



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

**“CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD  
TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH  
AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS  
BESTOWING LIFE”.**

On behalf of the entire St. Nicholas Community,  
I would like to express the words which  
are known to all of you,

**“CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

As we enter this month of May, the Light of the Resurrection is still shining brightly, guiding us towards Christ. Our challenge, as always, is to receive the Light of Christ and to live our lives in such a way that others will experience the same joy. This is the most beautiful hymn that is chanted at the Holy Saturday evening Resurrection service proclaiming that truly Christ is Risen. We talk about a New Spring which comes to us every year during Bright Week of Pascha which is also called Renewal Week. Yes, every year the Orthodox Church gives us the opportunity to bring a renewed spirit into our lives. The Celebration of Pascha, the Lord’s Resurrection and triumph over sin and death is reflected by continuing to chant this beautiful hymn for forty days from Holy Saturday evening until forty days later.

We do not only chant Christ is Risen, but we also greet one another during that time proclaiming that Christ is Risen and that He is truly Risen from the dead. We repeat these words “Christ is Risen” because only through repetition we can always remember what Christ did for us upon the Cross.

After the Resurrection service, we see on the floor of our church bay leaves which fill the church with their

beautiful aroma. The color changes to green showing us that Spring has come and that during the following days of Bright Week, the Church reminds us that we need to renew ourselves in Christ. Christ gives us the opportunity to renew our souls, and to understand what He went through the Cross, the Persecution, the Tomb, the Resurrection, and the Ascension. All these things He did to guarantee us that life after death truly exists and that we as Orthodox Christians should be thankful that our Lord loves and cares for us.



Just remember Christ breaking open the door of His Tomb and going down to Hades bringing up all the people who died before Him giving them a chance to receive eternal life. As we study the Holy Icon of the Resurrection lifting Adam and Eve from Hades, we see Jesus taking them up with Him to the Heavens above. Even though they disobeyed Him and brought death and destruction into the world, God showed His love and compassion to them just as He shows His love and compassion for us. Christ does not want His children to suffer a death without any meaning or outcome. He wants all of us to inherit eternal life. That is why He gave up His life by conquering death to show us that we live here on earth temporarily, and that He has provided for us a safer home where we can live with Him eternally.

For those of us who understand the meaning of Christ’s resurrection, these three words “Christ is Risen” should change our way of thinking and the way that we live our lives. If we have negative thoughts about dying, then these words, should give us more confidence that there is something better for us after we die and leave this world. But this also means that there is a lot of work to be done if we want to reach

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## Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

### **ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ ΕΚ ΝΕΚΡΩΝ ΘΑΝΑΤΩ ΘΑΝΑΤΟΝ ΠΑΤΗΣΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΤΟΙΣ ΕΝ ΤΟΙΣ ΜΝΗΜΑΣΙ ΖΩΗΝ ΧΑΡΗΣΑΜΕΝΟΣ**

Εκ μέρους ολόκληρης της Κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου, θα ήθελα να εκφράσω τα λόγια που είναι γνωστά σε όλους σας, «**ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!**»

Καθώς μπαίνουμε στον μήνα Μάιο, το Φως της Ανάστασης εξακολουθεί να λάμπει, οδηγώντας μας προς τον Χριστό. Η πρόκλησή μας, όπως πάντα, είναι να λάβουμε το Φως του Χριστού και να ζήσουμε τη ζωή μας με τέτοιο τρόπο, ώστε και άλλοι να βιώσουν την ίδια χαρά.

Αυτός είναι ο ωραιότερος ύμνος που ψάλλεται στην Ανάσταση του Μεγάλου Σαββάτου και διακηρύσσει ότι όντως ο Χριστός Ανέστη. Μιλάμε για μια Νέα Άνοιξη που μας έρχεται κάθε χρόνο κατά τη διάρκεια της Λαμπρής Εβδομάδας του Πάσχα, που ονομάζεται επίσης Διακαινήσιμος Εβδομάδα.

Πράγματι, κάθε χρόνο η Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία μας δίνει τη δυνατότητα να φέρουμε ένα ανανεωμένο πνεύμα στη ζωή μας. Η Εορτή του Πάσχα, η Ανάσταση του Κυρίου, και ο θρίαμβος επί της αμαρτίας και του θανάτου, αντανακλάται συνεχίζοντας να ψάλλουμε αυτόν τον όμορφο ύμνο για σαράντα ημέρες, από το Μεγάλο Σάββατο το βράδυ και για τις επόμενες σαράντα ημέρες.

Δεν ψάλλουμε μόνο 'Χριστός Ανέστη', αλλά επίσης χαιρετούμε ο ένας τον άλλον κατά τη διάρκεια αυτής της περιόδου, διακηρύσσοντας ότι ο Χριστός Ανέστη και ότι Αληθώς Ανέστη εκ νεκρών. Επαναλαμβάνουμε αυτά τα λόγια «Χριστός Ανέστη» διότι μόνο μέσω της επανάληψης μπορούμε πάντα

να θυμόμαστε και να εμπαιδώσουμε τα πάθη του Χριστού για εμάς επί του Σταυρού.

Μετά την Ανάσταση, βλέπουμε στο πάτωμα της Εκκλησίας μας φύλλα δάφνης, που γεμίζουν την Εκκλησία με το υπέροχο άρωμα τους. Το χρώμα αλλάζει σε πράσινο, δείχνοντάς μας ότι ήρθε η Άνοιξη, και ότι τις επόμενες ημέρες της Λαμπρής Εβδομάδας, η Εκκλησία μας υπενθυμίζει ότι πρέπει να ανανεωθούμε εν Χριστώ. Ο Χριστός μας δίνει την ευκαιρία να ανανεώσουμε τις ψυχές μας, και να καταλάβουμε τι πέρασε μέσω του Σταυρού, του Διωγμού, του Τάφου, της Ανάστασης και της Ανάληψης. Όλα αυτά τα έκανε για να μας εγγυηθεί ότι πράγματι υπάρχει μετά θάνατον ζωή και ότι εμείς ως Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί πρέπει να είμαστε ευγνώμονες που ο Κύριός μας αγαπά και φροντίζει για τη σωτηρία μας.

Απλώς να θυμάστε ότι ο Χριστός άνοιξε την πόρτα του Τάφου Του και κατέβηκε στον Άδη φέρνοντας όλους τους ανθρώπους που πέθαναν πριν από Αυτόν, δίνοντάς τους την ευκαιρία να λάβουν αιώνια ζωή. Καθώς μελετάμε την Ιερή Εικόνα της Ανάστασης παρατηρούμε ότι σηκώνει τον Αδάμ και την Εύα από τον Άδη, βλέπουμε τον Ιησού να τους ανεβάζει μαζί Του πάνω στους Ουρανούς. Παρόλο που δεν Τον υπάκουσαν και έφεραν τον θάνατο και την καταστροφή στον κόσμο, ο Θεός τους έδειξε την αγάπη και τη συμπόνια Του, όπως δείχνει την αγάπη και τη συμπόνια Του για εμάς. Ο Χριστός δεν θέλει τα παιδιά Του να αποβιώσουν χωρίς νόημα ή αποτέλεσμα. Θέλει να κληρονομήσουμε όλοι μας την αιώνια ζωή. Γι' αυτό εγκατέλειψε τη ζωή Του νικώντας τον θάνατο, για να μας δείξει ότι ζούμε εδώ στη γη προσωρινά, και ότι μας έχει εξασφαλίσει ένα ασφαλέστερο σπίτι, όπου μπορούμε να ζούμε μαζί Του αιώνια.

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Please submit your article(s) to the Koinonia staff by the deadline stated below:

**ISSUE MONTH: JUNE 2022**

**SUBMISSIONS DUE: MAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

Please email your article(s) to: [msalpeas@stnicholasmd.org](mailto:msalpeas@stnicholasmd.org)

**Articles are due no later than the 20th of each month. If they are received after the deadline they will be published in the following month's issue.**

*All articles must be proofread and color corrected prior to submission.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Christ is Risen! Christ is Anesti!*

*With blessing and love of the Lord*

*Dear Our beloved parishioners and friends of Saint Nicholas,*

*The Holy Days of Easter have passed with peace and serenity, leaving us the joy of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord! Great Reverence and blessing in our beautiful church! Our basket is now full of wonderful emotions, joy, optimism, faith, hope, mutual help and love.*

*We are finally ready, all together, to start preparing for our next goal organizing our festival, hopefully the way it was before the pandemic. Your help and support is very important and much appreciated! Only together we can achieve the best possible result that will support our church and the fulfillment of our goals. There is a place for all of us to help if we want. There are many ways to offer for all branches of the festival. You can help with preparation, the food, the kitchen, the ad book, the lottery, the cleaning, the serving, and a lot more. As long as there is a willingness to help, there is room for everyone! "Just one hand does not make dough"our grandmothers used to say!*

*So let us prove once again that being guided by love, teamwork and the blessing of Our Patron Saint Nicholas we are moving forward to achieve our goals. June is approaching and the result will justify us. Thank you for everything you generously and lovingly offer.*

*I wish you have all the Blessings of the Lord in your life!*

*With Sincere love,*

*Stamatia Ieromonachos  
President of Parish Council  
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Baltimore, MD*

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ

Με ευλογία και αγάπη Κυρίου  
Αγαπημένοι μας ενορίτες και φίλοι του Αγίου Νικολάου,

Με ηρεμία και γαλήνη κύλησαν οι Άγιες Ημέρες του Πάσχα αφήνοντας μας την γεύση της Ένδοξης Ανάστασης του Κυρίου και Πατέρα Μας. Μεγάλη κατάνυξη και ευλογία μέσα στον πανέμορφο ναό μας . Γέμισε λοιπόν το καλάθι μας με υπέροχα συναισθήματα , χαράς , αισιοδοξίας, πίστης, ελπίδας, αλληλοβοήθειας και αγάπης .



Έτοιμοι όλοι μαζί να ξεκινήσουμε τον νέο στόχο μας να κάνουμε το Φεστιβάλ μας κανονικό και με τον νόμο όπως γινόταν πριν την πανδημία. Η βοήθεια όλων μας απαραίτητη και σημαντική Μόνο όλοι μαζί θα έχουμε ένα άριστο αποτέλεσμα που θα βοηθήσει την εκκλησία μας και την εκπλήρωση των στόχων μας. Για όλους μας υπάρχει μία θέση να βοηθήσουμε αν θελήσουμε. Υπάρχουν πολλοί τρόποι προσφοράς για όλα τα παρακλάδια του Φεστιβάλ. Βοήθεια στην οργάνωση, στα φαγητά, στην κουζίνα, στο βιβλίο της εκδήλωσης , στα λαχεία, στο καθάρισμα, στο σερβίρισμα , στην προετοιμασία φαγητών κτλ κτλ

Αρκεί να υπάρχει προθυμία για βοήθεια.

“Το ένα χέρι δεν βγάζει ζυμάρι έλεγαν οι γιαγιάδες μας.”

Ας αποδείξουμε λοιπόν για μια ακόμη φορά ότι με οδηγό μας την αγάπη, την ομαδικότητα και την ευλογία του Προστάτη Μας Αγίου Νικολάου προχωράμε να κερδίσουμε τους στόχους μας. Ο Ιούνιος πλησιάζει και το αποτέλεσμα θα μας δικαιώσει .

Σας ευχαριστούμε για όλα όσα προσφέρετε απλόχερα και με αγάπη.

Ευλογία Κυρίου στην ζωή σας!

Με αγάπη και εκτίμηση

Σταματία Ιερομονάχου  
Πρόεδρος του συμβουλίου  
Αγίου Νικολάου Βαλτιμόρης

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that goal. There is a lot of effort and sacrifice that goes along with that. We must have certain qualifications to even begin asking God for such a gift.

These are some of the things that Christ wants us to know in order to bring us much closer to Him. Faith: We must believe and have faith in Christ; Works: Our faith will show through our works;

Love for God and others: We must be able to love our God and love others; We must be Peacemakers: Love our Enemies; Attend Church services: We must attend Church regularly and receive the Holy Eucharist; and obey God's Commandments; Self-Denial: We must deny ourselves, take up His Cross and follow Him; Servanthood: Using our God gifted talents to good use; Speaking the Truth: The truth will always set us free; Forgiveness: We must learn to forgive others; Bearing fruit for the Lord: Our good works will bear good fruit; Perseverance: Stand firm in what we believe in and preach it to the world without fear; Confession: Find time throughout our life to receive the Sacrament of Confession. This Sacrament will cleanse our soul from all the sins that we have committed in our lives; Practice our Faith: We must put faith and our works into practice. Remember, we must practice what we preach.

Now we know what God expects from all of us in order to reach our final destination which is The Kingdom of Heaven. By following these steps and placing them in our personal agenda, then we are good candidates to receive the reward that God has promised to all His children.

I leave you with these beautiful words:

**CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!  
GOD BLESS EVERYONE AND HAVE A BLESSED PASCHA**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



### Xristos Anesti!

As the Sunday School year comes to an end, we would like to thank you if you were able to bring your children to Sunday School. We know that this has been a challenging few years. We hope to see many more new and familiar faces as we begin again in Fall of 2022.

The last day of Sunday School is May 22, 2022.

On this day, we will recognize our students for their attendance and engagement in this challenging year.

On May 22, we are also recognizing our graduates who completed Sunday School during the disrupted COVID year where we were unable to have a graduation. These are students that are currently seniors in English school and were enrolled in 10th grade and participated in Sunday School during the 2019-2020 year. We look forward to seeing our students every Sunday and can't wait to fill those classrooms again in the fall.

## Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

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Για όσους από εμάς καταλαβαίνουμε το νόημα της Ανάστασης του Χριστού, αυτές οι δύο λέξεις “Χριστός Ανέστη” θα πρέπει να αλλάζουν τον τρόπο σκέψης μας και τον τρόπο που ζούμε τη ζωή μας. Αν έχουμε αρνητικές σκέψεις για το θάνατο, τότε αυτά τα λόγια, θα πρέπει να μας δώσουν μεγαλύτερη σιγουριά ότι υπάρχει κάτι καλύτερο για εμάς, όταν πεθάνουμε και φύγουμε από αυτόν τον κόσμο. Αλλά αυτό σημαίνει επίσης ότι πρέπει να δουλέψουμε πολύ αν θέλουμε να φτάσουμε σ’ αυτόν τον στόχο. Υπάρχει πολλή προσπάθεια και θυσίες που συνδυάζονται με αυτό. Πρέπει να έχουμε κάποια προσόντα για να αρχίσουμε να ζητάμε από τον Θεό ένα τέτοιο δώρο.

Μερικά από τα πράγματα που θέλει Ο Χριστός να γνωρίζουμε για να μας φέρει πολύ πιο κοντά Του, είναι: Πίστη: Πρέπει να πιστεύουμε και να έχουμε πίστη στον Χριστό. Έργα: Η πίστη μας θα φανεί μέσω των έργων μας. Αγάπη για τον Θεό και τους άλλους: Πρέπει να είμαστε σε θέση να αγαπάμε τον Θεό μας και να αγαπάμε τους άλλους. Πρέπει να είμαστε Ειρηνοποιοί: Να αγαπάμε τους Εχθρούς μας. Να παρακολουθούμε τις εκκλησιαστικές λειτουργίες: Πρέπει να εκκλησιαζόμαστε τακτικά και να λαμβάνουμε τη Θεία Κοινωνία. Πρέπει υπακούμε στις Εντολές του Θεού. Αυταπάρνηση: Πρέπει να αρνηθούμε τους εαυτούς μας, να σηκώσουμε τον Σταυρό Του και να Τον ακολουθήσουμε. Υπηρεσία: Η χρήση των ταλέντων που μας χάρισε ο Θεός μας σε καλές πράξεις. Λέγοντας την αλήθεια: Η αλήθεια θα μας ελευθερώσει πάντα. Συγχώρεση: Πρέπει να μάθουμε να συγχωρούμε τους άλλους. Φέρνοντας

καρπούς για τον Κύριο: Τα καλά μας έργα θα αποφέρουν καλούς καρπούς. Επιμονή: Μείνετε σταθεροί σε αυτό που πιστεύετε και κηρύξτε το στον κόσμο άφοβα. Εξομολόγηση: Βρείτε χρόνο σε όλη τη διάρκεια της ζωής σας για να λάβετε το Μυστήριο της Εξομολόγησης. Αυτό το Μυστήριο θα καθαρίσει την ψυχή σας από όλες τις αμαρτίες που διαπράξατε στη ζωή σας. Ασκήστε την πίστη σας: Πρέπει να κάνετε πράξη την πίστη και τα έργα σας. Να θυμάστε ότι πρέπει να ασκείτε αυτό που κηρύττετε.

Τώρα ξέρουμε τι περιμένει ο Θεός από όλους μας, προκειμένου να φτάσουμε στον τελικό προορισμό μας που είναι η Βασιλεία των Ουρανών. Ακολουθώντας αυτά τα βήματα και τοποθετώντας τα στην προσωπική μας προτεραιότητα, τότε μόνον θα είμαστε καλοί υποψήφιοι για να λάβουμε την ανταμοιβή που ο Θεός έχει υποσχεθεί σε όλα τα παιδιά Του.

Κλείνω με αυτές τις όμορφες λέξεις:

**ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!**

Εύχομαι σε όλους να έχετε τις ευλογίες του

Θεού και ΚΑΛΟ και

**ΕΥΛΟΓΗΜΕΝΟ ΠΑΣΧΑ!!**

# CONSTANTINE AND HELEN, EQUAL-TO-THE APOSTLES - MAY 21

*Courtesy of the Orthodox  
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This great and renowned sovereign of the Christians was the son of Constantius Chlorus (the ruler of the westernmost parts of the Roman empire), and of the blessed Helen. He was born in 272, in (according to some authorities) Naissus of Dardania, a city on the Hellespont. In 306, when his father died, he was proclaimed successor to his throne. In 312, on learning that Maxentius and Maximinus had joined forces against him, he marched into Italy, where, while at the head of his troops, he saw in the sky after midday, beneath the sun, a radiant pillar in the form of a cross with the words: "By this shalt thou conquer." The following night, our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to him in a dream and declared to him the power of the Cross and its significance. When he arose in the morning, he immediately ordered that a labarum be made (which is a banner or standard of victory over the enemy) in the form of a cross, and he inscribed on it the Name of Jesus Christ. On the 28th Of October, he attacked and mightily conquered Maxentius, who drowned in the Tiber River while fleeing. The following day, Constantine entered Rome in triumph and was proclaimed Emperor of the West by the Senate, while Licinius, his brother-in-law, ruled in the East. But out of malice, Licinius later persecuted the Christians. Constantine fought him once and again, and utterly destroyed him in 324, and in this manner he became monarch over the West and the East. Under him and because of him all the persecutions against the Church ceased. Christianity triumphed and idolatry was overthrown. In 325 he gathered the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, which he himself personally addressed. In 324, in the ancient city of Byzantium, he laid the foundations of the new capital of his realm, and solemnly inaugurated it on May 11, 330, naming it after himself, Constantinople. Since the throne of the imperial rule was transferred thither from Rome, it was named New Rome, the inhabitants of its domain were called Romans, and it was considered the continuation of the Roman Empire. Falling ill near Nicomedia, he requested to receive divine Baptism, according to Eusebius (*The Life of Constantine*. Book IV, 61-62), and also according to Socrates and Sozomen; and when he had been deemed



worthy of the Holy Mysteries, he reposed in 337, on May 21 or 22, the day of Pentecost, having lived sixty-five years, of which he ruled for thirty-one years. His remains were transferred to Constantinople and were deposited in the Church of the Holy Apostles, which had been built by him (see Homily XXVI on Second Corinthians by Saint John Chrysostom).

As for his holy mother Helen, after her son had made the Faith of Christ triumphant throughout the Roman Empire, she undertook a journey to Jerusalem and found the Holy Cross on which our Lord was crucified (see Sept. 13 and 14). After this, Saint Helen, in

her zeal to glorify Christ, erected churches in Jerusalem at the sites of the Crucifixion and Resurrection, in Bethlehem at the cave where our Saviour was born, another on the Mount of Olives whence He ascended into Heaven, and many others throughout the Holy Land, Cyprus, and elsewhere. She was proclaimed Augusta, her image was stamped upon golden coins, and two cities were named Helenopolis after her in Bithynia and in Palestine. Having been thus glorified for her piety, she departed to the Lord being about eighty years of age, according to some in the year 330, according to others, in 336.

## **Apolytikion of Constantine and Helen** Plagal of the Fourth Tone

He beheld the image of Your Cross in the Heavens and, as Paul, he too did not receive the call from men. Your Apostle among Kings placed the care of the Royal City in Your hands. Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O only Loving Lord, keep it ever in peace.

## **Kontakion of Constantine and Helen** Third Tone

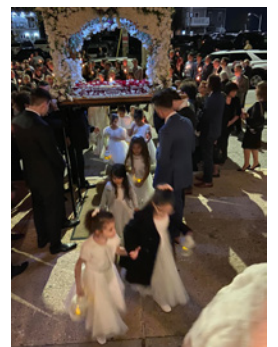
Today, Constantine with his mother Helen present the Cross, the most precious wood. It shames unbelievers. It is a weapon of faithful kings against their adversaries. A great sign has come forth for us which is awesome in battle.

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**ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ Ο ΚΥΡΙΟΣ!**

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FOR HOLY PASCHA

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+ B A R T H O L O M E W  
BY GOD'S MERCY ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE-NEW ROME  
AND ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH  
TO THE PLENITUDE OF THE CHURCH: MAY THE GRACE, PEACE AND MERCY  
OF CHRIST RISEN IN GLORY BE WITH YOU ALL

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Having run the race of ascetic struggles during Holy and Great Lent and experienced with compunction the venerable Passion of the Lord, we are now filled with the eternal light of His splendid Resurrection, wherefore we praise and glorify His transcendent name, exclaiming the joyfully message to the whole world: "Christ is Risen!"

The Resurrection is the nucleus of the faith, devotion, culture and hope of Orthodox Christians. The life of the Church – in its divine-human, sacramental and liturgical, as well as spiritual, moral and pastoral expression and in the good testimony about the grace that has come in Christ and about the expected "common resurrection" – incarnates and reflects the annihilation of the power of death through the Cross and Resurrection of our Savior, along with the liberation of humankind from "enslavement to evil." This Resurrection is witnessed by the Saints and Martyrs of the faith, by the doctrine and ethos, but also the canonical structure and function of the Church, along with the sacred churches, monasteries and venerable sites, the godly zeal of the clergy and the unconditional commitment of those who have given their "having" and "being" to Christ as monastics, together with the orthodox *phronema* of the faithful and the eschatological impetus of our ecclesiastical way of life as a whole.

For us Orthodox, the celebration of Pascha is not a temporal escape from worldly reality and its contradictions, but a proclamation of our unwavering faith that the Redeemer of Adam's race, who trampled death by death, is the Master of history, the eternally "with us" and "for us" God of love. Pascha is the experience of the certainty that Christ is the Truth that sets us free; it is the foundation, existential axis and horizon of our life. "Apart from me you can do nothing" (Jn 15.5). No circumstance, "tribulation or distress, persecution or famine, nakedness, peril or sword" (Rm 8.35) can separate the faithful from the love of Christ. This steadfast conviction inspires and invigorates our creativity and desire to become in this world "collaborators of God" (1 Cor. 3.9). It guarantees that, in the face of every insurmountable hurdle and impasse, where no human solution is conceivable, there is always hope and perspective. "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me" (Phil. 4.13). In the risen Christ we know that evil, no matter what form it assumes, does not have the final word in the journey of humankind.

However, even as we are filled with gratitude and joy for this supreme value ascribed to the human being by the Lord of glory, we are disheartened before multifaceted violence, social injustice and infringement of human rights in our time. “The radiant message of the resurrection” and our cry “Christ is Risen!” today reverberate alongside the horrendous sound of weapons, the distressing cries of innocent victims of military aggression and the plight of refugees, among whom there are numerous innocent children. We saw with our own eyes all of these problems during our recent visit to Poland, where the vast majority of Ukrainian refugees has fled. We stand and suffer alongside the pious and courageous people of Ukraine that bear a heavy cross. We pray and strive for peace and justice as well as for all those who are deprived of these. It is unimaginable for us Christians to remain silent before the obliteration of human dignity. Together with the victims of military conflict, the “greatest casualty” of war is humanity, which has not managed to eradicate war in the course of its long history. Not only does war not solve problems; it actually creates new and more complex problems. It sows division and hatred; it increases discord among peoples. We firmly believe that humankind is capable of living without war and violence.

The Church of Christ innately functions as an agent of peace. Not only does it pray “for the peace from above” and “the peace of the whole world,” but it underlines the importance of every human effort to establish peace. The principal characteristic of a Christian is “peacemaking.” Christ blesses the peacemakers, whose struggle is a tangible presence of God in the world and depicts the peace “that surpasses all understanding” (Phil. 4.7) in the “new creation,” the heavenly kingdom of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As judiciously emphasized in the document of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, entitled *For the Life of the World, the social ethos of the Orthodox Church*, the Church “honors the martyrs for peace as witnesses to the power of love, to the goodness of creation in its first and final forms, and to the ideal of human conduct established by Christ during his earthly ministry” (§ 44).

Pascha is the feast of freedom, joy and peace. We solemnly praise the Resurrection of Christ through which we experience our own co-resurrection. And we faithfully worship the great mystery of Divine Economy and we share in “the feast that is common to all.” In this spirit, from the see of the Church of Constantinople, which eternally participates in the Cross and Resurrection of our Lord, we address to all of you, most honorable brother Hierarchs and beloved children, our wholehearted paschal greeting, invoking upon you the grace and mercy of Christ the God of all who put Hades to death and granted us eternal life.

At the Phanar, Holy Pascha 2020  
+ Bartholomew of Constantinople  
Your fervent supplicant to the Risen Lord

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To be read in churches after the Holy Gospel during the Divine Liturgy on the feast of Holy Pascha.

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ΕΠΙ ΤΩΙ ΑΓΙΩ ΠΑΣΧΑ

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Λιατρέξαντες τόν δόλιχον τῶν ἀσκητικῶν ἀγῶνων τῆς Ἁγίας καί Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστῆς καί βιώσαντες ἐν καταλύξει τά σεπτά Πάθη τοῦ Κυρίου, ἐμπλεοί νῦν τοῦ αἰδίου φωτός τῆς λαμπροφόρου Αὐτοῦ Ἐγέρσεως, ὑμνοῦμεν καί δοξολογοῦμεν τό ὑπερουράνιον ὄνομα Αὐτοῦ, ἀναβοῶντες τό κοσμοχαρμόσυνον «Χριστός Ανέστη!».

Ἀνάστασις εἶναι ὁ πυρῆν τῆς πίστεως, τῆς εὐσεβείας, τοῦ πολιτισμοῦ καί τῆς ἐλπίδος τῶν Ὁρθοδόξων. Ἡ ζωή τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, εἰς τήν θεανθρωπίνην μυστηριακήν καί λατρευτικήν, τήν πνευματικήν, ἠθικήν καί ποιμαντικήν ἔκφρασίν τῆς καί εἰς τήν καλήν μαρτυρίαν περί τῆς ἐλθούσης ἐν Χριστῷ χάριτος καί τῆς προσδοκωμένης «κοινῆς ἀναστάσεως», ἐνσαρκώνει καί ἀντανακλᾷ τήν συντριβήν τοῦ κράτους τοῦ θανάτου διά τοῦ Σταυροῦ καί τῆς Ἀναστάσεως τοῦ Σωτήρος ἡμῶν, καί τήν ἀπελευθέρωσιν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐκ τῆς «δουλείας τοῦ ἀλλοτρίου». Ἀνάστασιν μαρτυροῦν οἱ Ἅγιοι καί οἱ Μάρτυρες τῆς πίστεως, τό δόγμα, τό ἦθος, ἡ κανονική δομή καί λειτουργία τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, οἱ ἱεροί ναοί, τά μοναστήρια καί τά σεπτά προσκυνήματά μας, ὁ ἐνθεος ζῆλος τοῦ ἱεροῦ κλήρου, ἡ ἀπροϋπόθετος ἀφιέρωσις τοῦ ἔχειν καί τοῦ εἶναι τῶν μοναχῶν εἰς τόν Χριστόν, τό ὀρθόδοξον φρόνημα τῶν πιστῶν καί ἡ ἐσχατολογική ὁρμή συνόλου τοῦ ἐκκλησιαστικοῦ τρόπου τοῦ βίου.

Ὁ ἐορτασμός τοῦ Πάσχα δέν εἶναι διά τούς Ὁρθοδόξους μία προσωρινή ἀπόδρασις ἀπό τήν ἐγκόσμιον πραγματικότητα καί τās ἀντιφάσεις τῆς, ἀλλά διατράνωσις τῆς ἀκλονήτου πίστεως, ὅτι ὁ πατήσας θανάτῳ τόν θάνατον Λυτρωτής τοῦ ἀδαμιαίου γένους εἶναι ὁ Κύριος τῆς ἱστορίας, ὁ ἀεί «μεθ' ἡμῶν» καί «ὑπέρ ὑμῶν» Θεός τῆς ἀγάπης. Πάσχα εἶναι ἡ βιωματική βεβαιότης, ὅτι ὁ Χριστός εἶναι ἡ ἐλευθεροποιός Ἀλήθεια, τό θεμέλιον, ὁ ὑπαρκτικός ἄξων καί ὀρίζων τῆς ζωῆς μας. «Χωρίς ἐμοῦ οὐ δύνασθε ποιεῖν οὐδέν» (Ἰωάν. ιε', 5). Οὐδεμία περίστασις, «θλίψις ἢ στενοχωρία ἢ διωγμός ἢ λοιμός ἢ γυμνότης ἢ κίνδυνος ἢ μάχαιρα» (Ρωμ. η', 35) δύναται νά χωρίσῃ τούς πιστούς ἀπό τῆς ἀγάπης τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Αὐτή ἡ ἀκλόνητος πεποίθησις ἐμινέει καί ἐνισχύει τήν δημιουργικότητά μας καί τήν βούλησιν νά καθιστάμεθα ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ «Θεοῦ συνεργοί» (Ἀ' Κορ. γ' 9).

Ἐγγυᾶται, ὅτι ἀπέναντι εἰς ἀνυπέρβλητα ἐμπόδια καὶ ἀδιέξοδα, ἐκεῖ ὅπου κατ' ἀνθρώπων δέν διαφαίνεται λύσις, ὑπάρχει ἐλπίς καὶ προοπτική. «Πάντα ἰσχύω ἐν τῷ ἐνδυναμοῦντι με Χριστῷ» (Φιλιπ. δ', 13). Ἐν Χριστῷ ἀναστάντι γνωρίζομεν ὅτι τό κακόν, ὑπό ὅλας του τᾶς μορφάς, δέν ἔχει τόν τελευταῖον λόγον εἰς τήν πορείαν τῆς ἀνθρωπότητος.

Πεπληρωμένοι εὐγνωμοσύνης καὶ χαρᾶς διά τήν ἀποδοθεῖσαν ὑπό τοῦ Κυρίου τῆς δόξης τιμήν καὶ ὑψίστην ἀξίαν εἰς τόν ἀνθρώπων, θλιβόμεθα ἐνώπιον τῆς πολυκεφάλου βίας, τῆς κοινωνικῆς ἀδικίας καὶ τῆς καταπατήσεως τῶν ἀνθρωπίνων δικαιωμάτων εἰς τήν ἐποχήν μας. «Τό φαιδρόν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα» καὶ τό «Χριστός Ἀνέστη» συνηχοῦν σήμερον μέ τήν κλαγγήν τῶν ὄπλων, τήν κραυγήν ἀγωνίας τῶν ἀθῶων θυμάτων τῆς πολεμικῆς βίας καὶ τῶν προσφύγων, μεταξύ τῶν ὁποίων εὐρίσκονται πολυάριθμα ἀθῶα παιδιά. Λιεπιστώσαμεν ἰδίως ὁμμασι τὰ προβλήματα κατὰ τήν πρόσφατον ἐπίσκεψίν μας εἰς τήν Πολωνίαν, ὅπου κατέφυγεν ὁ κύριος ὄγκος τῶν προσφύγων ἐξ Οὐκρανίας. Συμπάσχομεν μέ τόν εὐσεβῆ καὶ γενναῖον Οὐκρανικόν λαόν, ὁ ὁποῖος αἶρει βαρύν σταυρόν, προσευχόμεθα καὶ ἀγωνιζόμεθα διά τήν εἰρήνην καὶ τήν δικαιοσύνην καὶ δι' ὅσους τᾶς στεροῦνται. Εἶναι ἀδιανόητον δι' ἡμᾶς τοὺς Χριστιανούς νά σιωπῶμεν ἐνώπιον τῆς καταρακώσεως τῆς ἀνθρωπίνης ἀξιοπρεπείας. Ὅμοῦ μετά τῶν θυμάτων τῶν ἐνόπλων συγκρούσεων, ὁ «μεγάλος ἠττημένος» τῶν πολέμων εἶναι ἡ ἀνθρωπότης, ἡ ὁποία εἰς τήν μακράν ἱστορίαν της δέν κατώρθωσε νά καταργήσῃ τόν πόλεμον. Ὁ πόλεμος ὄχι μόνον δέν λύει προβλήματα, ἀλλά δημιουργεῖ νέα καὶ πολυπλοκώτερα. Σπείρει διχασμόν καὶ μῖσος, μεγεθύνει τό χάσμα μεταξύ τῶν λαῶν. Ἡμεῖς πιστεύομεν στερεῶς, ὅτι ἡ ἀνθρωπότης δύναται νά ζήσῃ χωρὶς πολέμους καὶ βίαν.

Ἡ Ἐκκλησία τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἐκ τῆς φύσεώς της, λειτουργεῖ ὡς παράγων εἰρήνης. Ὅχι μόνον δέεται ὑπέρ τῆς «ἀνωθεν εἰρήνης» καὶ τῆς «εἰρήνης τοῦ σύμπαντος κόσμου», ἀλλά τονίζει τήν σημασίαν τῆς ἀνθρωπίνης προσπάθειας διά τήν ἐδραΐωσίν της. Ἴδιον τοῦ χριστιανοῦ εἶναι πρωτίστως «τό εἰρηνοποιεῖν». Ὁ Χριστός μακαρίζει τοὺς εἰρηνοποιούς, ὁ ἄγών τῶν ὁποίων εἶναι ἀπτή παρουσία τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ καὶ εἰκονίζει τήν εἰρήνην τήν «πάντα νοῦν ὑπερέχουσαν» (Φιλιπ. δ', 7), ἐν τῇ «καινῇ κτίσει», ἐν τῇ εὐλογημένῃ Βασιλείᾳ τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος. Ἡ Ἐκκλησία μας, ὡς προσφυῶς τονίζεται εἰς τό κείμενον τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου «ὑπέρ τῆς τοῦ κόσμου ζωῆς». Τό κοινωνικό ἦθος της Ὁρθοδόξου Ἐκκλησίας, «τιμᾶ τοὺς μάρτυρες, οἱ ὁποῖοι προσέφεραν τή ζωὴ τους γιὰ τήν εἰρήνην, ὡς μάρτυρες τῆς δυνάμεως τῆς ἀγάπης, τοῦ κάλλους τῆς δημιουργίας στήν ἀρχικὴ καὶ τελικὴ της μορφῇ, καὶ τῆς ιδεώδους ἀνθρωπίνης συμπεριφορᾶς, ὅπως τήν ὑπέδειξε ὁ Χριστός κατὰ τῆ διάρκειαν τῆς ἐπίγειας διακονίας Του» (§ 44).

Τό Πάσχα εἶναι πανήγυρις ἐλευθερίας, χαρᾶς καὶ εἰρήνης. Ἀνυμνοῦντες εὐσεβοφρόνως τήν Ἀνάστασιν τοῦ Χριστοῦ καὶ βιοῦντες ἐν αὐτῇ καὶ τήν ἰδικήν μας συνανάστασιν, προσκυνοῦντες δέ ἐν πίστει τό μέγα μυστήριον τῆς Θείας Οἰκονομίας, καὶ μετέχοντες τῆς «κοινῆς τῶν ὄλων πανηγύρεως», ἀπευθύνομεν ἐκ τῆς ἀεὶ σταυροαναστασίμου πανσέπτου καθέδρας τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Κωνσταντινου-ἐγκάρδιον πασχάλιον χαιρετισμόν, ἐπικαλούμενοι ἐφ' ὑμᾶς τήν χάριν καὶ τό ἔλεος τοῦ νεκρώσαντος τόν Ἄδην καὶ χαρισαμένου ἡμῖν τήν αἰώνιον ζωὴν Χριστοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ παντός.

Φανάριον, Ἁγιον Πάσχα ,βκββ  
† Ὁ Κωνσταντινουπόλεως  
διάπυρος πρὸς Χριστόν Ἀναστάντα  
εὐχέτης πάντων ὑμῶν.



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#### Archiepiscopal Encyclical on the Great and Holy Pascha

April 24, 2022

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America.

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*Christ descended alone to the Gates of Hades, He returned taking many spoils of His victory.  
(Verse of the Synaxarion of Pascha)*

What a journey our Lord took for the sake of our salvation! What pains did He not endure? Not only did He descend from the heights of Heaven to earth through his Incarnation, but through His Death on the Cross he descended into the lowest depths of human experience. As we chant on Pascha night: Κατήλθες ἐν τοῖς κατωτάτοις τῆς γῆς – into death itself, even though He is the Author of Life.

This is how the Lord Jesus, Who is the New Adam and the First-Born of the Dead, redeems the mass of humanity. He undergoes a single human life and death; He died alone upon the Cross, forsaken and abandoned. Alone did He descend into Hades, that he might free all those imprisoned there from ages past. By His flesh, which He took from the womb of His Virgin Mother, He assumes the totality of the human race. There is no



person who is not connected to Him through His Incarnation. By living a perfect life in a willing, conscience way, He makes possible perfection for every human being through metanoia, which is as much transformation as it is repentance and turning from selfishness to God. Finally, using the Cross to bridge Heaven and earth, He descends to the lowest depths, to find us and to bring us home to Heaven.

As the Synaxarion affirms: “He returned taking many spoils of His victory.” This is why we cry out with our hearts aflame with joy, even as our candles shine brightly and dispel the gloom of night:

**Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death,  
and to those in the tombs He has granted life!**

Therefore, my beloved Christians, let us honor His journey from Heaven to earth, from earth to Hades, and back again for our salvation. Let us embrace one another with love and compassion, forgetting no one and forgiving everyone. Thus, we will rise from the lowest depths of our struggles and challenges, to the celestial heights of God’s glory and life everlasting.

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς Ἀνέστη!

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

† ELPIDOPHOROS  
Archbishop of America





## ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ

### ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ

Αριθ. Πρωτ. 68/2022

**Αρχιεπισκοπική εγκύκλιος για την άγια και μεγάλη έορτη Πάσχα.**

24 Απριλίου 2022

Πρὸς τοὺς Σεβασμιωτάτους καὶ Θεοφιλεστάτους Ἀρχιερεῖς, τοὺς Εὐλαβεστάτους Ἱερεῖς καὶ Διακόνους, τοὺς Μοναχοὺς καὶ τὶς Μοναχές, τοὺς Προέδρους καὶ τὰ Μέλη τῶν Κοινοτικῶν Συμβουλιῶν, τοὺς Ἐντιμολογιωτάτους Ἄρχοντες τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, τὰ μέλη τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100, τὰ Ἡμερήσια καὶ Ἀπογευματινὰ Σχολεῖα, τὶς Φιλοπτώχους Ἀδελφότητες, τὴ Νεολαία, τὶς Ἑλληνορθόδοξες Ὄργανώσεις καὶ ὁλόκληρο τὸ Χριστεπώνυμο πλήρωμα τῆς Ἱερᾶς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

Προσφιλεῖς ἀδελφοὶ καὶ ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

*«Χριστὸς κατελθὼν πρὸς πύλην ἄδου μόνος, λαβὼν ἀνήλθε πολλὰ τῆς νίκης σκῦλα.»*  
(Στίχοι τοῦ Συναξαρίου τοῦ Πάσχα)

Πόσο θαυμαστά εἶναι τὰ ἔργα τοῦ Κυρίου γιὰ τὴ σωτηρία μας! Δὲν ὑπάρχει πόνος ποὺ νὰ μὴν ὑπέμεινε! Ὅχι μόνο κατεδέχθη νὰ κατέλθει ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν, γενόμενος ἄνθρωπος, ἀλλὰ μὲ τὸ σταυρικό του θάνατο, κατῆλθε στὰ ἔγκατα τοῦ ἄδη γενόμενος τὸ θάνατο, ὅπως ψάλλουμε κατὰ τὴ νύχτα τοῦ Πάσχα, γιὰ αὐτὸν ποὺ εἶναι ἡ πηγὴ τῆς ζωῆς: «Κατῆλθες ἐν τοῖς κατωτάτοις τῆς γῆς».

Ἔτσι ὁ Κύριος μας Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς ἀπεργάζεται τὴ σωτηρία μας, ὡς ὁ νέος Ἀδάμ, γενόμενος πρωτότοκος ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, λυτρώνοντας τὴν ἀνθρωπότητα, πεθαίνοντας ἐπάνω στὸ σταυρὸ, ἐγκαταλελειμμένος ἀπὸ ὅλους. Κατεβαίνει στὸν ἄδη λύνοντας τὰ δεσμὰ τῶν ἀπ' αἰῶνος κεκοιμημένων. Ἐνσαρκούμενος στὴ μήτρα τῆς Θεοτόκου θεώνει τὸ γένος τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἐνώνοντας τὰ διεστῶτα. Ὡς τέλειος Θεὸς καὶ τέλειος ἄνθρωπος,



χαρίζει την τελειότητα σὲ ὅλους τοὺς ἀνθρώπους μέσω τῆς μετάνοιας, ἡ ὁποία μεταθέτει τὸν ἄνθρωπο ἀπὸ τὴ μοναξιά τοῦ ἐγωισμοῦ στὴ χαρὰ τῆς κοινωνίας μὲ τὸ Θεό. Τέλος, ὡς βασιλεὺς τῆς κτίσεως ἐνώνει τὸν οὐρανὸ μὲ τὴ γῆ, «κατελθὼν ἐν τοῖς κατωτάτοις» μᾶς ἔλκει ὅλους στὸν παράδεισο ποὺ εἶναι τὸ πραγματικὸ μας σπίτι.

Τὸ συναξάριο τῆς ἡμέρας τοῦ Πάσχα μᾶς διαβεβαιώνει γιὰ τὸ Χριστό ὅτι: «λαβὼν ἀνῆλθε πολλὰ τῆς νίκης σκῦλα», δηλαδή ἀναστήθηκε φέροντας μαζί του τὰ πολλὰ λάφυρα τῆς νίκης. Γιὰ αὐτὴ τὴ νίκη λοιπὸν ἄς ψάλουμε μὲ καιόμενες καρδιές ἀπὸ χαρὰ, λαμβάνοντας τὸ φῶς μὲ τὴν ἀναστάσιμη λαμπάδα μας, γιὰ νὰ λάμψει διαλύοντας τὸ σκότος τῆς νύχτας:

**Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας,  
καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.**

Ἔτσι λοιπὸν ἀγαπητοί μου Χριστιανοί, ἄς τιμήσουμε αὐτὴ τὴν πορεία τοῦ Κυρίου μας γιὰ τὴ σωτηρία τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἀπὸ τὸν οὐρανὸ πρὸς τὴ γῆ, ἀπὸ τὴ γῆ πρὸς τὸν ἄδη καὶ πάλι πρὸς τὸν οὐρανό. Ἄς «λαμπρυνθῶμεν τῇ πανηγύρει, καὶ ἀλλήλους περιπτυξάμενοι, συγχωρήσωμεν πάντα τῇ ἀναστάσει», ὑψούμενοι ἀπὸ τὰ βάθη τῶν παθῶν καὶ τῆς ἁμαρτίας, στὰ ὑπέρτατα ὕψη τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τῆς αἰωνίου ζωῆς.

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς Ἀνέστη!

† Ὁ Ἀμερικῆς Ἐλπιδοφόρος

## EVENTS



### Luncheon Reception Honoring

## *Archimandrite Constantine Moralis*

On his 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood  
and 25 Years of Service to the  
Annunciation Cathedral

Sunday, June 5, 2022

3:00 pm

### Martin's Valley Mansion

594 Cranbrook Road  
Cockeysville, MD 21030

**PANTA AXIOS - ΠΑΝΤΑ ΑΞΙΟΣ**

Luncheon Tickets are:

\$30/Ages over 12 ~ \$15/ages 6 to 12 ~ Free/5 and under

To RSVP, fill out the Ticket RSVP form located:

<https://forms.gle/9SqKz6nLpdunVJxc6>

or scan the Ticket QR code and follow the instructions.



Payment options will appear once your RSVP is submitted.  
Checks and Credit Cards are accepted.

**RSVP By May 14, 2022. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.**

Tables consist of 10 seats. Tickets will be mailed out before the event.



For anyone interested in participating in Father Dean's communal gifts, fill out the Gift Form located:

<https://forms.gle/tgumCbk7RwcMp5YE9>

or scan the Gift QR Code and follow the instructions.

Your Name(s) will be acknowledged at the luncheon with the gifts.

If you have any questions or for more details, contact Rhoula Monios/443-625-9898 or  
Nikki Monios/443-930-0404 or at [frdeans25th@gmail.com](mailto:frdeans25th@gmail.com)

## STEWARDSHIP

*Dear Parishioner:*

*Christ is Risen..... Truly He is Risen.....*

*The Holy Week Services this year were wonderful. It was great to see the thousands of people coming to the Church throughout the Holy Week experience. As Orthodox Christians, we should be proud that we have honored and kept our Holy Traditions alive and well. If we are going to continue to keep our Church strong and alive we have to understand that the machine behind her success is our Stewardship Program. Without the financial help and support of our parishioners, we can't do anything. Stewardship is a challenge, and we must join our efforts together as a family, and we need the input of everyone to succeed in this enormous challenge that's ahead of us. We constantly hear our Lord say, become guardians of your brothers, or you will have to justify for your works to God. Which means, that we have to have accountability for our actions. If we are to follow the Commandments of God, then we are responsible to live out our lives, and be responsible for the good or bad things that we do and never try to justify ourselves. You don't have to be intelligent to understand the economic difficulties of this world. Today we have Churches, Institutions, and other Charitable Organizations, that are suffering financially. These Institutions survive only with the donations from the people. We are all suffering financially, and we are trying to do the very best especially under these circumstances, to break down the dollar to meet our necessities. We all have to make sacrifices, we all have to watch our pennies, an even though we are going through this crisis, we should never forget our stewardship obligation to the Church. Small or large, we cannot forget the House of our Lord.*

*Many of us though think very differently. Instead of combining our efforts together to share the expenses, we tend to let other people carry the burden and responsibilities. Some of us, think that the money that goes to the Church grows on trees. They think that by coming to the Church and lighting their candle, that will pay for all of the Church's expenses. They have a lot to learn.... Whenever we need the church for something the church will always be there for us. But on the other hand, if we don't support our Church financially, then we might have a problem keeping the doors of the Church open.*

*So far, thanks to our wonderful and dear supporters of our Stewardship Program, our Church is still alive and well. A few months ago we sent out the Stewardship Pledge cards, and to our surprise only half of our membership sent in their commitment. What has happened to the other half? It is so simple, you don't have to be a rocket scientist to fill out a Pledge card. You don't have to be a millionaire, all you have to do, is fill out the information, and put a donation that comes from the heart where it says \$ amount: \_\_\_\_\_. We have reached the month of May, and at this moment we have not received pledge cards from hundreds of our parishioners. The Stewardship Committee, would like to know if anyone has a financial problem, to please make an appointment with Fr. Michael, and he will try to take care of your needs. We are a Church, the House of God, we do not turn anyone away.*

*In closing, I hope that with the Spirit of our Resurrected Lord, that we can see a new beginning in our lives. We must direct our thought and focus on the important things that we undertake in our daily routine. The Church should be a focal point in our lives, and we should try with all our hearts and efforts to support her ministry.*

*Please take a moment of your precious time and fill out the Stewardship Pledge card, and send it back to the Church office as soon as possible. Thank You & May God Bless. Christos Anesti. Christ is Risen.*

*Αγαπητέ ενοριτή: Χριστός Ανέστη..... Αληθώς ο Κύριος .....*

Οι Ιερές Ακολουθίες της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας φέτος ήταν θαυμάσιες. Ήταν υπέροχο να βλέπω τους χιλιάδες ανθρώπους να έρχονται στην Εκκλησία κατά τη διάρκεια της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας. Ως Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί, θα πρέπει να είμαστε περήφανοι που τιμάμε και κρατάμε ζωντανές και αυτουσίες τις Ιερές μας Παραδόσεις. Εάν επιθυμούμε να κρατήσουμε την Εκκλησία μας ζωντανή, πρέπει να αντιληφθούμε ότι ο μηχανισμός πίσω από την επιτυχία της είναι το Πρόγραμμα Συνδρομής των Ενοριτών μας. Χωρίς την οικονομική βοήθεια και στήριξη των ενοριτών μας δεν μπορούμε να κάνουμε τίποτα. Αυτό είναι σαφώς μια μεγάλη πρόκληση, γι' αυτό θα πρέπει να ενώσουμε τις δυνάμεις μας ως μια οικογένεια. Χρειαζόμαστε τη συμβολή όλων για να ανταπεξέλθουμε σ' αυτήν την τεράστια πρόκληση που βρίσκεται μπροστά μας. Να βρίσκεσαι συνεχώς εδώ, λέει ο Κύριός, να γίνεσαι προστάτης των αδελφών σου, διαφορετικά θα πρέπει να απολογηθείς για τα έργα σου ενώπιον του Θεού. Που σημαίνει ότι πρέπει να έχουμε ευθύνη για τις πράξεις μας. Αν πρόκειται να ακολουθήσουμε τις Εντολές του Θεού, τότε είμαστε υπεύθυνοι να ζήσουμε τη ζωή μας και να είμαστε υπεύθυνοι για τα καλά ή τα κακά πράγματα που κάνουμε και ποτέ δεν προσπαθούμε να δικαιολογήσουμε τον εαυτό μας. Δεν χρειάζεται να είναι κανείς ιδιαίτερα έξπνος για να κατανοεί τις οικονομικές δυσκολίες αυτού του κόσμου. Σήμερα έχουμε Εκκλησίες, Ιδρύματα και άλλους Φιλανθρωπικούς Οργανισμούς, που υποφέρουν οικονομικά. Αυτά τα Ιδρύματα επιβιώνουν μόνο με τις δωρεές του λαού. Όλοι υποφέρουμε οικονομικά, και προσπαθούμε να κάνουμε το καλύτερο, -ειδικά κάτω από αυτές τις συνθήκες-, να μοιράσουμε το δολάριο για να καλύψουμε τις ανάγκες μας. Όλοι πρέπει να κάνουμε θυσίες, όλοι πρέπει να προσέχουμε τις δεκάρες μας! Παρόλο που βιώνουμε από αυτή την κρίση, δεν πρέπει ποτέ να ξεχνάμε την υποχρέωση μας ως ενοριτές για την συνδρομή στην Εκκλησία. Μικροί και μεγάλοι, δεν γίνεται να ξεχνάμε τον Οίκο του Κυρίου μας.

Πολλοί από εμάς όμως σκεφτόμαστε πολύ διαφορετικά. Αντί συνολικά να προσπαθούμε να μοιραστούμε τα έξοδα, τείνουμε να αφήνουμε άλλους ανθρώπους να φέρουν το βάρος και τις ευθύνες. Κάποιοι νομίζουμε ότι τα χρήματα που πάνε στην Εκκλησία φυτρώνουν στα δέντρα. Νομίζουν ότι με το να έρθουν στην Εκκλησία και να ανάψουν το κερί τους, θα πληρώσουν όλα τα έξοδα της Εκκλησίας. Έχουν ακόμα πολλά να μάθουν... Όποτε χρειαζόμαστε την εκκλησία για κάτι, η εκκλησία θα είναι πάντα εκεί για εμάς. Αλλά από την άλλη, αν δεν στηρίζουμε οικονομικά την Εκκλησία μας, τότε μπορεί να έχουμε πρόβλημα να κρατήσουμε τις πόρτες της Εκκλησίας ανοιχτές.

Μέχρι στιγμής, χάρη στους υπέροχους και αγαπητούς μας υποστηρικτές του Προγράμματός μας, η Εκκλησία μας είναι ακόμα ζωντανή. Πριν από λίγους μήνες στείλαμε τις κάρτες Stewardship Pledge, και προς έκπληξή μας μόνο το ήμισυ των συμμετεχόντων μας τακτοποίησαν τη συνδρομή τους. Τι έχει συμβεί με το άλλο μισό; Είναι τόσο απλό, δεν χρειάζεται να είσαι επιστήμονας πυραύλων για να συμπληρώσεις μια κάρτα Pledge. Δεν χρειάζεται να είστε εκατομμυριούχος, το μόνο που έχετε να κάνετε, είναι να συμπληρώσετε τις πληροφορίες και να κάνετε μια δωρεά που προέρχεται από την καρδιάόπου λέει\_\$ ποσό:\_\_\_\_\_. Φτάσαμε στο μήνα Μάιο και αυτή τη στιγμή δεν έχουμε παραλάβει κάρτες από εκατοντάδες ενοριτές μας. Η Επιτροπή των Συνδρομών, θα ήθελε να γνωρίζει τι έγινε με τις κάρτες που δεν έλαβε! Εάν κάποιος αντιμετωπίζει οικονομικό πρόβλημα, να κλείσει ραντεβού με τον π. Μιχαήλ, και θα προσπαθήσει να φροντίσει τις ανάγκες σας. Είμαστε Εκκλησία, Οίκος του Θεού, δεν απομακρύνουμε κανέναν.

Κλείνοντας, ελπίζω ότι με το Πνεύμα του Αναστάντος Κυρίου μας, να δούμε μια νέα αρχή στη ζωή μας. Πρέπει να κατευθύνουμε τη σκέψη μας και να επικεντρωθούμε στα σημαντικά πράγματα που αναλαμβάνουμε στην καθημερινότητά μας. Η Εκκλησία πρέπει να είναι κομβικό σημείο στη ζωή μας και πρέπει να προσπαθήσουμε με όλη μας την καρδιά και τις προσπάθειές μας να υποστηρίξουμε τη διακονία της.

Παρακαλούμε αφιερώστε μια στιγμή από τον πολύτιμο χρόνο σας και συμπληρώστε την κάρτα της Συνδρομής σας και στείλτε την πίσω στο γραφείο της Εκκλησίας το συντομότερο δυνατό. Ευχαριστώ & Είθε ο Θεός να ευλογεί.  
Χριστός Ανέστη.



GREEK ORTHODOX  
METROPOLIS OF  
NEW JERSEY

May 1, 2022

## SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Protopresbyter, Rev. Father Michael L. Pastrikos — Cell: 443-742-8314 — email: [fmichael@stnicholasmd.org](mailto:fmichael@stnicholasmd.org)

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Nicholas,

Saint Nicholas once again will be able to host its annual legendary Greek Folk Festival! With the grace of God and the worst behind us, the festival this year will be celebrated in full force! Volunteers, with great joy and enthusiasm, are busy preparing for the biggest Glendi ever! The festival will be held from **Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Through these past few years of the COVID-19 pandemic, our church has struggled to maintain financial stability so that we can continue to keep our doors open for our parishioners and friends of St. Nicholas. Since the Festival is a primary source of fundraising for our church, we look forward to your support by attending, and we also offer you the opportunity to help even further through the purchase of the Raffle ticket (s).

Enclosed you will find \_\_\_\_ raffle ticket (s). Buy as many as you can or sell them to your family and friends. Please let us know if you would like more raffle tickets! **Your ticket stub(s) and payment should be returned to the Church office no later than May 27<sup>th</sup>**. The drawing will be held on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 9pm.at the Plateia.

We remain thankful for your continued support of both the Festival and the Raffle throughout the years and we look forward to your support, especially this year.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Fr. Michael Pastrikos  
Priest

Sofia Xouri  
Greek Folk Festival Chairperson

Stamatia Ieromonahos  
Parish Council President

Katerina Patrikios-Jissri  
Raffle Chairperson

1<sup>η</sup> Μαΐου, 2022

Αγαπητά Μέλη & Φίλοι του Αγίου Νικολάου:

Ο Άγιος Νικόλαος θα μπορέσει και πάλι να φιλοξενήσει το ετήσιο θρυλικό Ελληνικό Λαϊκό Πανηγύρι του! Με τη χάρη του Θεού και τα χειρότερα πίσω μας, το πανηγύρι φέτος θα γιορταστεί δυναμικά! Εθελοντές, με μεγάλη χαρά και ενθουσιασμό, ετοιμάζονται για το μεγαλύτερο Γλέντι που έγινε ποτέ! Οι ημερομηνίες του Φεστιβάλ είναι από την Παρασκευή 10 Ιουνίου έως και την Κυριακή 12 Ιουνίου.

Κατά τη διάρκεια αυτών των τελευταίων ετών της πανδημίας του COVID-19, η Εκκλησία μας αγωνίστηκε να διατηρήσει την οικονομική της σταθερότητα, ώστε να συνεχίσουμε να κρατάμε τις πόρτες μας ανοιχτές για τους ενορίτες και τους φίλους του Αγίου Νικολάου. Δεδομένου ότι το Φεστιβάλ είναι μια από τις κυριότερες οικονομικές πηγές για την Εκκλησία μας, περιμένουμε την υποστήριξή σας με την παρουσία σας. Σας δίνετε επίσης η ευκαιρία να βοηθήσετε ακόμη περισσότερο με την αγορά λαχνών της Λαχειοφόρου Αγοράς.

Εσωκλείστως σας αποστέλλουμε ----- λαχεία. Αγοράστε όσα περισσότερα μπορείτε ή πουλήστε τα στην οικογένεια και τους φίλους σας. Παρακαλούμε ενημερώστε μας αν θέλετε περισσότερους λαχνούς! **Τα αποκόμματα και τα χρήματα θα πρέπει να επιστραφούν στο γραφείο της Εκκλησίας το αργότερο μέχρι τις 27 Μαΐου.** Η κλήρωση θα γίνει την Κυριακή 12 Ιουνίου στις 9:00 μ.μ. στην Πλατεία.

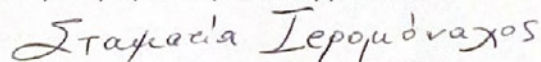
Σας είμαστε ευγνώμονες για τη συνεχή υποστήριξή σας τόσο στο Φεστιβάλ όσο και στη Λαχειοφόρο Αγορά όλα αυτά τα χρόνια, και περιμένουμε την υποστήριξή σας, ειδικά εφέτος.

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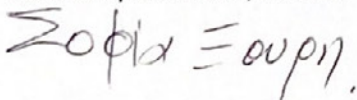


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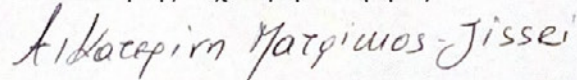
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## CAPPADOCIA

- Among the many sites visit Goreme Open Air Museum to see the Byzantine rock churches, the Underground City of Kaymakli (Anakou), the old Greek cities of Sinassos, Aravissos & much more Attend the Divine Liturgy celebrated by H.A.H. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at the Ancient Rock Church.

## SMYRNA

Tour the city including the old Greek section & the promenade by the sea. A full day tour to Ephesus where St Paul preached the Gospel & was imprisoned. See the Library of Celsus, & the Basilica of St. John. Tour Pergamon, the northern most of the seven churches of Asia & visit the Pergamon Altar, the Asclepion



## CONSTANTINOPLE

- Experience the Queen of Cities by visiting sites sacred to the Orthodox faith: The Sacred Center of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Hagia Sophia, the Theological School of Halki, Panagia Vlacherna, Baloukli Monastery, and celebrate the Feast Day of the H.A.H Ecumenical Patriarch Batholomew!

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## NOW HIRING TEACHERS AND AIDES!

### ST. NICHOLAS BILINGUAL EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

BEEC Friends & Family!!!

Hello BEEC Friends and Families, Spring is here! The children enjoyed releasing our Butterflies, Ants, Lady bugs, and Praying Mantis into the environment. We enjoyed the Easter Holiday celebrations. We are looking forward to the May flowers and bright sun shining. BEEC students are looking forward to the warmer weather and outdoor activities, stroller strolls and morning walks to explore our community, say hi when we walk by! Lastly, BEEC is hiring, we are looking for Greek teachers and aides, if you are interested, please call 410-633-5020. Enjoy the Easter Pictures!

Sharon Small | Center Director

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# NOTICES



For the annual commemoration of the Fall of Constantinople observed May 29, the St. Photios National Shrine is proud to announce its Second Annual Drawing Competition open to children ages 9-12 of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

The annual commemoration of the Fall of Constantinople is not only a remembrance of the fall of the capital of the Roman Empire on Tuesday, May 29, 1453 by the Ottomans who finally took the “Queen of Cities” established by Saint Constantine the Great some eleven centuries earlier; rather, it is also a celebration of Byzantine culture and the Hellenic culture that sprang from this pivotal event in world history.

Besieged by the Ottomans, Constantinople and a few remaining lands of the Roman (Byzantine) Empire was led by the Emperor Constantine XI Palaiologos, successor to the founder of the capital over a thousand years earlier, Emperor and Saint

Constantine the Great. With the breach of the city walls that had protected the city for over a millennium, the Emperor and defenders consisting of Greeks, Genoans and others were finally vanquished.

Participants will submit drawings of the last Byzantine Emperor, successor not only to the great saint whose name he bore, but also to the final dynasty of emperors who, even as their Empire was slowly declining, oversaw a resurgence in ecclesiastical art and theology.

## ELIGIBILITY

This competition is open to all children ages 9-12 of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. There are no fees for participation.

## PRIZE

One grand prize of **\$250.00**.

## DUE DATE

All submissions must be received at the Saint Photios Nation Shrine **NO LATER THAN Monday, May 9, 2022** via email to: Polaxeni Maouris Hillier, Executive Director of St. Photios National Shrine at [phillier@stphotios.com](mailto:phillier@stphotios.com). The Winner will be announced on May 29, 2022 during the annual Fall of Constantinople Commemoration of the St. Photios National Shrine. All submissions will become property of the Saint Photios National Shrine.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- One 2-dimensional drawing of Emperor Constantine XI Palaiologos, on 8 ½” by 11” paper (portrait/vertical view).
- The following media (or combination of media) may be used: crayon, marker, colored pencil, watercolor paint.
- Two high-definition photographs of drawings; one of the drawing itself (alone), and one including the artist holding the original drawing.
- Contact information including artist’s name, age, home address, parish affiliation, and parent or guardian’s email address.

## NOTICES

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A vibrant poster for a BBQ Bullroast event. The background is a wooden table with various BBQ items: a corn on the cob, a plate of ribs, a grill with steamed shrimp, and skewers of meat and vegetables. A red napkin with silverware is on the left, and a yellow squeeze bottle is at the top left. The text is overlaid on the image.

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## Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Budget vs. Actuals: Church and Greek School

January - March 2022

	Actual	Budget	over (under) Budget
<b>Income</b>			
4000 Stewardship	63,982.00	70,683.00	(6,701.00)
4010 Greek School Registration	1,810.71	1,125.00	685.71
Other Income	98,137.91	46,315.50	51,822.41
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>163,930.62</b>	<b>118,123.50</b>	<b>45,807.12</b>
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>10,866.87</b>	<b>12,045.00</b>	<b>(1,178.13)</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>153,063.75</b>	<b>106,078.50</b>	<b>46,985.25</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Total CAPITAL COSTS (CHURCH)	0.00	2,405.00	(2,405.00)
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	55,198.51	68,278.00	(13,079.49)
Total OCCUPANCY COSTS	19,082.50	19,619.50	(537.00)
Total PAYROLL EXPENSES	66,992.28	69,483.50	(2,491.22)
Total YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>141,273.29</b>	<b>162,286.00</b>	<b>(18,512.71)</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>11,790.46</b>	<b>(56,207.50)</b>	<b>65,497.96</b>

4815 Eastern AVE Mortgage Principal Payments	\$ 1,701.24
<b>OVERALL CHURCH SURPLUS (LOSS) (Operating and Mortgage)</b>	<b>\$10,089.22</b>

## Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Budget vs. Actuals: Learning Center

January - March 2022

	Actual	Budget	over (under) Budget
<b>Income</b>			
4011 Learning Center Income	183,847.02	285,442.00	(101,594.98)
<b>Total 4011 Learning Center Income</b>	<b>183,847.02</b>	<b>285,442.00</b>	<b>(101,594.98)</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>183,847.02</b>	<b>285,442.00</b>	<b>(101,594.98)</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>183,847.02</b>	<b>285,442.00</b>	<b>(101,594.98)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>LEARNING CENTER</b>			
Total Payroll Expense (L.C.)	114,444.35	168,641.00	(54,196.65)
Total Food and Classroom Supplies (L.C.)	8,482.17	11,960.00	(3,477.83)
Total Admin and Office Expenses (L.C.)	7,243.16	15,181.00	(7,937.84)
Total Occupancy Expenses/Cap Improvements (L.C.)	12,901.03	14,146.50	(1,245.47)
<b>Total LEARNING CENTER</b>	<b>143,070.71</b>	<b>209,928.50</b>	<b>(66,857.79)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>143,070.71</b>	<b>209,928.50</b>	<b>(66,857.79)</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>40,776.31</b>	<b>75,513.50</b>	<b>(34,737.19)</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>			
State and Local Grants	42,554.00	0.00	42,554.00
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 42,554.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,554.00</b>
<b>Net Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 42,554.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,554.00</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 83,330.31</b>	<b>\$ 75,513.50</b>	<b>7,816.81</b>

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## Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Budget vs. Actuals: Plateia January - March 2022

	Actual	Budget	over (under) Budget
<b>Income</b>			
4140 Plateia Income (Onsite)	21,903.50	108,675.00	(86,771.50)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>21,903.50</b>	<b>108,675.00</b>	<b>(86,771.50)</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
<b>COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>			
Total Plateia CGS Expenses	2,364.50	22,160.00	(19,795.50)
<b>Total COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>	<b>2,364.50</b>	<b>22,160.00</b>	<b>(19,795.50)</b>
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>2,364.50</b>	<b>22,160.00</b>	<b>(19,795.50)</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>19,539.00</b>	<b>86,515.00</b>	<b>(66,976.00)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>PLATEIA EXPENSES</b>			
Total Occupancy Expenses (Plateia)	19,172.50	24,369.50	(5,197.00)
Total Payroll Expenses (Plateia)	2,083.03	12,645.00	(10,561.97)
Total Admin Expenses (Plateia)	4,095.52	4,420.00	(324.48)
Total Bus Dev/Marketing Expenses (Plateia)	3,795.00	4,380.00	(585.00)
<b>Total PLATEIA EXPENSES</b>	<b>29,146.05</b>	<b>45,814.50</b>	<b>(16,668.45)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>29,146.05</b>	<b>45,814.50</b>	<b>(16,668.45)</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>(9,607.05)</b>	<b>40,700.50</b>	<b>(50,307.55)</b>



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# LITURGICAL CALENDAR - MAY

- Sunday, May 1: Sunday of St. Thomas: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Sunday, May 8: Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women:  
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Sunday, May 15: Sunday of the Paralytic: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Saturday, May 21: Sts. Constantine & Helen Equal to the Apostles:  
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am
- Sunday, May 22: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Sunday, May 29: Sunday of the Blind Man: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am
- Monday, May 30: Memorial Day at the Oak Lawn Cemetery: Service will begin at 10:00 am.  
This will be a group Memorial Service for all the departed loved ones in Christ.  
May their souls rest in peace and may their memory be Eternal.



- Sunday, May 22 Sunday School Graduation following the church service
- Monday, May 30 Greek School closed in observance of Memorial Day holiday
- Wednesday, June 1 Greek School End of Year Program  
(Report cards will be distributed)
- TBD 6<sup>th</sup> grade Greek School graduates presented in church  
and Graduation Luncheon to follow