## SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

## Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

The months of July and August are happy and joyous ones. But considering what our country has gone through with the pandemic of the Corona Virus, it is sad to say that we did not have much happiness and joy, seeing that we lost over 600,000 Americans not counting the rest of the world who even today are still suffering from this virus. We should be thankful for the scientists and companies that quickly came up with the vaccines that so far have saved many from this dreadful and deadly disease.

Most importantly, let us be thankful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the blessings and gifts that He has given us throughout these trying times fighting this Pandemic since many who survived this virus have passed through tragic moments during this terrible and unexplainable period.

We also need to take a moment of prayer, to honor the millions of people throughout this world who lost their lives. Let us pray to the Lord that He brings comfort and support to the families who have lost their loved ones, and grants repose to the souls of the people who have died.

So, as we continue to fight this battle there are some things we need to focus on as we continue to walk carefully through this journey together, because it is not over yet. When we are filled at times with spiritual excitement, we want to share our joy and experiences with others. The Christian with strong faith can be compared to the house which is built on a strong foundation and thus has no fear of any storms in the horizon. We must also realize that all the pleasures and accomplishments that we have experienced in our lives are not for ourselves but for Christ. Our whole life should be an example of how we treat and respect other people.

We need to continue to think of the less fortunate people of this world and help them in any way we can. Let us take the example of what this pandemic has done to the world. It stopped the economy of all nations. If we look back in time, everything in the world was shut down. People all over the world lost their jobs, lost their businesses, and the world became a panic situation. As Americans, can we forget this tragedy, can we forget how many people were asking for food and financial help. Can we forget people losing their homes

and being thrown out onto the streets? Do you really believe that this has stopped even though the U.S. Government is helping with stimulus checks and granting forgivable loans to all the companies for them to survive? Let us give thanks to our government officials and authorities for thinking about us and helping us get out of this situation. We also need the people to understand that they cannot always rely on the government and that we should realize that we need to go back

to work. Yes, these situations were miserable moments in one's life, but thank God that we experienced these tragic moments together; and yes, we will continue to fight this battle together until we win.

Now I would like to continue this newsletter expressing our thankfulness to our Lord for on July 4th, our Nation, commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence which took place on July 4, 1776. This is a historical day for our Country which goes back to the 18th Century. On July 2, 1776, the Congress voted in favor of independence, and 2 days later on July 4, 1776, the delegates of the 13 original Colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence which was drafted by Thomas Jefferson. In honor of this

historical day for our country, let us give thanks and debt of gratitude for the courageous men who fought all battles for the freedom of our nation. Let us thank them for their fight against our enemies and defending the freedom of democracy upon which our nation was founded. So, on this day with united hearts and souls we celebrate the most glorious and special day, in which our minds and hearts are drawn to this significant event that have ushered in hope and salvation for us in both spiritual and physical manner. In the fight for independence, it was faith in God that engendered courage in the face of injustice, affirmed the priority of human dignity, and emboldened the effort for liberty as an essential quality of human life. This is why on July 4th we honor our heroes for their courage and love for their country.

In closing, I hope and pray that all of you stay safe during the 4th of July celebration, and may our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to bless you and your families with health, joy, happiness.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND BE CAREFUL!





# Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Λ. Παστρικό

Οι μήνες Ιούλιος και Αύγουστος είναι χαρούμενοι και χαρούμενοι. Αλλά λαμβάνοντας υπόψη τι έχει περάσει η χώρα μας με την πανδημία του κορωνοϊού, είναι λυπηρό να πούμε ότι δεν είχαμε πολλή ευτυχία και χαρά, βλέποντας ότι χάσαμε πάνω από 600.000 (Αμερικανούς) χωρίς να υπολογίζουμε τον υπόλοιπο κόσμο που ακόμη και σήμερα εξακολουθεί να υποφέρει από αυτόν τον ιό. Θα πρέπει επίσης να είμαστε ευγνώμονες για τους επιστήμονες και τις εταιρείες που γρήγορα κατέληξαν στα εμβόλια που μέχρι στιγμής μας έσωσαν κάπως από αυτή την τρομερή και θανατηφόρα ασθένεια. Ας είμαστε επίσης ευγνώμονες στον Κύριο και Σωτήρα μας Ιησού Χριστό για την ευλογία και τα δώρα που μας έχει δώσει σε όλη αυτή τη δύσκολη περίοδο καταπολεμώντας αυτή την πανδημία, επειδή οι οποίοι έχουν επιβιώσει από αυτόν τον ιό έχουν περάσει από τραγικές στιγμές κατά τη διάρκεια αυτής της τρομερής και ανεξήγητης περιόδου. Πρέπει επίσης να προσευχηθούμε για λίγο, για να τιμήσουμε τα εκατομμύρια των ανθρώπων σε όλο τον κόσμο που έχασαν τη ζωή τους. Ας προσευχηθούμε στον Κύριο να φέρει παρηγοριά και υποστήριξη στις οικογένειες που έχασαν τους αγαπημένους τους και να αναπαυθεί στις ψυχές των ανθρώπων που έχουν πεθάνει. Έτσι, καθώς συνεχίζουμε να πολεμάμε αυτή τη μάχη εδώ είναι μερικά πράγματα που πρέπει να κάνουμε για να επικεντρωθούμε καθώς συνεχίζουμε και περπατάμε ειλικρινά μέσα από αυτό το ταξίδι μαζί, επειδή δεν έχει τελειώσει ακόμα. Όταν είμαστε γεμάτοι μερικές φορές με πνευματικό ενθουσιασμό και όταν συμβαίνει αυτό θέλουμε να μοιραστούμε με άλλους τις εμπειρίες μας. Ο Χριστιανός με ισχυρή πίστη ζει την πίστη του μπορεί να συγκριθεί με το σπίτι που είναι χτισμένο σε γερά θεμέλια και έτσι δεν φοβάται για καταιγίδες στον ορίζοντα. Πρέπει επίσης να συνειδητοποιήσουμε ότι όλες οι απολαύσεις και τα επιτεύγματα που έχουμε κάνει στη ζωή μας δεν είναι για τον εαυτό μας αλλά για τον Χριστό. Όλη μας η ζωή πρέπει να είναι ένα παράδειγμα για το πώς φερόμαστε και σεβόμαστε τους άλλους ανθρώπους.

Πρέπει να συνεχίσουμε να σκεφτόμαστε τους λιγότερο τυχερούς ανθρώπους αυτού του κόσμου και να τους βοηθήσουμε με όποιον τρόπο μπορούμε. Ας πάρουμε το παράδειγμα για το τι έκανε αυτή η πανδημία στον κόσμο. Σταμάτησε την οικονομία όλων των εθνών. Τα πάντα στον κόσμο αν κοιτάξουμε πίσω στο χρόνο, κλείσουν, άνθρωποι σε όλο τον κόσμο έχασαν τη δουλειά τους, έχασαν τις επιχειρήσεις τους και ο κόσμος έγινε κατάσταση πανικού. Ως Αμερικανοί, μπορούμε να ξεχάσουμε αυτή την τραγωδία , μπορούμε να ξεχάσουμε πόσοι άνθρωποι όπου ζητούν φαγητό και οικονομική βοήθεια. Μπορούμε να ξεχάσουμε τους ανθρώπους που χάνουν τα σπίτια τους και τους πετάνε στους δρόμους. Πιστεύετε πραγματικά ότι αυτό έχει σταματήσει παρόλο που η κυβέρνηση των ΗΠΑ βοηθά με ελέγχους κινήτρων και χορηγεί συγχωρετικά δάνεια σε όλες τις εταιρείες για να επιβιώσουν επίσης. Ας ευχαριστήσουμε τους κυβερνητικούς αξιωματούχους και τις αρχές μας που μας σκέφτονταν και μας βοηθούσαν να βγούμε από αυτή την κατάσταση. Χρειαζόμαστε επίσης οι άνθρωποι να καταλάβουν ότι δεν μπορούν πάντα να βασίζονται στην κυβέρνηση, και ότι πρέπει να συνειδητοποιήσουμε ότι πρέπει να επιστρέψουμε στη δουλειά. Ναι, αυτές οι καταστάσεις όπου οι άθλιες στιγμές στη ζωή κάποιου, αλλά δόξα τω Θεώ που ζήσαμε αυτές τις τραγικές στιγμές μαζί, και ναι, θα συνεχίσουμε να πολεμάμε αυτή τη μάχη μαζί μέχρι να κερδίσουμε.

Τώρα θα ήθελα να συνεχίσω αυτό το ενημερωτικό δελτίο εκφράζοντας την ευχαρίστησή μας στον Κύριό μας για αυτή την ημέρα το Έθνος μας, οι Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες της Αμερικής, τιμούν την υιοθέτηση της Διακήρυξης της Ανεξαρτησίας που πραγματοποιήθηκε στις 4 Ιουλίου 1776. Αυτή είναι μια ιστορική ημέρα για τη χώρα μας που χρονολογείται από τον 18ο αιώνα και την Αμερικανική Επανάσταση, στις 2 Ιουλίου 1776 το Κογκρέσο ψήφισε υπέρ της Ανεξαρτησίας και 2 ημέρες αργότερα 4 Ιουλίου 1776 αντιπρόσωποι 13 Αποικιών υιοθέτησαν τη Διακήρυξη της Ανεξαρτησίας που συντάχθηκε από τον Τόμας Τζέφερσον. Προς τιμήν αυτής της ιστορικής ημέρας για τη χώρα μας, ας ευχαριστήσουμε και να δώσουμε ευγνωμοσύνη στους θαρραλέους Ανθρώπους που έδωσαν όλες τις μάχες για την ελευθερία του Έθνους μας. Ας τους ευχαριστήσουμε για τον αγώνα τους εναντίον των εχθρών μας και για την υπεράσπιση της ελευθερίας της Δημοκρατίας στην οποία θεμελιώθηκε το Έθνος μας. Έτσι σήμερα με ενωμένες καρδιές και ψυχές γιορτάζουμε την πιο ένδοξη ξεχωριστή μέρα, στην οποία το μυαλό και η καρδιά μας έλκονται από αυτό το σημαντικό γεγονός που μας έχει εγκαινιάσει την ελπίδα και τη σωτηρία τόσο με πνευματικό όσο και με φυσικό τρόπο. Στον αγώνα για την Ανεξαρτησία, ήταν η πίστη στο Θεό που παρήχησε θάρρος απέναντι στην

Κλείνοντας ελπίζω και προσεύχομαι όλοι σας να παραμείνετε ασφαλείς κατά τη διάρκεια του Εορτασμού της 4ης Ιουλίου και είθε ο Κύριος και Σωτήρας μας Ιησούς Χριστός να συνεχίσει να ευλογεί εσάς και τις οικογένειές σας με υγεία, χαρά, ευτυχία. ΝΑ ΈΧΕΤΕ ΈΝΑ ΥΠΈΡΟΧΟ ΚΑΛΟΚΑΊΡΙ ΚΑΙ ΝΑ ΕΊΣΤΕ ΠΡΟΣΕΚΤΙΚΟΊ...

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

# **ISSUE MONTH: SEPTEMBER 2021** SUBMISSIONS DUE: AUGUST 15th

*Please email your article(s) to: msalpeas@stnicholasmd.org* 

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

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

Thank you KOINONIA JULY/AUGUST 2021

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/ MHNYMA ANO THN ПРОЕАРО

Our beloved parishioners and friends of Saint Nicholas,

I wish you all health and happiness!

With the blessing of our Lord and with your help and true support our Festival came to a great success. With great pleasure we came all together and had such a wonderful time! We proved once again that we all work miracles

together. Thank you ALL from the bottom of my heart. Our Patron Saint Nicholas helps us.

Greek School successfully completed another productive school year! We had a beautiful celebration at Platia where we met again after a long time with our students and Greek school families. We all were all so happy seeing each other!! Congratulations to our teaching staff, parents and children for another beautiful school year that has come to an end. Remember the most valuable gift for your children and grandchildren is to attend Greek school! Giving them the opportunity to be taught our manners and customs, to learn our history and dances and to create beautiful memories. Registrations for Ellinomathia's exams will end in 28th of June! Do not miss the opportunity, young and old, to test your knowledge at any level of Greek Language. No one has ever lost out on a diploma of education and especially for the Greek language speakers!!

With the opening of the back entrance's road of our church that has been asphalted, we also celebrated the new Kindergarten's room of our center! The state has approved the operation of our Preschool & Kindergarten with 30 spots for students available in the small hall of our church. It is a true blessing for those parents who want their children to be in a Greek all-day school environment with an excellent Greek & English language program by our specialized stuff!! Moreover, a beautiful sod has been installed in the playground of our BEE Center for the safety of our children.

We always try our best for our community. Your ideas, comments and opinions are always welcome. The Parish council and I wish you enjoy the Summer with your loved ones!

Thank you very much for everything you generously offer to our church!!

With immense appreciation and love, Stamatia Ieromonahos President of the Parish Council Saint Nicholas Church Αγαπημένοι μας ενορίτες και φίλοι του Αγίου Νικολάου,

Εύχομαι να είστε όλοι υγιείς και χαρούμενοι.

Με την ευλογία του Κυρίου και με την βοήθεια και την αληθινή υποστήριξη σας έγινε με μεγάλη επιτυχία το Φέστιβαλ μας. Με μεγάλη χαρά βρεθήκαμε όλοι μαζί και περάσαμε τόσο

όμορφα!!! Αποδείξαμε για μια ακόμη φορά ότι όλοι μαζί κάνουμε θαύματα. Σας ευχαριστούμε ΟΛΟΥΣ από καρδιάς. Βοήθεια μας ο Πολιούχος Μας Άγιος Νικόλαος.

Με επιτυχία κλείσαμε και την φετινή σχολική χρονιά μας με μια όμορφη γιορτή στην Πλατεία μας όπου βρεθήκαμε μετά από έναν χρόνο με τα παιδάκια μας και τις οικογένειες τους. Όλοι είμασταν τόσο χαρούμενοι!! Ευχαριστούμε πολύ το διδακτικό

προσωπικό μας, τους γονείς και τα παιδιά μας για μια ακόμη όμορφη σχολική χρονιά που έφτασε στο τέλος της . Να θυμάστε το καλύτερο δώρο για τα παιδιά και τα εγγόνια σας είναι να παρακολουθήσουν το ελληνικό σχολείο. Να διδαχτούν τα ήθη και τα έθιμα μας, να μάθουν την ιστορία και τους χορούς μας και να χτίσουν όμορφες αναμνήσεις. Οι εγγραφές για την Ελληνομάθεια θα λήξουν τέλος Ιουνίου, μην χάσετε την ευκαιρία μικροί και μεγάλοι να δοκιμάσετε το επίπεδο των ελληνικών σας . Ποτέ κανείς δεν βγήκε χαμένος από ένα δίπλωμα μόρφωσης και ειδικά από το να είναι γνώστης της ελληνικής γλώσσας!!

Με τα εγκαίνια της ασφαλτοστρωμένης πίσω πλευράς της εκκλησίας μας εγκαινιάσαμε και νέο παράρτημα του παιδικού σταθμού μας. Άδεια μας έδωσε η πολιτεία και λειτουργεί στην μικρή αίθουσα της εκκλησίας μας ολοήμερο τμήμα νηπιαγωγείου για 30 παιδάκια. Αυτό είναι ευλογία για όσους γονείς θέλουν τα παιδιά τους να βρίσκονται σε ελληνικό περιβάλλον ολοήμερου σχολείου με άριστο πρόγραμμα ελληνικής & αγγλικής γλώσσας από τις ειδικευμένες δασκάλες μας!! Στην παιδική χαρά του σταθμού μας τοποθετήθηκε ειδικό χορτάρι για την ασφάλεια των παιδιών μας.

Πάντα προσπαθούμε το καλύτερο για την κοινότητα μας. Ευπρόσδεκτες οι ιδέες, οι παρατηρήσεις και οι γνώμες σας. Το συμβούλιο μας και εγώ σας ευχόμαστε να περάσετε ένα υπέροχο καλοκαίρι με την οικογένεια σας!!!

Σας ευχαριστούμε πάρα πολύ για όλα όσα απλόχερα προσφέρετε στην εκκλησία μας!!

Υγεία και Ευλογία σε όλους σας Με ειλικρινή αγάπη, Σταματία Ιερομόναχος Πρόεδρος του Συμβουλίου Αγίου Νικολάου Βαλτιμόρης



## GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

## ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

June 15, 2021

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy,
The Beloved Archons of the Order of St. Andrew of the Ecumenical Patriarchate,
The Esteemed Members of the Metropolis Council and
Esteemed Members of the GOMNJ Philoptochos Sisterhood
And the Dedicated Faithful Parishioners of the Communities of the
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My beloved,

I hope and pray that this letter finds you well.

It is with much elation that I announce to you that on Wednesday, June 30th, the Feastday of the Synaxis of the Holy Apostles, His Grace, Bishop Apostolos of Medeia will be celebrating his Nameday. Therefore, I write to cordially invite all of you to attend this beautiful day of celebration. His Grace will celebrate the Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy beginning at 9:00am at the St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church in Paramus, New Jersey. A reception will follow the Divine Liturgy in the Parish Hall.

This past February, our beloved Chief-Shepherd, His Eminence, Archbishop Elpidophoros of America blessed our Holy Metropolis by appointing His Grace to be responsible for the liturgical and pastoral needs of our sacred Eparchy. During this time His Grace has worked tirelessly for the well-being of our Metropolis, traveling throughout the five states in order to visit our communities, as well as to meet as many of our faithful parishioners as possible. Therefore, I hope that you will be able to be in attendance as His Grace celebrates his Nameday in order for us to show our appreciation to him for his dedication to all of our spiritual and pastoral needs.

Thanking your for your love and commitment to His Church and to our Metropolis and wishing you a most blessed and healthy summer, I remain



At the direction of His Eminence,

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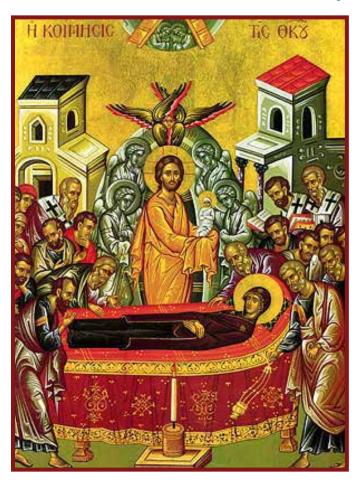
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## DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS - THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

# Dormition of the Theotokos

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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.

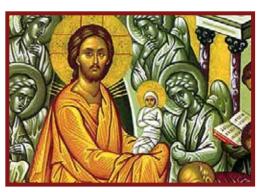
Along with the biblical reference in Acts 1:14 that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

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.



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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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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# **V**our Graces, Rev. Fathers. and Esteemed Parish Council Members,

I pray that you and your families and your communities are well on this blessed feast of the Holy Ascension of our Lord.

I am writing to inform you of an exceptional study and resource regarding the matter of the granting of Autocephaly of the Church of Ukraine by the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the refusal of the Russian Church to recognize the Autocephalous Church of Ukraine, effectively creating an ecclesiastical schism, which undermines the rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

The study produced by the Holy Monastery of Pantokrator, at Mount Athos, has now been translated in English and posted on the Orthodox Observer. To make it easily accessible and useful, the Orthodox Observer team has created two more documents: an overview and a summary of the main points.

I urge you to take the time to read the overview, the main points, and the study as well, and forward to your parishioners via your parish email listery, Facebook and appropriate distribution methods.

Together we can inform our faithful and clarify this misunderstood issue.

## **RESOURCES**

Main Points of the Report: The Whole Truth About the Ukrainian Church Issue, Mount Athos, 2020 <a href="bit.ly/UkraineBulletPoints">bit.ly/UkraineBulletPoints</a>

Overview of the Report: The Whole Truth About the Ukrainian Church Issue, Mount Athos, 2020 <a href="mailto:bit.ly/UkraineOverview">bit.ly/UkraineOverview</a>

Full Report: The Whole Truth About the Ukrainian Church Issue, Mount Athos, 2020 <a href="https://bit.ly/UkraineFullReport">bit.ly/UkraineFullReport</a>

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I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Conveying to you His Eminences archpastoral blessings, I remain

Prayerfully yours, Protopresbyter Andreas Vithoulkas Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

# This Kid From Baltimore is Running a 12K Around Rome for Charity

by Darden Livesay | May 19, 2021

Niko Roros, a 24-year-old soccer player and youth coach from Baltimore, Maryland, plans to run a 12K around the Italian city of Rome on Saturday, June 12 to raise money that will benefit children's charities in Greece.

Roros has been living in Rome for the past year studying at the Soccer Management Institute to receive his master's in sports management and soccer coaching. He has also been playing as a goalkeeper for the soccer club Rome City SC.

Roros has joined an initiative called Team Greek America, a virtual team of athletes organized by the New York-based Greek America Foundation. The funds raised from the goalkeeper's race around Rome — which he personally created — will benefit the foundation's #ChildrenOfGreece campaign supporting six charities in Greece.

Roros's planned route for his 12K around the Italian capital includes stops at the most iconic historic sites such as the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Altar della Patria, Pantheon and Fontana di Trevi, among others.

Roros' has set his fundraising goal at \$10,000 and says he hopes to inspire others to become involved in the initiative.

"I was inspired to join the movement after seeing all the



great work of the Greek America Foundation and how Team Greek America expresses our heritage to the world," he says. "For me it is important to take the inspiration that I received from others in my life and give it back in any way I can."

As of April 2021, the Greek America Foundation's #ChildrenOfGreece campaign has disbursed \$40,000 to its beneficiary charities. The organization posts regular updates on its website.

Roros says the foundation's campaign resonates with him personally due to his belief in child welfare and access to basic resources such as food, shelter and education.

"Children are innocent in this world and only as good as the situation they are put in. The faults of the world are not theirs to

burden right now," Roros says. "The future will never change unless we help the kids of today become the leaders of tomorrow."

"This fundraiser is the start of many projects that I hope to be a part of with the Greek America Foundation," he says. "With this I want to show the Greek community — and the world — how you can help make a difference."

For updates on his fundraiser, follow Niko's personal social media including Facebook and Instagram (@rorothegreek.) and follow the Greek America Foundation on Facebook, Instagram (@greekamericafoundation) and Twitter @GreekAmerica.

# **PHILOPTOCHOS**

s the ecclesiastical year comes to a close, we would like **A**to thank everyone for their support and donations throughout the year! Without you the assistance rendered to those in need would not be possible. Every dollar that is donated or raised at an event that is held by Philoptochos is ere marked for philanthropy unless otherwise specified and advertised in advanced which is detailed in The Philoptochos By-laws.

God has blessed our Philoptochos with a Board and members with Ladies that truly believe in the mission of Philoptochos. Our Ladies generously prepared and donated pastries at their own expense on behalf of Philoptochos for our community's festival. We recently paid for a burial and assisted with another. We continue to supply food monthly

to Our Daily Bread and continue to support The Philoxenia House. Philoptochos does not go on vacation during the summer months cause the need for help is always there. If you know of anyone that is in need, please do not hesitate to contact us. Rest assured everything is strictly confidential.

Praying that everyone has a safe and healthy summer and looking forward to seeing everyone in September. Next year our meetings will be scheduled on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. and we are looking forward to announcing some new and excited changes. Please save the date for our first General Meeting on Monday, September 13th location to be announced. You do not have to be a member to attend the meetings. Come see what Philoptochos is about!

John 4:12- No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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Καθώς η εκκλησιαστική χρονιά πλησιάζει στο τέλος της, θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε όλους για την υποστήριξη και τις δωρεές τους όλο το χρόνο! Χωρίς εσάς, η βοήθεια που παρέχεται σε όσους έχουν ανάγκη δεν θα ήταν εφικτή. Κάθε δολάριο που δωρίζεται ή συγκεντρώνεται σε μια εκδήλωση που πραγματοποιείται από την Φιλόπτωχο σηματοδοτείται για φιλανθρωπία, εκτός αν ορίζεται διαφορετικά και διαφημίζεται εκ των προτέρων όπως περιγράφεται λεπτομερώς στους PHILOPTOCHOS κανονισμούς της Φιλοπτώχου.

> Ο Θεός έχει ευλογήσει την Φιλόπτωχό μας με Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο και μέλη, με Κυρίες που πιστεύουν πραγματικά στην αποστολή της Φιλόπτωχου. Οι Κυρίες μας ετοίμασαν γενναιόδωρα και δώρισαν γλυκά, με δικά τους έξοδα, εκ μέρους της Φιλοπτώχου για το Φεστιβάλ της Κοινότητάς μας. Πρόσφατα πληρώσαμε για την ταφή κάποιου και βοηθήσαμε κάποιον άλλο. Συνεχίζουμε να ετοιμάζουμε φαγητά μηνιαίως για

το Our Daily Bread και επίσης υποστηρίζουμε το Philoxenia House. Η Φιλόπτωχος δεν πηγαίνει διακοπές κατά τους καλοκαιρινούς μήνες γιατί υπάρχει πάντα η ανάγκη για βοήθεια. Εάν γνωρίζετε κάποιον που έχει ανάγκη, μην διστάσετε να επικοινωνήσετε μαζί μας. Να είστε βέβαιοι ότι όλα παραμένουν απολύτως εμπιστευτικά.

Προσευχόμαστε όπως όλοι σας έχετε ένα ασφαλές και υγιές καλοκαίρι, και ανυπομονούμε να σας δούμε όλους τον Σεπτέμβριο. Του χρόνου οι συνεδριάσεις μας θα γίνονται Δευτέρα στις 6:00 μ.μ. και ανυπομονούμε να σας ανακοινώσουμε κάποιες νέες και σημαντικές αλλαγές. Κρατείστε την ημερομηνία για την πρώτη μας Γενική Συνέλευση την Δευτέρα, 13 Σεπτεμβρίου, θα σας ανακοινώσουμε τον τόπο. Δεν χρειάζεται να είστε μέλος για να παρακολουθήσετε τις συνεδριάσεις. Ελάτε να δείτε τι σημαίνει Φιλόπτωχος!

Ιωάννης 4: 12- Κανένας άνθρωπος δεν βλέπει το Θεό ανά πάσα στιγμή. Αν αγαπάμε ο ένας τον άλλο, ο Θεός κατοικεί μέσα μας, και η αγάπη του τελειοποιείται μέσα μας.

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## **STEWARDSHIP**



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# STEWARDSHIP

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#### **"ΤΟ ΣΠΟΥΔΑΙΟΤΈΡΟ ΑΠΟ ΟΛΑ ΕΙΝΑΙ Η ΑΓΑΠΗ"**

2021 SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CONFIDENTIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD 2021 ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ -ΚΑΡΤΑ ΑΠΟΡΡΗΤΗΣ ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ ΜΕΛΩΝ

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

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

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## **EARLY EDUCATION CENTER NEWS**



# NOW HIRING TEACHERS AND AIDS!

# ST. NICHOLAS BILINGUAL EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

#### Hello, friends and families,

Summer is here! We are so excited about our upgraded playground and want to thank the board for making this possible. The BEEC family are looking to hire (11) teachers if you are interested or know someone who would be a great fit have them reach out to Sharon. Please contact us at beec@stnicholasmd.org or 410-633-5020.



## **Sharon Small, Center Director**

### Γεια σας απο την οικογένεια ΒΕΕС,

Γειά σας φίλοι και οικογένειες, ήρθε το καλοκαίρι! Είμαστε πολύ ενθουσιασμένοι για την αναβάθμιση της παιδικής χαράς του σχολείου μας, και θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε το συμβούλιο του σχολείου μας που βοήθησε να το πραγματοποιήσουμε. Η οικογένεια του ΒΕΕΟ ψάχνει να προσλάβει 11 δασκάλες,, αν ενδιαφέρεστε η ξέρετε κάποιον που του ταιριάζει αυτή η δουλειά μπορείτε να επικοινωνήσετε με την κ. Sharon. Επίσης μπορείτε και να μας βρείτε στο beec@stnicholasmd.org η στο 410-633-5020.



Διευθύντρια του BEEC, Sharon Small

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 TEACHERS AND AIDS 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.

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 χρειαζόσαστε περισσότερες πληροφορίες, παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήστε με το Σταθμό μας στο τηλέφωνο 410-633-5020, γραμμή 4 ή στείλτε μας μήνυμα στο Facebook.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The United Chian Societies of Baltimore "Andreas Syggros" and Ladies Panchian Society Scholarship Applications are now available at the St. Nicholas Church Office and online - <a href="http://chiossocietyofbaltimore.com">http://chiossocietyofbaltimore.com</a>

# UNITED CHIAN SOCIETIES OF BALTIMORE "Andreas Syggros" and Ladies Panchian Society SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The following form has been prepared to assist you with the preparation of your application.

Incomplete or inaccurate information will be cause for disqualification.

We will be commemorating Agia Markella during church services at
Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
520 South Ponca Street
Baltimore, MD 21224

Sunday, July 18, 2021

At which time we ask recipients or their representative be present during church services for the distribution of scholarships.

CHECK LIST

 Personal information thoroughly completed
 Scholastic information completed
 Your most recent transcript with official authorization from your high school or college
 Two letters of recommendation
 Photo (optional)

The United Chian Societies of Baltimore "Andreas Syggros" and Ladies Panchian Society award scholarships to qualified candidates of the Greek/American community.

Selection is based on academic achievement and financial need.

## DO NOT RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE

All forms should be mailed to
P.O. Box 1092
Cockeysville, MD 21030
and received no later than Friday, July 2, 2021
Good Luck

## **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**



## Daughters of Penelope Alcmene Chapter No. 27

- The applicant must:
  - Be of Greek descent.
  - Be the daughter or granddaughter of a Daughter of Penelope in good standing. (A member in good standing has been a member at least 2 years, paid their dues and attended at least 2 meetings per year.)
  - · Be affiliated with Greek Orthodox Church.
  - Be a resident of Maryland.
  - Be a high school senior, a high school graduate, or a college undergraduate.
- 2. All high school applicants are required to submit the following:
  - High school transcript
  - Two letters of recommendation from their principal, faculty member or counselor
  - Document showing results of either their SAT or ACT scores
- 3. All college undergraduate students are required to submit their college transcript.
- All Applications and documents must be emailed to <u>touyh@outlook.com</u> by July 31, 2021.
   Subject line in email should read Scholarship.
- 5. No restrictions as to location will be placed upon the choice of a college by an applicant who is awarded this scholarship.
- The scholarship will be awarded according to merit without regard to other scholarships an applicant may receive.
- 7. Application forms will be available from the Daughters of Penelope by calling Mary Coutros at 410-442-1481 or may be requested by email from Touy Houzouris at <a href="mailto:touyh@outlook.com">touyh@outlook.com</a>. Subject line in email should read Scholarship.

# **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**



## Daughters of Penelope Alcmene Chapter No. 27

## Application for Cleo Cardiges Endowment Scholarship

		Date
l.	Name of Applicant	
2.	Home Address	Phone
		Zip Code
3.	Birth Date	Birthplace
1.	High School Attended	
5.	Name(s) of Mother, Grandmother(s)	or Guardian(s)
5.	Greek Orthodox Church Affiliation	
7.	List of family members having Daugh	nters of Penelope affiliations. Please include chapter name and number.
3.	Name of college and intended major	•
€.	List of Honors, Awards, Achievement	ts, Extra Curricular Activities including Clubs, Organizations and Work Experience:

## **Checklist for Scholarship Applicants**

Did you include the following?

- · Latest complete transcript
- · SAT or ACT scores (required from high school graduates)
- Two (2) letters of Recommendation

All information must be submitted by July 31, 2021.

Only applications that include all requirements will be considered.

All question regarding applications and documents should be referred to Mary Coutros at 410-441-1481 or Touy Houzouris at

touyh@outlook.com prior to July 31, 2021. Subject line in email should read Scholarship.

# **FINANCIALS**

## Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Budget vs. Actuals: Church and Greek School May 2021

	Actual	Budget	over (under) Budget
Income			
4000 Stewardship	13,288.56	16,759.00	(3,470.44)
4010 Greek School Registration	3,548.58	1,537.00	2,011.58
Other Income	19,510.25	9,426.00	10,084.25
Total Income	36,347.39	27,722.00	8,625.39
Total Cost of Goods Sold	1,210.79	1,704.00	(493.21)
Gross Profit	35,136.60	26,018.00	9,118.60
Expenses			
Total CAPITAL COSTS (CHURCH)	557.00	1,782.00	(1,225.00)
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	17,543.70	11,296.00	6,247.70
Total OCCUPANCY COSTS	3,003.69	6,558.00	(3,554.31)
Total PAYROLL EXPENSES	19,294.11	23,698.00	(4,403.89)
Total YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	40,398.50	43,334.00	(2,935.50)
Net Operating Income	(5,261.90)	(17,316.00)	12,054.10

Archdiocese 2020 Past-Due Payment	\$	3,000.00
BGE Payment Plan	\$	0.00
4815 Eastern AVE Mortgage Principal Payments	\$	551.80
OVERALL CHURCH SURPLUS (LOSS) (Operating and		
Mortgage)	(	\$8.813.70)

## Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Budget vs. Actuals: Learning Center May 2021

	Actual	Budget	over (under) Budget
Income			_
4011 Learning Center Income	35,475.08	38,623.00	(3,147.92)
Total 4011 Learning Center Income	35,475.08	38,623.00	(3,147.92)
Total Income	35,475.08	38,623.00	(3,147.92)
Gross Profit	35,475.08	38,623.00	(3,147.92)
Expenses			
LEARNING CENTER			
Total Payroll Expense (L.C.)	25,111.79	23,008.00	2,103.79
Total Food and Classroom Supplies (L.C.)	1,859.24	2,408.00	(548.76)
Total Admin and Office Expenses (L.C.)	1,159.12	476.00	683.12
Total Occupancy Expenses/Cap Improvements (L.C.)	45,106.83	3,062.67	42,044.16
Total LEARNING CENTER	73,236.98	28,954.67	44,282.31
Total Expenses	73,236.98	28,954.67	44,282.31
Net Operating Income	(37,761.90)	9,668.33	(47,430.23)

# **FINANCIALS**

## Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Budget vs. Actuals: Plateia May 2021

	Actual	Budget	over <mark>(under)</mark> Budget
Income			
4140 Plateia Income (Onsite)	(215.49)	20,085.00	(20,300.49)
Total Income	(215.49)	20,085.00	(20,300.49)
Cost of Goods Sold			
COST OF GOODS SOLD			
Total Plateia CGS Expenses	3,995.36	8,073.00	(4,077.64)
Total COST OF GOODS SOLD	3,995.36	8,073.00	(4,077.64)
Total Cost of Goods Sold	3,995.36	8,073.00	(4,077.64)
Gross Profit	(4,210.85)	12,012.00	(16,222.85)
Expenses			
PLATEIA EXPENSES			
Mortgage Interest Expense (Plateia)	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Total Occupancy Expenses (Plateia)	12,543.86	8,128.00	4,415.86
Total Payroll Expenses (Plateia)	4,810.17	4,582.00	228.17
Total Admin Expenses (Plateia)	1,179.18	2,318.00	(1,138.82)
Total Bus Dev/Marketing Expenses (Plateia)	1,425.00	1,030.00	395.00
Total PLATEIA EXPENSES	19,958.21	16,158.00	3,800.21
Total Expenses	19,958.21	16,158.00	3,800.21
Net Operating Income	(24,169.06)	(4,146.00)	(20,023.06)

BGE Payment Plan	\$	1,562.26
OVERALL PLATEIA SURPLUS (LOSS) (Operating and		
Mortgage)	(\$	25,731.32)

Three cemetery plots have become available at Saint Demetrios in Cub Hill, MD. For more information, please contact the St. Nicholas Church office at 410-633-5020.

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR - JULY & AUGUST

Sunday, July 4: Second Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY - AMERICA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

Sunday, July 11: Third Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Sunday, July 18: Sunday of the Holy Fathers: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Tuesday, July 20: Elias the Prophet: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Thursday, July 22: Sts. Magdalene the Myrrhbearer and Markella of Chios:

Orthros: 9:30 Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am

Sunday, July 25: Fifth Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Monday, July 26: St. Paraskevi of Rome: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am

Tuesday, July 27: St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am

Wednesday, July 28: St. Irene Chrysovalantou: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am

Sunday, August 1: Sixth Sunday of Matthew: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00

Sunday Evening: Paraklesis Service: 6:00 pm

Monday, August 2: Paraklesis Service: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 4: Paraklesis Service: 7:00 pm

Thursday Evening: August 5: Great Vesper Service: 7:00 pm - Forefeast of the Transfiguration

Friday, 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 8: Seventh Sunday of Matthew: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00

Monday, August 9: Paraklesis Service: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 11: Paraklesis Service: 7:00 pm

Friday, August 13: Paraklesis Service 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 14: Vesper Service Dormition of the Virgin Mary: 7:00 pm

Sunday, August 15: The Dormition of the Theotokos: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am

Sunday, August 22: Ninth Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Friday, August 27: St. Phanourios Great Martyr: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am

Sunday, August 29: Beheading of John the Baptist: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am