“CHRIST IS RISEN – TRULY HE IS RISEN”

“Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life.”

Our St. Nicholas Community as well as the whole Orthodox Christian world celebrated and continues to celebrate our Lord’s Glorious “Pascha” - His passing over from death to life. By conquering death’s eternal power which held His creation captive, He paved the way for us as well to enter His Kingdom of Eternal Life. Pascha is a celebration of Christ’s victory over death and our hope for Eternal Life. It also is the most positive day in the year, a day of joy and sunshine, a day of happiness, for He not only paved the way, but He is the Way. It is for this reason that we commemorate the saving events which lead to His death and ended in His Resurrection. It is also for this reason that we humbly fast and go through Great Lent.

As Orthodox Christians we should be proud of the fact that we have kept our 2,000 years traditions strong and vibrant. Every year that passes, the spiritual experience of celebrating “Pascha” has strengthened our minds, souls, and bodies, and that we experience our own personal (Passover). But we have to pause for a moment; Yes, we went through this spiritual journey; yes, we experienced His Glorious Resurrection.

But is Pascha over? Is it something that came and went? Or does it continue in our lives? We live in a society that quickly forgets the event which just happened and jumps on to the next event. Every year when we begin the Great Lenten period, we go into it with so much zeal and enthusiasm. It is the same feeling that the disciples had when they met Christ for the first time. After they met Him, they left everything and followed Him. They spent 3 years with Him, hearing His sermons, witnessing His miracles, gaining spiritual knowledge, and just in a quick moment of time, they see Him crucified on the Cross. At that moment when they saw their Master hung on a Cross, all of their dreams and expectations died with them. All of their hopes and everything they believed in. The disciples gave up everything to follow Him – their wives, their jobs, their children, their families, their past, present, and future and up to 3 days ago it seemed like a pretty good bargain. The disciples had seen the impossible, they had seen blind men see, lame men walk, and saw dead men come alive. They believed with all of their hearts, but not anymore now their beliefs were as dead as their Master was. And there was nothing to do but go home to leave Jerusalem, to leave their hopes and dreams and just go home. They had seen Jesus beaten, humiliated, crucified, killed and buried. But they also found out that early morning when the women went to the Tomb to anoint Christ that the Tomb was empty. What a relief to everyone, their dreams where not shattered and destroyed. Mary gave them hope because she saw the empty Tomb, she saw the clothes left in the Tomb, but the most important was that she saw Jesus alive. So, the empty tomb would change the lives of those closest to Christ and ultimately would change the face of the world.

It is for this reason that “Pascha” must not be a fading view in our lives. In the Gospel of Saint John we read; “For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son also to have life in Himself and has given Him authority to execute judgment because He is the son of Man. Do not marvel at this, for the hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment”.

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We should share with the world the light, hope, and joy that came through the Cross of Christ. For it says in (John 3:16) “God so loved the world that He gave us His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting Life”. But in order to accomplish this, we must constantly be obedient in taking up our Cross and continue to work acts of mercy in His Name to forgive, and to love our neighbor. We sing during the Paschal night service that Christ is the new Passover, the living sacrifice, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world.

As I conclude let us worship Him, the Lord of life and death, the Lord who is Risen and who bestows Resurrection upon all creation, who is the “Bread of Life”, Who has come down from heaven, and Who is given “for the life of the world”. Let us also glorify God with thanksgiving and with great joy, let us greet each other with the Holy Kiss, repeating the sacred words!

“CHRIST IS RISEN-- TRULY HE IS RISEN”

It is time to wake up my brothers and sisters. It is time to come closer to our Resurrected Lord. No more doubting, No more unbelieving. Commit yourself to Christ and you will see your life and future take on a different endeavor.

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

῾Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρών, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας και τοις εν τοις μνήμασι ζωή χαρισάμενος‘

Η Κοινότητα του Αγίου Νικολάου καθώς και ολόκληρος ο ορθόδοξος χριστιανικός κόσμος εόρτασε και συνεχίζει να εορτάζει το ένδοξο "Πάσχα" του Κυρίου μας. Το πέρασμα του από τον θάνατο στη ζωή. Με την κατάκτηση της αιώνιας δύναμης του θανάτου, που κράτησε τη δημιουργία Του αιχμάλωτη, μας άνοιξε το δρόμο να εισέλθουμε στη Βασιλεία Του της Αιώνιας Ζωής. Πάσχα είναι η εορτή της νίκης του Χριστού κατά του θανάτου και της ελπίδας μας για την Αιώνια Ζωή. Είναι επίσης η πιο θετική ημέρα του έτους, μια ημέρα χαράς και ηλιοφάνειας, μια ημέρα ευτυχίας, διότι όχι μόνο μας άνοιξε το δρόμο, αλλά Αυτός είναι ο Δρόμος. Γι ‘αυτό το λόγο, εορτάζουμε τα γεγονότα της σωτηρίας που Τον οδηγούν στο θάνατο και τελειώνουν με την Ανάστασή Του. Αυτός είναι ο λόγος που ταπεινά νηστέψαμε κατά τη διάρκεια της Μεγάλης Σαρακοστής. Ως Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί θα πρέπει να είμαστε υπερήφανοι για το γεγονός ότι τηρήσαμε τις Παραδόσεις μας 2.000 χρόνων, ισχυρές και ζωντανές. Κάθε χρόνο που περνάει, η πνευματική εμπειρία του εορτασμού του "Πάσχα" ενισχύει το μυαλό μας, τις ψυχές και τα σώματά μας, διότι βιώνουμε το προσωπικό Πάσχα. Πρέπει όμως να σταματήσουμε για μια στιγμή. Ναι περάσαμε από αυτό το πνευματικό ταξίδι, ναι βιώσαμε την ένδοξη Ανάστασή Του, αλλά πάει τελείωσε το Πάσχα; Είναι κάτι που ήρθε και έφυγε; Ή συνεχίζει στη ζωή μας; Ζούμε σε μια κοινωνία που ξεχνάει γρήγορα το γεγονός που μόλις συνέβη και πάει παρακάτω στην επόμενη εκδήλωση. Κάθε χρόνο, όταν ξεκινάμε την περίοδο της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής, την ξεκινάμε με πολύ ζήλο και ενθουσιασμό. Είναι το ίδιο συναισθήμα που είχαν οι μαθητές όταν συνάντησαν τον Χριστό για πρώτη φορά. Αφού Τον συνάντησαν, αφήσαν τα πάντα και Τον ακολούθησαν. Πέρασαν 3 χρόνια μαζί Του, ακούγοντας τα κηρύγματα Του, κερδίζοντας πνευματική γνώση, και μόλις σε μια σύντομη χρονική στιγμή, τον είδαν να κρεμάτε έπειτα από τον Σταυρό, όταν είδαν τον Δάσκαλό τους να κρέμεται στο Σταυρό, όλα τα όνειρα και οι προσδοκίες τους πέθαναν μαζί του. Όλες οι ελπίδες τους και ό, τι πίστευαν. Οι μαθητές εγκατέλειψαν τα πάντα για να Τον ακολούθησαν, τις συζύγους τους, τις δουλειές τους, τα παιδιά τους, τις οικογένειές τους, το παρελθόν, το παρόν και το μέλλον, και μέχρι πριν 3 μέρες φαινόταν σαν μια θαυμάσια ευκαιρία. Οι Απόστολοι είδαν το αδύνατο, είχαν δει τυφλούς να βλέπουν, χωλούς να περπατούν, και νεκρούς να ανασταίνουν. Πίστευαν με όλη τους την καρδιά! Όχι πια. Τώρα οι πεποιθήσεις τους ήταν εξίσου ψυχαγωγικές με τον Δάσκαλό τους. Δεν μπορούσαν να κάνουν τίποτα άλλο, παρά να γυρίσουν στη πατρίδα τους, να φύγουν από την Ιερουσαλήμ, να ξεχάσουν τις ελπίδες και τα όνειρά τους και έτσι απλά, να γυρίσουν στη ζωή τους. Είχαν δει τον Ιησού χτυπημένο, εξευτελισμένο, σταυρωμένο, σκοτωμένο και θαμμένο. Αλλά ανακάλυψαν επίσης ότι νωρίς το πρωί οι γυναίκες πήγαν στον Τάφο για να αλείψουν το σώμα του Χριστού με μύρο και βρήκαν τον Τάφο άδειο. Οποία ανακούφιση για όλους, τα όνειρά τους.
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Thank you.
My beloved parishioners,

With our Lord’s help we reached the final week of Jesus Christ’s sufferings. With your help, support and love, our Church is ready and renovated to welcome you for the Resurrection of the Son of our God. Thank you all from the depths of my heart for your eagerness to help us in our work. All together we can achieve the best results with understanding, modesty and love. The renovation and the cleaning inside and out of all the chandeliers of our Church was completed. I want to thank Mr. Dimitris Apostolou for his help and the ladies, who raised the money for the repairs and the cleaning of the chandeliers: Mrs. Roza Ĉorni, Mrs. Kelly Papadopoulo and Mrs. Iki Vvakas. Mr. Manolis Chalkias repaired the wooden constructions in our Church, by fixing and replacing everything that was in need. He worked with lots of passion and without receiving any pay. He donated everything to His Grace! Beautiful brand new red carpets decorated our Church. The beautiful rug of the external Hall was donated by the Ladies of our Philoptochos. The amazing outdoors rug at the entrance of our Church, external Hall was donated by the Ladies of our Philoptochos.

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Πρέπει να μοιραζόμαστε με τον κόσμο το φως, την ελπίδα και τη χαρά που έρθε μέσω του Σταυρού του Χριστού. Διότι αναφέρεται στο κατά Ιωάννη 3:16 ότι: "ούτως γαρ ηγάπησεν ο Θεός τον κόσμον ώστε τον Υιόν Αυτού τον μονογενή έδωκεν ήνα πας ο πιστεύω εις Αυτόν μη απολήται αλλ' έχη ζωήν αιώνιον ου γαρ.

"Τόσο πολύ αγάπησε ο Θεός τον κόσμο, ώστε παρέδωσε στο θάνατο το μονογενή του Υιό, για να μη χαθεί όποιος πιστεύει σ’ αυτόν, αλλά να έχει ζωή αιώνια."

Όλοκληρώνοντας, ας Τον λατρεύουμε, τον Κύριο της ζωής και του θανάτου, το Κύριο που Ανέστη και ο οποίος παραχωρεί Ανάσταση σε όλη τη δημιουργία, ο οποίος είναι ο «Αρτος της Ζωής» ο οποίος κατήλθε εκ των ουρανών, και ο οποίος θανατώθηκε "για το ζωή του κόσμου“. Ας δοξάσουμε επίσης τον θεό με ευχαρίστηση, και με μεγάλη χαρά ας χαιρετούμε τον άλλον με το Άγιο Φιλί, επαναλαμβάνοντας τα ιερά λόγια!

"ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!! ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!!"

Είναι καιρός να ξυπνήσουμε, αδελφοί και αδελφές μου. Ήρθε η ώρα να έλθουμε πιο κοντά στον Αναστάντα Κύριο μας. Δεν υπάρχει πλέον αμφιβολία, δεν υπάρχει απίστηση. Δεσμευθείτε στον Χριστό και θα δείτε τη ζωή και το μέλλον σας να συνεχιζούνται διαφορετικά.
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Nicoletta Pearce
The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy
Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Esteemed Members of the Metropolitan Council, Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils, Philoptochos Societies, Faculty and Students of the Catechetical and Greek Afternoon Schools, Directors and Participants of all Youth Organizations, and all devout Orthodox Christians of the Greek Orthodox Communities of our Holy Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved in the Lord,

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is risen!

Today we have been rescued from the ancient curse of death and new life has been granted to all of humanity. For our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, destroyed the gates of Hades, and has freed us from corruption, thus confirming that He is the Life and the Light of the world. Hades was mortified when it saw Christ, the King of all, and he shuddered in His very presence.

Whereas before “all of creation trembled when it saw you hanging on the tree”, now all creation rejoices as it witnesses you breaking the gates of hell. To those who have been captives in Hades, they have been freed by Him who liberates all humanity. To those who are dead, they have been raised by Him who is the Source of Life. To those who are in darkness, they have been illumined with Christ’s divine Light. To those who are in anguish, they have been comforted with His sublime presence. To those who are sinful, they have been redeemed by Him who suffered for our sake. All humanity that has gone before us has received a taste of His everlasting Kingdom through His resurrection.

The resurrection of Christ not only affects those who have died, but also has significance for those of us who still live. His resurrection is a confirmation that we too will rise at the end of times and will have the opportunity to live with Him in Paradise. We are offered this magnificent gift from Christ through His Cross, but it necessitates that we too carry our cross for our Lord tells us, “If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). Let us, therefore, run towards Him in our daily lives and “…set aside all the cares of life” so that, when God calls us to Him, we may partake in the Christ’s resurrection; for as St. Paul says, “For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall surely be united with Him in a resurrection like His” (Romans 6:5).
It is with these thoughts in mind, my dearly beloved in the Lord, that I implore you, as you celebrate Christ’s resurrection, the feast of feasts, to also remember all the gifts our Lord has given to us and to continue sharing these gifts with others. The resurrection of Christ is by no means the end of our prayer life or of our charity, rather it is the beginning of a New Day and a New Life. In this new beginning, we have been given spiritual strength in Christ’s resurrection. In this new beginning we have been imbued with the Light of Christ so that we too may share it with our friends, our neighbors, and the world. In this new beginning we have been given additional gifts to share our faith and to thereby bring people closer to Christ by living our faith. Let us never cease to do the work our Lord has commanded us so that, when we are called forth to judgement at the Common Resurrection, we may experience the inimitable joy of the Kingdom of God.

It is my sincerest hope and prayer that as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ that we spread the good news of His dominion over death to the world. May our Risen Lord bless each and every one of you and your families with an abundance of renewed faith and health so that we may exclaim with the utmost joy, “Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death and to those in the tombs he has granted life.”

With Paternal Love and Blessings in the Risen Christ,

† EVANGELOS
Metropolitan of New Jersey
Πρός τόν εὐλαβέστατον Ἱερόν Κλήρον,
Τοὺς Ἐντιμιστάτους Αρχιοντάς τοῦ ὘ικουμενικοῦ ἣμων Πατριαρχείου,
Τοὺς Πρωθούς καὶ τά Μέλη τῶν Ἐκκλησιαστικῶν Συμβουλίων,
Τάς Πρωθούς καὶ τά Μέλη τῶν Φιλοπτώχων Ἀδελφοτήτων,
Τοὺς διδάσκοντας καὶ διδασκόμενους τῶν Κατηχητικῶν καὶ Ἐλληνικῶν Σχολείων,
Τάς Ὀργανώσεις τῆς Νεολαίας καὶ Ἄπαν τό Χριστεπώνυμον πλήρωμα τῶν εὐσεβῶν Ὀρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν τῆς Ἱερᾶς Μητροπόλεως Νέας Ιερσεῆς.

«Εἰ δὲ Χριστός οὐκ ἐγήγερται, ματαία ἡ πίστις ὑμῶν»
(A΄ Κορ. 15, 17)

Ἀγαπητοὶ ἐν Χριστῷ ἀδελφοί,
Χριστός Ἀνέστη!

Σύμπασα ἡ κτίση, «Οὐρανός τε καὶ γῆ καί τά καταχθόνια», ἑορτάζει, πανηγυρίζει καὶ εὐφραίνεται μὲ τό συγκλονιστικό, ἐλπιδοφόρο καὶ σωτήριο μήνυμα ποῦ ἀνέτειλε ἀπό τό κενό μνημεῖο τοῦ Ἀναστάντος Χριστοῦ. Ο «δι᾽ ἡµᾶς τούς ἀνθρώπους καί διά τήν ἡµετέραν σωτηρίαν» ἐνανθρωπίσας Ἰησοῦς, ποῦ θανατώθηκε ἐπάνω στόν σταυρό, διαπέρασε τή φθορά του θανάτου, νίκησε τή θνητότητα καί κατῆργησε τή δύναµη τοῦ διαβόλου ποῦ ταλαιπωροῦσε γιά αἰῶνες τό ἀνθρώπινο γένος. Ἡ θυσία Του, ποῦ προσφέρθηκε ἀς «ἄντον ἀντί πολλῶν», ἐξασφάλισε στήν ἀµαυρωθεῖσα ἀνθρώπινη φύση τή σωτηρία της.

Ὁ «Μονογενὴς Υἱός καί Λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ» σαρκώθηκε γιά νά πεθάνει, τονίζει μέ ἐμφασισθήκε ὁ ἅγιος Ἀθανάσιος, καθώς μόνον μὲ τόν θάνατο Του ήταν δυνατή ἡ Ἀνάσταση. Χωρίς τήν Ἀνάσταση, ἡ χριστιανική πίστη θά ήταν μάταια καί ἀνωφελή, χωρίς κανένα οὐσιαστικό περιεχόμενο, ὅπως ὑπογραμμίζει ὁ Ἀπόστολος τῶν ἐθνῶν Παῦλος, γράφοντας «Εἰ δέ Χριστός οὐκ ἐγήγερται, ματαία ἡ πίστις ὑμῶν». Καί ὁ ἱερός Ἀὐγουστῖνος ἐπεξηγεῖ: «Δέν εἶναι καθόλου γιά µας µεγάλο, ἄν πιστεύουµε ὅτι ὁ Χριστός πέθανε. Αὐτό τό πιστεύονται καί οἱ ἰδιωτικοί καί οἱ ἱερεῖς. Καί οἱ Ιουδαῖοι. Καί ὁ λόγος ἀπεκτάται. Τό πιστεύεται, ὅτι πέθανε. Ἡ πίστις τῶν χριστιανῶν εἶναι ἡ Ἀνάσταση τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Αὐτό εἶναι γιά µᾶς τό µεγάλο. Πιστεύουµε ὅτι ὁ Χριστός ἀναστήθηκε».

Ἡ Ἀνάσταση τοῦ Κυρίου ἀποτελεῖ τῶν ἀκρογονιαίων λίθων πάνω στὸν ὁποῖο ὀικοδομεῖται ἐδώ καί δεύτερος χρόνος οὐσιαστικὴ πίστη. Μέ αὐτήν ἀναζωογονήθηκε ἡ πεπτωκυῖα ἀνθρώπινη φύση καί ἀπέκτησε τή δυνατότητα τής ἀνάστασης καί τής συμμετοχῆς τῆς στήν ἐπουράνια Βασιλεία. Ὁ Χριστός ὁ χριστιανοί ἀναστήθηκε ὁ ἰδιος, ἀλλά
«συνεγείρας τόν Προπάτορα ἰµών», ἀνέστησε δόλο τό ἄνθρωπινο γένος καί ἀπεδείχθη «ἀρχηγός τῆς ζωῆς», τέλειος Θεός, ἀπεσταλµένος ἐκ τοῦ Πατρὸς γιά τή σωτηρία τού ἄνθρωπινο γένους. Τό µήνυµα τῆς Ἀναστάσεως τοῦ Χριστοῦ εἶναι τό πλέον αἰσιόδοξο καί χαρµόσυνο γιά ὅλη τήν ἄνθρωποπότητα, πού προσπαθεῖ νά ισορροπήσει ἀνάµεσα στό θαῦµα τῆς ζωῆς καί στό µυστήριο τοῦ θανάτου. Εἶναι τό κατ’ ἐξοχήν µήνυµα τῆς ἀγάπης τοῦ Θεοῦ στόν ἄνθρωπο. Ο Χριστιανός πλέον γνωρίζει ὅτι, μέ τή δύναµιν τοῦ Αναστάντος, θά ἀναστηθεῖ µία ἡµέρα καί αὐτός καί θά λάβει νέο σώµα ἁφθαρτο, ἐνδόξο καί ἀθάνατο, πεποίθηση πού ἀποτυπώνεται καί στό Σύµβολο τῆς Πίστεως μας µέ τό «προσδοκω ἀνάστασιν νεκρῶν καί ζωήν τοῦ µέλλοντος αἰῶνος».

Αγαπητοί µου ἀδελφοί,

Ὡς Ἐπίσκοπος καί πνευµατικός σας πατέρας, εὐχοµαι ὅλοντα σέ ὅλους καί στόν καθένα εξεχωριστα, ἡ πίστη στήν Ἀνάσταση τοῦ Κυρίου µας νά γίνει ἡ γέφυρα διά τῆς ὁποίας θά µετέλθουµε ἀπό τά πρόσκαιρα στά αἰώνια, ἀπό τά φθαρτά στά ἄφθαρτα, ἀπό τά γῆινα στά ἐπουράνια. Τό ἀνέσπερο φῶς τῆς Ἀναστάσεως ἄς καταυγάζει τή σκέψη µας, ἄς φωτίζει τόν νου µας καί ἄς στηρίζει τήν ὑπαρξία µας. Ας προσέλθουµε «λαµπαδηφόροι» στό Κοινό Ποτήριο τῆς ἀναστάσιµης θείας Εὐχαριστίας, γιά νά προγευθοῦµε τή σωτηρία καί τήν κατά χάριν θέωση µας. Ας καινουργήσουµε τίς σκέψεις, τά ὄνειρα καί τίς ἐπιθυµίες µας µέσα στό φῶς τῆς Ἀνάστασης καί τῆς ἀληθινῆς καί ἀναφαίρετης χαρᾶς πού προσφέρει ὁ νικητής καί θριαµβευτής τοῦ θανάτου, ὁ Ἀναστάς Ιησοῦς.

Μέ Ἀναστάσιµες πατρικές εὐχές!

Ο ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΤΗΣ

† Ο Νέας Ιερσέης ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ
ΧΡΙΣΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!
REQUESTED ITEMS FOR OUR CHURCH

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

The list goes as follows:

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

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

WE CAN CONQUER EVERYTHING TOGETHER.

Happy Easter.
HE HAS RISEN.

Many Regards,
Stamatia Ieromonahos
President of the Saint Nicholas Parish Council
Με την πίστη, την ελπίδα και την συμπαράστασή σας αποφασίσαμε να κάνουμε έναν κατάλογο με κάποιες από τις ανάγκες της Εκκλησίας μας. Ζητάμε τις ιδέες σας, την συμπαράστασή και την υποστήριξή σας. Όπως έχετε η Εκκλησία μας, όπως και το σπίτι μας, χρειάζεται πολύ φροντίδα. Θα σας αναφέρουμε μερικές ελλείψεις της Εκκλησίας μας παρακάτω και ευελπιστούμε με την βοήθειά σας να ξεκινήσουν να γίνονται αληθινά τα όνειρα όλων μας.

Η λίστα μας λοιπόν είναι η παρακάτω:

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

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

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

ΟΛΟΙ ΜΑΖΙ ΝΙΚΑΜΕ ΟΛΑ ΤΑ ΕΜΠΟΔΙΑ

Βοήθεια όλων μας η Χάρη Του

Καλή Ανάσταση ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ

Με ειλικρινά αισθήματα

Σταμάτια Ιερομόναχος
Πρόεδρος του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Χριστιανικής Εκκλησίας Αγίου Νικολάου Βαλτιμόρης
On Saturday, April 6th, St. Nicholas held the St. John Chrysostom Parish Oratorical Festival for children in 4th through 12th grades. Congratulations to all who participated and the winners in each age group!
**The Church in the Home**

*By Fr. Alexander Veronis*

_Courtesy of the Orthodox Archdiocese of America - www.goarch.org_

"Father, my teenager is losing interest in Sunday School and in the Church," a parent comments with obvious frustration. "What can I do?"

Her concern is prompted following a sermon on John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Sunday School, the Divine Liturgy, youth ministries, summer camps, Bible studies, pilgrimages, monasteries, and mission trips—all represent ways the Church attempts to make John 3:16 a reality in peoples’ Christian experience. From birth to death, we use these avenues to bring others to love and follow Jesus Christ, especially during the formative years of their youth. We want everyone to experience God’s love and to know that He “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (I Timothy 2:3-4).

What does a Church in the Home look like? Here are some ingredients:

*It is a home where there are plenty of icons.*

At least one icon of Christ should be displayed in a prominent place in our homes. This immediately tells every guest that Jesus Christ is Lord of this home and family. Icons of the Theotokos and patron saints of our family members should also be present. By displaying icons, we let others know that our home is a sacred and holy place—a place of faith, love, rest, and renewal—just like the Church.

*It is a home where the family prays.*

Some families create a prayer corner or area where everyone can gather to pray. An easy-to-read Bible in a modern translation, a children’s Bible, a book of Orthodox saints, and an Orthodox prayer book make it possible for children to share in the readings during family devotions. Children will remember for the rest of their lives that they once prayed together in their home with their parents and siblings.

*It is a home where the family speaks positively of the Church.*

They discuss the good things that take place in Church, in the atmosphere of grace. This includes talking about the Liturgy and Holy Communion or a particular sermon that taught or inspired the parish. Children can learn to be positive and optimistic about Church or they can turn negative and critical depending upon what they hear. It is often written of the saints that they grew up in a pious home with parents who loved the faith and taught their children to also respect and honor it.

*It is a home that is hospitable.*

The Bible says, “Be hospitable to one another” (I Peter 4:9). A family enriches its members by inviting people into their home and offering them Christian hospitality. Over the years, we’ve received many blessings by having in our home neighborhood children, schoolmates of our children, foreign students, college students, monks, nuns, missionaries, retreat speakers, priests, bishops, Sunday School teachers, choir members, parish council members, visitors, and friends! They left a positive influence on our family. More importantly, our children realized that their home was open to everyone. There is no limit to showing Christian love to others. Our Lord said, “Inasmuch as you do it for the least of my brethren, you do it for me.” (Matthew 25:40).

*It is a home where the family relates their faith to the surrounding world.*

“The poor you shall always have with you,” Jesus says (John 12:8). Our cities and neighborhoods have needy adults and children who beg to be loved and accepted. They bless us when we reach out to them in the name of Christ. A parishioner once shared this story:

I was passing by a street person, an elderly man clinging to his knapsack. Suddenly I had the urge to pull out a $20.00 bill and gave it to him. “Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!” he repeated over and over. “I’ll pray for you!” Do you believe in prayer? Prayer really helps! We all need prayer! Do you believe in prayer?” he asked. “Yes, yes, I certainly do!” I said.

As the parishioner told this story in a Bible study group, she related it with tears in her eyes because of the blessings she had received from the street person. “I think it was Christ himself blessing me with such enthusiasm at that moment!” she said. And it probably was. “Blessed is the one who considers the poor,” the Psalmist writes (41:1).

St. John Chrysostom says, “A rich man is not one who has much, but one who gives much. For what he gives remains his forever.” There are so many ways to serve the poor, the refugees, the hungry, the homeless, and the foreigner—especially in times of high unemployment. Some parishes do it through CROP/CWS Hunger Walks, building homes through Habitat for Humanity, serving in a local Soup Kitchen, becoming Big Brothers or Big Sisters, or tutoring those who need guidance.

*It is a home where children learn to be givers.*

Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). When parents teach their children at an early age to fill their Sunday School offering envelopes, to give a generous portion of their money to charity, and to offer some of their time in service for others, those children will grow up as givers. On the other hand, it is sad when parents fail to teach their children to give to charity and the work of the Church. Those children are more likely to grow up self-centered and indifferent to charitable requests. Later on as young adults, they resent the Church for asking for a stewardship contribution. Yet they will think nothing of spending $50,000 for their wedding.

Recently, a lovely mother of five children died unexpectedly of a heart attack at the relatively young age of 47. She and her husband were active in their parish. Over 1,000 people came to her funeral. She and her family had touched so many people through their strong faith and example as Orthodox Christians. In the eulogy her priest said: “Elisabeth and her husband John and their five beloved children have made their home a ‘church in the home.’ One feels the presence of Christ as much in their home as in the Church.”

What a tribute it will be for each of us, when we appear before the Lord one day, to present a record of living the faith and walking the walk as this devout woman did.

Remember the ‘church in the home.’ Help make it alive and vibrant in Christ. The children raised in such homes will reflect a Christian life.
CHRISTOS ANESTI!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the families of Sun Bakery for their generous donation of this year’s Tsoureka. All those who donated towards the purchase of flowers for the Epitaphios. The brothers John and Tony Minadakis and those that attended The Lenten Crab Feast. After all expenses have been paid, all remaining funds will go towards helping those less fortunate. May God grant everyone continued Health and Happiness and may the light and warmth of the resurrection shine in your homes.

CHRISTOS ANESTH!!

Θα θέλαμε να εκμεταλλευτούμε αυτή την ευκαιρία και να ευχαριστήσουμε τις οικογένειες του Sun Bakery για τη γενναιόδωρη δωρεά τους των φετινών Tsoureka. Όλους εκείνους που δώρισαν για τη σημαντική της ευκαιρία. Ο χρόνος έχει γίνεις για να προωθήσετε την υποστήριξη στους λιγότερο τυχερούς. Ευχόμαστε να εξακολουθήσετε να ανεβάζετε την ευκαιρία στην Φιλοτέχνης μας. Να υποστηρίζετε την Φιλοτέχνης στην Εκκλησία και ευχόμαστε όπως το φως και η ζεστασιά της Ανάστασης να λάμψουν στα σπίτια των.

Join us on Saturday, May 4, at 12:00 - 4:00 for our Annual Mother’s Day Derby Luncheon at McCormick and Schmick’s 711 Eastern Avenue. Adults $45.00 children 12 and under $20.00 Cash Bar. So ladies, dress with your derby best and join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun! For tickets or information contact Patty at 443-310-7277 or Nora 410-661-2853 or any Philoptochos board member.

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Monday, May 6 at 7:00 will be our last general meeting of the year. A notice has been sent to all Philoptochos members informing everyone of the Elections which will take place on Monday, May 21st. If anyone has any questions of the regulations of running for the board or eligibility to vote please do not hesitate to contact us before the elections.

We would like to thank the Scholarship Screening Committee for Assistance every year. All Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, May 19th in church. We would like to thank the Families of Thomas Lambros, Antonios Nicolades and Linda’s Skandalis for the scholarships in memory of their loved ones. May their Memory be Eternal. Philoptochos will also be presenting their scholarships as well that day.

Even though our year is coming to an end, Philoptochos continues its missions all year long. We thank you for your continued support! Please remember that our community’s festival is soon approaching and preparations will begin. Check for updates and volunteer to help make your communities festival a success.

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SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH– BALTIMORE-MARYLAND

Notice of General Assembly Tuesday, May 7th, 2019

Pursuant to the regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the By-laws of the Greek Orthodox Community of Saint Nicholas, Baltimore, Maryland, the date of the General Assembly meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at promptly 7:00 p.m. According to Church By-Laws, those persons wishing to participate and vote must pay their Stewardship up to the date of the Assembly. A regular member of the Parish who is already enrolled in the Parish register but has neglected to pay his/her stewardship may pay the same day and before the beginning of the Assembly in order to participate and vote.

AGENDA
1. Invocation by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Michael L. Pasrikos
2. Call to order by the Parish Council President Mrs. Stamatia Ieromonahos
3. Election of Chairman and Secretary for the Assembly
4. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting.
5. Parish Council President report
6. Treasurer’s financial report, Budget 2020 versus actual figures, including the Plateia, Bilingual Early Education Center, Festival 2019
7. Auditing Committee Report
8. Festival Committee Report for the upcoming June, 2019 Festival.
9. Priest’s Report
11. Old business
12. New Business
13. Benediction

All members of the Community are urged to attend this Parish Assembly meeting, because it is important. It is also our duty as members of the Community of Saint Nicholas to come and offer our support for the progress of the community. Your presence is mandatory to establish a quorum. PLEASE ATTEND.

From the Priest and Parish Council of Saint Nicholas
ΠΡΟΣΚΛΗΣΗ ΓΕΝΙΚΗΣ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗΣ - τρίτη, 7 Μαίου, 2019

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ
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ΠΡΟΣΚΛΗΣΗ ΓΕΝΙΚΗΣ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗΣ -- Τρίτη, 7 Μαίου, 2019

Σύμφωνα με τους Ομοιομόρφους Κανονισμούς των Κοινοτήτων της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής, και τους Εσωτερικούς Κανονισμούς της Κοινότητάς μας, καλούμε Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών, την Τρίτη, 7 Μαίου, 2019, 7:00 μ.μ.

Σύμφωνα με τους Εσωτερικούς Κανονισμούς της Κοινότητας, όσοι επιθυμούν να συμμετέχουν και να ψηφίσουν στην Συνέλευση, ορείλονυ να έχουν εκπληρώσει τις προς την Κοινότητα οικονομικές τους υποχρεώσεις, Εθελοντική Προσφορά, μέχρι και την ημέρα της Συνέλευσης. Κανονικό μέλος της Κοινότητας που ήδη έχει εγγραφεί στο Κατάλογο των μελών αλλά δεν έχει εκπληρώσει τις οικονομικές του υποχρεώσεις μπορεί να πληρώσει την ίδια ημέρα και πριν την έναρξή της για να συμμετέχει και να ψηφίσει.

ΗΜΕΡΗΣΙΑ ΔΙΑΤΑΞΗ
1. Προσωπική από τον Ιερέα, Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Λ. Παστρικό.
2. Έναρξη της Συνέλευσης από την Πρόεδρο της Κοινότητας κ. Σταμάτια Ιερομονάχου.
3. Εκλογή Προέδρου και Γραμματέα της παρούσας Γενικής Συνέλευσης.
4. Ανάγνωση και επικύρωση των πρακτικών της προηγούμενης Γενικής Συνέλευσης.
5. Έκθεση από τον Πρόεδρο της Κοινότητας.
7. Έκθεση Εξελεγκτικής Επιτροπής.
8. Έκθεση από την Επιτροπή του προσεχούς Ιουνίου, ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ 2019.
9. Έκθεση από τον Ιερέα.
11. Παλαιές Υποθέσεις.
12. Νέες Υποθέσεις.
13. Αλήθεια της Συνέλευσης και προσωπική.

Όλα τα μέλη της Κοινότητας προτρέπονται να να λάβουν μέρος στη Συνέλευση, διότι θασυζητηθούν θέματα σοβαρά. Επίσης σαν μέλη της Κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικόλαου, είναι καθήκον μας να συμμετέχουμε στις Συνέλευσες και να εκφράζουμε την υποστήριξή μας και τη γνώμη μας, για το καλό και την πρόοδο της Κοινότητας. ΠΑΡΑΚΑΛΕΙΣΤΕ ΝΑ ΣΥΜΜΕΤΕΧΕΤΕ.

Από τον Ιερέα και το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο.
ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS:

ALL ABOARD TO A TRIP OF A LIFETIME:

Next Meeting - Thursday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m.

We are very pleased to announce, that the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, is planning a trip once again to the Holy Lands, (Jerusalem) sometime in September of 2019. Fr. Michael has received many calls from parishioners asking questions about the Jerusalem trip. He is very grateful for the interest and enthusiasm that the people have expressed in the last few months. What a beautiful opportunity to follow the footsteps of our Lord, and to visit the Land where the Old Testament Prophets and Saints of our faith lived. But in order for this excursion to be successful, we need to do our homework.

Fr. Michael has taken many groups to the Holy Lands throughout his ministry and he knows through experience that there is a lot of groundwork to be done to prepare for this trip. The next scheduled meeting will take place at the Church on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 6:00 pm. This trip will also have an option to visit our Mother Land Greece. All the details of this trip will be discussed in the meeting.

I hope you will join us on this exciting pilgrimage. If you have any friends or relatives that you feel would like to join us on this trip, please convey this information to them. If you are interested and cannot make the meeting, please contact Fr. Michael at 443-742-8314.

Hoping to see everyone there,

Respectfully,

Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos
Protopresbyter

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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

NAME _________________________________________________________

ADDRESS _____________________________________________________________________

TELEPHONE NO. _________________________ CELL PHONE NO. _________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____________________________________ FAX NO. _____________________
2019 - June 6, 7, 8, 9
AD PLACEMENT ORDER FORM

Support St. Nicholas Church by purchasing your ad space for 2019 now!
Don’t forget weddings, baptisms, engagements, graduations, memorials

☐ $400 - Full Page - 6” x 9”
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☐ $125 - Quarter Page - 3” x 4.5”

(If Available):
☐ $600 - Back Cover (SOLD)
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Company: ___________________________
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Contact: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________
E-mail: ___________________________
Submission date: __________ / __________ / 2019

NOTE: Please e-mail an electronic version of your ad to adrienne@kosaridesign.com by Wednesday, May 1. Ads that do not fit the measurements above will be resized. No bleed edge required. Please check box at top of form if same ad as 2018.

PAYMENT: Please send your form and check made out to: St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival 2019 Ad Book, 520 South Ponca Street, Baltimore, MD 21224. To pay with a credit card please contact the church office at 410-633-5020.
Festival Preparations - Schedules

The following festival preparations will begin at 10 am at the Plateia (Frank Mitsos)

**Octopus Preparation**
Thursday, April 18, 2019
Friday, April 19, 2019
Wednesday, April 24, 2019
Thursday, April 25, 2019

**Chicken Souvlaki Preparation**
Thursday, May 2, 2019
Friday, May 3, 2019
Thursday, May 9, 2019
Friday, May 10, 2019

**Pork Souvlaki Preparation**
Thursday, May 16, 2019
Friday, May 17, 2019
Thursday, May 23, 2019
Friday, May 24, 2019

The following festival preparations will begin at 9 am at the St Nicholas Large Social Hall

**Dolmathes**
Tuesday, April 30, 2019
Wednesday, May 1, 2019

**Spinach Pies**
Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Wednesday, May 8, 2019

**Cheese Pies**
Tuesday, May 14, 2019

**Salad Preparation - Week Before Festival - Dates and Times TBA**

**SET UP - MOVE EQUIPMENT - GET EVERYTHING IN PLACE - PLATEIA**
Saturday, June 1, 2019      11-5
Sunday, June 2, 2019      12-5
Monday, June 3, 2019      12-5

**BREAK DOWN OF FESTIVAL - PLATEIA**
Monday, June 10, 2019      9-3
Tuesday, June 11, 2019      9-3
Wednesday, June 12, 2019   9-3
FESTIVAL MEETING

!! VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!
FESTIVAL - JUNE 6-9

FINAL GROUP MEETING
Thursday, MAY 2nd @ 7:00 p.m.

PREPARATIONS ARE NOW UNDERWAY FOR THE 2019 ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL.
MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH THE OFFICE
(410-633-5020)
OR PENNY (443-756-2201)
TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

JOY PROGRAM

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

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

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

Πασχαλινές Ευχές

Ήθελα μες στις χωρίτες μου χαρές χιλιάδες να χα
Να τις μοιράσω απλόχερα
Σε όλους σας το Πάσχα.

Εφέτος την Ανάσταση
Ευχή καρδίδος θα κάνω
Η τύχη να σκορπά χαρές
Να περπατήτε επάνω.

Όσες κρατίδες πέτρουν
Το Πάσχα στον αέρα
Τόσες χαρές σας εύχομαι
Να φάνουν κάθε μέρα.

Το φως της Αναστάσεως
Θα ανάψει το κερί σας
Κάθε αχτίδα μια χαρά
Να γίνει στην ζωή σας.

Πασχαλινές δεχητέ ευχές
Απ’ την καρδία γυμνένες
Όλες αι μέρες της ζωής
Να είναι ευχαρισμένες.

Η φλόγα της Ανάστασης
Να ανάψει στην καρδία σας
Για να κρατήσει ζωντανά
Όλα τα όνειρα σας.

Να φέρει η Ανάσταση
Στο κόσμο την γιάληνη
Στις χώρες όπου πολεμούν
Να φέρει την Ειρήνη.

ΚΑΛΗ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΗ

Το Άγιο Φως της Αναστάσεως ας φωτίσει τις ψυχές και τις ζωές όλων μας!!!

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗΣ

Με ευλογημένη αγάπη

Σταμάτια Ιερομόναχος
Πρόεδρος του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Χριστιανικής Εκκλησίας Αγίου Νικολάου.
The Saint Nicholas Bilingual Early Education Center provides a safe, nurturing, home away from home learning center. We accept children from 6 weeks till 5 years of age. **BEEC is hiring part-time and full-time aides to assist our teachers at the Center. If you or anyone you know is interested, please call the Center at 410-633-5020 extension 4 or message us on Facebook.**

In April, we celebrated Easter with a visit from the Easter bunny and an egg hunt. The children enjoyed searching and finding the eggs that our Easter bunny left for them. We also celebrated our 2-year anniversary and hosted a luncheon for our BEEC family.

This month the children will learn how to plant flowers and care for them. They will watch them grow and present their flowers to their mothers for Mother's Day. The children will also learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. We will have live caterpillars in our classrooms and they will teach us about the miracle of metamorphosis.
APPLY NOW

FAITH SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

DEADLINE: JUNE 17

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must be member of a Greek Orthodox parish and a graduating high school senior enrolling in a 4-year accredited U.S. university this fall.

APPLICATION DETAILS
Visit thefaithendowment.org/scholarships to download and begin your application. Completed application packets must be sent by mail and postmarked by June 17th, 2019. Scholarship recipients will be announced in August. Follow facebook.com/faithendowment for updates.

Scholarships are merit-based and can range up to $10,000 in value.

FAITH promotes an understanding of the Greek Orthodox faith, Hellenism, and excellence in education through a series of high quality, innovative educational programs and cultural initiatives. Since 2004, FAITH has awarded over 600 scholarships to some of the community’s most promising young leaders.

FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy & Hellenism
499 Park. Ave., 23 Fl., New York, NY 10022
(212) 803-9363 | info@thefaithendowment.org

facebook.com/faithendowment | @faithendowment
On Sunday, May 5 2019, Lord Baltimore Chapter 364 Order of Ahepa will host its first Annual Spring Bull Roast at the Greektown Square from 2:00 to 6:00. Price includes ALL YOU CAN EAT Pit Beef, Pit Ham, Pit Turkey, Steamed Shrimp, Pulled Pork Bbq, Sweet & Sour Meatballs, Assorted cold salads and much much more. Draft beer and soft drinks also included. Adults $50, kids 12 and under $35. For tickets and information contact Chairman Manoli Theoharis (410-790-7542) or President Nick Filipidis at (410-804-5666).

Sunday May 19, 2019 marks National AHEPA Day. During this special occasion we are happy to be awarding our Chapter’s Scholarship Awards to eight deserving students from our community immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Afterwards, please join our AHEPA family for a Pancake Brunch and “Get Together” in the church social hall.
2019 PLEDGES - $150,290.00 / Payments - $127,270.24 / Balance - $23,019.76
LITURGICAL PROGRAM - MAY

Friday, May 3: Theotokos of the Life giving Spring: Orthos: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, May 5: Sunday of St. Thomas: Orthos: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 12: Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women: Orthos: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 19: Sunday of the Paralytic: Orthos: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 21: Sts. Constantine & Helen Equal to the Apostles: Orthos: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, May 26: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman: Orthos: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Monday, May 27: Memorial Day at the Oak Lawn Cemetery: Service will begin at 10:00 am. This will be a group Memorial Service for all the departed loved ones in Christ. May their souls rest in peace and may their memory be Eternal.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MAY

Wednesday, May 1st: Greek School Wreath of Flowers Program
Saturday, May 4th: Philoptochos Mother’s Day Brunch - McCormick & Schmick’s Restaurant
Monday, May 6th: Philoptochos Meeting (Final meeting)
Tuesday, May 7th: General Assembly Meeting at 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 11th: Ladies Panchian - Annual Spring Tea
Saturday, May 11th: St. Demetrios 20th Year Reunion & Greek Heritage Celebration from 4-8 p.m.
For information contact Betty at 410.661.1090 ext. 204
Tuesday, May 14th: Diamonds Meeting at 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 18th: Ladies Panchian Meeting at 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 19th: Philoptochos Scholarship Sunday - Awarding of the Koutsonouris Family Scholarship Diamonds Patron Saint Coffee Hour / Final Sunday School and Graduation
Monday, May 20th: Philoptochos Elections will be held at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 26th: End of year for Choir
Monday, May 27th: No Greek School
Wednesday, May 29th: Greek School End-of-Year Program

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Thursday, June 6 - Sunday, June 9: St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival
Tuesday, June 18 - Wednesday, June 19: GOYA End-of-Year Trip
Monday, July 15 - Friday, July 19: Camp Good Shepherd Chesapeake Bay