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SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

K O I N O N I A

Probably everyone enjoys and looks forward to celebrations and banquets. These events are always a significant part of our lives. We celebrate growing another year older with birthday parties. We celebrate births with baby showers. We celebrate Weddings, Baptisms, and Anniversaries. We celebrate sports activities, and we all enjoy a good party. But this month is something special because we Celebrate the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Soon we will gather in the Church, on Christmas Eve to celebrate this glorious Feast. Yet, year after year we find ourselves poorly prepared for this celebration. We have gotten ourselves into a constant maze that we can't get out. We think Christmas is to bring excitement and pleasure for ourselves. If anyone thinks like this, then we are not truly celebrating Christmas in the right way. We teach our children every year about Santa Claus, about presents under the tree, about reindeers and having a good time, but we forget what our true purpose of what Christmas is all about-being with Jesus on His birthday.

The table is set, it is the table of Happiness, the table of Love, in which we accept the invitation of our Lord. In allegorical terms, today God invites us to this Great Banquet. He invites His children to partake of His Supper, the Sacrament of Holy Communion which is the direct spiritual nourishment of the Soul.

In John 6:-35, it states; "I am the bread of life, he who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." Then in John 6:- 53: it says, "I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you have no life in you."

Christ was crucified in the flesh and His blood was shed on the Cross, and on the third day He was raised in a glorified state. It is a historical reality for the Jews of that era. The invitation that God sent out was for the Jews. The Pharisees were the first to be invited to the Banquet Feast. They accepted the invitation believing that they were worthy of the honor. But again in allegoric terms, we see that the Master of the Banquet is God. The Jews waited impatiently for the Messiah's arrival. When the Messiah came, He opened the New Testament and gave birth to the New Testament Church.

The trumpet sounds its horn, but the Jews denied His invitation. They brought out excuses why they couldn't come to the feast. They were attached to earthly things, such as the purchases of a new field, and the last excuse, "Sorry I just got married, I have no time for you."

Christians today, are doing the same thing. We are also

filled with excuses, when God invites us to the Great Banquet feast every Sunday. One thing we must admit, the Jews in their denial were at least honest. They rejected Him completely. We are Christians, dedicated, Baptized, believers, and we still reject Him. If we take the words, Faith, Fasting, Worship, and Prayer, these words today have been erased from our spiritual vocabulary. We, too, make excuses for not coming to church. I have dealt with a lot of people in my 41 years of ministry, and I have yet to find anyone who has a better excuse.



We have truly lost track of what Christmas is all about. As Christians we need to get back to the basics.

We anticipate every year on receiving the great gifts and blessings that the Lord gives us, but we never repay Him with our presence at His home on Christmas Eve. Yes, we can all give excuses that the Christmas season is extremely busy, filled with much care and running around to get everything that we need in order. But often not with much thought for the One whose birth we will be celebrating on the 25th of December.

Let us use this time wisely, concentrating on what we are going to give Christ on Christmas day. He doesn't want your wealth, but He would love it very much if you joined Him in the Banquet Feast that He has prepared for us on His Birthday. So why can't we at least give Him that gift of ourselves and also bringing our family members to worship together because this is what Christmas is all about. It's not about us. It's about Christ!

There are some who say that people don't need to worship in church, and that they don't need Christ in their life; but all you do need are the material things that the earth provides for you. This is what will give you pleasure not God. It often happens that when people acquire new possessions, they become so taken up and attached that worship and God get pushed aside. Today, everything is commercial and at our finger tips. We have taken God out of our lives; and we have taken the church out of our lives; and we have detached our children from God, because we are so blinded with so many material pleasures that we cannot think straight anymore. We have lost the Peace,



Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

Love, and the Happiness that God brings to our life.

We cannot go on living a life filled with lies and excuses. We are called to make an impact or a difference in this world. When we as a community lose our vision, we lose the reason for existence and we will perish, not only as a community but as individuals.

When we think about an offer to become good and true, think about this--The God of the Universe, the Creator, the Almighty God who knows us completely, who knows our every thought and action, and still loves us. This very God invites us to be with Him. But how do we respond to His invitation.

The message is clear; if we reject God's invitation, we will be rejected. If we refuse it, we will lose it. Let's not miss the limited opportunities we have in this life to respond to God's invitation.

Don't base your lives on earthly pleasures, base your love, faith, and spiritual future with Christ. Amen.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Presvytera Toula and I, along with our whole family, to wish you and your loved ones a Blessed and Merry Christmas, one during which you find the true meaning of Christ's birth.

Πιθανώς ο καθένας να αναμένει και να προσδοκεί γιορτές και δεξιώσεις. Τα γεγονότα αυτά αποτελούν πάντα ένα σημαντικό κομμάτι της ζωής μας. Γιορτάζουμε τα γεννέθλιά μας, όταν μεγαλώνουμε ένα χρόνο, με πάρτι γενεθλίων. Γιορτάζουμε τις γεννήσεις των βρεφών. Εορτάζουμε Γάμους, Βαπτίσεις και Επετείους. Γιορτάζουμε αθλητικά ματς, και όλοι μας απολαμβάνουμε μια καλή διασκέδαση. Τούτο το μήνα όμως είναι κάτι το ιδιαίτερο, γιατί γιορτάζουμε την Γέννηση του Κυρίου και Σωτήρος ημών Ιησού Χριστού. Σύντομα θα πάμε στην Εκκλησία, την παραμονή των Χριστουγέννων για να γιορτάσουμε την ένδοξη αυτή εορτή. Ωστόσο, χρόνο με το χρόνο αντιλαμβανόμαστε ότι δεν είμαστε επαρκώς προετοιμασμένοι για αυτή τη γιορτή. Έχουμε φτάσει σε έναν συνεχή λαβύρινθο από τον οποίο δεν μπορούμε να βγούμε. Πιστεύουμε ότι τα Χριστούγεννα εορτάζονται για να φέρουν ενθουσιασμό και χαρά σε εμάς. Εάν κάποιος σκέφτεται έτσι, τότε δεν γιορτάζει πραγματικά τα Χριστούγεννα με τον σωστό τρόπο. Διδάσκουμε τα παιδιά μας κάθε χρόνο για τον Άγιο Βασίλη, για τα δώρα κάτω από το δέντρο, για τους ταράνδους και να περνάνε καλά, αλλά ξεχνάμε ποιος είναι ο πραγματικός σκοπός των Χριστουγέννων. Να βρισκόμαστε δηλαδή μαζί με τον Ιησού στα γενέθλιά Του.

Το τραπέζι είναι στρωμένο, είναι το τραπέζι της ευτυχίας, το τραπέζι της Αγάπης, στο οποίο δεχόμαστε την πρόσκληση του Κυρίου μας. Με αλληγορικούς όρους, σήμερα ο Θεός μας προσκαλεί σε αυτό το Μεγάλο Συμπόσιο. Προσκαλεί τα παιδιά Του να συμμετάσχουν του Μυστικού Δείπνου Του, το Μυστήριο της Θείας Κοινωνίας, που είναι η άμεση πνευματική τροφή της ψυχής.

Στο κατά Ιωάννη 6: -35 αναφέρει. «Εγώ είμαι ο άρτος της ζωής, αυτός που έρχεται σε μένα δεν θέλει πεινάσει, και όποιος πιστεύει σε μένα δε θα διψήσει ποτέ. Στη συνέχεια, στο κατά Ιωάννη 6: - 53: αναφέρει- «Σας λέω, αν δεν φάτε τη σάρκα του Υιού του ανθρώπου, και πείτε το αίμα Του, δεν έχετε ζωή μέσα σας.»

Ο Χριστός σταυρώθηκε κατά σάρκα, το αίμα Του χύθηκε πάνω στον Σταυρό και την τρίτη ημέρα αναστήθηκε και εδοξάσθη. Πρόκειται για μια ιστορική πραγματικότητα για τους Εβραίους εκείνης της εποχής. Η πρόσκληση που ο Θεός έστειλε ήταν για τους Εβραίους. Οι Φαρισαίοι ήταν οι πρώτοι που εκλήθησαν στο επίσημο συμπόσιο. Αποδέχθηκαν την πρόσκληση πιστεύοντας ότι ήταν άξιοι τιμής. Αλλά και πάλι

η αλληγορική άποψη, βλέπουμε ότι ο Κύριος του συμπόσιου είναι ο Θεός. Οι Εβραίοι περιμέναμε ανυπόμονα την άφιξη του Μεσσία, ο Μεσσίας ήρθε, ξεκίνησε την Καινή Διαθήκη και έτσι εγεννήθη η Καινή Διαθήκη στην Εκκλησία.

Άκουσαν τη σάλπιγγα, αλλά οι Εβραίοι αρνήθηκαν την πρόσκληση του. Βρήκαν διάφορες δικαιολογίες γιατί δεν μπορούσαν να έρθουν στο συμπόσιο. Συνδέονταν με γήινες υποθέσεις, όπως ότι αγόραζαν κάποιο χωράφι, η αγόραζαν ζώα, και η τελευταία δικαιολογία "συγγνώμη μόλις παντρεύτηκα, δεν έχω χρόνο για σένα.»

Οι Χριστιανοί σήμερα, κάνουν το ίδιο πράγμα. Βρίσκουν δικαιολογίες, όταν ο Θεός τους προσκαλεί στην Μεγάλη γιορτή κάθε Κυριακή. Ένα πράγμα πρέπει να παραδεχθούμε, οι Εβραίοι στην άρνηση τους ήταν τουλάχιστον ειλικρινείς. Τον απέρριψαν εντελώς. Είμαστε Χριστιανοί, αφιερωμένοι, Βαφτισμένοι, πιστοί, και εξακολουθούμε να Τον απορρίπτουμε. Ας πάρουμε τις λέξεις, Πίστη, Νηστεία, Λατρεία και Προσευχή, αυτές οι λέξεις σήμερα έχουν σβηστεί από τον πνευματικό λεξιλόγιο μας. Και εμείς βρίσκουμε δικαιολογίες, για να μην ερχόμαστε στην εκκλησία. Έχω ασχοληθεί με πολλούς ανθρώπους στα 41 χρόνια της ιεροσύνης μου και ακόμα δεν έχει βρεθεί κάποιος που να έχει κάποια καλύτερη δικαιολογία.

Έχουμε πραγματικά εκτροχιαστεί και χάνει τη σημασία των Χριστουγέννων. Ως Χριστιανοί πρέπει να επιστρέψουμε στα βασικά.

Περιμένουμε κάθε χρόνο να λάβουμε τα μεγάλα δώρα και τις ευλογίες που μας δίνει ο Κύριος, αλλά ποτέ δεν τον αποπληρώνουμε με την παρουσία μας στο οίκο Του την παραμονή των Χριστουγέννων. Ναι, μπορούμε όλοι να δικαιολογηθούμε ότι η εποχή των Χριστουγέννων είναι εξαιρετικά πολυάσχολη, γεμάτη φροντίδα και τρέξιμο για να αγοράσουμε όλα όσα χρειαζόμαστε. Αλλά συχνά δεν αφιερώνουμε πολλή σκέψη για Εκείνον που τη γέννηση Του θα γιορτάσουμε στις 25 Δεκεμβρίου.

Ας χρησιμοποιήσουμε αυτή την εποχή με σύνεση, επικεντρωμένοι σε αυτό που πρόκειται να προσφέρουμε στο Χριστό την ημέρα των Χριστουγέννων. Δεν θέλει τα πλούτη μας, αλλά θα Τον ευχαριστούσε πάρα πολύ αν Τον τιμούσαμε με την παρουσία μας στην εορτή που Εκείνος προετοίμασε για τα γενέθλιά Του για εμάς. Γιατί λοιπόν να μην Του παραχωρήσουμε τουλάχιστον αυτό το δώρο, τον εαυτό μας, και να φέρουμε τα μέλη της οικογένειάς μας να προσκυνήσουμε μαζί, γιατί αυτό είναι τα Χριστούγεννα.. Δεν

είναι για εμάς, είναι για το Χριστό.

Υπάρχουν κάποιοι που λένε, ότι οι άνθρωποι δεν χρειάζεται να εκκλησιάζονται, και ότι δεν χρειάζονται τον Χριστό στη ζωή τους, αλλά το μόνο που χρειάζονται είναι τα υλικά αγαθά που ο κόσμος προσφέρει για μας. Αυτό, είναι αυτό, που θα ευχαριστήσε εσάς, όχι τον Θεό. Συμβαίνει πολλές φορές ότι όταν οι άνθρωποι κάνουν νέες αγορές, προσκολούνται κι αφοσιώνονται τόσο σ' αυτές που αποσυντονίζονται και παραμερίζουν εκκλησιασμό και Θεό. Σήμερα τα πάντα είναι εμπορικά και τα βρίσκουμε πανεύκολα. Έχουμε βγάλει τον Θεό από τη ζωή μας, έχουμε βγάλει την εκκλησία από τη ζωή μας, έχουμε στερήσει τα παιδιά μας από τον Θεό, γιατί είμαστε τόσο τυφλωμένοι με τις υλικές απολαύσεις που δεν μπορούμε να σκεφτούμε καθαρά πια. Έχουμε χάσει την Ειρήνη, την Αγάπη και την Ευτυχία που φέρνει ο Θεός στη ζωή μας.

Δεν μπορούμε να συνεχίσουμε να ζούμε μια ζωή γεμάτη ψέματα και δικαιολογίες. Καλούμαστε να αντισταθούμε, να κάνουμε τη διαφορά σε αυτόν τον κόσμο. Όταν εμείς ως κοινότητα χάνουμε το όραμά μας, χάνουμε τον λόγο ύπαρξης, και θα χάσουμε όχι μόνο ως κοινότητα αλλά και ως άτομα.

Όταν θεωρείτε ότι μια προσφορά είναι πολύ μεγάλη για να είναι αληθινή, σκεφθείτε κι αυτό. Ο Θεός του Σύμπαντος, ο Δημιουργός, ο Παντοδύναμος Θεός που μας ξέρει καλά, ο οποίος γνωρίζει κάθε σκέψη και πράξη μας, εξακολουθεί να μας αγαπά. Αυτός ο ίδιος ο Θεός μας προσκαλεί να είμαστε μαζί Του. Το θέμα εδώ είναι με ποιό τρόπο ανταποκρινόμαστε στην πρόσκλησή Του.

Το μήνυμα είναι ξεκάθαρο. εάν απορρίψετε την πρόσκληση του Θεού, θα απορριφθείτε. Αν την αρνηθείτε, θα τη χάσετε. Μην χάσετε τις περιορισμένες ευκαιρίες που έχετε σε αυτή τη ζωή για να ανταποκριθείτε στην πρόσκληση του Θεού.

Μην βασιζέστε τη ζωή σας στις υλικές απολαύσεις, βασιστείτε στην αγάπη σας, στη πίστη σας, και στο πνευματικό σας μέλλον με το Χριστό. Αμήν.

Κλείνοντας θάθελα να εκμεταλευθώ την ευκαιρία και να σας ευχηθώ εκ μέρους μου και εκ μέρους της Πρεσβυτέρας Τούλας καθώς και ολοκλήρου της οικογενείας μου ΚΑΛΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ ΣΕ ΕΣΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΣΤΙΣ ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΕΙΕΣ ΣΑΣ, και εύχομαι κατά τη διάρκεια τους να βρείτε την αληθινή σημασία της γέννησης του Χριστού.

Message from

DEMOS ANASTASIADES, PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT / ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΟΝ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟ

Dear St. Nicholas Parishioners.

I greet you with love in Our Lord Jesus Christ and my heartfelt wishes for a holy & joyous Christmas season to all.

Approximately one month ago, several Greek school parents and staff observed a young man, believed to be in his early 20s, standing across the street from the church. He was seen taking pictures of parents and children as they exited the church building. Despite being confronted, the individual continued to take pictures and became verbally abusive. At this point, several parents took pictures of the individual and subsequently contacted 911 to report the incident. Upon seeing the police cruisers approaching, the suspect fled on foot and was unable to be apprehended. A detailed police report was filed and the pictures handed over to authorities.

In light of this incident, along with the ever increasing violence throughout our nation, the Parish Council has held several emergency meetings focusing on implementing safety, security measures and protocols for our church. We are currently in the process of consulting several security firms with the purpose of hiring a security officer for the following days and times that our church experiences the highest volume of people and activity level:

**Greek School days -
Mondays & Wednesdays
3:30 pm to 8:00 pm &
Sundays - 9:30 am to 1:00 pm**

The security officer will not only guard the church itself during these times, but the Bilingual Early Education Center next door as well. When the Parish Council officially hires the security officer, we will immediately let the entire parish know. Our highest priority is the safety and security of our parishioners, especially our children. Please be assured we are working diligently to ensure that when you bring your loved ones to church, they are in a secure and safe environment. We are also working in close conjunction with Baltimore City police to keep the church safe and free from people sleeping on the front stairs and harassing parishioners for money. However, this can only happen if we all work together. Safety protocols are useless and ineffective if they are not followed by everyone. Therefore, we ask all parents and parishioners to follow a few simple safety protocols:

• Escort your child safely into the church building. Please do not park your car or stop on Ponca Street and have your

child cross the street or walk by himself into the church building. This might be convenient to do, but it puts your child in harm's way, either by being struck by an oncoming vehicle, or far worse, lured away by someone.

• If you are sitting in the Atrium waiting for your child to be dismissed from Greek School, please be certain that the main doors to the church are locked. It only takes a second to check and it ensures everyone's safety.

• Do not open the church doors for anyone you do not know or recognize. There have been instances where homeless people have been observed trying to pry open the church doors seeking shelter, food or money.

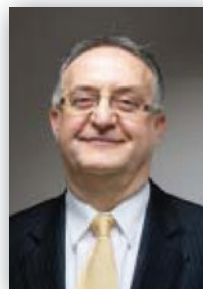
• Do not give any homeless person food or money. The church office has a list of local agencies funded to assist the homeless. Please contact one of these agencies instead.

• Lastly, if you see anything strange or anyone acting suspiciously near the church or the parking lot, contact 911 immediately. Do not approach, speak with or attempt to take the situation into your own hands.

It is unfortunate that we must resort to having a security officer guard our church, a place where we Christians gather peacefully to pray and reflect, but we live in a time where violence has become a daily occurrence everywhere. So rather than sending everyone into panic mode, we hope this information serves to inform, educate and increase your vigilance and personal safety habits.

If you have any questions or concerns about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me either by telephone at 443-676-7556 or by email at finance@stnicholasmd.org. I will be more than happy to talk with you.

On behalf of Father Michael and the entire St. Nicholas Parish Council, I wish all of you and yours a blessed and joyous Christmas season.



With Love in Christ,
Demos Anastasiades
Parish Council
President
St. Nicholas Greek
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Αγαπητοί Ενοριίτες του Αγίου Νικολάου,

Σας χαιρετώ με αγάπη στον Κύριο μας Ιησού Χριστό και στέλνω σε όλους εγκάρδιες ευχές για την ιερή και χαρούμενη περίοδο των Χριστουγέννων.

Πριν από περίπου ένα μήνα, αρκετοί γονείς και προσωπικό του Ελληνικού σχολείου παρακολούθησαν έναν νεαρό που πιστεύεται ότι ήταν περίπου 20 ετών, να στέκεται απέναντι από την Εκκλησία. Τον είδαν να παίρνει φωτογραφίες γονέων και παιδιών καθώς έφευγαν από την Εκκλησία. Παρά το γεγονός ότι του έκαναν παρατήρηση, αυτός συνέχισε να τραβά φωτογραφίες και άρχισε να βρίζει με άσκημες εκφράσεις. Σε αυτό το σημείο, πολλοί γονείς τον φωτογράφησαν και στη συνέχεια ήλθαν σε επαφή με το 911 για να αναφέρουν το περιστατικό. Όταν ο ύποπτος είδε τα αστυνομικά αυτοκίνητα να πλησιάζουν, διέφυγε τρέχοντας με τα πόδια και δεν μπόρεσαν να τον συλλάβουν. Υποβλήθηκε λεπτομερής καταγγελία στην αστυνομία και οι φωτογραφίες παραδόθηκαν στις Αρχές.

Εν όψει αυτού του περιστατικού, και σε συνδυασμό με την συνεχώς αυξανόμενη βία σε όλο το έθνος μας, το Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο κάλεσε αρκετές έκτακτες συνεδριάσεις, άμεσες ανάγκης, με έμφαση την εφαρμογή ασφαλείας, και διάφορα μέτρα ασφαλείας για την Εκκλησία μας. Αυτή τη στιγμή είμαστε στο στάδιο της επικοινωνίας με διάφορες επιχειρήσεις παροχής υπηρεσιών ασφαλείας με σκοπό την πρόσληψη ενός φρουρού ασφαλείας, για τις ακόλουθες ημέρες και ώρες που η Εκκλησία μας έχει πολύ κόσμο και πολλές δραστηριότητες:

**Τις ημέρες του Ελληνικού Σχολείου:
Δευτέρα και Τετάρτη από τις
3:30 έως τις 8:00 μ.μ.
Τις Κυριακές : από τις
09:30 π.μ. έως τις 1:00 μ.μ.**

Ο φρουρός ασφαλείας όχι μόνο θα φυλάει την ίδια την Εκκλησία κατά τη διάρκεια αυτού του ωραρίου, αλλά και το Δίγλωσσο Κέντρο Εκπαίδευσης Προσχολικής Ηλικίας του αμέσως διπλανού κτιρίου. Όταν το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο προσλάβει επίσημα τον υπεύθυνο ασφαλείας, θα το γνωστοποιήσει σε όλους. Η μεγαλύτερη προτεραιότητά μας είναι η ασφάλεια της Εκκλησίας μας, η ασφάλεια των ενοριτών μας, και ιδιαίτερα των παιδιών μας. Σας διαβεβαιώνουμε ότι εργαζόμαστε εντατικά για να εξασφαλίσουμε την ασφάλεια των μελών της οικογένειάς σας όταν τα φέρνετε στην Εκκλησία, και επί πλέον ότι βρίσκονται με ασφάλεια σ'ένα ασφαλή περιβάλλον. Βρισκόμαστε επίσης σε στενή συνεργασία με την αστυνομία της πόλης της Βαλτιμόρης για να κρατήσουμε την Εκκλησία ασφαλή και απαλλαγμένη από τους ανθρώπους που κοιμούνται στις μπροστινές σκάλες και παρενοχλούν το κόσμο για χρήματα.



Τούτο μπορεί να επιλυθεί μόνο εάν όλοι συνεργαστούμε. Τα πρωτόκολλα ασφάλειας είναι άχρηστα και αναποτελεσματικά αν δεν ακολουθούνται από όλους. Ως εκ τούτου, ζητούμε από όλους τους γονείς και τους ενόριτες να ακολουθήσουν μερικούς απλούς τρόπους ασφάλειας:

- Να συνοδεύετε το παιδί σας με ασφάλεια στο κτίριο της Εκκλησίας. Μην παρκάρετε το αυτοκίνητό σας ή σταματάτε στην οδό Ρονσα και αφήνετε το παιδί σας να διασχίσει το δρόμο ή να περπατήσει μόνο του στο κτίριο της Εκκλησίας. Μπορεί να είναι βολικό, αλλά βάζει το παιδί σας σε κίνδυνο, είτε με το να κτυπηθεί από ένα περαστικό αυτοκίνητο, ή πολύ χειρότερα, να το αρπάξει κάποιος.

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Below is a schedule of upcoming dates. As we head into the holiday season, we want to wish you all a blessed month and a beautiful holiday.

Dec. 17- Sunday School caroling
Dec. 24- no Sunday School
Dec. 31- no Sunday School
January 7- Back to Sunday School
February 25- Sunday of Orthodoxy-
Procession of Icons in church
March 10- Oratorical Festival
March 11- Sunday School
Spaghetti Luncheon

Thank you,
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GREEK SCHOOL



The Greek School PTA is currently holding a boxed card fundraiser. There are four different boxed

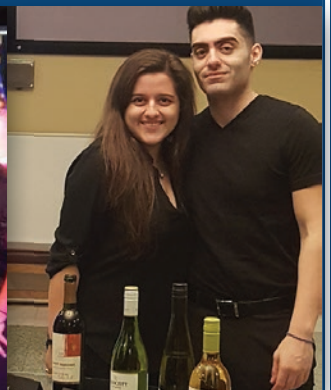
sets of 30 cards with matching envelopes. Each box is sold for \$30, **a great value only a \$1 a card!**

Please contact the Greek School PTA, or any Greek school parent, to place your order.

Wednesday, December 20th will be the Greek school caroling event. Look for our students in the surrounding church neighborhood that evening!



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We would like to express our gratitude to all of those who supported our first fundraiser and continue to support the children of the HGC. All of the children worked really hard to put forth a very special event. We would like to acknowledge our many sponsors who helped make the bingo such a huge success: Valentino's Restaurant, Sunshine Grill, Manuel Giorgakis, Antoni

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The Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Flesh

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As the story is told by the Apostles, the Roman Empire was powerful. The Romans had conquered much of the then known world. Judea and Samaria, what we know today as Israel, were included in their conquests. Emperor Augustus ordered that a census be taken in all his lands. He needed to know how many people lived in the empire so he could tax them. Everyone had to go to the town of their family's origin to register for the census. This meant that Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem. They were descendants of King David and Bethlehem was the City of David.

Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth and it was a great distance from Bethlehem. It was about 100 miles over very rugged roads. Moreover, Mary was expecting the baby

Now, that night the shepherds were out in the fields guarding their sheep. Suddenly, there was a bright light which startled the shepherds. The light was so bright that it turned the night into daylight. Of course, the shepherds were frightened. Nothing such as this had ever happened. Soon an angel appeared and calmed them. The angel said:

“Fear not for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior; which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger” (Luke 2:11-12).

Then a larger group of angels appeared. They praised and glorified God and sang, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and good will toward men” (Luke 2:14). When the angels finished singing, they disappeared and the light began to fade. It became dimmer and dimmer until it was dark again. The shepherds were awed. They didn't know what to do. Finally, they decided to leave their flocks of sheep and go to Bethlehem. They decided that they wanted to see for themselves what the angels had told them. When they got to Bethlehem, they found Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus. They fell to their knees and adored Jesus.

Some Wise Men came from the East for they knew of the coming of Jesus. They had seen a star that told them that a new king had been born to the Jews. They followed the star and were looking for the child. At this time the governor of Judea was King Herod. He was a wicked man and was feared and hated by the people. When Herod heard about the Wise Men looking for the child, he invited them to his palace. Herod asked the Wise Men to find the child so that he, too, could worship Him. But Herod was lying. He did not want anyone to take his place. The Wise Men went on to look for Jesus. The Star led them to Jesus and Mary. When the Wise

Introduction

The Feast of the Nativity of Jesus is one of the most joyful days of the Orthodox Church. It ranks next to the greatest holiday, the Resurrection of Jesus. The Feast of the Birth of Jesus is also known as the “Incarnation of Christ.” This means that Jesus became a man and came into the world to save us. We also refer to this joyous feast as Christmas.

Biblical Story

The story of the Nativity of Christ is beautifully told in the Holy Scriptures. The story is found in Matthew 1:18-25 and in Luke 2:1-20. No matter how often the Birth of Jesus is told, we realize that it is an important event.

and it was almost time for her to give birth. Bethlehem was a small town and there were many descendants of David who had come to register for the census. By the time Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem there was no place for them to stay. Joseph tried very hard to find a place to sleep that evening. There was no room at the inn. Finally, Joseph found a cave-like place where they could rest. This place was used by shepherds to protect their sheep in stormy weather. It was here that Mary gave birth to Jesus. The baby was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the straw in the manger.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH - Continued

Men found Jesus, they fell to their knees and worshipped Him. They gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Wise Men left but did not return to Herod. They had a dream that warned them that Herod wanted to harm Jesus. Instead, they returned to their native country by a different route.

[Icon of the Feast](#)

The icon of the Nativity tells the story of Christ's birth from the Scriptures. It also shows that all creation is taking part in Christ's birth. The angels give thanks with their song; the heavens give the star; the Wise Men give their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The poor, humble shepherds give their praise and amazement; the earth gives the cave, and humanity gives the Virgin.

This Holy Icon is an icon with many scenes. First, it stresses the importance of the Theotokos, the Mother of Jesus. She is placed in the center and is the largest figure in the icon. In this icon, she is kneeling with crossed arms, looking at the Christ child. The three stars, denoting her virginity before, during, and after the Nativity, are on her garments. The Christ Child, in the center of the icon, is in swaddling clothes and is lying in the manger. In the background is the dark cave where He was born. In the cave are an ox and a donkey guarding the newborn Babe. Even though the Gospels say nothing of the cave, this information is from Holy Tradition. Neither do the Gospels speak of the ox and the donkey, but all icons of the Nativity include these animals. Including the animals in the icon fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah 1:3, "The ox knows his master, and the donkey his master's crib; but Israel does not know me, and the people have not regarded me." The long ray of light from the star points directly to the cave. This ray comes from the star and travels to all parts of the world. It teaches that this bright star is an astronomical happening, and is a messenger from heaven announcing the birth of Jesus.

On the left hand side of the icon is another scene. The Wise Men, who were led by the star, are riding horses to bring their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus. The Wise Men are of various ages. One

is without a beard. In those days, young men did not wear beards. The other Wise Man has long hair and a long beard, which indicates that he is much older. These details teach that regardless of age and appearance, the Good News was given to each and everyone.

Opposite the Wise Men is the scene with the humble shepherds. An angel proclaims the glad tidings. A young shepherd plays a reed instrument. This scene reveals that the music of the humans was added to the hymn of the angels. Across from the shepherd's scene is the heavenly choir of angels. They are giving glory to God. The angels serve two purposes in the Nativity of Christ. They give glory to God and announce the good news to all mankind.

The background shows a very rugged terrain. This is not a true representation of the land in this area. Joseph could not find room in Bethlehem, so they went outside of Bethlehem to a cave. This rocky mountain formation only serves as a background for the event.

In the lower part of the icon are two more scenes. In the right hand corner are the two women Joseph brought to take care of the Christ child. They are bathing Him just as any baby is bathed. The humanity of Jesus is clearly shown in this setting.

Opposite the bathing of Jesus scene sits a sad and worried Joseph. He is not part of the central group the Christ Child and the Theotokos. Joseph is not the natural father. Joseph is troubled and despondent. There is an old man talking to Joseph. The old man is Satan. Satan can appear in many forms. Here he is as an old man who is tempting Joseph and disturbing him. Satan is telling Joseph that virgin birth is impossible. He's telling Joseph that he's a fool if he believes this. This story comes to us from Holy Tradition. The sad Joseph shows us not only his personal predicament but the dilemma of all mankind the difficulty of accepting that which is "beyond words or reason."

The tree, which is in the middle of the lower part of the icon, is a symbol of the Tree of Jesse. This tree refers to Isaiah 11:1-2, "But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud

shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him." King David was often mentioned as the son of Jesse and Jesus was from the House of David.

The Holy Icon of the Nativity reminds one to praise and glorify the Birth of Christ. The celebration of Christmas each year serves to remind each and everyone of us that Christ came for you and me.

[The Orthodox Celebration of the Feast of the Nativity](#)

As with Pascha, or Easter, the Feast of the Nativity begins with a period of preparation. It is preceded by a fast corresponding to Lent and lasting for forty days. The fast begins on November 15.

On the Sundays immediately before December 25, special commemorations emphasize the link between the Old Covenant and the New. On December 20 the Forefeast of the Nativity is commemorated, and the daily liturgical texts are directed toward the Feast itself. On Christmas Eve, services include the Great or Royal Hours, the Great Vespers, and the Liturgy of Saint Basil.

On Christmas Day the service commemorates the birth of Christ in Bethlehem, the adoration of the Shepherds, and the arrival of the Wise Men with their gifts. The service held on this day is the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom.

The days following Christmas are associated with the Theotokos and Joseph. December 26 is the Synaxis of the Mother of God, and the first Sunday after the Feast commemorates "Joseph the Betrothed." December 29 commemorates the Massacre of the Innocents, and January 1 the Circumcision of our Lord. The Nativity season concludes on December 31, but the spirit of the festival extends to the celebration of Theophany (Epiphany), the feast commemorating the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan River.

PHILOTOCHOS NEWS / ΝΕΑ ΤΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

The National Children's Medical Luncheon in New Jersey, was attended by three members of our board. This year Maryland was the recipient of three grants which were granted to University of Maryland System Foundation, The Maryland School for the Blind and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Baltimore.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our food drive. The items collected will go support our local food pantry at Johns Hopkins Bayview campus. This year Philoptochos sponsored 8 families with Thanksgiving food Baskets. All donations were greatly appreciated. We will also be preparing Christmas Food Baskets. If there are any families that are in need, please do not hesitate to contact us.

December 1-9 we will be collecting items for the local Family Crisis Center. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Please join us on Sunday, December 3rd at Mountain Branch Country Club for our Christmas gathering. Donation \$ 40.00 and children 12 and under \$15.00. Proceeds to benefit Philoptochos Missions. We will also be collecting unwrapped toys or gift cards to be donated to the John's Hopkins Snowflake station. Parents select items and give to their children during the holidays or at times to reward them for making it through a difficult procedure. So come and help us Believe in the Magic of Christmas!. Bring your family and friends.

On December 5th and 6th we will host along with our community the reception as we celebrate our Patron Saint Nicholas. We welcome any and all donations.

On behalf of our Board we would like to wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas and may we celebrate the birth of our savior with Love, Peace and Hope for a better world.

DONATIONS:
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In Memory of Sotirios Kosmas
Mr and Mrs Michael Kefalas

In Memory of Loved Ones
Mrs Despina Kornias

Στο Εθνικό Παιδικό Νοσηλευτικό Γεύμα Νέας Ιερσέης, συμμετείχαν εφέτος τρία μέλη του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου μας. Επίσης εφέτος η Πολιτεία του Μέριλαντ ήταν ο αποδέκτης των τριών επιδοτήσεων, οι οποίες χορηγήθηκαν στο Maryland System Foundation, στη Σχολή Φιλανθρωπικών Οργανώσεων Τυφλών του Μέριλαντ και στο Ronald McDonald House της Βαλτιμόρης.

Θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε όλους όσοι συνέβαλαν στη συλλογή τροφίμων της Φιλοπτώχου. Τα τρόφιμα που συλλέχθηκαν δωρήθηκαν για την υποστήριξη της τοπικής αποθήκης τροφίμων του Johns Hopkins Bayview. Ακόμη εφέτος η Φιλοπτώχος ετοίμασε και μοίρασε σε 8 οικογένειες Καλάθια με Τρόφιμα για την Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών. Είμαστε ευγνώμονες για όλες τις δωρεές. Θα προετοιμάσουμε επίσης Χριστουγεννιάτικα Καλάθια με τρόφιμα. Εάν υπάρχουν οικογένειες που έχουν ανάγκη, μη διστάσετε να επικοινωνήσετε μαζί μας.

Από την 1η έως την 9η Δεκεμβρίου θα μαζεύουμε πράγματα για το τοπικό Family Crisis Center. Η συμβολή σας θα εκτιμηθεί απεριόριστα όπως πάντα.

Ελάτε μαζί μας την Κυριακή, 3 Δεκεμβρίου, στο Mountain Branch

Country Club για τη χριστουγεννιάτικη εορτή μας. Δωρεά \$ 40.00 δολάρια για μεγάλους και παιδιά 12 και κάτω \$15.00 δολάρια. Τα έσοδα θα διατεθούν προς όφελος των αποστολών του Φιλοπτώχου. Επίσης, θα συλλέγουμε παιχνίδια ή δωροκάρτες που θα δωρηθούν στο John's Hopkins Snowflake station. Γονείς επιλέγουν αντικείμενα και τα δίνουν στα παιδιά τους κατά τη διάρκεια των εορτών ή μερικές φορές για να τα ανταμείψουν για κάτι καλό που έκαναν, σε δύσκολες καταστάσεις. Βοηθήστε μας λοιπόν να Πιστέψουμε στο Θαύμα των Χριστουγέννων! Φέρτε την οικογένεια και τους φίλους σας.

Στις 5 και 6 Δεκεμβρίου θα προσφέρουμε δεξίωση μετά τον Εσπερινό και μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία της Εορτής του Προστάτου Αγίου μας, Αγίου Νικολάου. Οποιαδήποτε προσφορά σας, γλυκισμάτων ή νηστήσιμων φαγητών είναι ευπρόσδεκτη.

Εκ μέρους του Διοικητικού μας Συμβουλίου θα θέλαμε να ευχηθούμε σε όλους ΚΑΛΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ με την ευχή να εορτάσετε τη γέννηση του Σωτήρα μας με αγάπη, ειρήνη και ελπίδα για ένα καλύτερο κόσμο.

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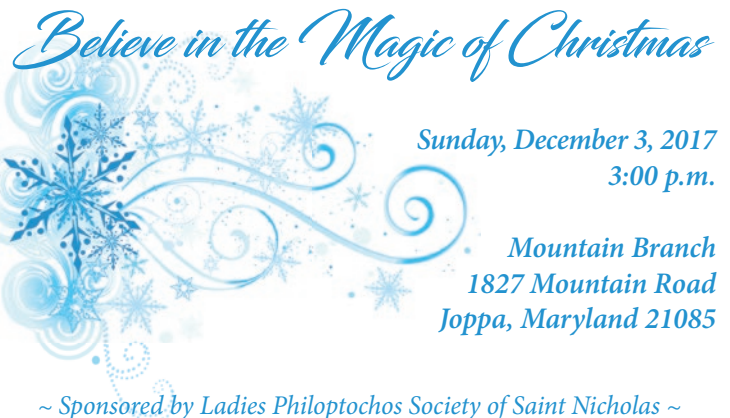
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Κα. Αθηνά Χαρχαρίδη

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Σοφία Καλιακούδα

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Parents determine who to shop for and when to give the gifts to their child/children. The parents can use the gifts in any way they want. This can be shopping for the patient or siblings to celebrate a religious holiday (Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa). There are other ways that parents choose to use the toys, for example, mitigate the fact the child is hospitalized in December or reward them for making it through a difficult procedure.

For tickets or information please contact:
Patty Kafallas 443-310-7277
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EARLY EDUCATION CENTER NEWS



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SAINT NICHOLAS BILINGUAL EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

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Το Δίγλωσσο Κέντρο Προσχολικής Εκπαίδευσης του Αγίου Νικολάου παρέχει ένα ασφαλές περιβάλλον, ένα σπίτι μακριά από το σπίτι, ένα σπίτι μάθησης. Ανοίξαμε τις πόρτες μας στα μέσα Απριλίου. Ξεκινήσαμε με 5 παιδιά και τώρα έχουμε 22 παιδιά εγγεγραμμένα στο πρόγραμμά μας. Δεχόμαστε παιδιά από 6 εβδομάδων μέχρι 5 ετών. Αυτή τη στιγμή υπάρχουν θέσεις μόνο για παιδιά προσχολικής ηλικίας. Αν έχετε οποιαδήποτε ερώτηση μη διστάσετε να επικοινωνήσετε με την υπεύθυνη Σοφία Μοσχονισιώτη στο τηλέφωνο 410-633-5020 επέκταση 4.



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Sunday, December 10, 2017

5:30- 9:00pm

at the

*Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey Headquarters
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PAN-HELLENIC NEWS

ΧΟΡΕΥΤΙΚΟΣ ΟΜΙΛΟΣ ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΗΝΙΚ (PAN-HELLENIC) ΤΗΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑΣ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ,

Ο Χορευτικός Όμιλος ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΗΝΙΚ αρχίζει τα μαθήματα χορού για τρίτη (3) συνεχή χρονιά. Τα μαθήματα θα γίνονται κάθε Τετη στις 7:00 μ.μ. στην Κοινοτική αίθουσα του Αγίου Νικολάου. Δεχόμαστε εγγραφές νέων μελών, κάθε Πέμπτη στις 7:00 μ.μ. την ώρα των μαθημάτων ή μπορείτε να τηλεφωνήσετε στο 443-845-8903 και να μιλήσετε με την κ. Αναστασία (Στάσα) Χατζηευθυμίου-Λουκάκη. Δασκάλα του ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΗΝΙΚ είναι η κ. Έφη Καράμπελα. Προτρέπουμε και ενθαρρύνουμε όσες και όσοι αγαπούν το Χορό να ενταχθούν στο γκρουπ του ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΗΝΙΚ.

Όλα τα μέλη του ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΗΝΙΚ θα χαρούμε να καλωσορίσουμε και να εντάξουμε στη παρέα μας νέα μέλη για την χρονιά 2017-2018.

Με εκτίμηση
Από τον Χορευτικό Όμιλο του Αγίου Νικολάου
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THANK YOU!!

LITURGICAL PROGRAM

Sunday, December 3: 14th Sunday of St. Luke - Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Tuesday, December 5: Great Vesper Service St. Nicholas Name Day - 7:00 pm Reception will follow

Wednesday, December 6: St. Nicholas Name Day Celebration - 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am
Reception will follow

Sunday, December 10: 10th Sunday of Luke – Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

During the Christmas Fast, No Meat is permitted to be eaten. Fish is permitted until December 11th. (excluding Wednesdays and Fridays). STRICT FAST BEGINS FROM DEC. 12TH TILL DEC. 24TH. NO MEAT, FISH AND DAIRY PRODUCTS DURING THIS PERIOD ARE PERMITTED.

Sunday, December 17: 11th Sunday of St. Luke – Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Sunday, December 24: Sunday before Nativity – Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Sunday Evening, December 24: CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF THE NATIVITY
Services will begin at 9:00 pm until early morning

Because Monday is Christmas Day, we will celebrate the Nativity Service of the Birth of Christ on Sunday Evening until the morning hours. There will be no morning service this year for the Nativity.

On behalf of the Parish Council, Fr. Michael, the Church Staff and the entire family of St. Nicholas we would like to wish everyone in the Community a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Productive Happy New Year.

Sunday, December 31: Sunday before Epiphany - Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am



LITURGICAL HOURS: The Liturgical hours stay the same throughout the year

Sunday services – Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Week Day Liturgy - Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am

Vesper Services - 7:00 pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - DECEMBER

Friday, December 1st-Sunday, December 15th: Family Crisis Center- Collection of Hygiene Products to Aide Needy Families as Sponsored by the Ladies Philoptochos Society.

Saturday, December 2nd: Rhodian Society trip to New York City.

Sunday, December 3rd: Parish Council Elections immediately after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Sunday, December 3rd: Ladies Philoptochos Christmas Brunch at Mountain Branch from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 3rd: GOYA Ornament & Vasilopita Sales for the next several Sundays.

Monday, December 4th: The Ladies Philoptochos Monthly General Meeting starting at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5th: St. Nicholas Vespers Service starting at 7 p.m. Reception following sponsored by the Ladies Philoptochos Society and the Community.

Wednesday, December 6th: St. Nicholas Name Day.

Thursday, December 7th: GOYA Participation at the Kennedy Krieger Christmas Celebration.

Saturday, December 9th: St. Nicholas Name Day Dance at the Greektowne Square & Event Center starting at 8 p.m. Refer to flyer for more details.

Tuesday, December 12: Diamond's Monthly Meeting at 1 p.m. and Parish Council Monthly Mtg. at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13th: Bible Study with Father Michael at 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 16th: Breakfast with Santa in the large social hall of the church sponsored by the Rhodian Society. Refer to flyer for more details.

Sunday, December 17th: Sunday School Christmas Singing Along in the Church Atrium immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

Wednesday, December 20th: Greek School Christmas Celebration

Thursday, December 21st-January 2nd: Greek School Closed for Christmas Holiday.

Monday, December 25th: Christ is Born, Our Savior, Christmas Day.

Wednesday, December 27th- Thursday, December 28th: GOYA Ta Kalanta Caroling Activity

Friday, December 29th: GOYA Vasilopita Pick-Up at the Church.

Sunday, December 31st: St. Nicholas Annual New Year's Eve Bash starting at 9 p.m. at the Greektowne Square & Event Center.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS - JANUARY

Sunday, January 7th: The Cutting of the Community Vasilopita immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

Monday, January 8th: The Ladies Philoptochos Monthly General Meeting starting at 7 p.m.

Monday, January 8th: GOYA Monthly General Meeting at the Greektown Square & Event Center starting at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9th: Diamond's Monthly Meeting at 1 p.m. and Parish Council Monthly Meeting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10th: Bible Study with Father Michael at 6 p.m.

Friday- Sunday, January 12th-14th: Hellenic Dance Festival of Metropolis of New Jersey held in Annapolis, Md.

Saturday, January 13th: The Diamonds Annual Christmas and New Year's Celebration

Sunday, January 14th: GOYA Ski Trip

Monday, January 15th: Greek School Closed in observance for National Martin Luther King Holiday.

Saturday-Sunday, January 20th-21st: GOYA Away Basketball Tournament- Tentative

Saturday, January 20th: The Ladies Panchian Society Monthly Meeting at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, January 24th: Bible Study with Father Michael at 6 p.m.

Sunday, January 28th: Greek School Three Hierarchical Celebration.

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