

62 YEARS



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM FR. MICHAEL

How time flies when you're 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 experienced 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 Saint Nicholas. Many thanks to my comrades in arms, 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 are expressed to all who gave of themselves and for the many offerings 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 Saint Nicholas Greek Folk Festival that was held on Thursday, June 8th to Sunday June 11th. We were blessed with 4 days of excellent weather that our good Lord provided for us. We witnessed 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 every one 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 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 her knowledge, enthusiasm, and culinary skills, she and her crew made this festival what it is today. Many thanks to our Church Secretary Maria Salpeas and her Raffle Committee for the enormous contribution of their time and effort to make our Raffle Sales once again a great success.

I also would like to thank the Ad book Chairperson Sophia Polites for her tireless efforts and her personal work ethics that made this year's Ad book a great success. Along with that I also would like to thank all the Businesses, Organizations and personal Ads that were purchased for the Festival Ad book. The

Ad book was a great success and the person who made it so special is our own Adrienne Kourtesis. She did such a great job that during the Festival I received so many compliments. 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.

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K O I N O N I A



Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

I would like to personally thank all the Goyan's the Youth Group of our parish along with their Advisors for their support. I received so many compliments for the work that they offered throughout the Festival. God bless our Youth.

To the members of the Parish Council, and the Festival Security group who came in the morning and left when the festival shut down every day. We owe a debt of gratitude for your love and service. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Michael Apostolou and his workers for giving up their precious time in the preparations for this Festival. They put up all the lighting, all the mechanical fixtures, the great Sound system on the Stage and the timeless hours and effort that they contributed to make our festival not only special but very professional and productive. Many thanks to our Entertainment Chairman Tony Pearce for his contribution in bringing all the Bands that played in the Festival. This is not a small commitment, because it takes a lot of time and effort to put all this together.

I was very impressed with the number of young adults and young couples working at the festival this year. They hold the future of our beloved Saint Nicholas Church in their hands, and I'm so happy to see them offering their time, talent and innovative ideas for the Church festival. Hopefully, more and more will become members of the Church and the festival family. Thank you!

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. But the person who deserves the pat on the back is our Festival Chairman, Mr. Spiro Alafassos. This is a young man 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. Spiro led on a fantastic and 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 Spiro Alafassos, and may God give him health and the strength to put on another successful festival next year.

If I missed anyone please forgive me, because there are so many people that are involved in this festival that I can't remember everyone. So if I left anyone out, I personally want to thank you for your love and support towards our Festival.

To all of you ... I say, "Well Done" Good and faithful servants. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless each and every one of you with the good things that life provides. Have a Happy 4th of July celebration and be safe during the summer months.

ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΗΡΙΟ ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΟΝ ΠΑΤΕΡΑ ΜΙΧΑΗΛ

Πώς κυλά ο χρόνος όταν είστε απασχολημένοι και διασκεδάσετε. Μόλις πριν από μερικούς μήνες γιορτάσαμε τη Μεγάλη Εορτή της Ημέρας του Πάσχα. Τι θαυμάσιο ταξίδι που έζησαν οι πιστοί του Αγίου Νικολάου σε όλη την 40ήμερη περίοδο της Σαρακοστής και οι χιλιάδες ενορίτες που εκκλησιάστηκαν κατά τη διάρκεια των Ακολουθιών της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας.

Σε εκτίμηση θα ήθελα να εκμεταλλευτώ την ευκαιρία για να ευχαριστήσω τα μέλη του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου, το προσωπικό της Εκκλησίας, τους ψάλτες, τη Χορωδία, τον Χειριστή του Εκκλησιαστικού Οργάνου και όλα τα μέλη της Χορωδίας, τους Ιερόπαιδες, τις Μυροφόρες, τις κυρίες της Φιλοπτώχου που διακόσμισαν τον Επιτάφιο, τις κυρίες που διακόσμισαν το εσωτερικό του ναού και το Αίθριο καθ' όλη τη διάρκεια της εβδομάδας. Για όλους εσάς, τα λόγια δεν μπορούν να εκφράσουν την ειλικρινή ευγνωμοσύνη μου για την αγάπη και την υποστήριξή σας στον Άγιο Νικόλαο. Πολλά ευχαριστώ στους συνεργάτες μου, στον Νεοκόρο μας, που εξυπηρετούσε πιστά και έδωσε ατελείωτες ώρες αφοσιωμένης εργασίας προς τον Θεό και την Εκκλησία. Εκτίμηση και ευγνωμοσύνη μαζί με τις εγκάρδιες

ευχαριστίες επεκτείνονται σε όσους έδωσαν τον εαυτό τους, και σε όσους έκαναν πολλές προσφορές και δωρεές στην εκκλησία κατά τη διάρκεια όλων των Ακολουθιών και των εκδηλώσεων. Δεύτερον, ήταν ενθουσιώδες να βλέπουμε τους ενορίτες μας να δουλεύουν όλοι μαζί υποστηρίζοντας το ετήσιο Ελληνικό Λαϊκό Πανηγύρι/Φεστιβάλ του Αγίου Νικολάου που πραγματοποιήθηκε την Πέμπτη 8 Ιουνίου έως την Κυριακή 11 Ιουνίου. Ήμασταν τυχεροί με 4 ημέρες άριστου καιρού που μας προσέφερε ο καλός Κύριος μας. Ρεκτόρ πλήθους επισκέφθηκε τις τέσσερις ημέρες το Φεστιβάλ, ημέρες διασκέδασης, με γευστικά φαγητά, και ψυχαγωγία. Και πάλι, οι λέξεις δεν μπορούν να εκφράσουν την ειλικρινή ευγνωμοσύνη μου.

Θα ήθελα επίσης να ευχαριστήσω όλους εσάς για την αφοσιωμένη εργασία σας και κράτησα κάθε ευγενική στιγμή που βιώσαμε μαζί κατά τη διάρκεια του φεστιβάλ. Ελπίζω ότι μέσω αυτής της γιορτής μάθαμε την αληθινή έννοια της πίστης και την αληθινή έννοια της «Προσέγγισης με την αγάπη του Θεού, αγγίζοντας κάποιον με πνευματικό τρόπο».

Πολλοί άνθρωποι προσέφεραν καθημερινά το χρόνο, το ταλέντο τους και τις προσωπικές συνεισφορές τους. Γι' αυτό, εκφράζω τα ειλικρινή μου συγχαρητήρια σε

ολόκληρη την Επιτροπή του Φεστιβάλ και στις υπέροχες Κυρίες που προετοίμαζαν μήνες πριν από το Φεστιβάλ τα νόστιμα φαγητά και γλυκά. Βγάζω το καπέλο μου στην Υπεύθυνη της Προετοιμασίας φαγητών και γλυκισμάτων, κ. Ρόζα Κόρνια, που δούλεψε ακούραστες ώρες και υπερασπίστηκε το μακρύ ταξίδι προς την επιτυχία του Φεστιβάλ. Κατά τη διάρκεια του Φεστιβάλ έλαβα εκατοντάδες φιλοφρονήσεις για το υπέροχο φαγητό που σερβίρηκε. Με τη γνώση, τον ενθουσιασμό και τις γαστρονομικές επιδεξιότητές της, αυτή και το πλήρωμά της έφεραν το Φεστιβάλ στο επίπεδο που είναι σήμερα. Πολλές ευχαριστίες προς την Εκκλησιαστική μας Γραμματέα, Μαρία Σαλπέα, και την Επιτροπή της Λαχειοφόρου Αγοράς, για την τεράστια συμβολή του χρόνου και της προσπάθειάς τους να έχουν για άλλη μια φορά μεγάλη επιτυχία.

Θα ήθελα επίσης να ευχαριστήσω την υπεύθυνη του Διαφημιστικού βιβλίου, Σοφία Πολίτη, για τις ακούραστες προσπάθειές της και την ηθική προσωπική εργασία που έκανε για το φειτό Διαφημιστικό Βιβλίο που είχε μεγάλη επιτυχία. Μαζί με αυτό θα ήθελα επίσης να ευχαριστήσω όλες τις Επιχειρήσεις, τις Οργανώσεις και τις προσωπικές διαφημίσεις που αγοράστηκαν για το βιβλίο

Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό (cont.)

διαφημίσεων του Φεστιβάλ. Το βιβλίο διαφημίσεων ήταν μια μεγάλη επιτυχία και το πρόσωπο που το έκανε τόσο ξεχωριστό είναι η δική μας Αντριάννα Κουρτέση. Έκαμε τόσο καλή δουλειά που κατά τη διάρκεια του Φεστιβάλ έλαβα πολλά συγχαρητήρια. Ιδιαίτερες ευχαριστίες σε όλους τους κυπευθύνους των διαφορετικών περιπτέρων που εργάστηκαν σκληρά για τη δημιουργία των περιπτέρων και την εξεύρεση των κατάλληλων ανθρώπων για την εργασία τους. Ευχαριστώ ιδιαίτερα όλους τους γενναϊόδωρους ενορίτες που προσέφεραν τον προσωπικό τους χρόνο και ταλέντα και τις αμέτρητες ώρες αφοσίωσης στα περίπτερα τους κατά τις τέσσερις μέρες του φεστιβάλ.

Θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω προσωπικά όλα τα παιδιά της Νεολαίας της ενορίας μας μαζί με τους συμβούλους τους για την υποστήριξή τους. Πολλοί με συνεχάρηκαν για το έργο που προσέφεραν σε όλο το Φεστιβάλ. Ο Θεός να ευλογεί τη Νεολαία μας.

Στα μέλη του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου και στην Ομάδα Ασφάλειας του Φεστιβάλ που έρχονταν από το πρωί και έφευγαν κάθε μέρα όταν έκλεινε το Φεστιβάλ. Σας οφείλουμε αμέριστη ευγνωμοσύνη για την αγάπη και τις υπηρεσίες σας. Οφείλουμε μεγάλη ευγνωμοσύνη επίσης στον Μιχαήλ Αποστόλο και τους συνεργάτες του που σταμάτησαν τις εργασίες τους και αφιέρωσαν τον πολύτιμο χρόνο τους στην προετοιμασία για το Φεστιβάλ. Φρόντισαν για όλο τον φωτισμό, τις μηχανικές εργασίες, το υπέροχο ηχητικό σύστημα της Σκηνής και τις διαχρονικές ώρες και

προσπάθειες που συνέβαλαν ώστε το φεστιβάλ μας να είναι όχι μόνο ξεχωριστό, αλλά πολύ επαγγελματικό και παραγωγικό. Πολλές ευχαριστίες προς τον υπεύθυνο Ψυχαγωγίας Αντώνη Πης, για τη συμβολή του στην επίτευξη όλων των Μουσικών Συγκροτημάτων που έπαιξαν στο Φεστιβάλ. Δεν είναι μικρή υπόθεση, διότι χρειάζεται πολύς χρόνος και προσπάθεια για να βάλουμε όλα αυτά μαζί.

Με εντυπωσίασε πολύ ο αριθμός των νέων ενηλίκων και των νέων ζευγαριών που εργάστηκαν στο Φεστιβάλ φέτος. Κρατούν το μέλλον της αγαπημένης μας Εκκλησίας του Αγίου Νικολάου στα χέρια τους, και είμαι πολύ χαρούμενος που τους είδα να προσφέρουν το χρόνο, το ταλέντο τους και τις καινοτόμες ιδέες τους στο Φεστιβάλ Εκκλησίας. Ας ελπίσουμε ότι, όλο και περισσότεροι θα γίνουν μέλη της Εκκλησίας και της οικογένειας του Φεστιβάλ. Ευχαριστώ!

Κλείνοντας, πάντα αφήνω το καλύτερο για το τέλος. Εξέφρασα όλα αυτά τα ευχαριστώ, σε αυτούς που εγκατέλειψαν τον προσωπικό τους χρόνο, που έβαλαν το χέρι βαθιά στις τσέπες τους και υποστήριξαν την Εκκλησία τους. Αλλά ο άνθρωπος που αξίζει το ελαφρύ κτύπημα στην πλάτη είναι ο Γενικός Υπεύθυνος του Φεστιβάλ, κ Σπύρος Αλαφασσός. Είναι ένας νεαρός άνδρας που αξίζει το μεγαλύτερο από όλα τα συγχαρητήρια και την ευγνωμοσύνη. Εκείνοι που ήταν στα παπούτσια του πριν, πραγματικά καταλαβαίνουν τις ευθύνες που φέρει ο ρόλος του Γενικού Υπευθύνου ενός Φεστιβάλ αυτού του μεγέθους. Ο Σπύρος

διεξήγαγε μια φανταστική και αξέχαστη εκδήλωση. Ξεκίνησε να προγραμματίζει αυτό το Φεστιβάλ ένα χρόνο νωρίτερα. Οι γνώσεις του, η ηγεσία, ο ενθουσιασμός και η τεχνογνωσία του μας έφεραν σε αυτήν την πραγματικότητα, ότι έχουμε ένα από τα καλύτερα φεστιβάλ που έχει δει ποτέ η Βαλτιμόρη. Δεν έχω δει ποτέ έναν άνθρωπο να εργάζεται τόσο σκληρά, παίρνοντας το χρόνο από την εργασία του και την οικογένειά του, και να τον αφιερώνει στο φεστιβάλ. Ο Θεός να ευλογεί τον Πρόεδρό μας, τον Σπύρο Αλαφασσό, και να του χαρίζει υγεία και δύναμη για να αναλάβει άλλο ένα επιτυχημένο Φεστιβάλ του χρόνου.

Αν έχω ξεχάσει κάποιον παρακαλώ να με συγχωρήσετε, γιατί υπάρχουν τόσο πολλοί άνθρωποι που εμπλέκονται σε αυτό το φεστιβάλ που δεν είναι δυνατόν να τους θυμάμαι όλους. Έτσι, αν άφησα κανέναν έξω, προσωπικά θέλω να τον ευχαριστήσω για την αγάπη και την υποστήριξή του προς το Φεστιβάλ μας.

Προς όλους εσάς ... «Μπράβο» Καλοί και πιστοί μου ενορίτες. Εύχομαι ο Κύριος μας και Σωτήρας Ιησούς Χριστός ευλογεί κάθε έναν από σας με τα καλά πράγματα που παρέχει η ζωή. Έτη πολλά για την εορτή της 4ης Ιουλίου και επίσης να έχετε ένα καλό και ασφαλές καλοκαίρι.

PAN-HELLENIC DANCE GROUP

The lessons for the Saint Nicholas Pan-Hellenic Dance Group are continuing. The meeting and practice day is every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Social Hall. We accept new members, come and join us every Wednesday. We urge and encourage all those who love to dance to join the Pan-Hellenic Dance Group. Our Dance instructor is Mrs. Efi Karabelas. For registration or more information please contact and talk to Mrs. Anastasia (Stasa) Hatziefthimiou Loukaki, phone 443-845-8903.



ΧΟΡΕΥΤΙΚΟΣ ΟΜΙΛΟΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ "ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΕΝΙΚ"

Τα μαθήματα χορού του Χορευτικού Ομίλου του Αγίου Νικολάου ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΕΝΙΚ, συνεχίζονται. Οι πρόβες γίνονται κάθε Τετάρτη βράδυ στις 7:00 μ.μ. στη Κοινοτική Αίθουσα. Δεχόμαστε νέες εγγραφές μελών κάθε Τετάρτη. Προτρέπουμε και ενθαρρύνουμε όσες και όσους αγαπούν το χορό να ενταχθούν στο γκρουπ του Παν-Χελλένικ. Δασκάλα του Παν-Χελλένικ είναι η κ. Έφη Καράμπελα. Για εγγραφές ή περισσότερες πληροφορίες τηλεφωνείστε και μιλείστε στο τηλ. 443-845-8903 με την κ. Αναστασία (Στάσα) Χατζηευθυμίου Λουκάκη.

Message from

DEMOS ANASTASIADIS, PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT / ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΟΝ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟ

Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday, June 18, 2017, the St. Nicholas Bilingual Early Education Center officially opened. It was with great joy that we welcomed Parishioners and parents to the center for a celebration and ribbon cutting.

After much planning, our dream of opening this school has come true.

I would like to first thank God for providing us with the vision and ability to bring this dream to fruition. Without His mighty hand, we could not accomplish this goal. Secondly, I'd like to thank our benefactors, Mr. Peter G. Angelos and Mr. Aris Melissaratos, who believed in this project and donated their time and resources. May God bless them and grant them continued good health.

There are many others I'd like to thank, but I would like to thank especially the following volunteers for devoting their time over the past 4 years to research, plan, and assist in completing the final tasks to bring forth this early education center. They are: Michael Apostolou, Gus Apostolou, Lia Dimas, Stavros Katsas, Christine Gluszczy, Nancy Anastasiades, Adrienne Kourtesis, Stamatia Ieromonahos, Kosmas Philippou, Mia Atsidis, Patricia Topouzoglou and Ireni Zhupa Zendeli.

Thank you for your faith and trust that we could and did accomplish this beautiful project.

May the church of Saint Nicholas continue to grow and serve the faithful stewards of this community.

Thank you for celebrating this milestone with us!

Demos Anastasiades, Parish Council President



Αγαπητοί Ενορίτες,

Την Κυριακή, 18 Ιουνίου, 2017, άνοιξε επίσημα τις πόρτες του το Δίγλωσσο Εκπαιδευτικό Κέντρο Προσχολικής Ηλικίας του Αγίου Νικολάου. Με μεγάλη χαρά χαιρετήσαμε τους ενορίτες και τους γονείς, στο κέντρο, για μια εορταστική εκδήλωση της κοπής της κορδέλας.

Μετά από πολύ προγραμματισμό, το όνειρό μας να ανοίξουμε αυτό το σχολείο έγινε πραγματικότητα.

Θα ήθελα πρώτα να ευχαριστήσω τον Θεό που μας ενέπνευσε το όραμα και μας χάρισε την ικανότητα να φέρουμε σε πέρας αυτό το όνειρο. Χωρίς το ισχυρό χέρι Του, δεν θα μπορούσαμε να επιτύχουμε αυτόν τον στόχο. Δεύτερον, θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω τους ευεργέτες μας, τον κ. Παναγιώτη Γ. Αγγελο

και τον κ. Άρη Μελισσαράτο, που πίστευσαν σε αυτό το έργο και το χρηματοδότησαν. Ο Θεός να τους ευλογεί και να τους χαρίζει παντοτινή υγεία.

Υπάρχουν πολλοί άλλοι που θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω, αλλά ιδιαίτερα θα ήθελα να απευθύνω ένα μεγάλο ευχαριστώ στους ακόλουθους εθελοντές οι οποίοι αφιέρωσαν το χρόνο τους τα τελευταία 4 χρόνια στην έρευνα, στο προγραμματισμό, και βοήθησαν στην ολοκλήρωση των τελικών εργασιών ώστε να φέρει στο προσκήνιο αυτό το προκαταρκτικό κέντρο εκπαίδευσης. Πρόκειται για τους: Μιχάλη Αποστόλου, Κώστα Αποστόλου, Λία Δήμα, Σταύρο Κάτσα, Χριστίνα Γκλούτζ, Νάνσυ Αναστασιάδη, Ανδριάντα Κουρτέση, Σταματία Ιερομονάχου, Κοσμά Φιλίππου, Μία Ατσίδη, Παρασκευή Τοπούζογλου και Ειρήνη Ζούπα Ζενδέλη.

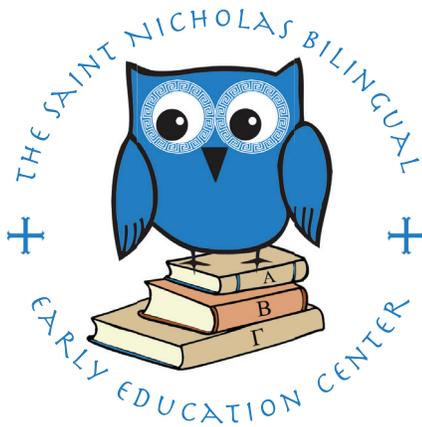
Σας ευχαριστούμε για την πίστη και την εμπιστοσύνη σας ότι μπορούσαμε και κάναμε αυτό το όμορφο έργο.

Εύχομαι η Εκκλησία του Αγίου Νικολάου συνεχίσει να επεκτείνεται και να εξυπηρετεί τα πιστά μέλη αυτής της Κοινότητας.

Σας ευχαριστώ που γιορτάσατε αυτό το ορόσημο μαζί μας!

Με εκτίμηση

Δήμος Αναστασιάδης - Πρόεδρος Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου



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Thank you

Dormition of the Theotokos

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Along with the biblical reference in Acts 1:14 that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles.

Icon of the Feast

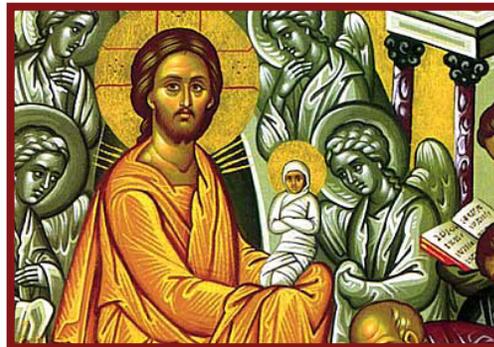
The Icon of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos shows her on her deathbed surrounded by the Apostles. Christ is standing in the center (1.) looking at His mother. He is holding a small child clothed in white representing the soul of the Virgin Mary. With His golden garments, the angels above His head, and the mandorla surrounding Him, Christ is depicted in His divine glory.

Introduction

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek *kimisis*) or “falling-asleep” of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

Biblical Story

The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, “Woman, behold your son!” and to John, “Behold your mother!” (John 19:25-27). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home.

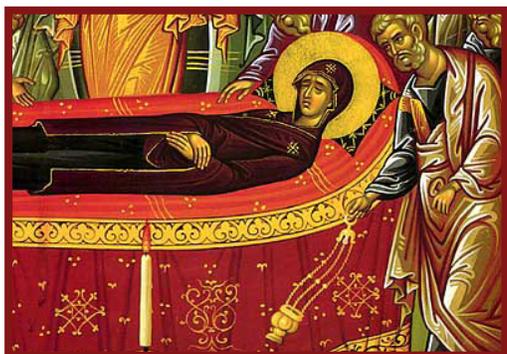


1. Christ, appearing in His Glory, stands in the center of the icon cradling the soul of His Mother, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

The posture of the Apostles direct attention toward the Theotokos (2.). On the right Saint Peter censes the body of the Theotokos. On the left Saint Paul (3.) bows low in honor of her.

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DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS - TUESDAY, AUGUST 15



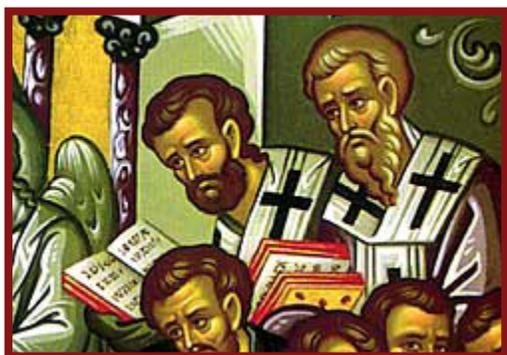
2. The Apostles bow their heads in reverence to the Theotokos as Saint Peter (right) censes her body (detail).



5. The Theotokos lies in the center of the icon surrounded by the Apostles and a candle in front of her bed (detail).

Together with the Apostles are several bishops (4.) and women. The bishops traditionally represented are James, the brother of the Lord, Timothy, Heirotheus, and Dionysius the Areopagite. They are shown wearing episcopal vestments. The women are members of the church in Jerusalem.

3. The Apostle Paul bows in honor of the Theotokos (detail).



4. Also in attendance to pray for the Theotokos were several Bishops (detail).

In front of the bed of the Theotokos is a candle (5.) that helps to form a central axis in the icon. Above the candle is the body of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Standing over His mother is Christ holding her most pure soul. Above Christ the gates of heaven stand open, ready to receive the Mother of God.

This great Feast of the Church and the icon celebrates a fundamental teaching of our faith—the Resurrection of the body. In the case of the Theotokos, this has been accomplished by the divine will of God. Thus, this Feast is a feast of hope, hope in Resurrection and life eternal. Like those who gathered around the body of the Virgin Mary, we gather around our departed loved ones and commend their souls into the hands of Christ. As we remember those who have reposed in the faith before us and have passed on into the communion of the Saints, we prepare ourselves to one day be received into the new life of the age to come.

We also affirm through this Feast as we journey toward our heavenly abode that the Mother of God intercedes for us. Through Christ she has become the mother of all of the children of God, embracing us with divine love.

Orthodox Christian Celebration of the Feast of the Dormition

The commemoration of the Dormition of the Theotokos and the preparation for the Feast begin on August 1 with a period of fasting. A strict fast is followed on most of the days (no meat, dairy, oil, or wine), with the exceptions of fish on the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) and the day of the Dormition. Oil and Wine are allowed on Saturdays and Sundays.

On the weekdays before the Feast, Paraklesis services are held in most parishes. These consist of the Great Paraklesis and the Small Paraklesis, both services of supplication and prayer for the intercessions of the Theotokos.

The Feast of the Dormition is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom which is conducted on the morning of the Feast and preceded by a Matins (Orthros) service. A Great Vespers is conducted on the evening before the day of the Feast. Scripture readings for the Feast of the Dormition are the following: At Vespers: Genesis 28:10-17; Ezekiel 43:27-44:4; Proverbs 9:1-11. At the Matins: Luke 1:39-49, 56. At the Divine Liturgy: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

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ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS: ALL ABOARD TO A TRIP OF A LIFETIME!



We are very pleased to announce, that the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Baltimore, Maryland is planning a trip once again to the Holy Lands (Jerusalem). Fr. Michael has received many calls from parishioners asking questions about the Holy Land trip. He is very grateful for the interest and enthusiasm that the people have expressed in the last few months. What a beautiful opportunity to follow the footsteps of our Lord, and to visit the land where the Old Testament Prophets and Saints of our faith lived. But in order for this excursion to be successful we really need to do our basic homework. Fr. Michael has taken many groups to the Holy Lands throughout his ministry and he knows through experience that there is a lot of groundwork to be done to prepare for this trip. The first step that we take is to schedule a meeting date for everyone interested. The second scheduled meeting will take place at the Church on Tuesday, July 11th at 7:00 p.m. This will give everyone a consensus of what time of the year is desirable and where you would like to visit. There are two options on the table that we need to discuss together. This trip will also have an option to also visit Greece. To give you some insight on when we are planning this trip, it will be on October 1, thru the 17th of 2017.

All the details of this trip will be discussed in our first meeting. I hope you will join us on this exciting pilgrimage. If you have any friends or relatives that you think would like to join us on this trip, please convey this information to them.

If you are interested and cannot make the first meeting please contact Fr. Michael at 443-742-8314.

Hoping to see everyone there, be safe and enjoy the summer months ahead.

With Love in Christ,

Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Congratulations to our Parish Council who saw another project through to completion. Work has been finished on the new church roof!



PARKING NOTICE

Dear St. Nicholas Parishioners,

In an effort to accommodate everyone, the Parish Council has taken some measures to ensure adequate and sufficient parking. Many of you are already aware of the signs posted in the parking lot which clearly indicate the rules of parking. They are as follows:

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You can obtain a parking permit from the church office by paying your 2017 stewardship. However, please note that even with a parking permit, if you park your car overnight in the lot, it will be towed. NO EXCEPTIONS. Neither the church secretary nor Father Michael have the authority to exempt anyone from adhering to the parking lot rules.

With Love In Christ,
Demos Anastasiades
St. Nicholas Parish Council President



FESTIVAL SUCCESS



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Thank you to everyone who helped to make the 2017 St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival a **HUGE SUCCESS!**



Attending Church as a Family

by Angie Giallourakis, Resource Coordinator for the Center for Family Care

Courtesy of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
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It's Sunday morning and the alarm sounds. You are tired because you and your spouse arrived home late from a wedding last night. You roll over and hit the snooze button hoping for a few more minutes of rest, but the children are already up and watching a cartoon on the television.

You think, "Oh, no, now I am going to have to drag them away from the TV."

You start getting dressed and your son can't find one of his shoes. You think, "Why does this always happen on Sunday mornings?"

You hear a loud thud, and then the children are yelling and you think, "Oh, brother, it's going to be one of those days!"

Sadly, by the time you reach church, everyone is frazzled and angry. As you and your family walk into the narthex, you hear the Lord's Prayer and you feel embarrassed for being so late.

Going to church has become a challenge for your family. You never imagined that this would happen. It seems more often than not the above scenario—or a close variation of it—plays out each Sunday morning. How in the world can you avoid this?

As parents, we want our children to learn about and love God. For Orthodox Christians, an important part of this learning process is regular church attendance. When we incorporate consistent church participation into our lives, our children experience the faith and love of God through community worship and the Church's sacraments. This process is twofold: learning about God helps us love God, and loving God makes us want to know Him more.

Developing a loving relationship between your family and God should be a daily goal. Relationships can't be maintained, and certainly can't grow, with sporadic interactions. Here are some simple suggestions for weaving church life into your daily life at home:

Around the Table

Communication is vital to relationships. One of the best times to communicate as a family is around the dinner table. Start with a prayer of thanks and then take time to listen to each of your children as they share their day. It is amazing how much learning can take place as parents **listen** to their children. Here is also your opportunity to guide the conversation toward our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the saints of the day, and upcoming feast days. Talk about church services that you plan to attend with them. Remember, you don't have to bombard

them with details, especially if they are young, but provide enough information and a schedule so they know what to expect.

Preparation

Weekend schedules fill up quickly with errands, chores, homework, family and social events, sports, and all the other activities that make our family lives unique. By Sunday morning, we confront the leftovers—all the tasks still half-done, or not even started, before the work week begins again on Monday. We feel exhausted.

As much as possible, plan your weekend around church. Add church to the calendar first, then fill in the other tasks and events. Do laundry on Saturday instead of Sunday so that your church clothes are ready. When conflicts arise, stress the importance of attending church—to praise and thank

the Lord for all that is good, to worship as the Body of Christ, and to attend Sunday School. In this way, we offer God our first fruits rather than our leftovers.

Increase that Sense of Peace

Removing the distraction of television and other electronic devices while preparing for church will greatly increase your chances of on-time arrival. On Saturday, remind your children that on Sunday morning there will be no technology or screen time other than possibly playing Orthodox hymns (from a CD or from the Internet). Perhaps they know a few hymns that they themselves can sing while getting ready for church. Like the athlete who listens to music with a powerful beat to prepare for a competition, the young churchgoer may need some assistance to motivate his thoughts toward prayer and preparation for the Divine Liturgy and Holy Communion.

Fathers and mothers: Go and lead your child by the hand into the Church.
—St. John Chrysostom

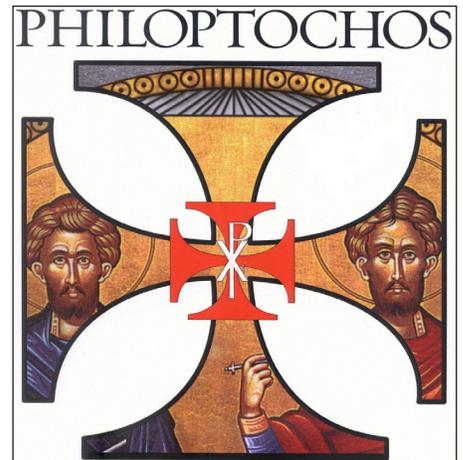
The car keys and shoes may still go missing on Sunday morning, but by keeping a calm manner we can be role models of peace for our children. This sense of peace will ultimately create a deeper understanding of how and why we pray and commune with God. As children learn Godly peace and love in the home, they will appreciate the Godly peace and love found in the Church.



We would like to thank everyone who worked in helping make our community's festival a success! Our 2017 - 2018 Calendar is being prepared and everyone will be receiving it in August. Our first meeting of the year will be held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., and we invite everyone to attend.

Our chapter will once again host receptions on August 14th after the Vespers for the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos and after the Divine Liturgy the morning of the 15th. We invite the community to join us in this commemoration of this great feast and we welcome your bringing a lenten dessert or fruit on the 14th and/or a nonlenten dessert on the 15th. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer!

Nora Kefalas – Philoptochos President



BRIDE'S ROOM REDECORATING



*The St. Nicholas Parish Council and the staff of the Greektown Square & Event Center would like to thank the **Topouzoglou family** for donating the beautiful furniture for the bride's room as well as thanking **Despina Pikounis** for her assistance in decorating the bride's room.*

DIAMONDS NEWS

On Saturday morning, November 18, 2017, we plan to go to the Rainbow Dinner Theatre, in Paradise PA, to see a comedy show. For information please contact Rose Tsakalos at 410-282-2940. Price per person \$ 85.00. includes, transportation, Luncheon and the ticket for the Theatre. If you wish to attend, you need to give a deposit of \$ 20.00. More information to be announced at the meeting.

Thank you,
Rose Tsakalos - President
Saint Nicholas DIAMONDS

Το Σάββατο, 18 Νοεμβρίου, 2017, προγραμματίζουμε ταξίδιστην Πενσυλβάνια, στο Rainbow Dinner Theatre, να παρακολουθήσουμε τη ξεκαρδιστική κομωδία. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες επικοινωνήστε με Κ. Ρόζα Τσακάλου (410-282-2940). Κατά γενική απαίτηση τούτο το ταξίδι θα γίνει Σάββατο πρωί για να μπορέσουν να έλθουν και οι εργαζόμενοι. Στοιχίζει \$ 85.00 το άτομο. Συμπεριλαμβάνει το Λεωφορείο, το γεύμα, και το εισιτήριο του Θεάτρου. Αν επιθυμείτε να συμμετέχετε σας παρακαλούμε να δώσετε μια μικρή προκαταβολή \$ 20.00 για να κλείσετε τη θέση σας, περισσότερες λεπτομέρειες στη συνεδρίαση.

Σας ευχαριστώ,
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The Plateia Committee continues to make great strides. Improvements continue to be made. Event bookings are increasing within as well as outside of our community. To keep up with this momentum, our Marketing Committee needs your help in developing our grass roots outreach program. Please consider volunteering your services. We thank you for your continued faith and support.

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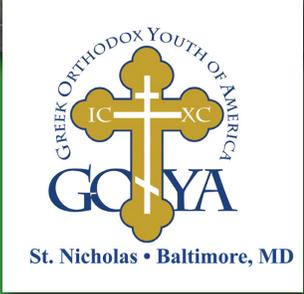
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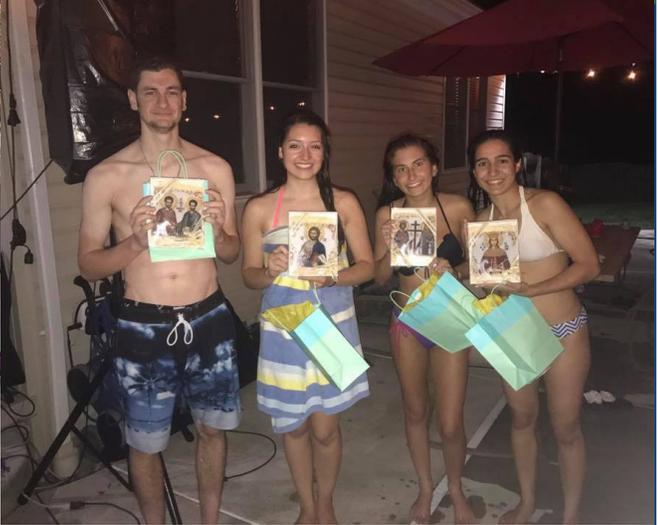
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Now that the Plateia is being marketed to the greater Baltimore area, we are receiving many internet inquiries. Therefore, all parishioners and friends of St. Nicholas who have either sponsored or attended events at the Plateia could help us tremendously if reviews were posted on the following internet sites:

- Our website at www.greectownsquare.com - Send us Testimonials – (use the “Contact Us” tab). If you want to include your picture with the testimonial as others have, then send us your testimonial using the Plateia’s email address at info@greectownsquare.com and attach the picture.
- Review us on our Facebook page at www.greectownsquare.com
- Review us on www.Weddingwire.com
- Review us on www.theknot.com

Also, please “Like” us on Facebook and ask your family, your Facebook friends and others to do the same. This will help us expand our client base and keep everyone informed of our news releases as well as past and future events.



CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD



Registration for Camp Good Shepherd—Chesapeake Bay
(formerly CYC)
is still **OPEN!**

CAMP DATES: Monday, July 17 – Friday, July 21.

Regular tuition (after June 1) is \$550.

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Jarrettsville, Md. 21084

DAY CAMP: Thursday, July 20, 2017- Ages 5-7
FOR DAY CAMPERS ONLY \$75 per child.

TO REGISTER: Visit the <https://goannun.org/2017-camp-good-shepherd-registration-is-here/>

Be sure to fill out ONE (1) registration PER CHILD!

Registration is not complete until PAYMENT has been received.

If you have any questions, please contact the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation
in Baltimore, Md. at 410-727-1831.

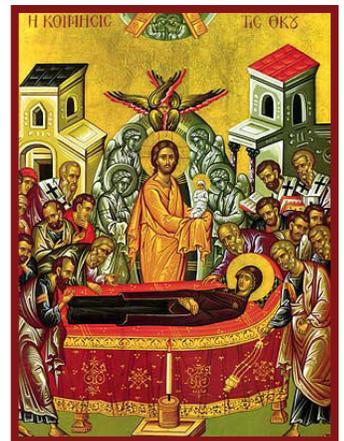
LITURGICAL PROGRAM

JULY

- Sunday, July 2: 4th Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, July 9: 5th Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, July 16: Sunday of the Holy Fathers: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, July 20: Elias the Prophet: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, July 21: Great Vesper Service: Sts. Mary Magdalene and Markella of Chios 6:30 p.m.
This Vesper Service will take place at the Sts. Mary Magdeline and Markella Church
- Saturday, July 22: Sts. Mary Magdalene and Markella of Chios: Orthros: 9:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m. This Service will be held at St. Nicholas
- Sunday, July 23: 7th Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 26: St. Paraskevi of Rome: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, July 27: St.Panteleimon the Great Martyr: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, July 28: St. Irene Chrysovalantou: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, July 30: 8th Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

AUGUST

- Tuesday, August 1: Paraklesis Service: 7:00 pm.
- Wednesday, August 2: Paraklesis Service 7:00 pm.
- Friday, August 4: Paraklesis Service 7:00 pm
- Saturday, August 5: Great Vespers Service: Forefeast of the Transfiguration 7:00 pm
- Sunday, August 6: The Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
Orthros- 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, August 7: Paraklesis Service: 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 9: Paraklesis Service: 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 11: Paraklesis Service: 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, August 13: 10th Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- Monday Evening, August 14: Great Vesper Service: Dormition of the Virgin Mary: 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 15: [The Dormition of the Theotokos](#): Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday, August 20: 11th Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, August 27: 12th Sunday of Matthew & The Feast of St. Phanourios the Martyr:
Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, August 29: Beheading of John the Baptist: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. - *Strict Fast*



*Dormition
of the Theotokos*