις ελληνικές σημαίες. Κατά τη διάρκεια της σαρακοστής, συλλέξαμε δωρεές για άστεγα παιδιά σχολικής ηλικίας της Βαλτιμόρης. Τις ειλικρινές μας ευχαριστίες σε όλους όσους δώρισαν στο σκοπό αυτό.

Τον Απρίλιο το σχολείο μας θα γιορτάσει αισίως τον 1 χρόνο λειτουργίας. Η πρώτη μέρα λειτουργίας του σχολείου ήταν στις 5 Απριλίου του 2017, με μόλις 5 μαθητές. Το σχολείο μας σήμερα έχει 30 μαθητές και συνεχίζει να μεγαλώνει. Θα θέλαμε για ακόμα μια φορά να ευχαριστήσουμε τις οικογένειες του βρεφονηπιακού σταθμού, το προσωπικό μας και την κοινότητα μας για τη στήριξη τον πρώτο χρόνο λειτουργίας μας.

NOTICES

~ The St. Nicholas JOY Program ~

Our JOY Group had a fun filled afternoon of fellowship on Saturday March 17th. Please join us at our next meeting on Saturday April 21st. Follow our group on Facebook for updates <https://m.facebook.com/JOY-at-St-Nicholas-Greek-Orthodox-Church-Baltimore-2146613645562476/>



Hello, I am Christina Kouroublakis and I am honored to have this opportunity as Joy Director. I am very excited to implement a program of ministry to lead our young people into experiencing our Greek Orthodox Faith.

The JOY Program is designed for ages 3-11. The program will prepare our children for GOYA and will emphasize the same goals of fellowship and understanding of our faith.

We are currently accepting children from 3 to 11 years of age. Please feel free to contact me at 443-221-8024 or ckouroublakis@gmail.com for more information. The JOY group meets once a month every third Saturday from the hours of 12:00 Noon to 2:00 pm. Each meeting has a theme based on the Ecclesiastical Feast Days of the month. Activities include Crafts, Games, Basketball practice, Soccer and a lesson by Fr. Michael. Snacks will be provided by the parish.



*May you have a
blessed Pascha!*

2018 CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD

Registration is now open!

July 16 - 20 at Camp Wo Me To - Jarrettsville, MD

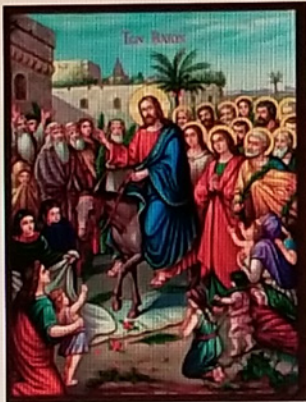
To register - <https://goo.gl/forms/Sdewr2w8UbHsEvqN2>

Staff are also needed in all areas. To register -
<https://goo.gl/forms/o2NYbmDnaE7uJ8b92>

NOTICES

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ



ΤΩΝ ΒΑΙΩΝ

Την Κυριακή των Βαιων
αμέσως μετά την
λειτουργία στο Hall της
εκκλησίας μας θα
ακολουθήσει Ψαροφαγία .

After the liturgy on Palm
Sunday, we will be having
a fish luncheon being
served downstairs in the
Large Hall.

Μπακαλιάρo Σκορδαλιά
Καβούροσουπα
Σαλάτα

Bakaliaro Skordalia
Crab Soup
Salad

We look forward to seeing
you there!

Περιμένουμε να σας δούμε εκεί!

\$10/person

HELLENIC HERITAGE MUSEUM OF MARYLAND, INC

PRESERVING GREEK CULTURE TO INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS

“CONNECTING THE FUTURE TO THE PAST”

LUNCHEON

Please join the Hellenic Heritage Museum Committee for an enjoyable luncheon on Sunday, May 6th after services in the Father Constantine Monios Hall, at the Annunciation Cathedral.

- Learn more about the museum's programs and plans
- View a sampling of some of the treasures that the museum has in its collection
- Hear a fascinating preview presentation about how to research our Greek ancestry from Carol Kostakos Petranek; Hellenic Genealogist and Co-Director of the Washington DC Family History Center. (more to come at a future seminar)
- Hear a very interesting story shared by Antigoni Lefteris Ladd from Tigrett Leadership about the recent community research project she led.

Donation: \$10.00.

Please contact Maria Letras for tickets by April 30th at marigold1@me.com or (410) 916-3764

On January 3rd, Lord Baltimore #364 Order of Ahepa joined by Chapter #30 for our annual "cutting of the vasilopita". A good time was had by all.

A big thank you goes out to Father Michael Pastrikos for officiating the ceremony and blessing both Chapters for a successful year.

- G E N E R A L - ASSEMBLY MEETING

Sunday, April 22nd
AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY



ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

PAN-HELLENIC NEWS

ΧΟΡΕΥΤΙΚΟΣ ΟΜΙΛΟΣ ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΗΝΙΚ (PAN-HELLENIC) ΤΗΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑΣ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ,

Ο Χορευτικός Όμιλος ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΗΝΙΚ αρχίζει τα μαθήματα χορού για τρίτη (3) συνεχή χρονιά. Τα μαθήματα θα γίνονται κάθε Πέμπτη στις 7:00 μ.μ. στη Κοινοτική Αίθουσα του Αγίου Νικολάου. Δεχόμαστε εγγραφές νέων μελών την ώρα των μαθημάτων ή μπορείτε να τηλεφωνήσετε στο 443-845-8903 και να μιλήσετε με την κ. Αναστασία (Στάσα) Χατζηγεωργίου-Λουκάκη. Δασκάλα του ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΗΝΙΚ είναι η κ. Έφη Καράμπελα. Προτρέπουμε και ενθαρρύνουμε όσες και όσοι αγαπούν το Χορό να ενταχθούν στο γκρουπ του ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΗΝΙΚ.

Όλα τα μέλη του ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΗΝΙΚ θα χαρούμε να καλωσορίσουμε και να εντάξουμε στη παρέα μας νέα μέλη για την χρονιά 2017-2018.

Με εκτίμηση
Από τον Χορευτικό Όμιλο του Αγίου Νικολάου
ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΗΝΙΚ

SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos Announcement

Once again the St. Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos will be **awarding scholarships established by our organization, and families from our community in memory of their loved ones.**

Scholarships are presented to students, according to the established scholarship rules of our organization, which are entering for full time or continuing their studies in colleges or universities.

Applications are available in the Church office and must be completed and returned to the no later than Sunday April 29th.

All scholarships will be awarded to the recipients on Sunday May 20th.



AXION CHARITY EVENTS PRESENTS **EXCLUSIVE** Private Pre-Screening

CHRISTINE BARANSKI, PIERCE BROSNAN, DOMINIC COOPER, COLIN FIRTH, ANDY GARCIA, LILY JAMES, AMANDA SEYFRIED, STELLAN SKARSGÅRD, JULIE WALTERS, WITH CHER, MERYL AND STREEP

THE FEEL-GOOD CINEMA EVENT RETURNS
SUMMER 2018

MAMMA MIA!
— HERE WE GO AGAIN —

Thursday **JULY 19**
Landmark Theatres ~ Harbor East
645 President St. ~ Baltimore

Save the Date and More Info Coming soon! Questions to axioncharityevents@gmail.com

Due to Universal Studio restricts, please do not post this event on Facebook or other social media.

FESTIVAL AD BOOK FORM - RESERVE NOW!

SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK FOLK FESTIVAL

Check if same ad as 2017

AD PLACEMENT ORDER FORM

*Support St. Nicholas Church by purchasing your ad space for 2018 now!
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- \$400 - Full Page - 6" x 9"
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(If Available):

- \$600 - Back Cover
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- \$500 - Inside Back Cover

DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 1ST

Completed forms and artwork must be received by 5/1/18 or placement cannot be guaranteed in the ad book

Artwork to adrienne@kosaridesign.com

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Submission date: _____ / _____ / 2018

NOTE: Please e-mail an electronic version of your ad to adrienne@kosaridesign.com by Monday, 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 2017.

PAYMENT: Please send your form and check made out to: **St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival 2018 Ad Book**, 520 South Ponca Street, Baltimore, MD 21224. To pay with a credit card please contact the church office at **410-633-5020**.



THE HELLENIC HERITAGE MUSEUM & ARCHIVES OF MD

On Sunday, April 15th, the Hellenic Heritage Museum and Archives of Maryland will host the coffee hour and conduct a presentation regarding the organization's goals and programs. The Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland's mission:

- Create a museum for housing and displaying artifacts that represent the contributions of Hellenism to the American experience.
- Store, identify and maintain objects that represent the history of individuals and families that helped form the Greek/American communities.
- Embark on an oral history project that can help chronicle the human experiences that have formed the fabric of these communities.
- Develop public awareness through interactive exhibitions, lectures, symposiums and concerts.
- Provide a venue for researching, storing and cataloging a representative collection which preserves and interprets specific items to include ancient and classical artifacts.

Also, on Sunday, May 6th, the Hellenic Heritage Museum invites you to attend a luncheon where guests will learn how to research their Greek ancestry. The luncheon will be held in the social hall of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation located at 24 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, Md. 21201 at 12 noon. A donation of \$10.00 is requested and tickets may be purchased by contacting Maria Letras at 410-916-3764.

Lastly, the Hellenic Heritage Museum is planning to start a book club with the focus on Greek topics. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, May 19th from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please contact Mrs. Helen Sarafidis at 410*-825-8532.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, April 15th.

The Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland Board Members

FESTIVAL NEWS

SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK FOLK FESTIVAL



JUNE 7-10

PREPARATIONS ARE NOW UNDERWAY FOR THE 2018 ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL!

• **MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EVERY PARISHIONER DONATE THEIR TIME AND TALENT. IT IS OUR CHURCH'S BIGGEST FUNDRAISER AND IT IS CRITICAL FOR THE FINANCIAL WELL-BEING OF OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY. THERE WILL BE A WIDE VARIETY OF VOLUNTEER OPTIONS FOR EVERYONE. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH THE OFFICE (**410-633-5020**) OR PENNY (**SEND2PENNY@AOL.COM**) TO SIGN UP! THERE IS ALSO A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE CHURCH ATRIUM. CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR FESTIVAL MEETING NOTICES!

• **YIAYIA'S BASEMENT** WILL BE SELLING DONATED ITEMS AGAIN THIS YEAR AT THE CHURCH. WE ARE NOW COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING:

- JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES
- HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
- COLLECTABLES
- LINENS (MARK DIMENSIONS)
- ARTWORK
- HOLIDAY ITEMS
- BOOKS, CDS, DVDS

WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

- NO TOYS OR SMALL ELECTRONICS
- NO LUGGAGE
- NO FURNITURE
- NO CLOTHING OR SHOES
- NO MATTRESSES OR PILLOWS
- NO 8 TRACKS/VHS,/CASSETTES OR TVS

CONTACT **MARIA AT 410-633-5020** TO SET UP YOUR DONATION!

• **AD BOOK SALES** ARE NOW UNDERWAY! WE ARE ASKING THAT ALL PARISHIONERS OF ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH TO PLEASE PURCHASE AD SPACE IF YOU OWN A BUSINESS OR WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE A MEMORIAL OR CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE. PLEASE ALSO USE ANY CONNECTIONS YOU MAY HAVE TO ASSIST WITH THE AD SALES. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR CHURCH. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN PLACING AN AD, PLEASE CONTACT KYRA AT **KONTOUDISK@GMAIL.COM**.

• **RAFFLE TICKETS** WILL BE MAILED THE WEEK AFTER EASTER. PLEASE ASSIST US WITH SELLING THE TICKETS - THIS IS A HUGE REVENUE SOURCE FOR THE FESTIVAL. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT CONTACT **MARIA AT 410-633-5020**.

2018 PLEDGES-\$159,306.00 / Payments-\$115,841.00 / Balance-\$43,465.00

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 MR/MRS GOVASTES CLEOPATRA
 MS HARRIS ATHENA
 MR HATZIGEORGALI ANTONIOS
 MR/MRS JANKOWIAK DAVID & MARY
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LITURGICAL PROGRAM - HOLY PASCHA

Sunday, April 1	Palm Sunday: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Palm Sunday Evening: April 1	The Bridegroom Service: 7:00 pm
Holy Monday Evening: April 2	The Bridegroom Service: 7:00 pm
Holy Tuesday Evening: April 3	The Bridegroom Service (Kassiani Troparion): 7:00pm
Holy Wednesday Morning April 4	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy: 9:00 am
Holy Wednesday Evening: April 4	Holy Unction Service: 6:00 pm
Holy Thursday Morning: April 5	Divine Liturgy commemorating the Last Supper* The Service will begin at 6:00 am (Working People)
Holy Thursday Evening: April 5	The Reading of the Twelve Gospels: 7:00 pm
Holy Friday Morning: April 6	The Royal Hours: 9:00 am
Holy Friday Afternoon April 6	Apokathelosis Service: 2:00 pm
Holy Friday Evening: April 6	The Lamentations Service: 7:00 pm
Holy Saturday Morning: April 7	Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil (First Resurrection) Services will begin at 7:30 am
Holy Saturday Evening: April 7	Resurrection Service: 11:00 pm. Pascha Vigil 12:00 Midnight: Outside service: 1:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy
Sunday of Holy Pascha: April 8	The Agape Vespers: Holy Pascha: 11:00 am
Sunday, April 15	Sunday of St. Thomas: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Sunday, April 22	Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women: 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
Sunday, April 29	Sunday of the Paralytic: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am



**** The church pews are going to be refurbished, and whoever would like to make a donation in memory of their loved ones will receive a brass nameplate installed on a pew.**

For more information, please contact Maria Salpea at 410-633-5020. Cost of donation is \$1,000.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 1st: Palm Sunday, Philoptochos tsourekis sale

Monday, April 2nd: Saturday, April 7th: Holy Week

Sunday, April 8th: Holy and Great Pascha

Monday, April 9th: Renewal Monday

Monday, April 9th: GOYA Executive Board meeting prior to the General monthly meeting at 6 p.m.

The GOYA General Monthly meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11th: Greek School Resumes at 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 14th: GOYA Bag Bingo at the Greektowne Square and Event Center.

Sunday, April 15th: The Hellenic Heritage Museum will be sponsoring the St. Nicholas coffee hour after church. Featuring a slide presentation.

Tuesday, April 21st: The Ladies Panchian Society Annual Spring Tea at 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 28th- Sunday, April 29th: GOYA Away Basketball Tournament sponsored by St.

Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Baltimore, Md.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, May 5th: The Ladies Philoptochos Mother's Day Brunch

Tuesday, May 8th: The Diamonds Monthly Meeting at 1 p.m.,

The Parish Council Monthly Meeting at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8th: Philoptochos Meeting at 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 12th to Sunday, May 13th: The GOYA Away Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Ss. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church of Annapolis

Saturday, May 12th: The Ladies Panchian Society Monthly Meeting at 1 p.m.

Monday, May 14th: GOYA Monthly Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 20th: The Diamonds Patron Saint Celebration Artoclasia; Scholarship Sunday by the Ladies Philoptochos Society

Friday, May 25th: The GOYA End of Year Celebration and Elections.

SAVE THE DATE - Spiritual Retreat at River Valley Ranch - Coming in the Fall!

Good News! We are planning a one-day Spiritual retreat aimed at helping us refocus our lives on Christ as well as having lots of fun. The Spiritual retreat is geared towards students from the 5th grade to 12th grade, young adults, couples and singles. Look for more information to come!