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Pastoral Message from Fr. Michael Pastrikos

It is the day of Resurrection! Let us be illumined for the feast! Pascha! The Pascha of the Lord! From death unto life and from earth unto heaven has Christ our God led us! Singing the song of victory; Christ is Risen from the dead. (First ode of the Paschal Canon)

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN !

Dear faithful in the Lord:

With joyous words I greet you. Our Risen Christ proved to all of us that He was not just another philosopher with empty promises, but that He was true to His words and teachings that He would resurrect as He had foretold. What a wonderful spiritual journey we had at St. Nicholas during Holy Week and how spiritually uplifted I felt during each service.

We began with the Saturday of Lazarus, celebrated Palm Sunday and prayed and reflected throughout the entire week, finally ending the journey with the celebration of our magnificent Holy Pascha Service.

It brought chills and tears to my eyes seeing the thousands of people attending services, not only during Holy Week but throughout the entire Great Lenten Period. As the last of the services-Vespers

of Love-ended, I wished that the love which emanated throughout the entire week would never end, but last forever. The degree of Christian love and fellowship that came from everyone not only uplifted us, but our Orthodox faith as well. I know that the emotions and feelings that I experienced are personal to me, but I'm positive that many of you experienced those same feelings. I wish I could send out a survey about this just to hear what your Holy Week experience was like.

We all know the story of Pascha: betrayal, death and new life. Through His Passion and Resurrection, God expressed His eternal and unconditional love for us. But consider also what implications these events hold in terms of our relationships with one another. The services of Holy Thursday, Friday and Saturday reenacted something more powerful and more significant than any other events on the Orthodox Church calendar. They are central to our understanding of what Christianity is about, what life is about and why we still try to make a connection between the two. Unfortunately, after these beautiful emotions and feelings subside, we return to our old ways and let things get blown out of proportion

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in our relationships, finding ourselves experiencing betrayal and disloyalty once again. Consider what happened with Jesus's disciples. When everything was going well, they reaped the benefits of being followers of Jesus. But when things got difficult, they completely abandoned Him.

Now ask yourself this question: We say that we are Jesus's followers and that we are good Christians. But are we going to abandon Him again during our difficult experiences? Let's see. Before you answer this question, think about what the people then did. Who followed Jesus and who didn't? During Christ's ministry, thousands of people followed Him. They witnessed His miracles, the raising of his good friend Lazarus, returning sight to the blind and many more. But when Christ was nailed to the Cross, how many of those thousands stood by His Cross to mourn His great loss? It surely wasn't His disciples who traveled with Him and witnessed all His miracles and teachings and said that they would die to protect Him if any harm was to come to Him. Not even the people He healed came to see Him hanging on the Cross. What a tragedy! Would you do that to your best friend in the hour of his death? Would you abandon him? They did! Those

who showed their true colors and love for Christ were one man and 3 women who had the courage and the stamina to show their faith for Christ. Four humble people out of thousands stood by Him, no matter what punishment they would have to face because of their actions.

Not only should we remember the terrible feelings that Jesus experienced during his betrayal, but we should also remember that the reason Christ died on that cross was to give us a better understanding of the beautiful, impacting lesson of forgiveness. Remember, He forgave the people who betrayed and abandoned Him as well as the thief on the cross. While it may be difficult to forgive those who have hurt us, Jesus offers us the grace needed to love those who have betrayed us, if we choose to follow His example. Remember, forgiveness doesn't make the past go away, but it brings new life in sometimes unexpected ways.

The basic point of my article is to remember that because God forgives us of our sins we should do the same to others. "What people have been taught, What they believe, makes all the difference in the world in the way they act, in the values they hold dear, and in the standards which guide the way they live."

Μήνυμα απο τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

Ημέρα Ανάστασης! Ας φωτιστούμε από το γεγονός! Πάσχα! Πάσχα Κυρίου! Ψάλλοντας τον ύμνο της νίκης -Χριστός Ανέστη εκ νεκρών.... (Πρώτη οδή του Πασχαλινού Κανόνα), ο Χριστός και Θεός μας, μας οδηγεί από τον θάνατο στη ζωή, και από τη γη στον ουρανό.

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

Αγαπητοί πιστοί εν Κυρίω:

Σας χαιρετώ με πολύ χαρά. Ο Αναστάς Χριστός απέδειξε σε όλους μας ότι δεν είναι απλώς ένας άλλος ρηχός φιλόσοφος με κενές υποσχέσεις, αλλά ήταν αληθινός στα λόγια Του, και τις διδασκαλίες Του, ότι θα αναστηθεί όπως είχε προαναγγέλει. Τι υπέροχο πνευματικό ταξίδι που είχαμε κατά τη διάρκεια της Ιεράς εμερείας της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας στον Άγιο Νικόλαο!

Δεν μπορώ να σας εκφράσω την πνευματική ανάταση που ένιωσα κατά τη διάρκεια των Ακολουθιών της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας. Ξεκινώντας από το Σάββατο του Λαζάρου, στη συνέχεια την Κυριακή των Βαΐων, και όλη την εβδομάδα, και

τελειώνοντας το υπέροχο αυτό ταξίδι με τον εορτασμό του ενδόξου και Αγίου Πάσχα.

Ρίγχιζα και γέμιζαν δάκρυα τα μάτια μου, βλέποντας τις χιλιάδες των ανθρώπων να εκκλησιαζονται, όχι μόνο την Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα, αλλά ολόκληρο το διάστημα της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής. Καθώς το τέλος των Ακολουθιών σημειώθηκε με την Ακολουθία του Εσπερινού της Αγάπης θα ήθελα η αγάπη που προήλθε από όλη την εβδομάδα, να μην τελειώσει ποτέ, αλλά να διαρκέσει για πάντα. Ξέρω ότι αυτά τα συναισθήματα και τα συναισθήματα που έχω βιώσει, είναι προσωπικές εμπειρίες, αλλά είμαι σίγουρος ότι πολλοί από εσάς βιώσατε τα ίδια συναισθήματα. Θάθελα να μπορούσα να κάνω μια έρευνα μεταφέροντας αυτό το μήνυμα για να μάθω την απάντηση του κόσμου, για το τι βίωσαν την Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα.

Αλλά ας επιστρέψουμε στο θέμα σχετικά με το Πάσχα, όλοι γνωρίζουμε την ιστορία της προδοσίας του Πάσχα, το θάνατο και τη καινούργια ζωή, είναι τέλεια παραδειγματα, όχι μόνο για να

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COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX

COMMUNITY – SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

MONDAY, JUNE 18TH, 2012

NOTICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Pursuant to the regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the By-Laws of the Greek Orthodox Community, Saint Nicholas, Baltimore, Maryland, the date of the Spring General Assembly meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 18th, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. promptly.

According to the Church By-Laws, those persons wishing to participate and vote must pay their Stewardship up to the date of the Assembly. A regular member of the Parish who is already enrolled in the Parish register, but has neglected to pay his/her stewardship, may pay the same day and before the beginning of the Assembly, in order to participate.

AGENDA

- 1—Invocation by the Priest, Rev. Michael L. Pastrokos.
- 2—Call to order by parish President, Mr. Efstathios Papadopoulos.
- 3—Election of Chairman & Secretary for the Assembly.
- 4—Reading & ratification of the minutes of the previous General Assembly.
- 5—Parish President's Report. Reports from all Committees.
- 6—Priest's Report
- 7—Treasurer's Financial Report. Presentation of proposed Budget 2013.
- 8—Auditing Committee Report.
- 9—Greek Folk Festival 2012 Report.
- 10—Plateia Committee Report.
- 11—Formation of Nominations Committee to find new candidates for Parish Council.
- 12—Old Business
- 13—New Business.
- 14—Adjournment and closing Prayer.

All members of the Community are urged to attend this Parish Assembly Meeting, because of its importance. It is also our duty as members of the Community of Saint Nicholas to come and offer our support for the progress of the Community.

The Parish Council of Saint Nicholas

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is back and will be held St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church during the week of June 25th through June 29th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Enroll your children ages 4-12 in the enjoyable, spiritual program we have prepared; where they will be learning more about our Orthodox faith in the loving atmosphere of our church. Cost for the week's activities is \$40.00 per child. Please do not delay, enroll your child by Sunday, June 17, 2012. Also, if you are interested in being an adult volunteer, please contact the church office at 410-633-5020.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank the following individuals for their assistance and support of the successful Family Night BINGO Fund Raiser that we sponsored. They are: Father Michael, Takis Papadopoulos, President of the Community, Kali Papadopoulos, Kiki Vavakas and Demos Anastasiades and last but not least Ms. Sevasti Cornias. Also, we thank and appreciate our Donors, the De'Niros Restaurant, Mrs. Kiki Vavakas, Mrs. Kalliope Papadopoulos and Mrs.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΑΓΙΟΥ

ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ – ΕΑΡΙΝΗ ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ

ΜΕΛΩΝ, ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ, 18 ΙΟΥΝΙΟΥ, 2012

ΠΡΟΣΚΛΗΣΗ ΓΕΝΙΚΗΣ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗΣ

Σύμφωνα με τους κανονισμούς των Κοινοτήτων της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής, και τους Εσωτερικούς Κανονισμούς της Κοινοτήτάς μας, καλούμε Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών, την Δευτέρα, 18 Ιουνίου, 2012, στις 7:00 ακριβώς.

Σύμφωνα με τους Κανονισμούς, όσοι επιθυμούν να συμμετέχουν στην Συνέλευση, οφείλουν να έχουν εκπληρώσει τις προς την Κοινότητα οικονομικές τους υποχρεώσεις μέχρι και την ημέρα της Συνέλευσης και πριν την έναρξή της.

ΗΜΕΡΗΣΙΑ ΔΙΑΤΑΞΗ

1. Προσευχή από τον Ιερέα, Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό.
2. Έναρξη της Συνέλευσης από τον Πρόεδρο της Κοινότητας κ. Ευστάθιο Παπαδόπουλο.
3. Εκλογή Προέδρου και Γραμματέα της παρούσας Γενικής Συνέλευσης.
4. Ανάγνωση και επικύρωση των πρακτικών της προηγούμενης Γενικής Συνέλευσης.
5. Έκθεση από τον Πρόεδρο της Κοινότητας. Εκθέσεις όλων των Επιτροπών.
6. Έκθεση από τον Ιερέα
7. Έκθεση από τον Ταμία της Κοινότητας. Προτεινόμενος Προϋπολογισμός 2013.
8. Έκθεση Εξελεγκτικής Επιτροπής
9. Έκθεση από την Επιτροπή του ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ 2012.
10. Έκθεση από την Επιτροπή της Πλατείας.
11. Σχηματισμός Επιτροπής για την ανάδειξη υποψηφίων του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου
12. Παλαιές Υποθέσεις.
13. Νέες Υποθέσεις
14. Λήξη της Συνέλευσης και προσευχή.

Όλα τα μέλη της Κοινότητας προτρέπονται να παρουσιαστούν και να λάβουν μέρος στη Συνέλευση, διότι θα συζητηθούν θέματα σοβαρά. Επίσης σαν μέλη της Κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου, είναι καθήκον μας να συμμετέχουμε στις Συνελεύσεις και να εκφράζουμε την υποστήριξή μας για το καλό της Κοινότητας.

Εκ του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου

Despina Pikounis. Of course, we would not have been so successful for our Community if it were not for the many parishioners who donated and attended the event.

Thank you, Rosa Cornias

ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΟΥΜΕ ΘΕΡΜΑ

Επιθυμώ να ευχαριστήσω τα ακόλουθα άτομα που βοήθησαν και υποστήριξαν την Οικογενειακή Βραδιά ΜΠΙΝΓΚΟ την Παρασκευή, 27 Απριλίου, 2012. Είναι: Ο Πατήρ Μιχαήλ, ο Πρόεδρος της Κοινότητας κ. Τάκης Παπαδόπουλος, η κ., Κάλη Παπαδοπούλου, η κ. Κική Βαβάκα, ο κ. Δήμος Αναστασιάδης και τέλος η Σεβαστή Κόρνια. Επίσης ευχαριστούμε το Εστιατόριο De'Niros, την κ. Κική Βαβάκα, την κ. Καλλιόπη Παπαδοπούλου και την κυρία Δεσποίνα Πικούνη για τις δωρεές τους. Φυσικά δεν θα ήταν δυνατόν να είχαμε αυτή την οικονομική επιτυχία για την Εκκλησία μας αν δεν συμμετείχατε όλοι εσείς, τα μέλη μας, που δωρήσατε και τιμήσατε με την παρουσία σας αυτή την εκδήλωση.

Σας ευχαριστώ, Ρόζα Κόρνια

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COMMUNITY NEWS - KOINOTIKA NEA

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GREEKTOWN CDC

A message from Col. John E. Gavrilis, CEO

The Greektown CDC works tirelessly with the community to deter illegal dumping. Over the years we have been successful in working with Baltimore City to abate illegal dumping by issuing significant fines to violators, many who live in Greektown. One of our problem locations, the 700 block of Quail Street, has been an eyesore for the community due to the constant dumping. We are happy to announce that a new motion sensor camera has been installed by the City on Quail Street to photograph and deter the illegal dumping occurring at that location. Violators will be arrested!!

The new Ryan Homes development in Greektown, O'Donnell Square, will be opening its model home this month on 4600 Fait Avenue. This development will be a great addition to our neighborhood by adding beautiful new homes and homeowners to the community. We believe this will have a positive effect on the real estate market in Greektown, adding to our revitalization process. This economic boost to our community is why we have been recognized as one of the City's most resilient community's. The Greektown CDC thanks all of our volunteers for participating in our Mayor's neighborhood cleanup on April 21st. We have been hosting a successful Greektown Reading Series which has been showcasing local artists in our business district and hope to soon host the series at the Plateia.

We continue to assist residents in dealing with nuisance properties but need your help by ensuring crime and grime is reported as soon as it occurs. Please call our office at 410-327-3306 to join our Citizen on Patrol Walks. As always call 911 immediately when witnessing any illegal activity and 311 for non-police related city issues.

Believe in your community!

NOTICE FROM ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH KOINONIA NEWSLETTER:

Dear Friend of St. Nicholas,

The "Koinonia" is the official monthly publication of the Saint Nicholas Church. It is published 11 times throughout the year and it reaches 1,000 families monthly in hard copy and 600 electronically. Also, the *Koinonia* appears on the church's website for greater market exposure.

In an effort to defray the cost of printing and postage, it has become necessary to charge for advertising space of events, such as dances, and festivals. All outside organizations and church organizations will be requested to follow the same payment schedule to advertise their events. The fee schedule is as follows: **Full Page: \$100.00, Half Page: \$50.00, Quarter Page: \$25.00.** This policy will be in effect starting June 1st, 2012.

Advertising with us will provide great exposure for your organization through the print and electronic media at a minimal cost and it will provide financial assistance to St. Nicholas Church.

*Thank you and God bless you!
Sincerely, The Koinonia Committee*

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Aris Melissaratos Corridor Inc.'s Person of the Year

About 300 of Maryland's business leaders and lawmakers gathered for Corridor Inc.'s Sixth Annual Person of the Year Awards, held recently at the brand new Hotel at Arundel Preserve. What began in December with 21 accomplished and worthy nominees was narrowed down by reader votes to one person: Aris Melissaratos, Senior Advisor to the President for Enterprise Development at Johns Hopkins University.

When Aris Melissaratos first arrived in Maryland, he was 13 years old and spoke not a word of English. His parents had brought him to the United States as they escaped communism from Romania and economic hardship. Now, Melissaratos is known throughout Maryland and the region for his entrepreneurship, work ethic, community involvement, and leadership.

In 2007, Melissaratos joined Johns Hopkins University as Senior Advisor to the President for Enterprise Development, bringing his career full-circle since receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Hopkins in 1966. After graduation, Melissaratos began his 32-year career at Westinghouse Electronics Corporation, where he held numerous positions in Baltimore and at the company's corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh.

"Johns Hopkins University is the number one research institute in the world, conducting \$1.7 billion worth of research annually. It is one of five Carnegie Research Institutions in the state," Melissaratos affirms, "There's a lot of academic strength here [in Maryland]."

"This corridor is so rich in the world's technological thought process."

In 2011, Hopkins helped launched 19 new companies, the most they have ever established in a year. "It culminated a four-year period where we spun out 51 companies. They may be located globally, but a lot of them are local," Melissaratos said.

Another project to which Melissaratos has dedicated himself over the past year is BHI, Bio-Health Innovations. This regional initiative is a public-private partnership intent on accelerating the development and growth of life science companies.

Aliza Rosen wrote a full article on the event, which was published on February 17, 2012, in Corridor Inc, from where info for this story was taken.

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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COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

ΑΠΟΓΕΥΜΑΤΙΝΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ, ΚΑΛΟΚΑΙΡΙΝΗ ΚΑΤΑΣΚΗΝΩΣΗ, 2 - 31 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ 2012

Στη Κοινότητά μας θα λειτουργήσει και πάλι φέτος, για τρίτη 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 31 Μαΐου 2012.

Προκαταβολή: \$100.00

(πληρωτέα στην εγγραφή)

Ανώτατος αριθμός παιδιών: Δέκα (10) παιδιά.

Όσοι γονείς ενδιαφέρονται, παρακαλούνται να εγγραφούν 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
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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 4 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: May 31st, 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

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Sunday School News

Xristos Anesti Alithos Anesti o Kirios!

Let's keep the flame from the light of the Resurrected Christ burning in our hearts not just at the Anastasi and the 40 days after the Anastasi as we greet each other proclaiming "Christ is Risen... Truly he is Risen"...but throughout the year. As we go through the routine of our daily lives, let's not forget to find the time to pray, to read the bible, to help someone in need, to attend church on Sunday's and to give the light out to others. Only by doing these little things on a daily basis can we continue to keep the "light" of Christ alive in us and in those around us.

As Sunday school teachers, we hope we also have been able to spread this message to our students and to teach them the importance of our Orthodox faith. As we see our students participate in the classroom lessons, learn various prayers, prepare through fasting to take communion, attend church with their family, participate in the procession of Icons on Sunday of Orthodoxy and research and present a topic on their Orthodox religion during the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, we feel proud that we played a small part in their religious education. At this time we want to congratulate those students who actually participated in the Parish level of the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival this past March. We look forward to having them and many more students participate again next year.

With the last day of Sunday school fast approaching (May 20th), we remind the parents to continue to bring their children to church services on Sunday and other Holy days. We the Sunday School staff extend to all of our church families a safe and Blessed summer.



Participants in the annual St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival are pictured with Fr. Michael. They are- FR, L to R: Irene Angelos-Jr. Div., Katerina Ieromonahos-Jr. Div, and Markella Cornias, Elementary Div. Back Row: L to R: Irene Giorgakis-Sr. Div, Lizeta Argiropoulos-Sr Div, Kalliopi Cornias and Eleni Pikounis both in the Junior Division.



Sunday School students and teachers hold their icons proclaiming the return of icons in the church of Sunday of Orthodoxy.



Above are the finalist in the Senior and Junior Division who went on to represent our church at the District Oratorical Festival. They are: Irene Giorgakis (Sr.), Eleni Pikounis (Jr), Katerina Ieromonahos (Jr), and Lizeta Argiropoulos (Sr).



Little Marina (left) proudly holds her personal Icon as she and the Sunday school students participate in the services conducted by Fr. Michael Pastrikos during the Sunday of Orthodoxy.



A big Thank you to our Judges and Timekeeper who took time from their busy schedule to help out in the program. They are left to right: Penny Gerapetritis, Athena Harris, Fr. Michael, Yana Karabelas and Harry Amarantidis.

2012 Easter Festivities: Epitafios & Anastasi Photos



Μήνυμα απο τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστροικό

Συνέχεια απο την σελίδα 2

νοιώσουμε την αιώνια και άνευ όρων αγάπη του Θεού για μας, αλλά και για να δούμε καθαρά τις σχέσεις μας ό ένας με τον άλλο. Η Μεγάλη Πέμπτη, Παρασκευή και Σάββατο αναπαραστούν κάτι το πιο δυναμικό και πιο σημαντικό από οποιοδήποτε άλλο γεγονός στο Ημερολόγιο της Ορθόδοξης Εκκλησίας. Μερικές φορές αφού συνέλθουμε από τα αισθήματα και τα συναισθήματα, αφήνουμε τα πράγματα και υπερνικούν τις φιλίες, και τότε βρισκόμαστε στη θέση να βιώνουμε την προδοσία και την απιστία. Κοιτάζτε τι συνέβη στους μαθητές Του, όταν όλα πήγαιναν καλά, έγιναν γνωστοί και διάσημοι άνθρωποι με το να είναι γύρω από τον Χριστό. Αλλά όταν τα πράγματα έγιναν δύσκολα, Τον εγκατέλειψαν.

Τώρα κάντε στο εαυτόν σας την ερώτηση: Λέμε ότι ακολουθούμε το Χριστό και ότι είμαστε καλοί Χριστιανοί. Μετά από την εμπειρία μας θα Τον εγκαταλείψαμε; Ας δούμε, πριν απαντήσουμε στο ερώτημα αυτό, τι έκαναν τότε οι άνθρωποι. Ποιοί Τον ακολούθησαν και ποιοί όχι; Χιλιάδες άνθρωποι ακολουθούσαν τον Χριστό, κατά τη διάρκεια της διακονίας Του. Έγιναν μάρτυρες των θαυμάτων Του, της Ανάστασης του καλού Του φίλου Λαζάρου, και πολλά άλλα.. Όταν κάρφωσαν το Χριστό στο Σταυρό, πόσοι από αυτούς τους χιλιάδες, στάθηκαν δίπλα στο Σταυρό Του, να θρηνήσουν αυτή τη μεγάλη απώλεια; Σίγουμα δεν ήταν οι μαθητές Του, που ταξίδεψαν μαζί Του, είδαν όλα τα

θαύματα και τις διδασκαλίες Του. Πολλοί από αυτούς είπαν ότι θα πέθαιναν για να Τον προστατεύσουν αν έβλεπαν ότι κάποιος θα τον έβλαπταν. Ούτε οι άνθρωποι που θεράπευσε δεν ήρθαν να τον δουν να κρέμεται στον Σταυρό. Τι τραγωδία, να βλέπει κάποιος τον καλύτερό του φίλο την ώρα του θανάτου Του! Θα τον εγκατέλειπαν; Έτσι έκαναν.. Αλλά ποιοί όμως, έδειξαν το πραγματικό τους πρόσωπο και την αγάπη για τον Χριστό; Ήταν ένας άνδρας και τρεις γυναίκες που είχαν τα κότσια και την αντοχή, να δείξουν την πίστη τους για τον Χριστό. Τέσσερις ταπεινοί άνθρωποι από τις χιλιάδες που βρίσκονταν εκεί. Δεν έχει καμία σημασία ποια θα ήταν η τιμωρία που θα αντιμετώπιζαν, λόγω των ενεργειών τους;

Πρέπει να θυμόμαστε πάντα το κακό συναίσθημα και τις συνέπειες της προδοσίας, αλλά και να γνωρίζουμε ότι αυτό που δίδαξε ο Χριστός με τη Σταύρωσή Του, ήταν νιωσουμε καλύτερα το μάθημα της συγχώρεσης. Να θυμάστε, Εκείνος συγχώρησε τους ανθρώπους, και το Ληστή στον Σταυρό. Μπορεί να είναι δύσκολο να συγχωρήσουμε εκείνους που μας έχουν βλάψει, ο Ιησούς όμως θα μας προσφέρει την χάρη να αγαπήσουμε εκείνους που μας έχουν προδώσει, αν επιλέξουμε να ακολουθήσουμε αυτό το δρόμο. Να θυμάστε, ότι η συγχώρεση δεν εξαφανίζει το παρελθόν, αλλά μερικές φορές φέρνει νέα ζωή, με απροσδόκητους τρόπους.

Το βασικό σημείο του άρθρου μου, είναι να θυμόμαστε πως ο Θεός συγχωρεί τις αμαρτίες μας, όπως και εμείς πρέπει να κάνουμε το ίδιο στους άλλους.

Independence Day Parade



School children from the Saint Nicholas Afternoon Greek School ready to march at the annual Greek Independence Day Parade.

Young men from our Parish dressed as evzones parade in the Greek Independence Day Parade, March 25.



FAMILY BINGO RAISES PLATEIA FUNDS



Left to right: Eve Lallas, Kalliopi Papadopoulos, Sylvia Cornias, Kiki Vavakas and Roza Cornias.

Thank you to the Diamond Organization for hosting Bingo Night and raising \$3000.00 for the Plateia Fund.

COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ



THREE-TIME OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST PYRROS DIMAS, VISITED SAINT NICHOLAS PARISH ON APRIL 24TH. HE RECEIVED A VERY WARM WELCOME FROM GREEK SCHOOL CHILDREN AND MANY PARISHIONERS.



✠ DONATIONS IN MEMORIAM ✠

IN MEMORY OF CHRISAFINA, GEORGE, PAUL KOUKOULAS

Victor & Toula Woods
Emmanuel & Anthie Koukoulas

IN MEMORY OF PROKOPIS SOPHOCLEOUS

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IN MEMORY OF ANASTASIOS SALIARIS

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Mr. Simos Saliaris

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IN MEMORY OF EPAMINONTAS CHRISOMALLIS

Ms. Eugenia Kalis

IN MEMORY OF KONSTANTINOS KOSMAKOS

Ms. Eugenia Kalis

IN MEMORY OF DEMETRA WILHELM

Eric & Donna Bisbikis Spencer
Mrs. Helen Bisbikis

IN MEMORY OF MARIA KOUTSONOURIS

Mr. George Ieromonahos & Family

IN MEMORY OF FILIPPOS, MARIANTHI AND EMMANUEL FILIPPOU

Mr. Nick Filippou

ST. NICHOLAS 2012 FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY JUNE 8, 2012 @ the St. Nicholas Plateia

10pm - 2am

Tickets: \$30 in advance or \$35 at door

21 to drink

minors must be accompanied by adult

For tickets call: Sam Glava 410-591-2455
or Frank Mitsos 410-294-1253

Special Guest:
DJ George Tsakiris



DIRECTLY FROM CHIOS GREECE:

YIANNIS LIGNOS AND HIS ORCHESTRA

FRIDAY JUNE 8, 2012 @ the St. Nicholas Social Hall

10pm - 2am

Tickets: \$25 in advance or \$30 at door

For tickets call: Manoli Theoharis 410-790-7542
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Saturday June 9, 2012
7pm - 11pm

GREEK NIGHT

Saturday June 9, 2012
from 11pm - 3am

St. Nicholas Social Hall

tickets \$25 in advance or \$30 at door

For tickets Call
Frank Mitsos 410-294-1253
Or Tony Pearce 443-794-9195

N E O K Y M A

**Saint Nicholas Church
Profit & Loss
January through March, 2012**

04/26/12
ACCRUAL BASIS

	Jan - Mar 12
Expense	
4000 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	(214.80)
CAPITAL COSTS	
Plateia Expenses	18,600.82
Total CAPITAL COSTS	18,600.82
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	21,502.98
Total EMPLOYEE COSTS	86,135.97
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	
Advertising	3,614.50
6060 · Bank & Credit Card Svc Charges	260.80
Church Supplies	1,288.46
Clergy Laity Congress	521.83
Flower Donations	90.00
Fair Share	9,000.00
Insurance - General	4,775.45
6530 · Miscellaneous	1,838.62
Office Expense	1,153.97
6610 · Postage and Delivery	1,865.00
Telephone	887.50
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	25,296.13
OCCUPANCY COSTS	
Mainten · Building Maintenance	6,571.66
Janitor's Supplies	1,233.11
6940 · Utilities	14,887.06
Total OCCUPANCY COSTS	22,691.83
YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	
Scholarship	52.20
YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL - Other	860.00
Total YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	912.20
Total Expense	153,422.15
Net Ordinary Income	(11,058.04)
Net Income	(11,058.04)

**Saint Nicholas Church
Profit & Loss
January through March, 2012**

04/26/12
ACCRUAL BASIS

	Jan - Mar 12
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Candles	17,435.00
Dances	
Special events	3,144.33
Dances - Other	13,192.63
Total Dances	16,336.96
Donations	
Other Donations	14,548.60
Flowers Income	410.00
Christmas Card Income	40.00
Donations - General	7,853.38
Donations - Hall	2,700.00
Donations - Memorial	4,155.00
Total Donations	29,706.98
Greek school registration	1,160.00
Stewardship	80,674.20
Trays	3,550.00
Total Income	148,863.14
Cost of Goods Sold	
Candle expense	3,470.00
Dance Expense	3,029.03
Total COGS	6,499.03
Gross Profit	142,364.11

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 12th of the current month for the upcoming month's issue.

ISSUE MONTH: JUNE, 2012

DEADLINE: MAY 12TH

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

COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

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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 υπεύθυνη 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.

Monday, May 7	Kourabiethes-Finikia	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 8	Koulourakia-Ahladakia	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.
Wed'sday, 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	Tsourekia	9:00 a.m.

MAY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday, May 6: Sunday of the Paralytic: Orthos: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy:10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 13: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman: Orthos: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy:10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 20: Sunday of the Blind Man:Orthos: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy:10:00 a.m.
Monday, May 21: Sts.Constantine & Helen Equal to the Apostles: Orthos: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy:10:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 24: Holy Ascension of our Lord: Orthos: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 27: Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council: Orthos: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Monday, May 28: Memorial Day at the Cemetery: Service begins at 10:00 a.m. It will be a group Memorial Service.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 2: Greek Folk Festival Meeting for all committee heads at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 2: Ladies Philoptochos Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 3: Greek School PTA Executive Board Meeting at 6:15 p.m.
Thursday, May 3: Parish Life Committee Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 4: Peloponnesian Benefit Dance at St. Nicholas Church
Saturday, May 5: GOYA Basketball Tournament at St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church.
Wednesday, May 9: The Ladies Panchian Society Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 12: The Ladies Philoptochos Mother's Day Tea from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 12: The JOY Program from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 12: GOYA Basketball Tournament at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church.
Saturday, May 19: Diamonds Trip to New York City.
Saturday, May 19: Greek School Trip to Hershey Park.
Saturday, May 19: GOYA Basketball Tournament at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church.
Sunday, May 20: Sunday School Graduation Ceremony/Last Day of Sunday School.
Thursday, May 24: Last Day of Greek School Classes.
Friday, May 25: Greek School Exetaseis/End of Year Program at 6:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 7: Sunday, June 10:St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival.
Monday, June 18: St. Nicholas General Assembly Meeting.
Monday, June 25: Friday, June 29: Vacation Bible School.
Monday, July 2nd: First Day Greek School Summer Camp.

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