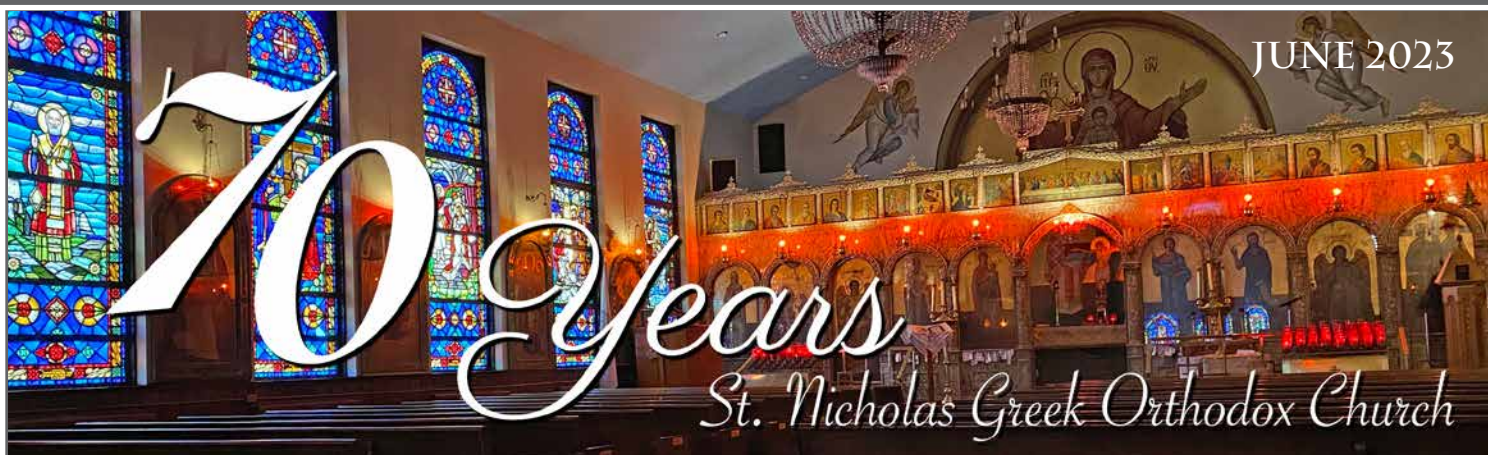


JUNE 2023



Message from FR. GEORGIOS OIKONOMOU, PROTOPRESBYTER

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

With the Grace and blessing of the Triune God we welcome our "Koinonia" and the beautiful month of summer, June which is called in our folk tradition the reaper, since the grains ripen and are now ready to be harvested. With this reference, we remember our Christ, who, seeing so many people searching for the truth, once said to His disciples: "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest" (Mt. 9:37). This means that God as the good Sower has sown the seed of truth in the hearts of all men. As the related parable says, some seeds fell onto the road and were trampled or eaten by the birds of the sky; some fell on stone and dried up, because there was not the necessary moisture; some fell on thorns and when they sprouted together, the thorns choked the good seeds; but some seeds fell onto good soil and bore fruit richly and multiplied one hundredfold. Even in the good soil, however, care and concern are needed by the husbandmen until the blessed day of harvest comes. And when that day finally comes, many workers are needed to help and harvest the fruit.

When our Christ said with some complaint and anguish that the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few, He asked His disciples to pray to God to send laborers to help in the harvest, He was referring to the field of the heart of every person and the spiritual field of His Holy Church. The workers, who take care of this field, are not only the people themselves but also the workers of the Gospel of Christ. That is, His disciples who guide their Christian brothers, support and encourage them to fight the good fight and lift up their "cross" without complaint, to endure the sorrows and trials without losing their faith in God.

This sacred task, this sacred mission, to be a worker of God and a helper in His harvest, was assigned by Christ to His disciples, the Holy Apostles. It is truly a beautiful and blessed occurrence that every year we celebrate during this

month of June, the reaper month, the memory of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul on June 29th, and on June 30th the Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles.

However, the Apostles in turn left the bishops as their successors. Since the ancient Christian time until today in an uninterrupted continuity, every high priest, is a successor of the Holy Apostles. For this reason, we the faithful express deep and sincere respect to our bishops asking them for their paternal wishes and blessings as we welcome them with all honor when they visit our parish as good shepherds and perform the High Priestly sacred services in our church.

Apart from our Holy Apostles and Hierarchs, however, each and every one of us, needs to strive to become workers in the harvest of our Christ. Speaking and preaching about the Gospel and the truth of our faith not only with words but with our works. We Christians must be, as Christ said, "the light of the world". May we always have the flame of faith, love, charity, and justice burning in our hearts. Let us become illumined with the Holy Light of the Resurrection and give hope to our fellow Christians and it can bring light into the darkness of the modern world. When we receive the light from this Pascal candle, we can turn night into day!

I wish everyone a good month, blessed Pentecost, and of course, we look forward to welcoming you all with joy and honor at the Greek Festival from June 8 to 11.

With love in Christ,
Protopresbyter Fr. Georgios Oikonomou



Koinonia

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF
AMERICA METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY



Αγαπητοί μου αδελφοί,

Με τη Χάρη και την ευλογία του Τρισαγίου Θεού υποδεχόμαστε στην «Κοινωνία» και την κοινότητά μας τον όμορφο μήνα του καλοκαιριού, τον Ιούνιο. Ο Ιούνιος ονομάζεται στη λαϊκή μας παράδοση ως ο θεριστής, καθώς ωριμάζουν τα δημητριακά και είναι πια έτοιμα για τη συγκομιδή με τον θερισμό. Με αυτή την αναφορά θυμόμαστε τον Χριστό μας, ο οποίος βλέποντας πολλούς ανθρώπους να αναζητούν την αλήθεια είπε κάποτε στους μαθητές του: «Ο μὲν θερισμὸς πολὺς, οἱ δὲ ἔργαται ὀλίγοι· δεήθητε οὖν τοῦ κυρίου τοῦ θερισμοῦ ὅπως ἐκβάλη ἔργατας εἰς τὸν θερισμὸν αὐτοῦ» (Μτ. 9,37). Αυτό σημαίνει ότι ο Θεός ως ο καλός Σπορέας έχει ρίξει τον σπόρο της αλήθειας στις καρδιές όλων των ανθρώπων. Όπως λέει η σχετική παραβολή, άλλοι σπόροι έπεσαν στον δρόμο και καταπατήθηκαν ή τους έφαγαν τα πουλιά του ουρανού, άλλοι έπεσαν στην πέτρα και ξεράθηκαν, γιατί δεν υπήρχε η απαραίτητη υγρασία, άλλοι έπεσαν στα αγκάθια και όταν φύτρωσαν μαζί με εκείνα τα αγκάθια έπνιξαν τον καλό σπόρο, αλλά και κάποιοι σπόροι έπεσαν σε αγαθή γη και καρποφόρησαν πλούσια και πολλαπλάσια και εκατονταπλάσια. Ακόμα και στην αγαθή γη, ωστόσο, χρειάζεται φροντίδα και μέριμνα από τους γεωργούς, μέχρι να έρθει η ευλογημένη ημέρα του θερισμού. Και όταν έρχεται εκείνη η ημέρα τελικά, χρειάζονται πολλοί εργάτες, για να βοηθήσουν όλοι μαζί και να γίνει η συγκομιδή των καρπών.

Όταν ο Χριστός μας, λοιπόν, είπε με κάποιο παράπονο αλλά και με αγωνία ότι ο θερισμός είναι πολύς αλλά οι εργάτες λίγοι και ζήτησε από τους μαθητές Του να προσευχηθούν στον Θεό, για να στείλει εργάτες, οι οποίοι θα βοηθήσουν στον θερισμό, αναφερόταν στο χωράφι της καρδιάς του καθενός ανθρώπου και στο πνευματικό χωράφι της Αγίας Του Εκκλησίας. Οι εργάτες, που φροντίζουν το χωράφι αυτό, είναι οπωσδήποτε οι ίδιοι οι άνθρωποι αλλά και οι εργάτες του Ευαγγελίου του Χριστού. Δηλαδή, οι μαθητές Του και οι μαθήτριες, που καθοδηγούν τους αδελφούς τους χριστιανούς, τους στηρίζουν και τους ενθαρρύνουν να αγωνίζονται τον καλό αγώνα και να σηκώνουν αγόγγυστα «τον σταυρό» τους, να υπομένουν τις θλίψεις και τις δοκιμασίες χωρίς να χάνουν την πίστη τους στον Θεό.

Αυτό το ιερό έργο, αυτή την ιερή αποστολή, να είναι κάποιος εργάτης του Θεού και βοηθός στον θερισμό Του, το ανέθεσε ο Χριστός στους μαθητές Του, τους Αγίους Αποστόλους. Και είναι πραγματικά όμορφη και ευλογημένη συγκυρία ότι αυτόν τον μήνα, τον Ιούνιο και «Θεριστή», γιορτάζουμε κάθε χρόνο τους Αγίους Αποστόλους. Στις 29 Ιουνίου τους Πρωτοκορυφαίους Αποστόλους Πέτρο και Παύλο και στις 30 Ιουνίου τη Σύναξη των Δώδεκα Αποστόλων.

Μα και οι Απόστολοι με τη σειρά τους άφησαν ως δικούς τους διαδόχους τους επισκόπους. Κάθε αρχιερέας, από τα αρχαία χριστιανικά χρόνια μέχρι σήμερα σε μία αδιάλειπτη συνέχεια, είναι διάδοχος των Αγίων Αποστόλων. Για αυτό και εμείς οι πιστοί εκφράζουμε στα πρόσωπά τους βαθύ και ειλικρινή σεβασμό, ζητούμε την πατρική ευχή και τις ευλογίες τους και τους υποδεχόμαστε με κάθε τιμή, όταν επισκέπτονται ως οι καλοί ποιμένες το ποιμνίό τους και τελούν στην εκκλησία μας τις Αρχιερατικές ιερές ακολουθίες.

Εκτός από τους Αγίους Αποστόλους και τους Ιεράρχες μας, όμως, όλοι μας, η καθεμία και ο καθένας, μπορούμε να γίνουμε εργάτες στον θερισμό του Χριστού μας. Μιλώντας και κηρύττοντας για το Ευαγγέλιο και την αλήθεια της πίστης μας όχι μόνο με λόγια αλλά με την ίδια τη ζωή μας. Οφείλουμε οι χριστιανοί να είμαστε, όπως είπε ο Χριστός, «το φως του κόσμου». Να έχουμε παντοτινά αναμμένη στην καρδιά μας τη λαμπάδα της πίστης, της αγάπης, της ελεημοσύνης, της δικαιοσύνης. Λαμπάδα αναμμένη με το Άγιο Φως της Ανάστασης. Και η λαμπάδα αυτή μπορεί να δώσει ελπίδα στον αδελφό μας, μπορεί να φωτίσει λίγο το σκοτάδι του σύγχρονου κόσμου. Και αν ανάψουμε όλοι από μία τέτοια λαμπάδα μπορούμε να κάνουμε τη νύχτα μέρα!

Εύχομαι σε όλους καλό μήνα, καλή Πεντηκοστή. Και φυσικά περιμένουμε να σας υποδεχτούμε όλους με χαρά και τιμή στο Ελληνικό Φεστιβάλ από τις 8 έως τις 11 Ιουνίου.

Με εν Χριστώ αγάπη,
Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος Γεώργιος Οικονόμου

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KOINONIA DEADLINE

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

ISSUE MONTH: JULY/AUGUST 2023

SUBMISSIONS DUE: JUNE 20th

Please email your article(s) to: vkotsatou@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

My beloved parishioners of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

This year marks our 70th anniversary, and we welcome you to our Parish Festival with great joy, love as we promise that you will have a great time. We hope you will have the most beautiful memories that will bring you back every year with your family and friends.

With the blessings of our priest, Father Georgios Oikonomou, the solidarity of all of the Church Organizations and all other Organizations, the members of St. Nicholas, the numerous volunteers, which we always come together every year with love - like one big family to assure the success of our church's Greek Folk Festival.

We thank with deep appreciation, our Chairpersons, Captains and organizations for the countless hours of work they dedicated ensuring that everything was ready for a successful festival.

Come and join us and taste our delicious Greek dishes, hand prepared by our parishioners, watch our talented Dance troupes as we share with you our Culture, Traditions, and our way of Life. We encourage you to stop by our church, our Greektown Square and the many kiosks that will offer you many commemorative gifts for everyone.

The Board of Directors of St. Nicholas and I THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts...our Volunteers who help make our festival better and better every year. We also want to say Thank You to you, our visitors, who honor us with your presence.

May the Blessings of our St. Nicholas be upon you and may he grant you and your families much health and happiness.

**THE BEST IS YET TO COME!
HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT TIME!**

With Best Regards,

*Stamatia Ieromonahos
President of the Parish Council
St. Nicholas Church of Baltimore*

Αγαπημένοι μας ενορίτες και φίλοι του Αγίου Νικολάου,

Αγαπητοί μου ενορίτες και φίλοι της Ελληνικής Ορθόδοξης Εκκλησίας του Αγίου Νικολάου,

Φέτος συμπληρώνουμε 70 χρόνια και σας καλωσορίζουμε στο Ενοριακό μας Φεστιβάλ με μεγάλη χαρά, αγάπη καθώς υποσχόμαστε ότι θα περάσετε υπέροχα. Ελπίζουμε να έχετε τις πιο όμορφες αναμνήσεις που θα σας φέρνουν πίσω κάθε χρόνο με την οικογένεια και τους φίλους σας.

Με τις ευλογίες του ιερέα μας, π. Γεωργίου Οικονόμου, την αλληλεγγύη όλων των Εκκλησιαστικών Οργανώσεων και όλων των άλλων Οργανώσεων, των μελών του Αγίου Νικολάου, των πολυάριθμων εθελοντών, που μαζεύονται πάντα κάθε χρόνο με αγάπη - σαν μια μεγάλη οικογένεια, εμείς διασφαλίζουμε την επιτυχία του Ελληνικού Λαϊκού Φεστιβάλ της Εκκλησίας μας.

Ευχαριστούμε με βαθιά εκτίμηση, τους προέδρους, τους καπετάνιους και τις οργανώσεις μας για τις αμέτρητες ώρες δουλειάς που αφιέρωσαν διασφαλίζοντας ότι όλα θα είναι έτοιμα για ένα επιτυχημένο φεστιβάλ.

Ελάτε να γευτείτε τα νόστιμα ελληνικά πιάτα μας, που ετοιμάστηκαν με το χέρι από τους ενορίτες μας και να παρακολουθήσετε τα ταλαντούχα χορευτικά μας καθώς μοιραζόμαστε μαζί σας τον πολιτισμό, τις παραδόσεις και τον τρόπο ζωής μας. Σας ενθαρρύνουμε να περάσετε από την Εκκλησία μας, την πλατεία Greektown μας και τα πολλά περίπτερα που θα σας προσφέρουν πολλά αναμνηστικά δώρα για όλους.

Το Ενοριακό Συμβούλιο του Αγίου Νικολάου και εγώ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΟΥΜΕ από τα βάθη της καρδιάς μας...τους Εθελοντές μας που βοηθούν να γίνεται το φεστιβάλ μας όλο και καλύτερο κάθε χρόνο. Θέλουμε επίσης να ευχαριστήσουμε τους επισκέπτες μας, που μας τιμάται με την παρουσία σας.

Είθε οι Ευλογίες του Αγίου Νικολάου μας να είναι πάνω σας και να χαρίζει σε εσάς και τις οικογένειές σας υγεία και ευτυχία.

**ΤΑ ΚΑΛΥΤΕΡΑ ΕΡΧΟΝΤΑΙ!
ΕΛΠΙΖΩ ΝΑ ΠΕΡΑΣΕΤΕ ΠΟΛΥ ΩΡΑΙΑ!**

Με αγάπη και εκτίμηση,

*Σταματία Ιερομονάχου
Πρόεδρος του Συμβουλίου
Αγίου Νικολάου Βαλτιμόρης*



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL

Prot. No. 111/2023

Archiepiscopal Encyclical on AHEPA Sunday

May 21, 2023

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 the risen Christ,

Christ is Risen!

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America celebrates the achievements and goals of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association. Therefore, we enjoin this annual observance of AHEPA Sunday, a true cultural partner to the Church for over one hundred years. As is well known, both the Archdiocese and AHEPA were founded in 1922, and have grown up together in the American milieu working for many common purposes.

I hope that every parish across our Nation will take time to honor their local AHEPA chapter. Together, we are one Church, one *Omogeneia*, one family. AHEPA is a true partner with the national and local Church, and they are our brothers and sisters in the risen Christ.

Therefore, I encourage every parish to celebrate with all worthiness AHEPA Sunday, and to recognize the amazing work and accomplishments that the AHEPA family has wrought for our community. We bless their endeavors and wish them much success in all their undertakings, which greatly benefit the *Omogeneia* and the Church.

With paternal love in the risen Lord,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America



ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ

ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ

Αριθμ. Πρωτ. 111/2023

Αρχιεπισκοπική εγκύκλιος για την Κυριακή τῆς Α.Χ.Ε.Π.Α.

21 Μαΐου 2023

Πρὸς τοὺς Σεβασμιωτάτους καὶ Θεοφιλεστάτους Ἀρχιερεῖς, τοὺς Εὐλαβεστάτους Ἱερεῖς καὶ Διακόνους, τοὺς Μοναχοὺς καὶ τὶς Μοναχές, τοὺς Προέδρους καὶ τὰ Μέλη τῶν Κοινοτικῶν Συμβουλίων, τοὺς Ἐντιμολογιωτάτους Ἀρχοντες τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, τὰ μέλη τῆς Ἠγεσίας 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 τῷ ἀναστάντι Χριστῷ,

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη!

Ἡ Ἱερὰ Ἀρχιεπισκοπὴ Ἀμερικῆς ἐορτάζει σήμερα τὴν πρόοδο καὶ τὰ ἐπιτεύγματα τῆς Ἑλληνοαμερικανικῆς Ἐκπαιδευτικῆς καὶ Προοδευτικῆς Ὄργανωσης (ΑΧΕΠΑ), ἐπὶ τῇ εὐκαιρίᾳ τῆς Κυριακῆς, ἡ ὁποία εἶναι ἀφιερωμένη σὲ αὐτήν. Ἡ ΑΧΕΠΑ εἶναι ἕνας ἀληθινὸς συμπαραστάτης τῆς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς μας γιὰ περισσότερο ἀπὸ ἑκατὸ χρόνια, καθὼς καὶ οἱ δύο φορεῖς ἰδρύθηκαν τὸ 1922 μὲ στενοὺς δεσμούς, συνεργαζόμενοι γιὰ τοὺς κοινὸς στόχους τῆς ὁμογένειας στὴν Ἀμερικὴ.

Ἐλπίζω ὅτι κάθε κοινότητα σήμερα θὰ ὀργανώσει ἐκδηλώσεις στήριξης τῶν τοπικῶν τμημάτων τῶν ΑΧΕΠΑ. Ἀποτελοῦμε μία Ἐκκλησία, ἕνα σῶμα, μία οἰκογένεια. Τὰ μέλη τῆς ΑΧΕΠΑ εἶναι ἀληθινοὶ συνεργάτες τῆς κάθε τοπικῆς ἐνορίας μας, ὡς ἀδελφοὶ ἐν τῷ ἀναστάντι Χριστῷ.

Προτρέπουμε λοιπὸν ὅλες τὶς κοινότητες στὴν Ἀμερικὴ, νὰ τιμήσουν τὸ ρόλο καὶ τὰ ἐπιτεύγματα τῆς οἰκογένειας τῶν ΑΧΕΠΑ γιὰ τὸ ἔθνος μας. Εὐλογώντας τὶς προσπάθειές τους, τοὺς εὐχομαί υγεία, ἐπιτυχία καὶ εὐημερία, ἐπ' εὐεργεσία τῶν κοινότητων μας, τῆς ἀπανταχοῦ ὁμογένειας καὶ τῆς Ἐκκλησίας.

Μὲ πατρικὲς εὐχὲς ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀναστάντι,

† ὁ Ἀμερικῆς Ἐλπιδοφόρος



Holy Pentecost

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After the Saviour's Ascension into the Heavens, the eleven Apostles and the rest of His disciples, the God-loving women who followed after Him from the beginning, His Mother, the most holy Virgin Mary, and His brethren—all together about 120 souls returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem. Entering into the house where they gathered, they went into the upper room, and there they persevered in prayer and supplication, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit, as their Divine Teacher had promised them. In the meanwhile, they chose Matthias, who was elected to take the place of Judas among the Apostles.

Thus, on this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, the tenth day after the Ascension and the fiftieth day after Pascha, at the third hour of the day from the rising of the sun, there suddenly came a sound from Heaven, as when a mighty

wind blows, and it filled the whole house where the Apostles and the rest with them were gathered. Immediately after the sound, there appeared tongues of fire that divided and rested upon the head of each one. Filled with the Spirit, all those present began speaking not in their native tongue, but in other tongues and dialects, as the Holy Spirit instructed them.

The multitudes that had come together from various places for the feast, most of whom were Jews by race and religion, were called Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and so forth, according to the places where they dwelt. Though they spoke many different tongues, they were present in Jerusalem by divine dispensation. When they heard that sound that came down from Heaven to the place where the disciples of Christ were gathered, all ran together to learn what had taken place. But they were confounded when they came and heard the Apostles speaking in their own tongues. Marvelling at this, they said one to another, "Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" But others, because of their foolishness and excess of evil, mocked the wonder and said that the Apostles were drunken.

Then Peter stood up with the eleven, and raising his voice, spoke to all the people, proving that that which had taken place was not drunkenness, but the fulfilment of God's promise that had been spoken by the Prophet Joel: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that I shall pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy" (Joel 2:28), and he preached Jesus of Nazareth unto them, proving in many ways that He is Christ the Lord, Whom the Jews crucified but God raised from the dead. On hearing Peter's teaching, many were smitten with compunction and received the word. Thus, they were baptized, and on that day about three thousand souls were added to the Faith of Christ.

Such, therefore, are the reasons for today's feast: the coming of the All-holy Spirit into the world, the completion of the Lord Jesus Christ's promise, and the fulfilment of the hope of the sacred disciples, which we celebrate today. This is the final feast of the great mystery and dispensation of God's incarnation. On this last, and great, and saving day of Pentecost, the Apostles of the Saviour, who were unlearned fishermen, made wise now of a sudden by the Holy Spirit, clearly and with divine authority spoke the heavenly doctrines. They became heralds of the truth and teachers

of the whole world. On this day they were ordained and began their apostleship, of which the salvation of those three thousand souls in one day was the comely and marvellous first fruit.

Some erroneously hold that Pentecost is the “birthday of the Church.” But this is not true, for the teaching of the holy Fathers is that the Church existed before all other things. In the second vision of The Shepherd of Hermas we read: “Now brethren, a revelation was made unto me in my sleep by a youth of exceeding fair form, who said to me, ‘Whom thinkest thou the aged woman, from whom thou receivedst the book, to be?’ I say, ‘The Sibyl.’ ‘Thou art wrong,’ saith he, ‘she is not.’ ‘Who then is she?’ I say. ‘The Church,’ saith he. I said unto him, ‘Wherefore then is she aged?’ ‘Because,’ saith he, ‘she was created before all things; therefore is she aged, and for her sake the world was framed.’” Saint Gregory the Theologian also speaks of “the Church of Christ ... both before Christ and after Christ” (PG 35:1108-9). Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus writes, “The Catholic Church, which exists from the ages, is revealed most clearly in the incarnate advent of Christ” (PG 42:640). Saint John Damascene observes, “The Holy Catholic Church of God, therefore, is the assembly of the holy Fathers, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, and Martyrs who have been from the very beginning, to whom were added all the nations who believed with one accord” (PG 96, 1357c). According to Saint Gregory the Theologian, “The Prophets established the Church, the Apostles conjoined it, and the Evangelists set it in order” (PG 35, 589 A). The Church existed from the creation of the Angels, for the Angels came into existence before the creation of the world, and they have always been members of the Church. Saint Clement, Bishop of Rome, says in his second epistle to the Corinthians, the Church “was created before the sun and moon”; and a little further on, “The Church existeth not now for the first time, but hath been from the beginning” (II Cor. 14).

That which came to pass at Pentecost, then, was the ordination of the Apostles, the commencement of the apostolic preaching to the nations, and the inauguration of the priesthood of the new Israel. Saint Cyril of Alexandria says that “Our Lord Jesus Christ herein ordained the instructors and teachers of the world and the stewards of His divine Mysteries ... showing together with the dignity of Apostleship, the incomparable glory of the authority given them ... Revealing them to be splendid with the great dignity of the Apostleship and showing them forth as both

stewards and priests of the divine altars . . . they became fit to initiate others through the enlightening guidance of the Holy Spirit” (PG 74, 708-712). Saint Gregory Palamas says, “Now, therefore ... the Holy Spirit descended ... showing the Disciples to be supernal luminaries ... and the distributed grace of the Divine Spirit came through the ordination of the Apostles upon their successors” (Homily 24, 10). And Saint Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem, writes, “After the visitation of the Comforter, the Apostles became high priests” (PG 87, 3981B). Therefore, together with the baptism of the Holy Spirit which came upon them who were present in the upper chamber, which the Lord had foretold as recorded in the Acts, “ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence” (Acts 1:5), the Apostles were also appointed and raised to the high priestly rank, according to Saint John Chrysostom (PG 60, 21). On this day commenced the celebration of the Holy Eucharist by which we become “partakers of the Divine Nature” (II Peter 1:4). For before Pentecost, it is said of the Apostles and disciples only that they abode in “prayer and supplication” (Acts 1:14); it is only after the coming of the Holy Spirit that they persevered in the “breaking of bread,” that is, the communion of the Holy Mysteries—“and in prayer” (Acts 2:42).

The feast of holy Pentecost, therefore, determined the beginning of the priesthood of grace, not the beginning of the Church. Henceforth, the Apostles proclaimed the good tidings “in country and town,” preaching and baptizing and appointing shepherds, imparting the priesthood to them whom they judged were worthy to minister, as Saint Clement writes in his first Epistle to the Corinthians (I Cor. 42).

Apolytikion of Pentecost

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fishermen all-wise, sending upon them the Holy Spirit and, through them, netting the world. O Loving One, glory to You.

Kontakion of Pentecost

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

When the Most High came down and confounded tongues of men (Babel), He divided the Nations. When He dispensed the Tongues of Fire, He called all to unity, and with one voice we glorify the Most Holy Spirit.

THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS - JUNE 11



The Sunday of All Saints

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Reading:

Honouring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, “But to me, exceedingly honourable are Thy friends, O Lord” (Ps. 138:16). And the divine Apostle, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us” (Heb. 12:1).

This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of “Martyr” in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood.

Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we the pious honour all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God’s commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honour the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the “much fruit” brought forth by that “Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died” (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as “the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Saviour” (Sunday of All Saints, Doxasticon of Vespers).

In this celebration, then, we reverently honour and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honour today, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.

MEMORIALS & IN HONOR

In Memory of Georgia Kypreos

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Ms. Kiki Roros
Ms. Rose Cornias
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In Memory of Anastasia Christ

Manuel & Maria Antonakas

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In Memory of Vasilios Papamanolis

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In Honor of Maria Salpeas

Mr. Dimitrios Venetis & Family

Greek School student artwork from the educational program “I learn about my faith at Greek School “ with Father Georgios.



GREEK SCHOOL END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

Greek School students, teachers, and families celebrated the end of the school year and 6th grade graduation with songs, poems, and dancing. Best wishes to our graduates and we hope everyone has a wonderful summer!



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO DESERVING RECIPIENTS BY THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH!

On Sunday, May 21st, the Agios Nikolaos Ladies Philoptochos Society awarded 8 scholarships to deserving young men & women of our community. Presenting the awards was Irene Vasilios, President of Philoptochos.

Shown with Fr. Georgios Oikonomou and Irene Vasilios are the recipients: George Karanikolis, Stella Oikonomou, Sofia Protopapas, Vasilios Cornias, Ioannis Oikonomou, Vasili Sakpazis, and Demetris Avgerinos. Also receiving was Vivi Kaminaris.

We wish all of them much success in the upcoming school year in the Fall 2023 at the colleges where they have been accepted.



AHEPA SUNDAY MAY 21ST AND THE AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS BY AHEPA CHAPTER 364.

Also on Sunday, May 21st, the local AHEPA Chapter 364 awarded scholarships to deserving recipients from the Greater Baltimore area churches of Annunciation Cathedral, St. Demetrios and St. Nicholas.

Presenting the awards were Michael Mavronis, Scholarship Chairman and President of AHEPA Chapter 364, John Pentikas.

The recipients for the AHEPA Scholarships were Stella Oikonomou, Ioannis Oikonomou, George Karanikolis, Jiana Stamas, Ekaterina Forakis, Sofia Protopapas, Vasilis Sakpazis, Paul Spanos, Stephen Christ, and Demetrios Themelis. Also receiving was Genevieve Stakias.

Congratulations were extended to all of the recipients and wishing them much success in their upcoming studies.

ST. NICHOLAS DIAMONDS

The following is a brief recap of our main events during the past year in addition to our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Plateia with 28-31 members usually in attendance.

Our very successful annual crab feast was held in October at the Plateia as always; it was attended by many who look forward to very delicious foods, plentiful crabs, and good company.

In February after the Liturgy on Godparents' Sunday we hosted a well-attended luncheon by more than 100 persons who enjoyed fellowship and a tasty menu prepared by Spiro. We hope to sponsor both festive events next year and look forward to enjoying them with you.

Most recently in May the Diamonds sponsored a pilgrimage to the St. Nicholas Church and Shrine In New York City after which all 56 participants had a delicious luncheon in a fine Greek restaurant.

Don't these activities sound like fun!!!

Many thanks to all who have supported our endeavors who know that all profits are for the benefit our St. Nicholas Church.

Wishing you a pleasant and joyful summer and hoping to see you at our first meeting of the new Ecclesiastical Year on September 12!

- Eva Lallas

Ακολουθεί μια σύντομη ανακεφαλαίωση των κυριότερων εκδηλώσεών μας κατά τη διάρκεια του περασμένου έτους, εκτός από τις μηνιαίες συναντήσεις μας τη δεύτερη Τρίτη κάθε μήνα στις 1:00 μ.μ. στην Πλατεία με 28-31 μέλη συνήθως παρόντα.

Η πολύ επιτυχημένη ετήσια γιορτή μας της Καβουροφαγίας, πραγματοποιήθηκε τον Οκτώβριο στην Πλατεία όπως πάντα. Την παρακολούθησαν πολλοί οι οποίοι κάθε χρόνο περιμένουν με ανυπομονησία, τα πολύ νόστιμα φαγητά, τα άφθονα καβούρια και την καλή παρέα μας.

Τον Φεβρουάριο, μετά τη Λειτουργία την Κυριακή των Νονών, φιλοξενήσαμε ένα μεσημεριανό γεύμα με καλές επισκέψεις από περισσότερα από 100 άτομα που απόλαυσαν τη συναναστροφή μας και ένα νόστιμο μενού που ετοίμασε ο Σπύρος. Ελπίζουμε να υποστηρίξουμε και τις δύο εορταστικές εκδηλώσεις του χρόνου και ανυπομονούμε να τις απολαύσετε μαζί σας.

Πιο πρόσφατα, τον Μάιο, τα Διαμάντια πραγματοποίησαν ένα προσκύνημα στην Εκκλησία και το Ιερό του Αγίου Νικολάου στη Νέα Υόρκη, μετά το οποίο και οι 56 συμμετέχοντες είχαν ένα νόστιμο γεύμα σε ένα εξαιρετικό ελληνικό εστιατόριο.

Δεν ακούγονται διασκεδαστικές αυτές οι δραστηριότητες!!!

Ευχαριστούμε πολύ όλους όσους υποστήριξαν τις προσπάθειές μας που γνωρίζουν ότι όλα τα κέρδη είναι προς όφελος της Εκκλησίας μας του Αγίου Νικολάου.

Σας ευχόμαστε ένα ευχάριστο και χαρούμενο καλοκαίρι και ελπίζουμε να σας δούμε στην πρώτη μας συνάντηση του νέου Εκκλησιαστικού Έτους στις 12 Σεπτεμβρίου!

- Ευαγγελία Λαλλά



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ST. NICHOLAS BILINGUAL EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

Hello BEEC Friends and Families,

The Saint Nicholas Bilingual Early Education Center provides a safe, nurturing, home away from home learning center. We accept children from 6 weeks till 5 years of age. BEEC is hiring full-time aides to assist our teachers at the Center. If you or anyone you know is interested, please call the Center at 410-633-5020 extension 4 or message us on Facebook.

In May, the children learned how to plant flowers and care for them. They watched them grow and presented their flowers to their mothers for Mother's Day. Our BEEC students had loads of fun when the Maryland Zoo came to visit. They got to meet 3 different animals and learn things about them and their habitats. Lastly, We had a visitor from the local library that came and read us a few books on the playground. The children really seemed to enjoy having story time outside on the playground.

This month the BEEC children will be attending the Greek Festival performing 3 Greek Folk dances at 5:00pm. BEEC will be hosting a wonderful breakfast in honor of Father's Day. The children will enjoy a nice breakfast while spending time with their dads. Another fun activity we will be doing throughout the summer is having water day every Wednesday where the kiddos can participate in water activities. This month we will also be having a small ceremony for our graduating students. We will miss them and wish them all the best in their academic school years.

Michelle Abuel
Director of BEEC

Δίγλωσσος Βρεφονηπιακός Σταθμός Αγίου Νικολάου,

Ο Δίγλωσσος Βρεφονηπιακός Σταθμός του Αγίου Νικολάου παρέχει ένα ασφαλές, περιποιητικό, κέντρο εκμάθησης μακριά από το σπίτι. Δεχόμαστε παιδιά από 6 εβδομάδων έως 5 ετών. Ο BEEC προσλαμβάνει βοηθούς πλήρους απασχόλησης για να βοηθήσουν τους δασκάλους μας στο Κέντρο. Εάν ενδιαφέρεστε εσείς ή κάποιος που γνωρίζετε, καλέστε το Κέντρο στο 410-633-5020 επέκταση 4 ή στείλτε μας μήνυμα στο Facebook.

Τον Μάιο τα παιδιά έμαθαν πώς να φυτεύουν λουλούδια και να τα φροντίζουν. Τα παρακολούθησαν να μεγαλώνουν και έδωσαν τα λουλούδια τους στις μητέρες τους για την Ημέρα της Μητέρας. Οι μαθητές μας διασκέδασαν πάρα πολύ όταν ήρθε να μας επισκεφτεί ο ζωολογικός κήπος του Μέριλαντ. Συνάντησαν 3 διαφορετικά ζώα και έμαθαν πράγματα για αυτά και τους βιότοπούς τους. Τέλος, είχαμε έναν επισκέπτη από την τοπική βιβλιοθήκη που ήρθε και μας διάβασε μερικά βιβλία στην παιδική χαρά. Τα παιδιά έμοιαζαν πραγματικά να απολαμβάνουν να περνούν χρόνο ακούγοντας ιστορίες έξω στην παιδική χαρά.



Αυτό το μήνα τα παιδιά του BEEC θα παρακολουθήσουν το Ελληνικό Φεστιβάλ παρουσιάζοντας 3 ελληνικούς λαϊκούς χορούς στις 5:00 μ.μ. Ο BEEC θα φιλοξενήσει ένα υπέροχο πρωινό προς τιμήν της Ημέρας του Πατέρα. Τα παιδιά θα απολαύσουν ένα ωραίο πρωινό περνώντας χρόνο με τους μπαμπάδες τους. Μια άλλη διασκεδαστική δραστηριότητα που θα κάνουμε όλο το καλοκαίρι είναι η ημέρα του νερού, κάθε Τετάρτη τα παιδιά θα μπορούν να συμμετέχουν σε θαλάσσιες δραστηριότητες. Αυτό το μήνα θα κάνουμε επίσης μια μικρή τελετή για τους αποφοίτους μας. Θα μας λείψουν και θα τους ευχηθούμε ότι καλύτερο στα επόμενα σχολικά τους χρόνια.

Michelle Abuel
Υποδιευθύντρια του BEEC



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

*The United Chian Societies of Baltimore “Andreas Syggros” and Ladies Panchian Society
Scholarship Applications are now available at the St. Nicholas Church Office
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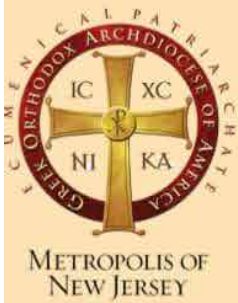


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In gratitude for God's blessings I/we make the following commitment to the ministries of St. Nicholas Church:
Σαν έκφραση ευγνωμοσύνης μου για τις ευλογίες που έχω λάβει από τον Θεό, δεσμεύομαι με την ακόλουθη οικονομική και εθελοντική μου προσφορά προς την Εκκλησία του Αγίου Νικολάου:

\$ _____ (Weekly / Monthly / Quarterly / Yearly)
\$ _____ (Εβδομαδιαίως / Μηνιαίως / Ανά Τρίμηνο / Ετησίως)
TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE FOR 2023 :\$ _____
Συνολικό ποσό προσφοράς για το 2023 :\$ _____

Come and See God work through your talents, skills, and experience, as well as your financial support.
Your offering to Christ and His Church can do as much as you empower it to do.

We give to Christ and His Church not according to our means but according to our love for Him.
Γίνετε μάρτυρες του έργου του Θεού! Δώστε από το ταλέντο με το οποίο σας έχει προικίσει, με τις ικανότητες, τις εμπειρίες, την οικονομική σας ευχέρεια. Η προσφορά μας στον Χριστό και την Εκκλησία Του ας βασιστεί στην αγάπη μας προς Αυτόν, όχι στην οικονομική μας δυνατότητα.

Planned Giving _____ Please send me information on making a planned gift to the Church.
Δωρεά που σχεδιάζω _____ Παρακαλώ στείλτε μου πληροφορίες σχετικά με τον τρόπο που μπορώ να δωρίσω.

Print Full Name/ Γράψτε με κεφαλαία γράμματα το επίθετό σας _____

Signature/ Υπογραφή _____

Date/ Ημερομηνία _____

Name / Ονομα	Date of Birth / Ημερομ. Γεννήσεως
Name of Spouse / Όνομα συζύγου	Date of Birth / Ημερομ. Γεννήσεως
Occupation / Επάγγελμα	
Occupation / Επάγγελμα (Spouse)	
Street Address / Ηλεκτρονική διεύθυνση	
City / πόλη	Zip Code / ταχ. τομέας
Home Phone / Σταθερό τηλέφωνο σπιτιού	
Mobile Phone / Κινητό τηλέφωνο	Mobile Phone / Κινητό τηλέφωνο (Spouse)
Email Address / Ηλεκτρονική διεύθυνση	
Email Address of Spouse / Ηλεκτρονική διεύθυνση συζύγου	
Communication Preferences / Προτιμήσεις επικοινωνίας	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mail / Ταχυδρομείο <input type="checkbox"/> Email / Ηλεκτρονική <input type="checkbox"/> Text / Μήνυμα	
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If you would like to give electronically, visit our website www.stnicholasmd.org/give or download the GivePlus mobile app. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 410-633-5020.



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

Εάν επιθυμείτε να στείλετε τη δωρεά σας ηλεκτρονικά, επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα μας www.stnicholasmd.org/give ή κατεβάστε την εφαρμογή GivePlus mobile. Εάν έχετε απορίες, επικοινωνήστε με το Γραφείο της Εκκλησίας στο τηλέφωνο 410-633-5020.



100 CENTENNIAL 1922-2022 PILGRIMAGE

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- 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.

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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 Ascelpion



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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14 DAYS



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NOTICES

SPONSOR A COFFEE HOUR

We have resumed the Coffee Hour following the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour in memory of a loved one, for the health of your family, or in honor of our St. Nicholas Church.

Please call the office at 410-633-5020 to schedule.

*Thank you
for your
support!*



HELP US GROW THROUGH E-GIVING



It's through your contributions that we're able to carry on important work both spiritually and in our community.

Electronic giving is a convenient, easy way to support St. Nicholas.

By giving electronically, you can:

- Give anywhere, anytime from your computer, smartphone or tablet.
- Donate easily for special projects.
- Set up recurring offerings and pledges and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again.

Show your support and try one of our e-Giving options. If you would like to give electronically, visit our website www.stnicholasmd.org or download the GivePlus mobile app.

Thank you for all you do to support our St. Nicholas family throughout the year!



NOTICE:

All organizations

must review their upcoming events with Paraskevi Kotsatou (410-633-5020) who will add the event to the official church calendar on the bulletin board across from Father Georgios' office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

WE ARE online

- Website: <https://stnicholasmd.org>
- Website: <https://greekfolkfestival.com>
- Youtube: [@st.nicholasgreekorthodoxch294](https://www.youtube.com/@st.nicholasgreekorthodoxch294)
- Youtube: [@fr.georgiosoikonomou](https://www.youtube.com/@fr.georgiosoikonomou)
- Facebook: [SaintNicholasBaltimore](https://www.facebook.com/SaintNicholasBaltimore)
- Blog: saintnicholasmd.blogspot.com

LITURGICAL CALENDAR - JUNE

- Saturday, June 3: The Saturday of Souls
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am
- Sunday, June 4: Holy Pentecost:
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Monday, June 5: Monday of the Holy Spirit
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am
- Sunday, June 11: The Sunday of all Saints:
Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Sunday, June 18: 2nd Sunday of Matthew:
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Saturday, June 24: Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am
- Sunday, June 25: 3rd Sunday of Matthew:
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Thursday, June 29: Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles:
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am
- Friday, June 30: Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles:
Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am