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Message from Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos

Reach Out with God's Love and Touch Someone!

With those joyous words I greet all of you. Whenever I hear these words spoken or written, they always touch my heart, and they bring back memories of the events that our Community has

accomplished. How fast time fly when your busy and having fun. Just a few months ago we celebrated the Great Feast Day of Pascha. What a wonderful journey that the faithful of St. Nicholas endured throughout the 40 day Lenten Period, and the thousands of Parishioners who worshiped during the Holy Week services. In appreciation I would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the Parish Council, the Church staff, the Chanters, Choir Director, the Organist and all the Choir members, the Acolytes, the Myrrh bearers, the Donors, the Ladies of Philoptochos who decorated the Epitaphio, the Ladies on the Altar committee who decorated the interior of the church and Atrium throughout the week. To all of you words cannot express my heartfelt gratitude for your love and support of St. Nicholas. Many thanks to my comrades in arms, my Pastoral assistant, our church sexton, who faithfully served and dedicated endless hours of devoted work toward God and the Church. Appreciation and gratitude along with heartfelt thanks is expressed to all who gave of themselves and for the many offering s and donations that our beloved parishioners gave to the church during all services and events. Secondly,

It was heartwarming to see our Community together working side by side and supporting our Annual St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival that was held on Thursday, June 9th to Sunday June 12th. With some of the best weather even though rain was in the forecast, we still had record crowds come through the four days of fun, fellowship, food and entertainment. Again, words cannot express my heartfelt gratitude.

I would also like to thank each and everyone of you, for your dedicated service and I cherish every kind moment that we experienced together during the festival. I hope, that through this celebration, we have learned the true meaning of faith, and the true meaning of "Reaching out with God's love and Touching Someone in a spiritual manner."

Many people offered their time, talent, and personal contributions on a daily basis. That is why, I extend my sincere congratulations to the entire Festival Committee, and to the wonderful Ladies, who prepared months before e the festival the delicious food and sweets. My hat goes out to the Food Chairperson, Mrs. Rose Cornias, who with tireless long hours endured the long journey towards the success of the festival. During the festival I received hundreds of compliments on the great food that was served. With hers knowledge, enthusiasm, and culinary skills, she and her crew made this festival what it is today.

Special thanks to all the Chairpersons of the different booths who worked hard in setting up the booths, and finding the right people to work them. I especially thank all the generous parishioners who offered their personal time and talents and the countless hours of dedicated service to their booths during the four days of the festival.

To the members of the Parish Council, and the Festival Security group who came in the morning and left when the festival shut down everyday. I owe a debt of gratitude for your love and service. In closing I always save the best for last. I expressed all these Thank You's, to those who gave up their personal time, who reached in their pockets and supported their church. To those who sold all those Raffle tickets, and to those who bought Festival Ad's we thank you dearly. But the person who deserves the pat on the back is our Festival Chairman, Mr. Frank Mitsos.

This is a person who deserves the greatest of all compliments and gratitude. Those who have been in his shoes truly understand what it takes to be a General Chairman for a festival of this magnitude. Frank put on a fantastic unforgettable affair. He started planning this festival a year in advance. His knowledge, Leadership, enthusiasm, and expertise, brought us to this reality, that we have one of the best festivals that Baltimore has ever seen.

I have never seen a person work so hard taking the time from his work and family, and to devote his time to the festival. God Bless our Chairman Frank Mitsos, and may God give him health and the strength to put on another successful festival next year.

To all of you ... I say.. "Well Done" Good and faithful servants. May our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ Bless each and everyone of you with the good things that life provides. **Have a great summer.**

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Μήνυμα από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Παστρικό ΠΛΗΣΙΑΣΕ ΚΑΙ ΒΟΗΘΗΣΕ ΤΟ ΣΥΝΑΝΘΡΩΠΟ ΣΟΥ ΜΕ ΑΓΑΠΗ!

Με τούτο το χαρούμενο μήνυμα σας χαιρετώ όλους. Όποτε κι αν ακούσω ή δω γραμμένα αυτά τα λόγια, πάντα αγγίζουν την καρδιά μου, και ξαναφέρνουν αναμνήσεις γεγονότων που πέτυχε η Κοινότητά μας.

Πόσο γρήγορα περνά ο χρόνος, όταν είσαι απασχολημένος και συνάμα χαίρεσαι. Μόλις λίγους μήνες πριν εορτάσαμε την Εορτή των Εορτών, το Άγιο Πάσχα.

Τι θαυμάσιο ταξίδι υπέμειναν οι πιστοί του Αγίου Νιχολάου τις 40 ημέρες της Αγίας και Μεγάλης Τεσσαραχοστής, και οι χιλιάδες των ενοριτών που παρηχολούθησαν τις Αχολουθίες της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας. Με πολύ εκτίμηση θέλω επ' ευκαιρία να ευχαριστήσω τα μέλη του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου, το προσωπικό της Εκκλησίας μας, τους Ψάλτες, το Χοράοχη μας, το Χειριστή του Εκκλησιαστικού Οργάνου και όλα τα μέλη της Χορωδίας μας, τους Ιερόπαιδες, τις Μυροφόρες, τους δωρητές, τις χυρίες της Φιλοπτώχου που εστόλισαν το κουβούκλιο του Επιταφίου, τις κυρίες που καθάρισαν και εστόλισαν τον εσωτερικό χώρο της Εκκλησίας και την Αίθουσα Υποδοχής, όλη την Εβδομάδα. Δεν μπορώ να εχφράσω με λόγια την βαθιά μου ευγνωμοσύνη για την αγάπη σα και την υποστήριξή σας στον Άγιο Νικόλαο. Ευχαριστώ πάρα πολύ τους στενούς μου συνεργάτες, τον Ποιμαντικό μου βοηθό, τον Νεοχόρο, που πιστά υπηρέτησαν και αφιέρωσαν αμέτρητες ώρες εργασίας προς το Θεό και την ΕκκλησίαΤου. Επίσης απευθύνω την ευγνωμοσύμνη μου και εκτίμησή μου καθώς και τις ευχαριστίες μου προς

όλους όσοι πρόσφεραν εθελοντικά το χρόνο τους και προς όλους όσοι έκαναν δωρεές στην εκκλησία μας, σε όλες τις Ακολουθίες.

Δεύτερο ήταν πολύ συγκινητικό να βλέπεις την Κοινότητά μας να δουλεύει πλάϊ πλάϊ για το Ετήσιο Λαϊκό Πανηγύρι του Αγίου Νικολάου που ήταν από την Πέμπτη 9 Ιουνίου έως την Κυριακή 12 Ιουνίου, 2011. Με καλό καιρό, αν και η πρόβλεψη του ήταν βροχερή, είχαμε πάρα πολύ κόσμο τις τέσσερεις αυτές ημέρες που επισκέφθηκαν το Πανηγύρι μας, έφαγαν, διασκέδασαν και συνάντησαν γνωστούς και φίλους. Και πάλι τα λόγια δεν μπορούν να εκφράσουν την βαθιά μου ευγνωμοσύνη.

Θα ήθελα επίσης να ευχαριστήσω κάθε έναν από εσάς που δουλέψατε φιλότιμα, και εκτιμώ την κάθε στιγμή που ζήσαμε μαζί κατά τη διάρκεια του φεστιβάλ. Ελπίζω ότι μέσα από αυτή τη γιορτή, έχουμε μάθει το πραγματικό νόημα της πίστης, και την αληθινή έννοια της «Προσέγγισε με αγάπη και άγγιξε κάποιον, με πενυματική σημασία.»

Πολλοί προσέφεραν το χρόνο τους, το ταλέντο τους και τις προσωπικές τους δωρεές σε καθημερινή βάση. Γι αυτό, τους συγχαίρω ειλικρινά, εκ μέρους ολοκλήρου της Επιτροπής του Φεστιβάλ. Επίσης συγχαίρω τις κυρίες που προετοίμασαν πολύ καιρό πριν τα νοστημότατα φαγητά και γλυκά. Βγάζω το καπέλο μου στην Υπεύθυνη της Προετοιμασίας Φαγητών και Γλυκών, την κυρία Ρόζα Κόρνια, που διέθεσε ακούραστα ατέλειωτες ώρες για την

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A Letter of Appreciation from the Festival Chairman

SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK FOLK FESTIVAL 2011

The 2011 Saint Nicholas Greek Folk Festival is officially over. This year's festival was another great success, and it is your dedication to our beloved church that makes this festival what it has become-the largest outdoors ethnic festival! Without you, the festival would not have materialized. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who prepared and cooked the homemade food and pastries, and to everyone who came to work in the various areas during the festival.

I would like to personally thank Fr. Michael, the President and members of the Parish Council, and my co-chairpersons and committee leaders who worked tirelessly to ensure the prior to and during the festival.



On Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Kostas Skordalos and Kostas Karagiannopoulos festival volunteers.

Festival Wrap Up meeting in the social hall of the church for everyone who took part in this year's festival. A light meal will be served. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. It is the joint cooperation of everyone involved that makes us a great community!

Sincerely, Frank Mitsos, Chairman, Festival 2011

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΛΑΙΚΟ ΠΑΝΗΓΥΡΙ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ 2011

Το Ελληνικό Λαϊκό Πανηγύρι του Αγίου Νικολάου 2011, έχει επίσημα τελειώσει. . Το φετεινό Φεστιβάλ ήταν άλλη μια μεγάλη επιτυχία, και αυτό οφείλεται στη δική σας αφοσίωσή προς την αγαπημένη μας Εκκλησία



St. Nicholas Greek School dancers at the Folk Festival.

ομαλής εξέλιξης των εργασιών πριν και κατά τη διάρκεια του φεστιβάλ.

Tην Τρίτη, 12, Ιουλίου 2011, στις 6:00 μ.μ. θα γίνει μια Συνεδρίαση του Φεστιβάλ, στην Κοινοτική αίθουσα της Εκκλησίας, για όλους όσους έλαβαν μέρος στο φετεινό Φεστιβάλ, για να συζητήσουμε τα καλώς και τα κακώς έχοντα του Φεστιβάλ που πέρασε. Θα σερβιριστεί ένα ελαφού γεύμα. Παρακαλούμε να καταβάλετε κάθε προσπάθεια για να παραχολουθήσετε αυτή τη σημαντιχή συνεδρίαση. Είναι η κοινή συνεργασία όλων των εμπλεκομένων που αποδεικνύει ότι είμαστε μια μεγάλη και σημαντκή Κοινότητα.

> Με εχτίμηση, Φώτης Μήτσος, Γενικός Υπεύθυνος του Φεστιβάλ 2011

, και στο Φεστιβάλ που έχει φθάσει στα σημερινά ύψη - στο μεγαλύτερο Υπαίθριο Εθνικό Φεστιβάλ της πόλης μας!!! Χωρίς εσάς, το Φεστιβάλ δεν θα είχε υλοποιηθεί. Πολλές ευχαριστίες σε όλους τους εθελοντές που προετοίμασαν και μαγείρεψαν τα σπιτικά φαγητά και γλυκά, και σε όλους όσοι ήρθαν και εργάσητκαν στα διάφορα περίπτερα κατά τη διάρκεια του Φεστιβάλ.

Θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω προσωπικά τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ, τον Πρόεδρο και τα μέλη του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου, τους συν-υπευθύνους της Επιτροπής μου και όλους οι οποίοι εργάστηκαν ακούραστα για την εξασφάλιση της

Ta Ellinakia dancers performing at the Folk Festival.

COMMUNITY NEWS -

TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF SAINT NICHOLAS:

We extend heartfelt thanks to you for the active participation you have shown, through the years, in our Saint Nicholas Greek Folk Festival.

Your interest in the Raffle Tickets facet of the Festival, generated funds, that are greatly needed by our Church. We truly appreciate and value your efforts and the love you have shown towards Saint Nicholas.

May God continue to bless you and your family. The Raffle Committee, Festival 2011

Θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε από καρδιάς όλους εσάς που για χρόνια τώρα υποστηρίζετε το Ελληνικό Λαϊκό Πανηγύρι του Αγίου Νικολάου.

Το ενδιαφέρον και η συμμετοχή σας στο τομέα του ΛΑΧΕΙΟΥ, φέρνει τα απαραίτητα χρηματικά κεφάλαια για τη ζωή και επέκταση της Κοινότητας/Εκκκλησίας. Εκτιμούμε απεριόριστα τις προσπάθειές σας και επίσης την αγάπη που δείχνετε στον Άγιο Νικόλαο. Ο Θεός μαζί σας,

Με εκτίμηση, από την Επιτροπή του Λαχείου, Φεστιβάλ 2011.

FESTIVAL 2011 — RAFFLE WINNERS: RAVENS THROW BLANKET, HAND MADE: Ticket No. 640075 STEELERS THROW BLANKET HAND MADE: Ticket No. 640113 HAND MADE BOAT: Ticket No. 640104

<u>\$ 5 RAFFLE</u>

1. PRIZE: \$ 3,000 No. 3499 2. PRIZE: \$ 1,500 No. 4903

<u>\$ 100 RAFFLE</u>

1. PRIZE: \$15,000 No. 744 2. PRIZE: \$3,000 No. 555 3. PRIZE: \$2.000 No. 1337

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF OUR COMMUNITY

We would like to take this opportunity to Congratulate all the students who graduated from High School onto different colleges this year, and wish them best of luck with their future education and careers.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

They are: Nicoletta Hatzigiannis, Angelica Sfakianoudis, Dimitra Mitsos, Eva Koliofotis, Stamati Siskos, Maria Stavrakis, Manuel Giorgakis, John Giorgakis, Toula Hatzidakis, Vaso Katsaros, Christina Araviakis, Valanti Diacoloukas, Michael Klosterides, Alexandros Constantine Spencer.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

MILTIADIS (MILTON) ARAVIDIS

On Friday May 20, 2011 at the University of Maryland at College Park's Commencement Exercises, the Dean of the A. James Clark School of Engineering presented Miltiadis (Milton) Aravidis with the Bachelor's Of Science Degree in Chemical and Bimolecular Engineering. Milton is the son of proud parents Nickolas and Smaragda Aravidis. He was baptized, and educated the Greek Orthodox religion as well as the Greek language. He served as Altar boy and grew within the Saint Nicholas Community and is now an integral part of our Saint Nicholas Community.

STYLIANOS P. CHRISOPOULOS—Graduated from Towson University with a Bachelor's Degree of Science. He will attend Phar-

macy School in September, 2011.

ANDREAS KAIKIS—Graduated Cum Laude from Loyola University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a minor in Political Science. Andreas was inducted as a member into the Beta Beta Beta National Honor Society for Biology and Pi Sigma Alpha National Honor Society for Political Science. He was also heavily involved on campus as an orientation leader in the Office of Student Leadership, community service director for the Health Leads program at the University of Maryland Medical Center, and a volunteer at the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital. Andreas will continue his education at Temple University in Philadelphia where he will pursue a dual degree in medicine and public health.

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VASILIS SFAKIANOUDIS—Graduated from Towson University with a double major. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Systems and Business Management.

NICHOLAS KARAGEORGOS—Graduated from UMBC with a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

AN AFTERNOON OF JOY

On Saturday, June 25, 2011, the St. Nicholas Community held a baby shower for Deepak Rana, lead custodian for St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and his wife, Ankita.

The proud parents are expecting their first child, a boy, in August, 2011. Deepak has been instrumental in maintaining the church in top condition and is always available to help any church



Deepak Rana and his wife, Ankita enjoying the baby shower for them.

organization. Therefore, the St. Nicholas Diamonds wanted to organize a beautiful baby shower for Deepak and his wife to celebrate the pending arrival of their new baby.

For anyone unaware of this wonderful event or who was unable to attend, the couple is registered at Baby's R' Us. Any gift from our parishioners may be dropped off at the main office of St. Nicholas Church to Maria Salpeas, Church Secretary.

Deepak and his wife were overjoyed by the love shown by our parishioners and were truly thankful for the gifts they received that day.

Νέα του Ελληνικού Σχολείου — Greek School News First of all, I would like to congratulate all the Greek (3 hours language program, half an hour dance lessons)

School, Ellinakia and Golden Coins dancers for performing in such a graceful and impressive manner all those beautiful Greek dances during our Festival. Everyone worked very hard, literally sweating while delighting the audience. May you all be healthy and well for an "encore" next year.

We always feel special joy and pride when we learn about our students' successes and achievements. We would like to ask the parents and the students to inform us of any accomplishments they have achieved and/or honors they have received at school or within the community.



We would like to congratulate our student, Katerina leromonahou for achieving such honors. Katerina, an upcoming eighth grader at Holabird Middle School received several certificates for achieving straight A's, for having excellent school attendance for all seven years, and for being a member of the National Juniors

Honor Society as well as the Student Government Association. Also, Katerina plays the clarinet with her school's band. In elementary school, she was awarded the President's Choice award. Also, she is a GT art student. Her art work has been displayed at the Northpoint Library Art Show.

As our ancient Greeks would say: "May you always excel!" Katerina!

GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Interested parents may register their child/children by visiting the Church office, completing the registration form and making financial arrangements for paying the tuition (\$530.00 per child). Parents may also accomplish this online by visiting our website at www.stnicholasmd.org.

The traditional Blessing of the Greek School will take place on Friday, September 9, 2011at 6:00 p.m. Classes begin on Monday, September 12, 2011.

Our Afternoon Greek School offers the following classes:

- 1. Pre-K for children ages 4-5
- 2. Kindergarten for children ages 5-6
- 3. First grade
- 4. Second grade
- 5. Third grade
- 6. Fourth grade
- 7. Fifth grade
- 8. Sixth grade (this year we have no students for that grade)
- 9. Seventh grade
- 10. Ellinomatheia class
- **11.** Conversational Greek
- 12. Adult class

Each student (from Pre-K to Sixth grade) attends school twice a week for a total of three and a half hours (3 hours language program, half an hour dance lessons).

Ellinomatheia Class: The purpose of this new Greek School class is to prepare students who have graduated from any Greek School and who would like to take this test and get a certificate. The class (provided we have at least three (3) students) will be held every Friday for three hours. This class requires perfect attendance and hard work. The students will have homework!

Seventh Grade Class: Students enrolled in this class will have the opportunity to study Greek, so that on the one hand they will not forget what they have learned and on the other, they will be able, depending on their interest, to learn more. Homework IS NOT mandatory! The class will convene once a week for an hour and a half.

For more information, please contact Greek School Principal, Mrs. Eleni Monopolis, at 410-828-9139 until July 16, 2011 or after August 20, 2011.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE IS THE FOLLOWING:

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Pre-K:	Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30–5:55 p.m.
Kindergarten:	Tuesday and Thursday, 6:05–7:25 p.m.
First grade:	Monday, 4:30–6:00 p.m. (language) 6:00–6:25 p.m. (dance) Wednesday, 4:30–5:55 p.m. (language)
Second grade:	Monday 6:00–6:25 p.m. (dance) 6:30–7:55 p.m. (language) Wednesday, 6:00–7:25 p.m. (language)
Third grade:	Monday, 4:30–5:55 p.m. (language) Wednesday, 4:30–5:55 p.m.(language) 6:00–6:25 p.m. (dance)
Fifth grade:	Monday, 6:30–7:55 p.m. (language) Wednesday, 6:00 – 6:25 p.m. (dance) 6:30–7:55 p.m. (language)
Fourth grade:	
-	Tuesday, 4:30–5:55 p.m. (language) 6:00–6:25 p.m. (dance) Thursday, 4:30–5:55 p.m. (language)
Filinomatheia	Friday 4·30_7·30 n m (language)

Ellinomatheia: Friday, 4:30–7:30 p.m. (language)

The day and time for the Conversational class, Seventh grade and adult class will be determined once we have at least three students in each of the above classes.

I wish you all a very pleasant summer. Looking forward to seeing you again in September 2011.

Principal Mrs. Eleni Monopolis



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Rev. Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos, His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey and Rev. Fr. Nicholas L. Pastrikos, Fr. Michael's brother.

PRESBYTERA ATHENA KALPAXIS MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

From 1971 until her untimely death in 1984, Presbytera Athena Kalpaxis faithfully served as the helpmate to her husband, Father George, as he pastored the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Baltimore, Md. During the period of her long illness which led to her failing asleep in the Lord, Presbytera often expressed the desire that a way be found to help deserving young people who because of limited financial resources, might not be able to pursue worthy educational endeavors. To honor her wishes and through the generosity of many benefactors and the efforts of Father George and his family, the Presbytera Athena Kalpaxis Memorial Education Fund was established.

Each year the Fund grants awards to enable qualified students to pursue college and university studies; thus fulfilling Presbytera's strong belief in the wisdom of acquiring knowledge, not only for education goals, but also to attain the higher goals of understanding, tolerance and spirituality.

Any entering or present undergraduate, graduate, law or medical student pursuing a degree at an accredited college or university who is a baptized Orthodox Christian and a participating communicant of an Orthodox Church in the State of Maryland may apply for the scholarship. Please visit St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church's main office Monday through Friday and on Sundays after church services for an application.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Registration for the 2011-2012 Sunday School year will begin on Sunday, September 11th in the Small Hall after church services. Classes this year will be starting on Sunday, September 18th. Registration fee is still \$10 per child. On Sunday, September 11th after registration, all Sunday School volunteers are asked to stay for a brief meeting.

If you are interested in helping in the Sunday School as a teacher's aide or office aide, please stop by in the Small Hall on Sept. 11th or stop by the Sunday School office on any Sunday. Won't you dedicate some of your time on Sundays to volunteer in the Sunday School program and help spread the word of God to our young students.

We look forward to welcoming all of you: our students, parents, teachers and aides back to regular church attendance and to Sunday School.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

God's Spirit of Love and Joy was felt throughout the halls of Saint Nicholas during our annual Vacation Bible School Program, June 27th through July 1st. God's Spirit was infectious as more than 50 youngsters learned about "Where God Is Wild About You!" and His enormous love for us through our Orthodox faith. The theme "Panda Mania" guided our youngsters through a week of learning how God made us and that God loves us no matter what. The young caring adults and teenagers of our Parish were instrumental in making the week fun. And as always, tasty lunches were prepared for all by the very capable ladies of our Saint Nicholas church.

Our sincere thanks to all the parents who gave priority and enrolled their children in this

learning experience of our Church, to the contributors who donated materials, and to all the volunteers who cheerfully manned each aspect of the program. Everyone involved was responsible for its success: we could not have accomplished this without them. We look forward to working with them once again next year. May God continue to bless them all.

 Vacation Bible School Program participants posing in front of the church for a group photograph.
Adult Volunteers preparing lunch for the children.

③ Father Michael L. Pastrikos helping children complete a craft at Vacation Bible School.

⁽⁴⁾ Young members of the Greek Orthodox Faith participating in St. Nicholas Vacation Bible School.









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COMMUNITY NEWS -

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GREEKTOWN CDC

A message from John E. Gavrilis, CEO

Congratulations to the St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival Committee for another successful festival!

The 'Greektown Row' housing development, 800 block of Oldham Street, received final approval from the Baltimore City Planning Commission on April 2, 2011 and has begun demolition of the former Bob's Trucking Depot. The first phase of this development is 121 Ryan townhomes featuring brick facades and two car garages. The Greektown CDC has been monitoring the progress of this development and looks forward to the new homeowners moving to Greektown.

With the revitalization to our housing market and commercial

ELIZABETH MULDER-STOUPAKI GOING FOR THE GOLD

Most of us remember Dorothy Hamill winning the Olympia Gold for figure skating in 1976. It was a difficult task that took hard work, focus and dedication. Elizabeth Mulder-Stoupaki, the daughter of St. Nicholas Greek School teacher, Anna Stoupaki-Syrmakezi, is aiming her sights on the Olympic stage.

Elizabeth recently passed her U.S. Figure Skating Senior Moves in the Field test. According to a letter from Patricia St. Peter, President of the U.S. Figure Skating Association, the U.S. Figure Skating test structure is the backbone of participation in figure skating and one that Elizabeth should feel extremely proud of accomplishing. Passing the senior test means that Elizabeth has achieved the highest accomplishment in testing and has now earned the title, "U.S. Figure Skating gold medalist." She will carry this title forever. She will be able to put it on a coaching resume, her college application and even job resumes.

Fewer than 1,000 members of the U.S. Figure Skating pass the Senior Moves in the Field test each year, representing about 1% of their full membership. Elizabeth accomplished this task with hard work, focus and dedication to the sport she loves, figure skating.

We congratulate Elizabeth on achieving this extraordinary

- KOINOTIKA NEA district, it takes us back to one of our main themes – community investment. We encourage you to join our efforts by making improvements to your home and utilizing the Healthy Neighborhoods program. Invest in our youth by volunteering at the Mora Crossman Recreation Center or helping out with the Church's youth groups. Invest by supporting our community's businesses and restaurants. Lastly, join one of our committees and volunteer your time in any one of our projects and events, such as our bi-weekly community clean-ups and Citizen on Patrol Walks (C.O.P). Please call our office, 410-327-3306, for the dates and times of our C.O.P. walks and for committee information.

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You are our eyes and ears in the community. Please remember call **911** for all crime related issues and emergencies, including illegal dumping and loitering, and **311** for non-emergencies and City services. **Believe in your community!**



Elizabeth Mulder-Stoupkaki and her grandmother at the ice skating rink.

accomplishment and wish her a bright future with the U.S. Figure Skating Assocation.

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church recently honored Mr. John Dimitriades, past president of the Parish Council for his dedicated service of 10 years as the President of the Parish Council at St. Nicholas Church.

His dedication and love for the church has been unparalleled.

In the photograph, are well wishers: George and Linda Skandalis, Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos, Eleni Louvrou-Monopolis, Greek School Pincipal, Maria Salpeas, Church Secretary, Parish Council President Takis Papadopoulos, John Demitriades, and George Rossis.



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Συνέχεια απο την σελίδα 2

επιτυχία του Φεστιβάλ. Κατά τη διάρκεια του Πανηγυριού πολλοί με πλησίασαν και μου έδωσαν συγχαρητήρια για το εξαιρετικό φαγητό που γεύθηκαν. Με τις μαγηρικές της γνώσεις, τον ενθουσιασμό της και την εμπειρία της, η Ρόζα και η ομάδα της έφεραν το Φεστιβάλ εκεί που είναι σήμερα.

Πολλά ευχαριστώ επίσης σε όλους τους Υπευθύνους των διαφόρων Περιπτέρων που εργάστημαν πολύ για να στήσουν τα προς πώληση, να βρουν τους κατάλληλους ανθρώπους να εργαστούν χέρι χέρι. Ευχαριστώ όλους τους γενναιόδωρους ενορίτες μας που έδωσδαν το χρόνο τους το ταλέντο τους και τις αμέτρητες ώρες αφωσιωμένης δουλειάς στο περίπτερό τους τις 4 ημέρες του Φεστιβάλ.

Προς τα μέλη του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου, τα μέλη της Ασφάλειας του Φεστιβάλ, ένα γχρουπ που ερχόνταν νωρίς το πρωΐ κια έφευγε όταν έκλεινε το Φεστιβάλ, αργά το βράδυ, κάθε μέρα. Σας οφείλω ευγνωμοσύμνη για την αγάπη σας και τις υπηρεσίες σας.

Τέλος, πάντα φυλάω το καλύτερο στο τέλος, εκφράζω τις ευχαριστίες μου, σε όλους όσοι έβαλαν βαθιά το χέρι στην τσέπη και υποστήριξαν την Εκκλησία τους, προς όλους όσοι πήραν μέρος και πούλησαν τα Λαχεία, και

προς όλους όσοι διαφήμισαν στο Διαφημιστικό Βιβλίο του Φεστιβαλ. Αλλά ο άνθρωπος που αξίζει το επαινετικό κτύπημα στην πλάτη είναι Πρόεδρος του Φεστιβάλ μας, ο κύοιος Φώτης Μητσός. Είναι ένα άτομο που αξίζει τη φιλοφρονήσεων μεγαλύτεοη όλων των και ευγνωμοσυνών, μόνον όσοι έχουν μπεί στα παπούτσια του, μπορούν να κατανοήσουν πραγματικά, τι χρειάζεται για να είναι κάποιος Γενικός Πρόεδρος για ένα Φεστιβάλ αυτού του μεγέθους. Ο Φώτης συνέστησε ένα φανταστικό και αξέχαστο Πανηγύοι. Ξεκίνησε να προγραμματίζει το Φεστιβάλ πριν ένα χρόνο. Οι γνώσεις του, η ηγεσία, ο ενθουσιασμός και η εμπειρία του, μας έφεραν σε αυτή την πραγματικότητα, ότι έχουμε ένα από τα καλύτερα φεστιβάλ που έχει δει ποτέ η Βαλτιμόρη.

Δεν έχω ξαναδεί κάποιον που να εργάζεται τόσο σκληρά, να παίρνει χρόνο από τη δουλειά και την οιχογένειά του και να τα αφιερώνει στο φεστιβάλ. Ο Θεός να ευλογεί τον Πρόεδρο του Φεστιβάλ μας, τον ΦΩΤΗ ΜΗΤΣΟ, και είθε ο Θεός να του χαρίζει υγεία και δύναμη να προγραμματίσει άλλο ένα επιτυχημένο φεστιβάλ του χρόνου.

Σε όλους εσας... τους καλούς και πιστούς εργάτες μας «Μπράβο σας». Είθε ο Κύριος και Σωτήρας μας, Ιησούς Χριστός σας ευλογεί και σας χαρίζει παν αγαθό. ΚΑΛΟ ΚΑΛΟΚΑΙΡΙ!

Saint Nicholas Church Profit & Loss January through May 2011

Expense CAPITAL COSTS	
Capital Improvements Plateia Expenses	5,000.00 3,208.62
Total CAPITAL COSTS	8,208.62
EMPLOYEE COSTS	
Health Insurance	18,902.14
housing	14,285.32
Organist	2,000.00
6560 · Payroll Expenses	76,447.24
Payroll taxes	5,848.21
Pension	2,000.00
6050 · Automobile Expense	5,000.00
EMPLOYEE COSTS - Other	16,898.30
Total EMPLOYEE COSTS	141,381.21
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION Advertising	5,038.75
6060 · Bank & Credit Card Svc Charges	597.32
Church Supplies	8,301.23
Clergy Laity Congress	1.147.64
Flower Donations	1,475.00
Fair Share	9,000.00
6260 · Gifts	2,000.00
Insurance - General	10,747.99
6530 · Miscellaneous	3,302.30
Office Expense	13,572.07
6610 · Postage and Delivery	185.00
Professional Fees	4,000.00
Telephone	2,074.14
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION - Other	1,079.00
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	62,520.44
New Equipment OCCUPANCY COSTS	2,400.00
Mainten · Building Maintenance	30.812.30
Janitor's Supplies	2,591.93
6940 · Utilities	12,579.07
Total OCCUPANCY COSTS	45,983.30
YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	132.88
Total Expense	260,626.45
Net Ordinary Income	40,353.62
Income	40,353.62

Saint Nicholas Church **Profit & Loss**

January through May 2011	
dinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Candles	46,031.26
Dances	
Special events	(129.60)
Dances - Other	3,398.00
Total Dances	3,268.40
Donations	
Other Donations	39,166.71
Flowers Income	2,510.00
Donations - General	69,500.44
Donations - Memorial	14,595.00
Donations - Other	(175.00)
Total Donations	125,597.15
Greek school registration	1,440.00
Stewardship	113,545.00
Trays	11,702.00
Total Income	301,583.81
Cost of Goods Sold	
Dance Expense	300.24
6250 · Flowers	303.50
Total COGS	603.74
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Gross Profit

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KOINONIA DEADLINE

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR JULY & AUGUST 2011

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Monday, July 4:	HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY AMERICA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY
Sunday, July 10:	Fourth Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.
Sunday, July 17:	Sunday of the Holy Fathers: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.
Wednesday, July 20:	Elias the Prophet: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy 9:30 am.
Friday, July 22:	Sts. Magdalene the Myrrhbearer and Markella of Chios: Orthros: 9:30 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.
Sunday, July 24:	Sixth Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.
Tuesday, July 26:	St. Paraskevi of Rome: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy 9:30 am.
Wednesday, July 27:	St.Panteleimon the Great Martyr: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.
Sunday, July 31:	Seventh Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Monday, August 1:	Paraklesis Service: 7:00 pm.
Wednesday, August 3:	Paraklesis Service 7:00 pm.
Friday, August 5:	Great Vesper Service 7:00 pm. (Transfiguration Feast)
Saturday, August 6:	The Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.
Sunday, August 7:	Eighth Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.
Monday, August 8:	Paraklesis Service: 7:00 pm.
Wednesday, August 10:	Paraklesis Service: 7:00 pm.
Friday, August 12:	Paraklesis Service: 7:00 pm.
Sunday, August 14:	Ninth Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.
Sunday Evening Aug. 14:	Vesper Service Dormition of the Virgin Mary: 7:00 pm.
Monday, August 15:	The Dormition of the Theotokos: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30
Sunday, August 21:	Tenth Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
Sunday, August 28:	Eleventh Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.
Monday, August 29:	Beheading of John the Baptist: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.



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