



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

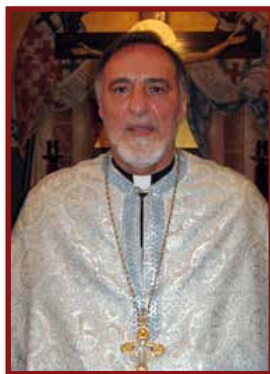
Every year as I watch Christmas themed commercials on television, my heart aches for the way Christmas is being exploited by retail companies. Today, we are beaten down by commercialism and our values have been turned upside down as we struggle to find the true meaning of Christmas. Retailers have made Christmas into a moneymaking machine and when we should be feeling joyful and happy during this Christmas season, instead we feel empty and depressed. Is Christmas only about buying expensive gifts that overload our yearly budgets? Everywhere we turn someone is trying to sell us something that promises to make the season bright, as if a new gadget with a bigger screen could bring a bright light to our lives. Many stores are packed with people buying gifts and yet, we still have families that struggle to put food on their table. A majority of people spend so much time and money on Christmas, without ever having grasped the idea of what Christmas is all about.

Many of us are pressured to proclaim a generic "Happy Holidays", again taking the focus of the season further and further away from the manger of our New Born Lord and placing more emphasis on our own physical appetites, entertainment and personal satisfaction. Many people today say outwardly that they are Christians and believe in our Lord, Jesus Christ, but do not celebrate His birth by attending church on either Christmas Eve, or Christmas Day with their families. Instead, they are neglecting to teach their children the true essence of what Christmas is all about. Christmas is not about buying gifts, placing them under the tree and waiting for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to open them. If we are teaching our children this form of faith, then just imagine what our children will be teaching their children about Christmas.

I remember the good old days when the majority of families came to church with their children and celebrated by receiving Holy Communion together as a family. I

remember my parents teaching us about the importance of fasting during the Christmas holidays and the importance of prayer in our lives to connect with God. Lastly, I remember when we had to go to our parents and grandparents to ask for forgiveness before we received Holy Communion during the Christmas Eve service.

Is it true that we don't teach our children anymore about fasting, prayer, forgiveness, sacramental life and the importance of church attendance? Have we lost track of what Christmas is all about? Christ was born to bring love, forgiveness, and peace to the world. The Christmas season provides us with the opportunity to look back and correct our past mistakes. As Christians, we need to get back to the basics and put Christ first in our lives. Parents and Grandparents, let's bring our families to church for Christmas Eve Worship or Christmas Day Worship to receive Him in the Holy Eucharist as a family. Let us express to our Lord, that we truly love Him and for Him to bring peace into our hearts, and to help us let go of past resentments and guilt, forgiving



those who have hurt us and seeking forgiveness from one another. Since it is Christ's birthday, let us give him the most important and expensive gift - ourselves to Him.

In closing, I hope and pray during this Holiday Season that we make the right choices and decisions to bring families and ourselves closer to God. Let's start this Christmas on the right foot, and head to a course that will truly bring us love, joy and happiness. If we stay this course, we will experience many more Christmases understanding the true meaning of Christmas - God.

Presbytera Toula and I, along with our whole family, wish you and your loved ones a blessed and Merry Christmas, one during which celebrate the true meaning of Christ's birth.

With love in our Lord Jesus Christ, Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos  
Protopresbyter



# Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

Τι πραγματικά σημαίνουν τα Χριστούγεννα για εσάς;

Κάθε χρόνο, όταν παρακολουθώ τα προγράμματα των Χριστουγέννων στην τηλεόραση πονάει η καρδιά μου γιατί εκείνο που όλοι προσπαθούν να εκμεταλλευτούν είναι πως θα κινηθούν το ενδιαφέρον για κάτι διαφορετικό από ο,τι είναι πραγματικά τα Χριστούγεννα. Σήμερα ξεπεράσαμε την εμπορικότητα και αγωνιζόμαστε να ξεπεράσουμε την αίσθηση γκρίνιας που μας κατέχει κατά τη διάρκεια των εορτών, όμως και πάλι χάσαμε αυτό το κάτι που είναι απαραίτητο για τα Χριστούγεννα. Η σημερινή κοινωνία, έχει μετατρέψει τα Χριστούγεννα σε μηχανή παραγωγής χρημάτων, και υπάρχουν φορές που αντί να μας κατέχει το αίσθημα χαράς και ευτυχίας, φτάνουμε στο σημείο όπου αισθανόμαστε άδειοι, και έχουμε κατάθλιψη. Κατά τη γνώμη σας τα Χριστούγεννα είναι μόνον για να αγοράζουμε ακριβά δώρα και να ξεπερνάμε τον ετήσιο προϋπολογισμό; Όπου και να γυρίζουμε κάποιος προσπαθεί να μας πουλήσει κάτι που υπόσχεται ότι θα κάνει τις εορτές μας πιο φωτεινές, όπως μια τηλεόραση με μεγαλύτερη οθόνη θα έκανε πιο φωτεινή τη ζωή μας. Τα καταστήματα είναι γεμάτα κόσμο που αγοράζουν δώρα, οι εταιρείες πιστωτικών καρτών κερδίζουν δισεκατομμύρια, και υπάρχουν οικογένειες που δεν μπορούν να αγοράσουν ακόμη και το φαγητό για να βάλουν στο τραπέζι τους για τα παιδιά τους. Τα σπίτια είναι διακοσμημένα με φώτα και γαρνιτούρες και οι αυλές μετατρέπονται Χριστουγεννιάτικες βιτρίνες. Ξοδεύουμε τόσο πολύ σε χρόνο και χρήμα για τα Χριστούγεννα, και όμως ακόμα δεν έχουμε καταλάβει τι σημαίνουν Χριστούγεννα για μας.

Γενικά μας υποχρεώνουν να λέμε «Καλές Πορτές», απομακρύνοντας τη σημασία της εορτής όλο πιο μακριά από τη φάτνη του νεογέννητου Κυρίου μας, και δίνοντας μεγαλύτερη έμφαση στις δικές μας ορέξεις, την ψυχαγωγία και την ικανοποίηση. Έχουμε ανθρώπους σήμερα που λένε καμαρώνοντας ότι είναι Χριστιανοί και πιστεύουν στον Χριστό, αλλά ποτέ δεν έρχονται στην εκκλησία την παραμονή των Χριστουγέννων ή την ημέρα των Χριστουγέννων για να γιορτάσουν σαν μια οικογένεια με τα παιδιά τους, τη γέννηση του Κυρίου και Σωτήρος ημών Ιησού Χριστού. Πώς μπορεί κανείς να είναι τόσο υποκριτής; Έχουμε γονείς σήμερα που αμελούν να διδάξουν στα την πραγματική σημασία των Χριστουγέννων. Αντί αυτού, τους αγοράζουν δώρα, τα βάζουν κάτω από το χριστουγεννιάτικο δέντρο και περιμένουν την παραμονή των Χριστουγέννων ή ημέρα των Χριστουγέννων για να ανοίξουν τα δώρα τους. Αυτό πρέπει να διδάσκουμε τα παιδιά μας, ότι τα Χριστούγεννα είναι μόνο μια ημέρα όπου ανοίγουμε δώρα; Αν διδάσκουμε τα παιδιά μας, αυτή τη μορφή πίστης, τότε φανταστείτε τι θα διδάξουν τα παιδιά μας τα δικά τους παιδιά για τα Χριστούγεννα.

Θυμάμαι τον παλιό καλό καιρό, όταν οι οικογένειες έρχονταν στην εκκλησία με τα παιδιά τους και γιόρταζαν αφού λάμβαναν Θεία Κοινωνία, όλοι μαζί σαν οικογένεια. Θυμάμαι τους γονείς μου που μας μάθαιναν να νηστεύουμε κατά τη διάρκεια πριν τα Χριστούγεννα, και πόσο σημαντική ήταν η προσευχή στη ζωή μας, διότι μας έφερνε πιο κοντά στο Θεό. Θυμάμαι τότε που έπρεπε να πάμε στους γονείς μας και τους παππούδες μας να ζητήσουμε συγχώρεση πριν να πάμε να κοινωνήσουμε την Παραμονή των Χριστουγέννων. Ήταν ο παλιός καλός καιρός.

Είναι αλήθεια ότι εμείς δεν διδάσκουμε πια τα παιδιά μας τι εστί νηστεία, προσευχή, συγχώρεση, μυστηριακή ζωή και τη σημασία του εκκλησιασμού. Έχουμε πραγματικά χάσει την αίσθηση, τι σημαίνουν Χριστούγεννα. Ο Χριστός γεννήθηκε για να φέρει την αγάπη, τη συγχώρεση, και την ειρήνη στον κόσμο. Η εποχή των Χριστουγέννων μας δίνει την ευκαιρία να κοιτάξουμε πίσω και να διορθώσουμε τα λάθη του παρελθόντος. Ως Χριστιανοί πρέπει να επιστρέψουμε στα βασικά, και στις παλιές εποχές, όταν ο Χριστός ήρθε για πρώτη φορά στην ζωή μας. Ας έλθουμε με την οικογένειά μας στην εκκλησία την παραμονή των Χριστουγέννων και την ημέρα των Χριστουγέννων να Τον υμνήσουμε και να Τον δεχθούμε λαμβάνοντας Θεία Κοινωνία σαν οικογένεια. Ας δείξουμε στον Κύριό μας, ότι μπορούμε να Τον αγαπήσουμε αληθινά και να φέρουμε την ειρήνη στις καρδιές μας για Αυτόν, να μας βοηθήσει να ξεπεράσουμε τις δυσaréσκειες και τις ενοχές του παρελθόντος, συγχωρώντας εκείνους που μας πλήγωσαν και ζητώντας συγχώρεση ο ένας από τον άλλο. Επειδή είναι τα γεννέθλια του Χριστού, πρέπει να σκεφτούμε τι δώρα θα Του προσφέρουμε. Το πιο σημαντικό δώρο αλλά και το πιο ακριβό δώρο, είναι να Του χαρίσουμε τον εαυτό μας.

Κλείνοντας, ελπίζω και προσεύχομαι κατά την εορταστική αυτή περίοδο θα κάνουμε τις σωστές επιλογές και να πάρουμε τις σωστές αποφάσεις για να διορθώσουμε τα λάθη του παρελθόντος. Ας ξεκινήσουμε αυτά τα Χριστούγεννα με το δεξι, στοχεύοντας και ακολουθώντας μια πορεία που θα φέρει την αληθινή αγάπη, τη χαρά και την ευτυχία. Αν παραμείνουμε σε αυτήν την πορεία, θα βιώσουμε και θα δούμε πολλά Χριστούγεννα στο μέλλον.

Η Πρεσβυτέρα Τούλα και εγώ, μαζί με όλη την οικογένειά μας, ευχόμαστε σε σας και τους αγαπημένους σας Καλά και Ευλογημένα Χριστούγεννα, κατά τη διάρκεια των οποίων να βρείτε το αληθινό νόημα της γέννησης του Χριστού.

Με αγάπη εις το Κύριό μας Ιησού Χριστό  
Πατήρ Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικός

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*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.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Dear parishioners and friends of Agios Nikolaos,*

*I wish you and your families the best.*

*I would like to dedicate this page today to our dear priest Father Michael.*

*What can I say about our father?*

*The memories we have built in our church with him are a treasure in our hearts. Always by our side, willing to help with our every problem, at every meeting of our organizations he was the first to present himself and honor every event. Always solved our problems in a fair way. To scold us if we had to and to praise us if we deserved it.*

*In the hospitals, he always willingly ran to every sick person. In the nursing homes, he gave joy to our elderly people who were waiting for his visit.*

*He played basketball with our children and enjoyed their company. An excellent minister, shepherd, and family man.*

*Always commanding in the liturgies. He performed the services and the sacraments with devoutness and enthusiasm. Beautiful memories that will accompany us for a lifetime.*

*But he deserves to make his family, his children, and his grandchildren happy, for that we wish him from the bottom of our hearts to enjoy the labors of so many years in peace and tranquility. May his Retirement bring him more time to spend together with his Presbytera, children and grandchildren.*

*The doors of Agios Nikolaos will always be open for Father Michalis.*

*We are not saying goodbye, just good luck in the beautiful life that awaits you, our father. We will miss you every day, but we will be happy that you will enjoy what you have worked so hard to acquire for so many years. To take the vacation that you have been deprived of for so many years.*

*Wishing you many many years to enjoy the next chapter in your Retirement life.*

*With respect and brotherly love,*

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

*Αγαπητοί μας ενορίτες και φίλοι του Αγίου Νικολάου,*

*Εύχομαι ότι καλύτερο σε εσάς και στις οικογένειες σας.*

*Θα ήθελα να αφιερώσω αυτήν την σελίδα σήμερα στον αγαπητό ιερέα μας πάτερ Μιχάλη.*

*Τι να πω για τον πάτερ μας.*

*Οι αναμνήσεις που έχουμε κτίσει στην εκκλησία μας μαζί του είναι θησαυρός στην καρδιά μας. Πάντα δίπλα μας, πρόθυμος να βοηθήσει σε κάθε μας πρόβλημα, σε κάθε συνεδρίαση των συλλόγων μας πρώτος παρουσιαζόταν και τιμούσε την κάθε εκδήλωση. Πάντα να λύνει τα προβλήματα μας με δίκαιο τρόπο. Να μας επιπλήττει αν έπρεπε και να μας επαινεί αν το αξίζαμε.*

*Έτρεχε στα νοσοκομεία πάντα με προθυμία κοντά στον κάθε άρρωστο. Στα γηροκομεία έδινε χαρά στους ηλικιωμένους μας που τον περίμεναν με χαρά.*

*Έπαιζε μπάσκετ με τα παιδιά μας και χαιρόταν την παρέα τους.  
Εξαιρετικός λειτουργός, ποιμένας και οικογενειάρχης.*

*Επιβλητικός πάντα στις λειτουργίες με αυστηρότητα και κατάνυξη έκανε τις ακολουθίες και τα μυστήρια. Όμορφες αναμνήσεις που θα μας συνοδεύουν μια ζωή.*

*Όμως του αξίζει να χαρεί την οικογένεια του, τα παιδιά και τα εγγόνια του για αυτό από καρδιάς του ευχόμαστε να απολαύσει τους κόπους τόσων χρόνων με ηρεμία και γαλήνη μαζί με την πρεσβύτερα, τα παιδιά και τα εγγόνια.*

*Οι πόρτες του Αγίου Νικολάου θα είναι πάντα ανοιχτές για τον πάτερ Μιχάλη.*

*Δεν λέμε αντίο απλά καλή συνέχεια στην όμορφη ζωή που σε περιμένει πάτερ μας.*

*Θα μας λείπεις καθημερινά αλλά θα χαιρόμαστε που θα απολαμβάνεις όσα με κόπο απέκτησες τόσα χρόνια. Να κάνεις τις διακοπές που τόσα χρόνια στερήθηκες.*

*Για μια υπέροχη ζωή να ζήσεις πολλά πολλά χρόνια να την απολαύσεις.*

*Με εκτίμηση, σεβασμό και αδελφική αγάπη,*

*Σταματία Ιερομονάχου  
Πρόεδρος του Συμβουλίου  
Αγίου Νικολάου Βαλτιμόρης*

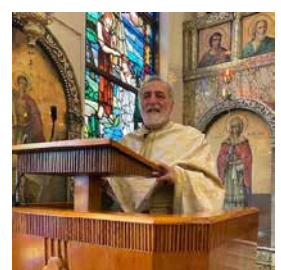
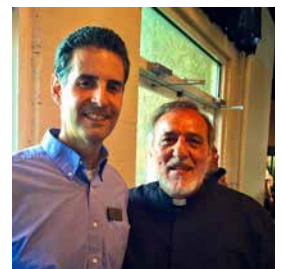




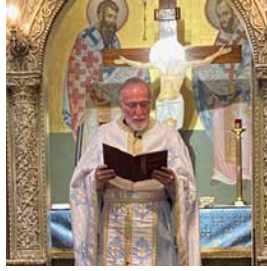
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## The Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Flesh

Courtesy of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America - [www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org)



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

### 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.

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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. ■

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRIEST, FATHER GEORGIOS OIKONOMOU ΚΑΛΩΣΟΡΙΣΑΤΕ ΣΤΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΜΑΣ, ΠΑΤΕΡ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΕ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΟΥ

The Reverend Protopresbyter Georgios Oikonomou was born in Thessaloniki, in March 1980 and grew up in the Ilioupolis section of Thessaloniki. He received his primary, secondary and University education in Thessaloniki and he graduated with a PhD in Theology in 2011. In 2003, he married Anastasia Mesemanoli and they have five children, Ioannis, Styliani, Grigorios, Arsenios and Loukas.



He was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on May 21, 2006, and to the Holy Priesthood on July 1, 2006, by Metropolitan Varnavas of Neapolis and Stavroupolis. Father Georgios was assigned to the Parish of Sts. Constantine and Helen, Ilioupolis Thessaloniki, where he was responsible for youth and catechesis. Also, he was chief at the Camp of the Holy Metropolis of Neapolis and Stavroupolis for 10 years. In addition, he was a teacher of religion lessons at High Schools for 18 years.

He has published many theological and pedagogical books and articles as well as catechetical resources. With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, he has been appointed to serve as the new Proistamenos at Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

Please join us on Sunday, December 4th as we welcome Father Georgios in his first Liturgical Service in our church as our new Proistamenos. Everyone is welcome downstairs in the large hall for coffee hour after church to meet Father Georgios and his family and welcome them to our community.

Ο Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος Γεώργιος Οικονόμου γεννήθηκε στη Θεσσαλονίκη το 1980. Μεγάλωσε στην Ηλιούπολη της Θεσσαλονίκης, όπου και ολοκλήρωσε τον κύκλο των σπουδών του το 2011, όταν αναγορεύτηκε Διδάκτωρ Θεολογίας στο Α.Π.Θ. Το 2003 παντρεύτηκε την Αναστασία Μεσεμανώλη, με την οποία απέκτησαν πέντε παιδιά, τον Ιωάννη, τη Στυλιανή, τον Γρηγόριο, τον Αρσένιο και τον Λουκά.

Χειροτονήθηκε διάκονος στις 21 Μαΐου 2006, ενώ 1 Ιουλίου 2006 έλαβε τον

βαθμό του πρεσβυτέρου από τον Μητροπολίτη Νεαπόλεως & Σταυρουπόλεως, κ. Βαρνάβα. Έκτοτε διορίστηκε στον Ιερό Ναό Αγίων Κωνσταντίνου & Ελένης Ηλιουπόλεως, όπου διακόνησε για περισσότερα από δεκαέξι χρόνια ως Υπεύθυνος Ενοριακής Νεανικής Εστίας. Διετέλεσε αρχηγός εκκλησιαστικών κατασκηνώσεων της Ιεράς Μητροπόλεως Νεαπόλεως & Σταυρουπόλεως για δέκα χρόνια. Επιπλέον εργάστηκε ως καθηγητής Μέσης Εκπαίδευσης διδάσκοντας το μάθημα των Θρησκευτικών για 18 χρόνια.

Έχει συγγράψει θεολογικά και παιδαγωγικά βιβλία και άρθρα, καθώς επίσης και σειρά Κατηχητικών Βοηθημάτων. Με την ευλογία του Σεβασμιωτάτου Αρχιεπισκόπου Αμερικής, κ. Ελπιδοφόρου θα διακονήσει ως ο νέος Προϊστάμενος στην κοινότητα του Αγίου Νικολάου στη Βαλτιμόρη, Μαιριυλαντ.

Όλοι είστε καλεσμένοι να βρεθείτε μαζί μας την Κυριακή 4 Δεκεμβρίου να καλωσορίσουμε τον Πατέρα Γεώργιο στην πρώτη του Λειτουργία στην εκκλησία μας ως νέος ιερέας μας. Μετά την εκκλησία θα κατεβούμε στην μεγάλη αίθουσα για καφέ για να συναντήσουμε τον Πατέρα Γεώργιο και την οικογένειά του και να τους καλωσορίσουμε στην κοινότητά μας.

ΚΑΛΩΣΟΡΙΣΑΤΕ ΣΤΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΜΑΣ  
ΠΑΤΕΡ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΕ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΟΥ



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### AN INTRODUCTION LETTER FROM FR. GEORGIOS OIKONOMOU

Dear parishioners of this wonderful community,  
of Saint Nicholas in Baltimore!

I feel overwhelmed with God's blessing as I have the opportunity to communicate with you as your new priest. I know that the burden is heavy, as I succeed a worthy and so beloved priest, who worked hard in this community for sixteen years, offering himself and his love, Father Michael Pastrokos. I would like first of all to express my respect and honor to him and to ask for his prayers and blessings, so that I may be seen as a worthy successor to him as well as worthy of your high expectations. So that what was built with hard labor may remain sustained and continued.

I am so glad to be here with you, as I have been waiting for a long time for this blessed day to come. By the Grace of God, with the paternal blessings, care, and love of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and with the blessings of my spiritual father, Metropolitan Varnavas of Neapolis and Stavroupolis, who ordained me to the Diaconate and Priesthood, I come to you to serve you with humility, and at the same time with all my strength.

My decision to leave Greece has saddened many people there, and their goodbye to me and my family was filled with deep love and emotion. Nonetheless, your warm welcome and your kind expression of your heartfelt sentiments have moved and enslaved us already. My family and I, presvytera Anastasia and our five children, Ioannis, Stella, Grigoris, Arsenios and Loukas are grateful to you all and really appreciative of your welcome.

As I was requesting His Eminence Metropolitan Varnavas of Neapolis and Stavroupolis' blessing before our departure for America, he pointed out to us that in Greece we had everything; we didn't lack anything. And he was right. We didn't leave Greece because we were looking for more; we left Greece precisely because we were overflowed with love to serve the Orthodox faithful in the United States of America. Christians all over the world are one family, children of Christ and brothers among themselves. And Greece is everywhere; the Greek spirit spreads throughout the world. And especially in this beautiful American society, Greece has flourished. The

people who came here, not only did they not forget Greece, but they did everything to honor their motherland. And first of all, they built churches, just as your own families built this great church and community of Saint Nicholas.

How can I not feel awe and honor coming to minister to these wonderful people! I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I look forward to meeting you all in person and I would be very happy to see you in church or to visit your homes or with any other opportunity to meet. My phone will be always on, my office door will be always open, and you can always feel free to email me or communicate with me via social media. As your pastor, I promise that I will give all of myself to serve you, and my intention is to be by your side in every situation, in the joys and in the sorrows, in the blessings and in the trials. I am at your disposal with much love and affection, I greet all of you as my new parish family and I humbly ask for your prayers and support.

May God, through the intercessions of our patron Saint Nicholas, always bless and protect you, your families and our beloved parish.

Merry, Blessed and Holy Christmas!

With love in Christ,

*Fr. Georgios Oikonomou*

Protopresbyter Georgios Oikonomou





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### ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ ΓΝΩΡΙΜΙΑΣ ΤΟΥ Π. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΟΥ

Αγαπητοί ενορίτες αυτής της θαυμάσιας κοινότητας,  
του Αγίου Νικολάου στη Βαλτιμόρη!

Αισθάνομαι πλημμυρισμένος από την ευλογία του Θεού, καθώς έχω την ευκαιρία να επικοινωνώ μαζί σας ως ο νέος σας ιερέας. Γνωρίζω ότι το φορτίο είναι βαρύ, καθώς διαδέχομαι έναν άξιο και τόσο αγαπητό κληρικό, ο οποίος εργάστηκε σκληρά σε αυτή την κοινότητα για δεκαέξι χρόνια, προσφέροντας τον εαυτό του και την αγάπη του, τον π. Μιχαήλ Παστρικό. Θα ήθελα πρώτα από όλα να εκφράσω τον σεβασμό μου και την τιμή μου στο πρόσωπό του και να ζητήσω την ευχή του, ώστε να φανώ αντάξιος διάδοχός του αλλά και αντάξιος των δικών σας υψηλών προσδοκιών. Όστε ό,τι χτίστηκε με κόπο να παραμείνει στερεωμένο και ασάλευτο.

Η χαρά μου είναι πολύ μεγάλη, καθώς περίμενα με αγωνία να έρθει αυτή η ευλογημένη ημέρα. Και ιδού! Με τη Χάρη του Τρισάγιου Θεού, με την πατρική ευλογία, μέριμνα και αγάπη του Σεβασμιωτάτου Αρχιεπισκόπου Αμερικής, κυρίου Ελπιδοφόρου, και με την ευλογία του πνευματικού μου πατέρα, Μητροπολίτη Νεαπόλεως και Σταυρουπόλεως, κυρίου Βαρνάβα, ο οποίος με χειροτόνησε Διάκονο και Πρεσβύτερο έρχομαι να σας διακονήσω ταπεινά αλλά και με όλες τις δυνάμεις μου. Η απόφασή μου να έρθω κοντά σας λύπησε πολλούς ανθρώπους στην Ελλάδα, οι οποίοι με αποχαιρέτησαν με βαθιά αγάπη και συγκίνηση. Και έγιναν οι αγκαλιές τους μια ζεστή ζακέτα να μην κρύνει η ψυχή εδώ στην ξενιτιά. Μα και η δική σας ολόθερμη υποδοχή και αγάπη μας έχει συγκινήσει και μας έχει σκλαβώσει. Εγώ και η οικογένειά μου, η πρεσβυτέρα Αναστασία και τα παιδιά μας, ο Ιωάννης, η Στέλλα, ο Γρηγόρης, ο Αρσένιος και ο Λουκάς είμαστε ευγνώμονες.

Ζητώντας την ευχή και την ευλογία του Μητροπολίτη Νεαπόλεως και Σταυρουπόλεως, πριν αναχωρήσουμε, μας επεσήμανε ότι και στην Ελλάδα δεν μας έλειπε τίποτα. Και είχε δίκιο. Δεν ήρθαμε επειδή μας έλειπε κάτι, ήρθαμε ακριβώς, γιατί περίσσευε μέσα μας και πλημμύριζε η αγάπη για τη δική σας διακονία. Οι χριστιανοί σε όλη την οικουμένη είμαστε μία οικογένεια, παιδιά του Χριστού μας και αδέρφια μεταξύ μας. Και η Ελλάδα είναι παντού, το πνεύμα της απλώνεται σε όλη την οικουμένη. Και ιδιαίτερα σε αυτή την όμορφη πατρίδα την Αμερική η Ελλάδα

μεγαλούργησε. Οι άνθρωποι που ήρθαν όχι μόνο δεν την ξέχασαν αλλά έκαναν τα πάντα για να την τιμούν. Και πρώτα πρώτα έχτισαν εκκλησίες, όπως οι δικές σας οικογένειες έχτισαν τον Άι Νικόλα.

Πως να μην αισθάνομαι δέος και τιμή ερχόμενος να διακονήσω αυτούς τους υπέροχους ανθρώπους! Σας ευχαριστώ μέσα από την καρδιά μου. Ανυπομονώ να σας γνωρίσω όλους προσωπικά και θα χαρώ πολύ να έρθετε στην εκκλησία ή να με καλέσετε στα σπίτια σας. Το τηλέφωνό μου πάντα ανοιχτό, το email, τα social media. Ως ο ιερέας της εκκλησίας σας θέλω να είμαι κοντά σας σε κάθε περίπτωση, στις χαρές αλλά και στις λύπες, στις ευλογίες και τις δοκιμασίες. Είμαι στη διάθεσή σας με αγάπη και παρακαλώ να προσεύχεστε για εμένα και την οικογένειά μου. Ο Θεός να σας ευλογεί, να σας φυλάει, να σας φωτίζει. Καλά, Ευλογημένα και Άγια Χριστούγεννα!

Με εν Χριστώ αγάπη,

*Fr. Georgios Oikonomou*

Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος Γεώργιος Οικονόμου







Please join us

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

as we welcome our new Proistamenos

**Father Georgios Oikonomou**

as he celebrates his first liturgy at St. Nicholas

*A coffee hour will follow the service*

*All Church ministries should be represented  
to meet Father Georgios*

*This is also a great time to respond to the  
Stewardship campaign of 2023*



# MEMORIALS

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## *In memory of Kiki & Tom Loukas,*

### *Katina & Kostas Kaplatges*

### *& Nicholas Kaplatges*

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Efstratios & Patricia Bouyoukas  
George & Maria Kornias





## GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

### ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL

Prot. No. 248/2022

#### **Archiepiscopal Encyclical for the Feast of the Archangels**

November 6, 2022

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America:

*Who makes His Angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire. (Psalm 103:5)*

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year, on the 8th of November, as we celebrate the Synaxis of the Holy Archangels, Michael and Gabriel, together with all the ranks of the Bodiless Powers of Heaven, we remember our precious Archdiocesan Institution, Saint Michael's Home. Although most of us will never see an Angel face to face before we pass from this life, we do often feel their presence. They bring us messages of God's love and strength in trying times, especially when our faith is tested. But as much as we need to receive the aid and consolation of such Heavenly Beings, we must also be willing to be "angelic" in character – meaning, that we should also carry messages of love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness to others, and thus serve in the ministry of the "flame of fire," spoken of in the Psalm.

The mission of Saint Michael's home is a ministry that we can all embrace with a fiery love and devotion, especially because it is in the service of those precious members of our community who not only have given so much to the Church we now enjoy, but also are in need of our compassion and care in their twilight years. As it says in the Book of Leviticus: *Stand up in the presence of the elderly, and show respect for the aged (19:32)*. Saint Michael's Home



affords every member of our Archdiocese an opportunity to take a stand for the elderly, and show concrete respect and appreciation for those who have labored from the “first hour.”

With this year’s commemoration of the Heavenly Hosts, led by the Princes of the Angelic Powers, Michael and Gabriel, let us take inspiration from their ministrations throughout the history of both the Old and New Israel. Let us take up the cause of Saint Michael’s Home as a spiritual devotion, and light a flame of fire within our hearts that burns with love and compassion for our seniors — whether they are of our own parishes and families, or of this God-pleasing and venerable Institution of our Sacred Archdiocese of America.

With paternal love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS  
Archbishop of America



## ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ

### ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ

Αριθμ. Πρωτ. 248/2022

**Αρχιεπισκοπική Έγκύκλιος για την έορτή των παμμεγίστων Ταξιαρχών.**

6 Νοεμβρίου 2022

Πρὸς τοὺς Σεβασμιωτάτους καὶ Θεοφιλεστάτους Ἀρχιερεῖς, τοὺς Εὐλαβεστάτους Ἱερεῖς καὶ Διακόνους, τοὺς Μοναχοὺς καὶ τὶς Μοναχές, τοὺς Προέδρους καὶ τὰ Μέλη τῶν Κοινοτικῶν Συμβουλίων, τοὺς Ἐντιμολογιωτάτους Ἄρχοντες τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, τὰ μέλη τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100, τὰ Ἡμερήσια καὶ Απογευματινὰ Σχολεῖα, τὶς Φιλοπτώχους Ἀδελφότητες, τὴ Νεολαία, τὶς Ἑλληνορθόδοξες Ὄργανώσεις καὶ ὁλόκληρο τὸ Χριστεπώνυμο πλήρωμα τῆς Ἱερᾶς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

*«Ὁ ποιῶν τοὺς ἀγγέλους αὐτοῦ πνεύματα καὶ τοὺς λειτουργοὺς αὐτοῦ πυρὸς φλόγα» (Ψαλμὸς 103:5).*

Προσφιλεῖς ἀδελφοὶ καὶ ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

Κάθε χρόνο κατὰ τὴν έορτή τῆς συνάξεως τῶν παμμεγίστων Ταξιαρχῶν Μιχαήλ καὶ Γαβριήλ καὶ τῶν ἄλλων ἐπουρανίων δυνάμεων ἀσωμάτων, κάνουμε ιδιαίτερη ἀναφορὰ στὸ πολυτιμότερο ἴδρυμα τῆς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς μας, τὸν οἶκο εὐγηρίας «ὁ Ἅγιος Μιχαήλ». Οἱ περισσότεροι ἀπὸ ἐμᾶς ἴσως νὰ μὴν ἀντικρύσουμε ποτὲ τὸ πρόσωπο ἑνὸς ἀγγέλου στὴ ζωὴ αὐτή, ὅμως συχνὰ ἀντιλαμβανόμαστε τὴν παρουσία τους. Φέρνουν μηνύματα ἀγάπης ἀπὸ τὸ Θεὸ καὶ μᾶς ἐνισχύουν ὅταν βρισκόμαστε ἐν καιρῷ πειρασμοῦ, ἰδίως ὅταν ἡ πίστη μας δοκιμάζεται. Ἀλλὰ ὅσο χρειαζόμαστε τὴ βοήθεια καὶ τὴν προστασία τῶν ἐπουρανίων δυνάμεων, ἄλλο τόσο ὀφείλουμε νὰ μιμούμαστε τὸν ἀγγελικὸ βίό τους, δηλαδή νὰ εἴμαστε φορεῖς τῆς ἀγάπης, τοῦ ἐλέους, τῆς συγχωρήσεως καὶ τῆς συμπαθείας πρὸς τοὺς ἄλλους, γινόμενοι «πυρὸς φλόγα» ὡς λειτουργοὶ τοῦ ὑψίστου, καθὼς καὶ ὁ ψαλμωδὸς ἐπισημαίνει.



Δίνεται μοναδική ευκαιρία να αναλάβουμε την απόστολή και να συνεισφέρουμε κατά τὸ δυνατό στή λειτουργία τοῦ οἴκου εὐγηρίας «ὁ Ἅγιος Μιχαήλ» μὲ ἀγάπη καὶ αὐταπάρνηση, διότι ἡ ἀποστολή αὐτὴ ἐπικεντρώνεται στήν ὑποστήριξη τῶν τιμίων ἐκείνων μελῶν τῶν κοινοτήτων μας, πού ὄχι μόνο προσέφεραν πολλὰ στήν Ἐκκλησία καὶ στίς κοινότητές μας, ἀλλά χρήζουν τῶν φροντίδων μας κατὰ τὴν περίοδο αὐτὴ τῆς ζωῆς τους. Ὁ οἶκος εὐγηρίας «ὁ Ἅγιος Μιχαήλ» δίνει τὴν ευκαιρία σὲ ὅλους τοὺς πιστοὺς τῆς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς μας νὰ προσφέρουν, στηρίζοντας τοὺς ἡλικιωμένους μας, δείχνοντας τὴν ἀγάπη μας σὲ ὅλους αὐτοὺς «τοὺς ἐργάτες τῆς πρώτης ὥρας» κατὰ τὸν εὐαγγελιστὴ.

Αὐτὴ τὴ χρονιά, ἃς ἐμπνευστοῦμε ἀπὸ τὴ διαχρονικὴ παρουσία στὸν παλαιὸ καὶ στὸ νέο Ἰσραὴλ τῶν ἀγγέλων, προεξαρχόντων τῶν ταξιαρχῶν Μιχαήλ καὶ Γαβριήλ. Ἄς ἐνστερνιστοῦμε τὸν φιλανθρωπικὸ σκοπὸ τοῦ οἴκου εὐγηρίας «ὁ Ἅγιος Μιχαήλ», ἀνάβοντας στήν καρδιά μας τὴ φλόγα τῆς ἀγάπης καὶ τῆς συμπαθείας στοὺς ἡλικιωμένους ἀδελφούς μας, εἴτε αὐτοὶ ἀνήκουν στίς οἰκογένειες καὶ στίς ἐνορίες μας εἴτε ὄχι, ἐνισχύοντας τὸ θεάρεστο ἔργο αὐτοῦ τοῦ πολυτίμου ἰδρύματος τῆς Ἱερᾶς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

Μετὰ πατρικῆς ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀγάπης,

† ὁ Ἀμερικῆς Ἐλπιδοφόρος



## GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

### ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

November 15, 2022

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy,  
Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils, Philoptochos Sisterhoods,  
The Advisors and Members of the Parish Youth Organizations and all Devout Orthodox  
Faithful of the Maryland and Northern Virginia Regions of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis  
of New Jersey

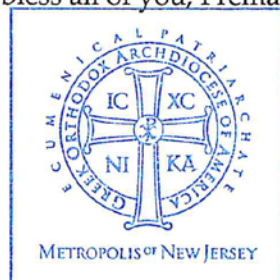
My Beloved in the Lord,

I pray you and your families are well, both spiritually and physically, as we embark on our spiritual journey through the Nativity Fast. It is with great joy that I inform you that with the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, our Sacred Metropolis will once again be celebrating **the Annual Epiphany Celebration, the Blessing of the Waters Service and the Diving for the Holy Cross in Ocean City, Maryland, on Saturday, January 7, 2023.**

The Epiphany Celebration will begin at 9:00am with the Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia, together with the area Clergy. Following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, we will process to the Ocean City Beach, where His Grace will conduct the Agiasmos/Blessing of the Waters Service and the diving for the Holy Cross by the area youth.

**This event, along with the attached flyer, is to be announced and advertised in all the parishes of the Maryland and Northern Virginia regions of our sacred Metropolis,** so that as many of our faithful parishioners as possible are able to attend this beautiful celebration. In addition, I ask that you please coordinate with your parish youth, the GOYAns, and encourage them to participate in this wonderful opportunity to participate in this event by diving into the waters in order to retrieve the Holy Cross.

Conveying to you the blessings of our Archbishop and praying that our loving Lord continues to bless all of you, I remain,

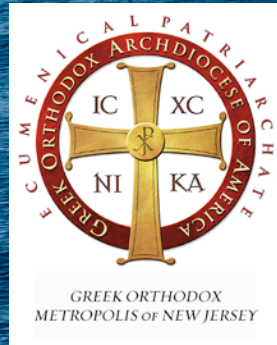


At the Direction of the Archbishop,

*Archim. Christof. Oikonomidis*

+ Archimandrite Christoforos Oikonomidis  
Chancellor

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# Annual Epiphany Celebration

Saturday, January 7th, 2023

9:00 am: Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy  
followed by the Blessing of the Waters and  
the Diving for the Cross celebrated by  
His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia

St. George Greek  
Orthodox Church  
8805 Coastal Hwy.  
Ocean City, MD 21842

Divers Register Here!



For More Information Email: [stgeorgeoc@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeoc@gmail.com)  
or call 410-524-0990



# NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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Dear Members of the Saint Nicholas Parish,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the elections for the Parish Council will be held on Sunday December 11, 2022, right after the Church Service.

The nominees are the Following:

Mary Iliadis  
Panagiotis Saliaris

All members in good standing are urged to come and vote. Please note that the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Archdiocese state the following:

1. In order to vote, a member must pay in full his/her Stewardship commitment for 2022 before he/she casts their vote.
2. In order to vote, a new member must be a registered member of the Parish for at least three (3) months prior to the elections.
3. A voter must be baptized or chrismated in the Greek Orthodox Faith.

Sincerely,

**Rev. Fr. Georgios Oikonomou, Parish Priest**

### Board of Elections

**Zoe Perdikakis                      Anastasia Vasilakopoulos      Aikaterini Fotinos**

### ΕΙΔΟΠΟΙΗΣΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΩΝ ΕΚΛΟΓΩΝ

Αγαπητά Μέλη της Κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου:

Σκοπός της επιστολής μας είναι να σας ενημερώσουμε ότι οι προκείμενες Εκλογές για το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο θα διεξαχθούν την Κυριακή 11 Δεκεμβρίου, 2022, αμέσως μετά τη Θεία Λειτουργία.

Τα ονόματα των υποψηφίων είναι :

Μαίρη Ιλιάδου  
Παναγιώτης Σαλιάρης

Όλα τα οικονομικά εν τάξει προς την Κοινότητα μέλη παρακαλούνται να έλθουν να ψηφίσουν. Σημειώστε ότι οι Ομοϊόμορφοι Κανονισμοί των Κοινοτήτων της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής αναφέρουν τα ακόλουθα:

1. Ένα μέλος για να ψηφίσει πρέπει να έχει πληρώσει στο ακέραιο την Εθελοντική του Προσφορά (Υπόσχεση) για το έτος 2022, πριν αυτός /αυτή ψηφίσει.
2. Νέο μέλος για να ψηφίσει πρέπει να είναι γραμμένο μέλος στη Κοινότητα για τουλάχιστον τρεις (3) μήνες προ των εκλογών.
3. Ένα μέλος για να ψηφίσει θα πρέπει να είναι βαπτισμένος/η ή να έχει ασπαστεί την Ελληνική Ορθόδοξη Πίστη.

Με εκτίμηση

Αιδεσ. Πάτερ Γεώργιος Οικονόμου, Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος

Η Εφορευτική Επιτροπή

Ζωή Περδικάκη

Αναστασία Βασιλακοπούλου Αικατερίνη Φωτεινού

# PHILOPTOCHOS

The Food Drive in November was a great success thanks to all those that donated. Please note that January 4th to the 18th we will be collecting NEW hats, scarfs, gloves and blankets to be donated to the Helping Up Mission of Baltimore. Please consider donating and helping warm the hearts of those less fortunate knowing that someone cares!

Monday, November 28th a Holiday Celebration was held at Jimmy's Famous Seafood. We would like to thank John and Tony Minadakis for hosting and all those who supported by attending or donating.

Looking forward to celebrating our community, starting with Vesper Services on December 5th and Liturgy on December 6th. Philoptochos will be baking and distributing a variety of sweets for the occasion! Happy Nameday to all those that celebrate!

“And the World became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). Wishing everyone a Blessed and Healthy Christmas with your family and friends!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Father Michael for his service to our community and his support throughout the years. We wish him a long and healthy retirement enjoying it with his family!

## PHILOPTOCHOS DONATIONS:

*In Memory Panagiotis and Chrisanthi Kefalas*

Mr. and Mrs. Costas Triantafilos

*In Memory of Thanasi Damalas*

Mary and John Elefteriou

*In Memory of Michael and Hope Harris*

Anonymous Donor

Η Δωρεά Τροφίμων, που πραγματοποιήθηκε τον Νοέμβριο, είχε τεράστια επιτυχία χάρις όσων προσφέρθηκαν. Παρακαλούμε να θυμάστε πως τον Ιανουάριο, από τις 4 έως τις 18 του μηνός, θα συλλέγονται ΚΑΙΝΟΥΡΓΙΑ σκουφιά, κασκόλ, γάντια και κουβέρτες με σκοπό να δωρηθούν στον οργανισμό: Helping Up Mission of Baltimore. Παρακαλούμε σκεφτείτε ότι η προσφορά και η βοήθεια που χαρίζουμε ζεσταίνουν τις καρδιές όσων είναι λιγότερο τυχεροί. Είναι σημαντικό να ξέρεις ότι κάποιος νοιάζεται!

## PHILOPTOCHOS



Την Δευτέρα, 28 Νοεμβρίου πραγματοποιήθηκε Εκδήλωση για τις Γιορτές στο Jimmy's Famous Seafood. Θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε τον Γιάννη και Αντώνη Μιναδάκη που μας φιλοξένησαν καθώς και όλους εκείνους που μας υποστήριξαν με την παρουσία τους και τις δωρεές τους.

Ανυπομονούμε να γιορτάσουμε την Ονομαστική Εορτή της Κοινότητας μας ξεκινώντας με τον Εσπερινό στις 5 Δεκεμβρίου και τη Θεία Λειτουργία στις 6 Δεκεμβρίου. Οι Κυρίες της Φιλοπτώχου θα φτιάξουν και θα μοιράσουν ποικιλία γλυκών για την περίσταση! Χρόνια πολλά σε όλους και όσες γιορτάζουν!

« Και ο Κόσμος έγινε σάρκα και κατοίκησε ανάμεσά μας, και είδαμε τη δόξα του, δόξα σαν του μονογενούς Υιού από τον πατέρα, γεμάτο χάρη και αλήθεια» (Ιωάννης 1:14). Εύχομαι σε όλους Καλά και Γεμάτα Υγεία Χριστούγεννα με την οικογένεια και τους φίλους σας!

Θα θέλαμε με αυτήν την ευκαιρία να ευχαριστήσουμε τον πατέρα Μιχαήλ για την υπηρεσία του στην κοινότητά μας και την υποστήριξή του όλα αυτά τα χρόνια. Του ευχόμαστε καλή σύνταξη με υγεία και να απολαμβάνει την οικογένεια του!

## Δωρεές της Φιλοπτώχου

Εις μνήμην του Παναγιώτη και της Χρυσάνθης Κεφάλια  
Κύριο και κυρία Κώστα Τριανταφύλλου

Εις μνήμην του Αθανάσιου Δαμαλά

Μαρία και τον Γιάννη Ελευθερίου

Εις μνήμην του Μιχαήλ και της Ελπίδας Χάρη

Ανώνυμο Δωρητή

# EARLY EDUCATION CENTER NEWS



## NOW HIRING TEACHERS AND AIDES!

### ST. NICHOLAS BILINGUAL EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

Hello Beec Friends and Family,

November was full of fun activities in BEEC. We learned about giving, appreciation, culture, season, and more. BEEC had a thanksgiving feast with families and teachers. We had ham, fruits, salad, corn, pie, and so much more in our bellies. We enjoyed our meal together and had fun talking to each other. BEEC wants to thank the families and teachers who supported our Thanksgiving feast.

BEEC is currently accepting wrapped toys or books until December 6, 2022. BEEC will participate in Toys for Tots to put a smile on less fortunate children on Christmas Day. This coming December, BEEC is inviting BEEC families and teachers to join us to meet Santa Claus on December 16, 2022, 3 pm – 5 pm at St. Nicholas Church Greek Hall. BEEC students will also perform a merry holiday song and dance. Also, BEEC will learn about holidays worldwide, such as Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Children will also learn about winter and trees.

Happy Merry Holiday to all!!  
Michelle Abuel  
Director of BEEC

Δίγλωσσος Βρεφονηπιακός Σταθμός Αγίου Νικολάου,

Ο Νοέμβριος ήταν γεμάτος με διασκεδαστικές δραστηριότητες για τον Δίγλωσσο Βρεφονηπιακό Σταθμό Αγίου Νικολάου(BEEC). Μάθαμε για τη σημασία της προσφοράς, της εκτίμησης και γνωρίσαμε τα έθιμα της εποχής αυτής. Ο Σταθμός μας πραγματοποίησε γιορτή για την Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών με τις οικογένειες και τις δασκάλες. Στην εκδήλωση αυτή, προσφέραμε χοιρινό, φρούτα, σαλάτες, καλαμπόκι, πίτες και πολλά περισσότερα για όλους. Απολαύσαμε όλοι μαζί το φαγητό μας και περάσαμε όμορφα κουβεντιάζοντας μεταξύ μας. Θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε τις οικογένειες και τις δασκάλες που παρευρέθηκαν στη γιορτή μας.

Ο Σταθμός μας συνεχίζει να δέχεται καινούργια παιχνίδια και βιβλία μέχρι τις 6 Δεκεμβρίου 2022. Θα συμμετέχουμε με αυτόν τον τρόπο στο Toys for Tots και έτσι θα μπορούσαμε να χαρίσουμε ένα χαμόγελο στα παιδιά που είναι λιγότερο τυχερά, την ημέρα των Χριστουγέννων. Τον Δεκέμβριο επίσης, ο Σταθμός προσκαλεί τις οικογένειες και τις δασκάλες να έρθουν να γνωρίσουν τον Άγιο Βασίλη σε μια όμορφη εκδήλωση που θα γίνει στις 16 Δεκεμβρίου 2022 από τις 3 μέχρι τις 5 το απόγευμα στην Πλατεία του Αγίου Νικολάου. Τα παιδιά του Σταθμού μας θα τραγουδήσουν Χριστουγεννιάτικα Τραγούδια και θα χορέψουν. Θα μάθουν επιπλέον για τις γιορτές σε όλο τον κόσμο όπως το Hanukkah και το Kwanzaa, για τον χειμώνα και τα δέντρα.



Καλές Πορτές σε όλους!!!  
Michelle Abuel  
Υποδιευθύντρια του BEEC

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



# GOYA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



*St. Nicholas GOYA held their successful basketball tournament on November 12 & 13 at The Park School*



# CHURCH WISH LIST

The Parish Council has been approached by many parishioners asking to provide a “Wish List” of items that our Church, and Community Hall Kitchen needs. As you may have noticed, parishioners have already donated the new passenger elevator for our Church, the new bathrooms on the first Floor and in the gym upstairs. All of these were donated with the love and trust to our Parish Council and Church members.

Please take a moment to think about how the past 50 years has taken a toll on our Church and its buildings and now it is in the dire need of replacement or renovation. Your monetary contribution (no matter what amount) to any of the items mentioned below in the Wish List can and will make a permanent difference in the Church and it will be there for generations to come.

## wish list

1/4” clear polycarbonate sheets to protect the exterior of the stained glass icon windows



Two Southbend Ranges  
(to sit side-by-side)  
Item# 4361A-2GL, 4365A



Blodgett Double Stack Convection Oven  
Item# ZEPH-200-G DBL  
(Oven will come with legs and casters)



Dean 50 LB Fryer  
Item# SR152G



Metro Warming Cabinet  
Item # C539-CFC-U

*Thank you for your support!*



## St. Nicholas eGiving Stewardship

**One Less Thing**  
*to think about*

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*Especially  
Now*

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*Thank you for your generosity!*

Give yourself *One Less Thing* to think about  
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## MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE CARD ΚΑΡΤΑ ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ

### “GIVING THANKS: EUCHARISTIC STEWARDSHIP”

### “ΑΝΤΙΠΟΔΙΔΟΝΤΑΣ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΙΕΣ: ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΙΕΣ ΜΕΣΩ ΤΗΣ ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ”

2023 SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CONFIDENTIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD  
2023 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:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Weekly / Monthly / Quarterly / Yearly)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Εβδομαδιαίως / Μηνιαίως / Ανά Τρίμηνο / Ετησίως)  
TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE FOR 2023 :\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Συνολικό ποσό προσφοράς για το 2023 :\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Come and See God work through your talents, skills, and experience, as well as your financial support.  
Your offering to Christ and His Church can do as much as you empower it to do.

We give to Christ and His Church not according to our means but according to our love for Him.  
Γίνετε μάρτυρες του έργου του Θεού! Δώστε από το ταλέντο με το οποίο σας έχει προικίσει, με τις ικανότητες, τις εμπειρίες, την οικονομική σας ευχέρεια. Η προσφορά μας στον Χριστό και την Εκκλησία Του ας βασιστεί στην αγάπη μας προς Αυτόν, όχι στην οικονομική μας δυνατότητα.

Planned Giving \_\_\_\_\_ Please send me information on making a planned gift to the Church.  
Δωρεά που σχεδιάζω \_\_\_\_\_ Παρακαλώ στείλτε μου πληροφορίες σχετικά με τον τρόπο που μπορώ να προσφέρω να δωρίσω.

Print Full Name/ Γράψτε με κεφαλαία γράμματα το επίθετό σας

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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 τριμήνο ή έτος.

Εάν επιθυμείτε να στείλετε τη δωρεά σας ηλεκτρονικά, επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα μας [www.stnicholasmd.org/give](http://www.stnicholasmd.org/give) ή κατεβάστε την εφαρμογή GivePlus mobile. Εάν έχετε απορίες, επικοινωνήστε με το Γραφείο της Εκκλησίας στο τηλέφωνο 410-633-5020.



# 100 CENTENNIAL 1922-2022 PILGRIMAGE

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## CAPPADOCIA

- Among the many sites visit Goreme Open Air Museum to see the Byzantine rock churches, the Underground City of Kaymakli (Anakou), the old Greek cities of Sinassos, Aravissos & much more Attend the Divine Liturgy celebrated by H.A.H. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at the Ancient Rock Church.

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Tour the city including the old Greek section & the promenade by the sea. A full day tour to Ephesus where St Paul preached the Gospel & was imprisoned. See the Library of Celsus, & the Basilica of St. John. Tour Pergamon, the northern most of the seven churches of Asia & visit the Pergamon Altar, the Asclpion



## CONSTANTINOPLE

- Experience the Queen of Cities by visiting sites sacred to the Orthodox faith: The Sacred Center of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Hagia Sophia, the Theological School of Halki, Panagia Vlacherna, Baloukli Monastery, and celebrate the Feast Day of the H.A.H Ecumenical Patriarch Batholomew!

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### SPONSOR A COFFEE HOUR

We have resumed the Coffee Hour following the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour in memory of a loved one, for the health of your family, or in honor of our St. Nicholas Church.

Please call the office at **410-633-5020** to schedule.

*Thank you  
for your  
support!*



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It's through your contributions that we're able to carry on important work both spiritually and in our community.

Electronic giving is a convenient, easy way to support St. Nicholas.

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#### NOTICE:

All organizations must review their upcoming events with Maria Salpeas (410-633-5020) who will add the event to the official church calendar on the bulletin board across from Father Georgios' office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

#### MARIA SALPEAS

*Notary Public*

Translations from English to Greek and Greek to English, e.t.a.

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COMPLETE YOUR 2023  
STEWARDSHIP  
INFORMATION!



## COMMUNITY & CHRISTMAS CARD Poinsettias for the Church

Please help us to decorate our beautiful church for the upcoming Christmas season by donating **\$25.00** toward the purchase of a poinsettia plant.

Your family is also invited to join the Community Christmas Card for a donation of **\$25.00**. Please specify your choice and enclose your donation with this form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Community Christmas Card (# \_\_\_\_\_) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Deadline 12/6*

Please indicate how you wish your family name to appear on the  
Christmas card \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettias (# \_\_\_\_\_) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Deadline 12/18*



**Thank you for  
your support!**

# EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS

## St. Nicholas Greek School PTA 2022-2023 Fundraiser KARELLAS CAFÉ



Karellas Café has generously offered to donate 10% of all their Proceeds during Greek School hours for either Dining in or Carry Out orders. All you have to do is mention you are there for Greek School. Please consider supporting our St. Nicholas Greek School Fundraiser and enjoy your coffees, desserts, appetizers, or dinners.

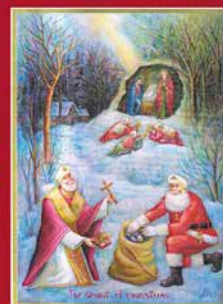
Thank you in advance for all your Support throughout the School Year.  
St. Nicholas Greek School PTA

- Where: Karellas Café  
426 S. Newkirk St. Baltimore, MD 21224
- When: Every Mondays & Wednesdays
- Time: 4:00PM- 8:00PM
- Phone #: 443-520-3030

## Sign up for a Personalized Virtual Call from Santa for your children

Don't miss this opportunity to share the  
Spirit of Christmas with your Family!

December 6th – December 24th, 2022.



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Archbishop Elpidophoros of America*

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**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**



**OPEN HOUSE**

*on*

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

*6:00 - 9:00pm*

*At the*

*Metropolis Headquarters*

*215 E. Grove Street*

*Westfield, NJ 07090*

# Saint Nicholas Name Day Dance

## Saturday, December 10, 2022

Greektown Square  
700 Quail Street  
Baltimore, MD 21224

\$75 Adults, \$40 under 18  
Mezedes 8:00PM, Cash Bar  
ends at 2AM

Tickets:

Manolis Theoharis: 410-790-7542, Church Office: 410-633-5020



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# LITURGICAL CALENDAR - DECEMBER

Sunday, December 4 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke - St. Barbara the Great Martyr:  
Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

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

Tuesday, December 6 St. Nicholas Name Day Celebration: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am  
*Reception will follow*

Sunday, December 11 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Monday, December 12 St. Spyridon the Wonderworker: Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

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

Thursday, December 15 St. Eleftherios: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Sunday, December 18 Sunday before the Nativity: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Thursday, December 22 St. Anastasia the Great Martyr: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Saturday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND  
SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

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

Tuesday, December 27 St. Stephen the First Martyr: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

