



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

K O I N O N I A

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY!!!

How fast 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 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, 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 offerings and donations that our beloved parishioners gave to the church during all services and events.

Secondly, it was also 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 6th to Sunday June 9th.

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. During the festival I received hundreds of compliments on the great food that was served.

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, the Festival Security group, the Financial committee, 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.

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. Spiro Alafassos.

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.

Spiro 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, Spiro Alafassos, 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 Savior Jesus Christ Bless each and every one of you with the good things that life provides. Have a great summer.



Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

ΕΝΑ ΕΓΚΑΡΔΙΟ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΩ ΣΕ ΟΛΑ ΤΑ ΜΕΛΗ ΤΗΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑΣ

Πόσο γρήγορα περνάει ο χρόνος, όταν είσαι απασχολημένος και συνάμα χαρούμενος. Μόλις πριν λίγους μήνες εορτάσαμε την Εορτή των Εορτών, το Άγιο Πάσχα. Τι θαυμάσιο ταξίδι υπέμειναν οι πιστοί του Αγίου Νικολάου κατά τις σαράντα (40) ημέρες της Αγίας και Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής, και οι χιλιάδες των ενοριτών που παρηκολούθησαν τις Ακολουθίες της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας. Με πολύ εκτίμηση θέλω επ' ευκαιρία να ευχαριστήσω τα μέλη του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου, το προσωπικό της Εκκλησίας μας, τους Ψάλτες, το Χοράρχη μας και χειριστή του εκκλησιαστικού οργάνου, και όλα τα μέλη της Χορωδίας μας, τους Ιερόπαιδες, τις Μυροφόρες, τους δωρητές, τις κυρίες 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 εκφράσω με λόγια την βαθιά μου ευγνωμοσύνη για την αγάπη σας και την υποστήριξη σας στον Άγιο Νικόλαο. Ευχαριστώ πάρα πολύ τους στενούς μου συνεργάτες, τον Ποιμαντικό μου βοηθό, τον Νεοκόρο, που πιστά υπηρέτησαν και αφιέρωσαν αμέτρητες ώρες εργασίας προς το Θεό και την Εκκλησία Του. Επίσης απευθύνω την ευγνωμοσύνη μου και εκτίμησή μου καθώς και τις ευχαριστίες μου προς όλους όσοι προσέφεραν εθελοντικά το χρόνο τους, και προς όλους όσοι έκαναν δωρεές στην Εκκλησία μας, σε όλες τις Ακολουθίες. Δεύτερον ήταν πολύ συγκινητικό να βλέπεις την Κοινότητά μας να δουλεύει πλάι πλάι για το ετήσιο Φεστιβάλ – το ετήσιο Λαϊκό Πανηγύρι του Αγίου Νικολάου που ήταν από την Πέμπτη 6 Ιουνίου μέχρι και την Κυριακή 9 Ιουνίου, 2019.

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 την εορταστική εκδήλωση, έχουμε μάθει το πραγματικό νόημα της πίστης, και την αληθινή έννοια του « Προσέγγυσε με αγάπη και άγγιξε κάποιον με πνευματική 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. Κατά τη

διάρκεια του Πανηγυριού πολλοί με πλησίασαν και μου έδωσαν συγχαρητήρια για το εξαιρετικό φαγητό που γεύθηκαν.

Πολλά επίσης ευχαριστώ σε όλους τους υπεύθυνους των διαφόρων περιπτέρων που εργάστηκαν πολύ για να στήσουν τα προς πώληση, να βρουν τους κατάλληλους ανθρώπους να εργαστούν χέρι-χέρι. Ευχαριστώ όλους του γενναϊόδωρους ενορίτες μας που έδωσαν το χρόνο τους, το ταλέντο τους και τις αμέτρητες ώρες αφωσιωμένης εργασίας τους στο περίπτερό τους τις 4 ημέρες του Φεστιβάλ.

Προς τα μέλη του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου, τα μέλη της Ασφάλειας του Φεστιβάλ, μια ομάδα που ερχόταν νωρίς το πρωί και έφευγε όταν έκλεινε το Φεστιβάλ, αργά το βράδυ, κάθε μέρα. Σας οφείλω απέραντη ευγνωμοσύνη για την αγάπη σας και τις υπηρεσίες σας.

Τέλος, πάντα φυλάω το καλύτερο για το τέλος, εκφράζω τις ευχαριστίες μου, σε όλους όσοι έβαλαν βαθιά το χέρι στη τσέπη και υποστήριξαν την Εκκλησία τους, προς όλους όσοι πήραν μέρος και πούλησαν τα Λαχεία, και προς όλους όσοι διαφήμισαν στο Διαφημιστικό Αλμπουμ του Φεστιβάλ. Αλλά ο άνθρωπος που πραγματικά αξίζει ένα επαινετικό κτύπημα στη πλάτη είναι ο Υπεύθυνος όλου του Φεστιβάλ, ο Σπύρος Αλαφασσός. Είναι το άτομο που αξίζει τη μαγαλύτερη των φιλοφρονήσεων και της ευγνωμοσύνης. Μόνον όσοι έχουν μπει στα παπούτσια του μπορούν να κατανοήσουν πραγματικά τι χρειάζεται για να είναι κάποιος Γενικός Υπεύθυνος για ένα Φεστιβάλ αυτού του μεγέθους. Ο Σπύρος προγραμματίσε ένα φανταστικό και αξέχαστο πανηγύρι. Ξεκίνησε να το προγραμματίζει πριν ένα χρόνο. Οι γνώσεις του, η ηγεσία του, ο ενθουσιασμός του και η εμπειρία του, έφεραν το σημερινό αποτέλεσμα την σημερινή πραγματικότητα ότι έχουμε ένα από τα καλύτερα Φεστιβάλ που είχε ποτέ η Βαλτιμόρη.

Δεν έχω ξαναδεί κάποιον να εργάζεται τόσο σκληρά, να παίρνει χρόνο από την εργασία του και την οικογένειά του και να τα αφιερώνει στο Φεστιβάλ. Ο Θεός να ευλογεί το Σπύρο Αλαφασσό, και να του χαρίζει υγεία και δύναμη να προγραμματίσει άλλο ένα Φεστιβάλ του χρόνου.

Σε όλους εσάς ... τους καλούς και πιστούς εργάτες μας, «ΜΠΡΑΒΟ ΣΑΣ»!! Εύχομαι ο Κύριος και Σωτήρας μας, Ιησούς Χριστός να σας ευλογεί και να σας χαρίζει τα καλύτερα στη ζωή σας. ΚΑΛΟ ΚΑΛΟΚΑΙΡΙ.

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

Thank you

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/ ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟ

To all my beloved parish members, and friends of our church,

No words can really express my gratitude, and how blessed I feel for the big success of this year's festival of our community!

I really feel fortunate for all the hard work we did as a team. We all helped in any way we could and the result speaks for themselves!

Wonderful food, wonderful desserts, and amazing people who honored us with their presence! Everything rolled without any problems, thanks to you!

Everyone, young and old, proved with our work that "Jesus can be found in loving & helping one another."

Communication, understanding, and helping each other make us ascend to the highest points of mountains and achieve anything as long as we believe it!

I would like to congratulate you all for the great success of our festival for another year!

I wish you health and happiness, and with your cooperation and love, we can have another successful festival next year!

From the bottom of my heart, I wish you a wonderful summer, full of beautiful memories with your loved ones!

May St. Nicholas bless us all!

With sincere love and appreciation for you all,

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



Αγαπημένοι μας ενορίτες και φίλοι

της εκκλησίας μας. Δεν ξέρω με τι λόγια να σας εκφράσω την ευγνωμοσύνη και την ευλογία που νοιώθω για την μεγάλη επιτυχία που είχε φέτος το Φέστιβαλ της ενορίας μας !!

Πραγματικά νοιώθω τυχερή που όλοι μαζί σαν μια οικογένεια βοηθήσαμε με όποιο τρόπο μπορούσε ο καθένας και το αποτέλεσμα μίλησε μόνο του. Υπέροχα φαγητά, υπέροχα γλυκά και υπέροχοι άνθρωποι μας τίμησαν με την παρουσία τους !!

Όλα κύλησαν αρμονικά με την βοήθεια όλων μας. Γιατί όλοι βοηθήσαμε μικροί και μεγάλοι και αποδείξαμε ότι εκεί που είναι η αγάπη εκεί είναι και ο Χριστός Μας !!

Με συνενόηση, κατανόηση και αλληλοβοήθεια ανεβαίνουμε στα πιο ψηλά βουνά και κάνουμε τα αδύνατα δυνατά αρκεί να το πιστέψουμε .

Συγχαρητήρια σε όλους μας λοιπόν για την μεγάλη επιτυχία μας και του χρόνου με υγεία να βοηθήσουμε πάλι όλοι μαζί στο Φέστιβαλ της εκκλησίας μας.

Σας εύχομαι από καρδιάς να περάσετε μαζί με τα αγαπημένα σας πρόσωπα ένα πανέμορφο καλοκαίρι γεμάτο υπέροχες αναμνήσεις.

Με ειλικρινή αγάπη και εκτίμηση για όλους σας

Σταματία Ιερομόναχος
Πρόεδρος του Συμβουλίου
Της Ορθόδοξης Εκκλησίας
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GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

Virginia Beach 2019

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy

Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Esteemed Members of the Metropolitan Council, Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils, Philoptochos Sisterhood, Faculty and Students of the Catechetical and Greek Afternoon Schools, Directors and Participants of all Youth Organizations, and all devout Orthodox Christians of the Greek Orthodox Communities of our Holy Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved in the Lord,

This past week in Virginia Beach, Virginia, our nation experienced yet another senseless tragedy wherein a gunman turned his wrath against his fellow man, taking the lives of twelve other people. When this heinous act took place we, as Orthodox Christians, were still celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord with the greeting “Christ is Risen.” It seems both strange and difficult to imagine that even in the midst of such pain we could still utter those mellifluous words.

Trying to make sense of the senseless is an impossible task. With the various mass shootings that have taken place over the years at Virginia Tech a few years ago, in Sandy Hook, Las Vegas, Orlando, and throughout the country including presently, again, in our very own Metropolis, we have always sought for an answer as to why these events occurred. Some people who perpetrated these atrocious crimes were mentally ill, others had experienced some sort of sudden breakdown, others still just had evil in their hearts. Whereas we do not know why this tragedy occurred, we do know at least one thing — God is the author of life, not death. In our capacity as humans we will never be able to fully rid the world of evil, but as persons who possess the image and likeness of our Creator, we do have the ability to effect change which prevents future tragedies from taking place and sooth the pain of tragedies that do occur.

My beloved, I implore each of you to not only pray for those who have lost their lives in this terrible tragedy, but to act. Be proactive in reaching out to those who may need emotional and psychological support. Be attentive to individuals who may seem imbalanced. Share the peace and love of Christ with all people. Finally, I ask that you pray a special prayer for the repose of the souls of those who lost their lives, that the Lord may receive them into His Heavenly Kingdom, and that the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, may be sent down upon the families and loves ones of the victims to console them. May their memory be eternal!

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

† EVANGELOS
Metropolitan of New Jersey



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

Pentecost 2019

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy

Esteemed Members of the Metropolitan Council, Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils, Philoptochos Sisterhood, Faculty and Students of the Catechetical and Greek Afternoon Schools, Directors and Participants of all Youth Organizations, and all devout Orthodox Christians of the Greek Orthodox Communities of our Holy Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved in the Lord,

Much like the Apostles two thousand years ago, we gather together in one place praying for and awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit, the Paraklete who is also the One who distributes gifts to each person. The Apostles were promised by the Lord that He would send a Comforter, the ten days between His Ascension and the day the Holy Spirit descended, the Apostles must have felt somewhat bewildered as if something was lacking. When, however, the Holy Spirit came down upon them, *“They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them”* (Acts 2:3-4).

This incredible event relayed to us through Holy Scripture may be difficult to image, but we seldom realize that we experience Pentecost at every Divine Liturgy. The Pentecost of the Apostles was an event that saw each of them, gathered in unity, being given gifts from the Spirit. Today we find ourselves, like the Apostles, *“together in one place”* (Acts 2:1). The place in which we gather is not just the church as a physical structure, but we gather together as a community offering bread and wine to be transformed by the Holy Spirit into the Body and Blood of Christ. The Holy Spirit descended today, just as it does at every Divine Liturgy, to accomplish this miracle so that, in partaking of the Body of Christ, we as a united community are transformed into the Body of Christ.

The reception of Holy Communion is not the end of our engagement as Orthodox Christians. In addition, we are granted certain gifts from the Holy Spirit just like the Apostles so that we may preach the Gospel of Christ. This does not necessarily mean that all of us are called to the same ministry as the Apostles were, for as we see St. Paul say, *“Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Now eagerly desire the greater gifts”* (1 Cor.

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12:29-31). Nevertheless, we are all called to serve Christ and His Church. Therefore, our participation in the Eucharist is also our pledge to continue the earthly ministry of Christ with the gifts presented to us by the Holy Spirit. Thus, we become tools by which the Holy Spirit calls together the scattered nations so that we all may, in unity, partake of the same Body and Blood transformed by the Spirit.

My beloved children in the Lord, by exercising these gifts we are not just meant to bring in those who find themselves outside the fold of the Orthodox Church, but by using our gifts, we draw ourselves closer to Christ by bringing into action our Orthodox Christian faith. This must be combined with attending the divine services, developing a stronger prayer life, practicing almsgiving, expressing humility, showing forgiveness, and always conveying love for one's neighbor. Praying that we may fully utilize the gifts granted to us by the Holy Spirit and become an icon of the unity we see in the Holy Apostles, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Evangelos". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered on the page.

† EVANGELOS
Metropolitan of New Jersey





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ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

Πρός τόν εὐλαβέστατον Ἱερόν Κληρὸν,
Τούς Προέδρους καὶ τὰ Μέλη τῶν Ἐκκλησιαστικῶν Συμβουλίων,
Τάς Προέδρους καὶ τὰ Μέλη τῶν Φιλοπτώχων Ἀδελφοτήτων,
Τούς διδάσκοντας καὶ διδασκομένους τῶν Κατηχητικῶν καὶ Ἑλληνικῶν Σχολείων, Τάς
Ὁργανώσεις τῆς Νεολαίας καὶ ἅπαν τό Χριστεπώνυμον πλήρωμα τῶν εὐσεβῶν Ὁρθοδόξων
Χριστιανῶν τῆς Ἱερᾶς Μητροπόλεως Νέας Ἱερσέης.

*«Τό Πνεῦμα σου τό ἅγιον μή ἀντανέλης ἀφ' ἡμῶν, δεόμεθα φιλάνθρωπε»
(Στιχηρό ἰδιόμελο ἑσπερινοῦ Πεντηκοστῆς)*

Ἀγαπητοί ἐν Χριστῷ ἀδελφοί,

Πενήντα ἡμέρες μετὰ τή λαμπροφόρο Ἀνάσταση τοῦ Κυρίου, ἡ Ἐκκλησία μας μέ
ἰδιαίτερη λαμπρότητα ἐορτάζει τό μοναδικό γεγονός τῆς Ἁγίας Πεντηκοστῆς, κατά τήν
ὁποία συντελέστηκε ἡ κάθοδος τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος. Ἡ ἡμέρα αὐτή, σύμφωνα μέ τήν
ὀρθόδοξη θεολογική διδασκαλία, ἀποτελεῖ τή γενέθλιο ἡμέρα τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, καθὼς τότε,
μέσω τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, ἀποκαλύφθηκαν στούς μαθητές τοῦ Ἰησοῦ σέ ὅλη τούς τήν
ἔκταση «τά περί τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ» (Πράξ. α', 3). Ὁ Κύριος πάντα μιλοῦσε στούς
μαθητές Του γιά τό Ἅγιο Πνεῦμα καί τούς ὑποσχέθηκε ὅτι θά στείλει «ἄλλον Παράκλητον»
(Ἰω. ιδ', 16), τό Πανάγιο Πνεῦμα, πού θά συνεχίσει τό ἔργο τῆς Θείας Οικονομίας. Τήν ἴδια
ὑπόσχεση ἐπανάλαβε καί λίγο πρίν τήν Ἀνάληψή Του, λέγοντας «ἰδοὺ ἐγὼ ἀποστέλλω τήν
ἐπαγγελίαν τοῦ πατρός μου ἐφ' ὑμᾶς· ὑμεῖς δὲ καθίσατε ἐν τῇ πόλει Ἱερουσαλήμ ἕως οὗ
ἐνδύσησθε δύναμιν ἐξ ὕψους» (Λουκ. κδ', 49)· δηλαδή, ἐγὼ σᾶς στέλνω τώρα αὐτό πού
ὑποσχέθηκε ὁ οὐράνιος Πατέρας, δηλαδή τό Πνεῦμα τό Ἅγιο, γιά νά σᾶς φωτίζει καί νά σᾶς
ἐνισχύει στό ἀποστολικό σας ἔργο· ἐσεῖς, λοιπόν, μείνετε στήν πόλη τῆς Ἱερουσαλήμ μέχρι
νά ἐξοπλιστεῖτε μέ δύναμη ἀπό τόν οὐρανό καί νά δεχθεῖτε τήν ἐπιφοίτηση τοῦ Ἁγίου
Πνεύματος.

Τό Ἅγιο Πνεῦμα ὅμως δέν εἶναι κάποια ἀπρόσωπη δύναμη τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὅπως βλάσφημα
δίδασκαν καί συνεχίζουν νά διδάσκουν οἱ ἀνά τούς αἰῶνες πνευματομάχοι αἰρετικοί. Εἶναι
τό τρίτο πρόσωπο τῆς Ἁγίας Τριάδος, Θεός ἀληθινός, διότι μετέχει τῆς θείας οὐσίας ἰσότιμα
μέ τόν Πατέρα καί τόν Υἱό, καί συνεχίζει τό ἀπολυτρωτικό ἔργο τοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τήν εἰς
Οὐρανούς Ἀνάληψή Του. Διαχέει τίς ἄκτιστες δωρεές τοῦ Θεοῦ στούς ἀνθρώπους καί εἶναι
ὁ πραγματικός τελεουργός τῶν Ἱερῶν Μυστηρίων τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μας, μέσω τῶν ὁποίων
οἱ πιστοί ἁγιαζόμεστε καί σωζόμεστε. Κάθε βαπτισμένος χριστιανός γίνεται ναός τοῦ
Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, ὅπως ὑπογραμμίζει ὁ ἀπόστολος Παῦλος λέγοντας τό «οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τό
σῶμα ὑμῶν ναός τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος ἐστίν» (Α' Κορ. στ', 19), προτρέποντας τούς
χριστιανούς νά διατηροῦν τό σῶμα τους καθαρό ἀπό τόν ρύπο τῆς ἁμαρτίας. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ

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Ἁγίου Πνεύματος προσφέρεται πλουσιοπάροχα σέ ὄλους καί «οὐδενός ἄπεστι τῶν ὄντων», δηλαδή δέν ἀποχωρίζεται κανένα κτίσμα, καί ἰδιαίτέρως κανέναν ἄνθρωπο, ὅπως τονίζει ὁ ἅγιος Μάξιμος ὁ ὁμολογητής.

Γιά νά κατανοήσουμε ὁμως τήν ἐνέργεια τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος καί νά γίνουμε δεκτικοί τῆς θείας αὐτῆς ἐλλάμψεως, χρειάζεται νά ἔχουμε ἀγάπη γιά τόν Θεό. Ὁ ἄνθρωπος πού ἔρχεται σέ ἐπαφή μέ τό Ἅγιο Πνεῦμα πληροῦται μέ τή χάρη τοῦ Θεοῦ, κατανοεῖ τό θέλημά Του καί γίνεται, κατά τόν ἅγιο Βασίλειο, «πνευματοφόρος». Διακρίνει τίς ἀρετές καί τίς ἁμαρτίες, ἀποφεύγει τά λυπηρά καί δυσάρεστα καί ἐνδυναμώνεται γιά νά ἀγωνισθεῖ περισσότερο καί καλύτερα στήν καθημερινή του ζωή. Ὁ ἄνθρωπος πού γεύεται τή δωρεά τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, μπορεῖ νά ἀντιμετωπίσει δυσκολίες πού τοῦ φαίνονται ἀνυπερβλητές, καθώς ἡ χάρις τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος δώχνει τήν αἴσθηση τοῦ φόβου, καί τόν βοηθᾷ νά ὑπερνικήσει τίς ἀδυναμίες καί τά πάθη του, ἡ δέ παρηγορία πού προσφέρει εἶναι συνεχής, ἀφοῦ μένει μαζί μας «εἰς τόν αἰῶνα».

Ἀγαπητοί μου ἀδελφοί,

Τό Ἅγιο Πνεῦμα τήν ἡμέρα τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς ἐσκήνωσε διά παντός στήν Ἐκκλησία τοῦ Ἀναστάσιου Κυρίου, γιά νά τήν καθαγιάσει καί νά τήν ἀναδείξει πηγὴ σωτηρίας. Μέσα σέ αὐτή τή λαμπρὴ καί εὐφρόσυνο πανήγυρη μᾶς καλεῖ σήμερα ἡ Ἐκκλησία νά προσευχηθοῦμε μετά φόβου καί «κλίναντες τά γόνατα» νά ζητήσουμε εὐλαβικά ἀπό τόν Κύριό μας Ἰησοῦ Χριστό νά στείλει τόν Παράκλητο, τό Πανάγιο Αὐτοῦ Πνεῦμα, τό Πνεῦμα τῆς ἀληθείας, γιά νά περιλούσει, νά φωτίσει, νά ἀγιάσει τίς ψυχές μας καί νά στηρίξει τίς καρδιές μας στήν ἀλήθεια, ὅπως περιέλουσε καί φωτίσε τήν ἡμέρα τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς τούς Ἅγιους Αὐτοῦ Μαθητές καί Ἀποστόλους καί «δι' αὐτῶν» ὅλη τήν οἰκουμένη.

Ὡς πνευματικός σας πατέρας, εὐχομαι ὀλόθερμα ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦς Χριστός νά προσφέρει πλούσια τή χάρη καί τόν φωτισμό τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος στή ζωή μας, ὥστε νά μᾶς φωτίζει, νά μᾶς καθοδηγεῖ, νά μᾶς δείχνει πάντοτε τήν Ἀλήθεια χαρίζοντάς μας τήν πολυπόθητη σωτηρία. Ἄς ἀγαπήσουμε καί ἄς ἐμπιστευθοῦμε τό Πανάγιο Πνεῦμα, ζώντας τήν παρουσία Του στά μυστήρια τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, δεόμενοι πρὸς τόν φιλόανθρωπο Πατέρα «τό Πνεῦμα σου τό ἅγιον, μή ἀντανέλης ἀφ' ἡμῶν».

Μετά πατρικῶν εὐχῶν καί τῆς ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀγάπης

Ο ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΤΗΣ



† ὁ Νέας Ἱερσέης ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ



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January 24, 2019

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy of
the Holy Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved,

I pray this letter finds you well.

It has come to my attention that for some odd reason, some of our Clergy during the Holy Sacrament of Baptism, are allowing the Baptismal Font to be decorated with flowers and greens. This is to cease immediately, as the decorating of the Font is strictly forbidden. During the Sacrament of Baptism the Baptismal Font has a specific purpose, and is adorned with the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and with Grace of the Holy Spirit, and therefore additional decorations, other than the 3 candles, are hereby prohibited.

In addition please be reminded that the Baptismal Font is a sacred vessel, and therefore the Font must be properly cleaned and scrubbed following the celebration of every baptism.

Praying that our loving Lord continues to bless you and your ministry to His Church, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

† E V A N G E L O S
Metropolitan of New Jersey

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.

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS - THURSDAY, AUGUST 15



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

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



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.

REQUESTED ITEMS FOR OUR CHURCH

With faith, hope and your support we have decided to put together a list with some of the church's needs. We are asking for your ideas and understanding. As you may know, just like all of our homes, the church has many needs. In this list we have compromised some of the more pressing needs and are asking for your support in order to make all of our dreams for a better church come true.

The list goes as follows:

1. The church is in need of an elevator in order for our elderly population to be able to join us in the hall following the Sunday Service.
2. The bathrooms in both the middle level and the upstairs level need to be renovated as soon as possible.
3. The church parking lot needs to be reconfigured and renovated for better efficiency.
4. We need a glass display in the entrance of our church for all the icons our church has accumulated.
5. A small van or bus to accommodate our parishioners for our many events.
6. A generator in case of emergencies for our schools and offices.
7. The ceiling below the choir and a couple other places needs to be replaced.
8. The main entrance door of the church needs to be renovated.
9. We are in need of a chanter for our holy services.
10. We need to hire a cleaning crew for 2-3 times a month due to the large amount of traffic our church receives from all the organizations.
11. Our phones and computers need to be upgraded.
12. The ceiling and stage of the hall need to be renovated.
13. The kitchen of our hall needs to be renovated.
14. The paths behind the church need to be re-cemented.

This is just the beginning of the list. We are hoping for your support and help of any kind and with your love for Saint Nicholas to make our church shine once again and become the star of our Greek Community in Baltimore. We are looking forwards to your ideas, your donations and your drive as a community to help us make this happen.

WE CAN CONQUER EVERYTHING TOGETHER.

Many Regards,
Stamatia Ieromonahos
President of the Saint Nicholas Parish Council

ΚΑΤΑΛΟΓΟΣ ΑΝΑΓΚΩΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΣ ΜΑΣ

Με την πίστη, την ελπίδα και την συμπαράσταση σας αποφασίσαμε να κάνουμε έναν κατάλογο με κάποιες από τις ανάγκες της Εκκλησίας μας. Ζητάμε τις ιδέες σας, την συμπαράσταση και την υποστήριξη σας. Όπως ξέρετε η Εκκλησία μας, όπως και το σπίτι μας, χρειάζεται πολύ φροντίδα. Θα σας αναφέρουμε μερικές ελλείψεις της Εκκλησίας μας παρακάτω και ευελπιστούμε με την βοήθεια σας να ξεκινήσουν να γίνονται αληθινά τα όνειρα όλων μας.

Η λίστα μας λοιπόν είναι η παρακάτω:

1. Χρειαζόμαστε ένα ασανσέρ για την μετακίνηση των ατόμων μας της τρίτης ηλικίας στην αίθουσα εκδηλώσεων μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία .
2. Τα μπάνια του μεσαίου ορόφου και του επάνω ορόφου χρειάζονται οπωσδήποτε ανακαίνιση .
3. Το πάρκινγκ της Εκκλησίας μας χρειάζεται γενική ανακαίνιση και σωστό σχεδιασμό για καλύτερη λειτουργικότητα.
4. Χρειαζόμαστε μία ντουλάπα με τζαμαρία στην είσοδο του ναού μας όπου θα καταχωρήσουμε μέσα τις δεκάδες εικόνες που δεν έχουμε χώρο να τις βάλουμε και να μείνουν.
5. Ένα μικρό λεωφορείο που θα εξυπηρετεί όλους τους ενορίτες μας μικρούς & μεγάλους σε όλες τις εκδηλώσεις τους .
6. Μία γεννήτρια παροχής ρεύματος σε περίπτωση διακοπής προς αποφυγή προβλημάτων των σχολείων και του γραφείου μας.
7. Το ταβάνι κάτω από την χορωδία μας και έξω στον νάρθηκα της Εκκλησίας μας χρειάζονται αντικατάσταση.
8. Η εξωτερική πόρτα της Εκκλησίας μας χρειάζεται αντικατάσταση.
9. Χρειαζόμαστε ψάλτη για τις ανάγκες της εκκλησίας μας.
10. Χρειαζόμαστε εταιρεία καθαρισμού της εκκλησίας μας 2-3 φορές τον μήνα λόγω μεγάλης κίνησης που γίνεται καθημερινά από όλους τους οργανισμούς .
11. Αναβάθμιση και ανανέωση τα τηλέφωνα και οι υπολογιστές της Εκκλησίας μας.
12. Ανακαίνιση το ταβάνι και η σκηνή κάτω στη Κοινοτική Αίθουσα.
13. Ανακαίνιση η κουζίνα της Εκκλησίας μας.
14. Ασφαλτοστρώσεις στα δρομάκια που βρίσκονται στο πίσω μέρος της εκκλησίας μας.

Αυτά για αρχή της λίστας των αναγκών μας. Ευελπιστούμε στην συμπαράσταση, στην βοήθεια σας με οποιαδήποτε τρόπο και με οδηγό την αγάπη σας για τον Άγιο Νικόλαο να τον κάνουμε λάμπει πάντα Ανακαινισμένος στην Ελληνική Γειτονιά της Βαλτιμόρης !!!

Δεχόμαστε με μεγάλη χαρά τις ιδέες σας, τις πρωτοβουλίες σας όπως και την προσφορά σας να αναλάβετε οποιαδήποτε από όλα αυτά να το φέρετε εις πέρας ατομικά ή ομαδικά.

ΟΛΟΙ ΜΑΖΙ ΝΙΚΑΜΕ ΟΛΑ ΤΑ ΕΜΠΟΔΙΑ

Με ειλικρινά αισθήματα

Σταματία Ιερομόναχος

Πρόεδρος του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Χριστιανικής Εκκλησίας Αγίου Νικολάου Βαλτιμόρης

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHURCH NEWS



June 2, 2019

Dear Father Pastrikos and Oratorical Committee,

Christos Anestil

Thank you for your kindness and hospitality at the district St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. I was thrilled to be chosen as a district finalist, and as I head to Nationals, I will again be thinking of your support. Thanks again!

Kind Regards,
Elizabeth Karides

We want to Congratulate Elizabeth Karides (our Junior District & Metropolis Finalist) who came in Third Place at the National Level of competition of The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival that took place June 8 -9, 2019 in New York city. We are sure that her family and parish (Sts. Constantine & Helen – Annapolis) are very proud of this young lady for her achievement. May she continue to participate and encourage other teens in our District of Maryland to be more active in this worthy program of our Archdiocese Religious Education. We also want to thank her for her kind words as a participant in our District Festival hosted by our church back in April. Congratulations once again kai is Anotera. May God be with you.

- By Emily Cossis

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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, IS PLANNING A TRIP ONCE AGAIN TO THE HOLY LANDS, (JERUSALEM) SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER OF 2019. FR. MICHAEL HAS RECEIVED MANY CALLS FROM PARISHIONERS ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE JERUSALEM 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 NEED TO DO OUR 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. THIS TRIP WILL ALSO HAVE AN OPTION TO VISIT OUR MOTHER LAND GREECE. ALL THE DETAILS OF THIS TRIP WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING.

I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US ON THIS EXCITING PILGRIMAGE. IF YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS OR RELATIVES THAT YOU FEEL WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US ON THIS TRIP, PLEASE CONVEY THIS INFORMATION TO THEM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND CANNOT MAKE THE MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT FR. MICHAEL AT 443-742-8314.

HOPING TO SEE EVERYONE THERE,

RESPECTFULLY,

FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS
PROTOPRESBYTER



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Please fill out this form if you are interested in attending the meeting.

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KOUTSONOURIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Stelios D. Anastasiades of Towson High School and Christos N. Vasilarakis of Kenwood High School were awarded the Koutsonouris Memorial Scholarship for their academic achievements, community service and church involvement. Stelios Anastasiades will be attending Loyola University Maryland in the fall, 2019 and Christos Vasilarakis will be attending the University of Maryland College Park in the fall, 2019. Congratulations to both of them on receiving scholarships and we wish them the best with their future college plans.

Pictured:

Christos N. Vasilarakis, Father Michael L. Pastrikos, and Stelios D. Anastasiades

JOY PROGRAM

The JOY Program is designed for ages 3-11. The program will prepare our children for GOYA and will emphasize the same goals of fellowship and understanding of our faith. Each meeting has a theme based on the Ecclesiastical Feast Days of the month. Activities include Crafts, Games, Basketball, and a lesson by Fr. Michael. Snacks will be provided by the parish.



We meet once a month every third Saturday from 12-2 pm.

Please feel free to contact me at 443-221-8024 or ckouroublakis@gmail.com for more information.

EARLY EDUCATION CENTER NEWS



ST. NICHOLAS BILINGUAL EARLY EDUCATION CENTER



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 part-time and 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 June, the children attended the Greek Festival where they enjoyed Greek music and Food. BEEC also held our second Father's Day Breakfast together and the children spent the morning eating breakfast together. The children also gave their fathers a beautiful gift that they made with the help of their teachers. We also had a graduating ceremony for our graduating students. We will miss them and wish them all the best in their academic school years.

This month the BEEC children will be having a 4th of July party! And to celebrate Summer the BEEC is cooling off with weekly water days where the kids can splash around and have fun in the sun! We will also be having an ice cream party where the children will be able making their own sundaes!

ΔΙΓΛΩΣΣΟ ΕΚΠΑΙΔΕΥΤΙΚΟ ΚΕΝΤΡΟ ΠΡΟΣΧΟΛΙΚΗΣ ΗΛΙΚΙΑΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ

Ο Δίγλωσσος Βρεφονηπιακός Σταθμός Αγίου Νικολάου παρέχει ένα ασφαλές περιβάλλον, ένα σπίτι μακριά από το σπίτι, ένα σπίτι μάθησης. Δεχόμαστε παιδιά ηλικίας 6 εβδομάδων έως 5 ετών. **Ο σταθμός μας ψάχνει να προσλάβει βοηθούς δασκάλων μερικής και πλήρους απασχόλησης.** Αν έχετε ερωτήσεις ή χρειάζοσαστε περισσότερες πληροφορίες, επικοινωνήστε με το σταθμό μας στο τηλέφωνο 410-633-5020, γραμμή 4 ή στείλτε μας μήνυμα στο Facebook.

Τον Ιούνιο τα παιδιά επισκέφθηκαν το Ελληνικό Λαϊκό Πανηγύρι όπου απόλαυσαν την ελληνική μουσική και το ελληνικό φαγητό. Ο Σταθμός μας εόρτασε την εορτή του Πατέρα με πρόγευμα για δεύτερη χρονιά, και τα παιδιά πέρασαν το πρωινό απολαυμπάνοντας το πρόγευμα μαζί με τους πατεράδες τους. Τα παιδιά επίσης πρόσφεραν στους μπαμπάδες τους ένα όμορφο δώρο, που έφτιαξαν μόνα τους με την βοήθεια των δασκάλων τους. Είχαμε επίσης την τελετή της αποφοίτησης για τα παιδιά που αποφοιτούν εφέτος. Θα μας λείψουν!! Τους ευόμαστε από καρδιάς τα καλύτερα για τα ακαδημαϊκά σχολικά τους χρόνια που έπονται.



Τούτο το μήνα, ο Σταθμός μας θα έχει πάρτυ για την εορτή της 4ης Ιουλίου. Και για να εορτάσουμε το Καλοκαίρι ο Σταθμός μας θα έχει νεροπόλεμο κάθε εβδομάδα που τα παιδιά θα τσαλαβουτούν στο νερό και θα διασκεδάζουν στον ήλιο. Θα έχουμε και πάρτυ με παγωτό, εκεί τα παιδιά θα φτιάχνουν το δικό τους παγωτό με ότι θέλουν από πάνω.



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR - JULY & AUGUST

July 1 Monday Sts Cosmas and Damian Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
 July 7 Sunday 3rd Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
 July 14 Sunday Sunday of the Holy Fathers Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
 July 21 Sunday 5th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
 July 21 Sunday Evening Great Vespers at Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella Bel Air 7:00 pm
 July 22 Monday Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella Orthros 8:45 Divine Liturgy 9:30 am at St. Nicholas
 July 26 Friday St. Paraskevi Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
 July 27 Saturday St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
 July 28 Sunday 6th Sunday of Matthew - St. Irene Chrysovalantou
 Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

AUGUST:

August 1-15 Beginning of the Dormition Fast - Aug 1 until Aug 15

No Meat or Dairy products permitted

August 1 Thursday Paraklesis Service 7:00 pm
 August 2 Friday Paraklesis Service 7:00 pm
 August 4 Sunday 7th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30
 August 5 Monday Great Vesper Service 7:00 pm
 August 6 Tuesday Holy Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
 August 7 Wednesday Paraklesis Service 7:00 pm
 August 9 Friday Paraklesis Service 7:00 pm
 August 11 Sunday 8th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
 August 12 Monday Paraklesis Service 7:00 pm
 August 14 Wednesday Great Vesper Service Dormition Vespers 7:00 pm
 August 15 Thursday Dormition of the Theotokos KOIMISIS Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
 August 18 Sunday 9th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
 August 25 Sunday 10th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
 August 29 Thursday The Beheading of John the Baptist Orthros 8:45 Divine Liturgy 9:30 am