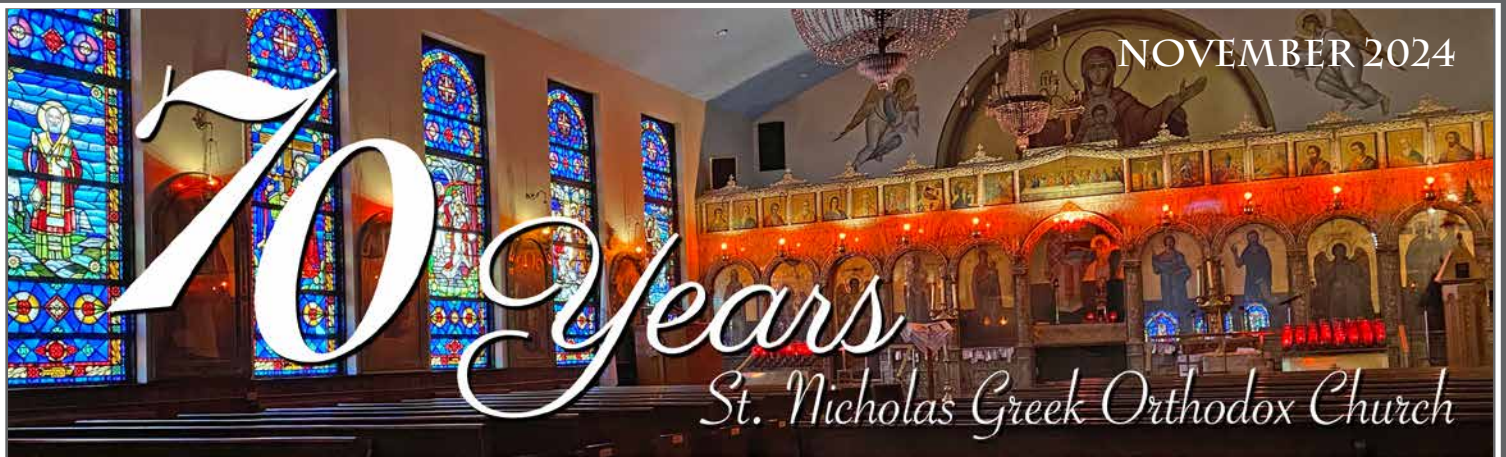


NOVEMBER 2024



Message from FR. GEORGIOS OIKONOMOU, PROTOPRESBYTER

My beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ, parishioners of St. Nicholas,

As we welcome the month of November, I would like to focus on two important dates within this month. The first is November 15, the beginning of the Fast of the Nativity, and the second is November 28, Thanksgiving Day.

Forty days before Christmas, our Holy Church begins to prepare for the feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. As the whole world joyfully prepares for this celebration, decorating homes with trees or boats, lighting Christmas lights, inviting family and friends to festive gatherings, buying gifts for children and adults, and eagerly anticipating these beautiful days, we Christians also prepare ourselves spiritually. Through the worship of the Church and our participation in the holy sacraments, we prepare to experience the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God. It has become part of our faith tradition to begin this preparation on November 15, forty days before Christmas. This is a time of fasting, reflection, and repentance that helps us adorn the cave of our hearts to experience the events of the Nativity and understand their meaning.

Some Christians express concerns about the importance of fasting or even disdain it. However, fasting is a divine command; it was the very first command God gave to our ancestors, Adam and Eve, as a test of their free will. Keeping the fast would have signified their desire to live eternally in Paradise, while breaking it would have resulted in their exile and death. Indeed, their failure to keep the fast led them away from God's love, resulting in a long period of trial for humanity in the pre-Christian era, when death led to Hades with no hope of resurrection or eternal life. In order for humanity to be freed from this bondage and for the doors of paradise to be reopened, the incarnation of the Son of God had to take place. The birth of Christ is the world-saving event that brings the joy of redemption and salvation.

As we prepare for this feast, let us make a small sacrifice, an effort, an honorable attempt by observing the command to fast. If we are physically or spiritually weak, let us acknowledge our weakness with humility. It is also important not to judge anyone, whether they fast or not, or how they fast. Let us pray that God will enlighten and guide us through the blessed period of the Nativity fast so that, like a manger, we may prepare the cave of our hearts and be worthy to venerate the Holy Birth of our Lord.

The second date in November to consider is Thanksgiving Day. This day also conveys an important message—the importance of living a life

of gratitude. A life without gratitude is a life without joy, immersed in murmuring, misery, darkness, complaining, ingratitude, disappointment, and dissatisfaction. On the other hand, a life of gratitude is adorned with virtues such as gratitude, joy, kindness, goodness, courtesy, contentment, voluntary service, charity, and concern for the poor. Above all, it is a life of gratitude to God.

Consider that the supreme sacrament of our holy faith, the mystery of mysteries, the Divine Liturgy, is called the Eucharist, which means thanksgiving. The saints who composed its texts, such as St. Basil the Great and St. John Chrysostom, emphasize in the prayer of the Anaphora that by celebrating the Liturgy and offering gifts to God, we express gratitude for everything: from the creation of the world and humanity to the Incarnation of the Son of God for our salvation after the original sin, to the final Kingdom of God. We thank Him for everything we know and don't know, for countless visible and invisible blessings. We thank Him even for the Divine Liturgy itself, which He accepts from our unworthy hands, while thousands of archangels and myriads of angels stand by His side.

It is worth noting that even God Himself asks for a "thank you." Let us recall Christ's tender complaint when He healed the ten lepers and only one returned to thank Him. The Lord asked, "Were not all ten healed? Where are the other nine?"

May this year's Thanksgiving Day be an opportunity to express our "thanks," first to our Father "who art in heaven." Let us give thanks to our beloved Church, our blessed St. Nicholas Community, by supporting its smooth operation through our stewardship and by offering our time in volunteer activities. Let us thank our families, our friends, our co-workers. Let us not forget those who have helped us in some way in our lives - our teachers, medical and nursing staff, and all those who have stood by us with love in difficult times.

From the bottom of my heart, I wish everyone a November filled with God's blessings, a blessed Lent and a meaningful Thanksgiving.

**With paternal love in Christ,
Fr. Georgios Oikonomou
Protopresbyter**



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Αγαπητοί μου αδελφοί εν Χριστώ,
ενορίτες και ενορίτισσες του Αγίου Νικολάου!

Καλωσορίζοντας τον μήνα Νοέμβριο θα ήθελα να εστιάσω την προσοχή μου σε δύο σημαντικές ημερομηνίες αυτού του μήνα. Η πρώτη είναι η 15η Νοεμβρίου, αρχή της Σαρακοστής των Χριστουγέννων, και η δεύτερη η 28η Νοεμβρίου, ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών.

Σαράντα ημέρες πριν τα Χριστούγεννα ξεκινάει η προετοιμασία της Αγίας μας Εκκλησίας για τη Δεσποτική γιορτή της Γεννήσεως του Κυρίου μας Ιησού Χριστού. Όπως όλος ο κόσμος προετοιμάζεται με χαρά για τη γιορτή αυτή, ετοιμάζοντας τα σπίτια με τον στολισμό του δέντρου ή του караβιού, ανάβοντας τα λαμπάκια, προσκαλώντας συγγενείς και φίλους για το γιορτινό τραπέζι, αγοράζοντας δώρα για τα παιδιά και τους μεγάλους και όλοι ανυπομονούν να φτάσουν οι όμορφες αυτές ημέρες, οι χριστιανοί παράλληλα προετοιμαζόμαστε πνευματικά, για να βιώσουμε μέσα από τη λατρεία της εκκλησίας και τη συμμετοχή μας στα ιερά μυστήρια το μυστήριο της ενανθρωπήσεως του Θεανθρώπου. Καθιερώθηκε λοιπόν στην παράδοση της πίστης μας να ξεκινάει η προετοιμασία μας την 15η Νοεμβρίου, σαράντα μέρες πριν τα Χριστούγεννα. Είναι μία περίοδος νηστείας, περισυλλογής, μετάνοιας, που μας βοηθά να ευπρεπίσουμε το σπήλαιο της καρδιάς μας, ώστε να ζήσουμε τα γεγονότα της Γέννησης και να κατανοήσουμε τη σημασία τους.

Μερικοί χριστιανοί εκφράζουν επιφυλάξεις για τη σημασία της νηστείας ή ακόμα και την περιφρονούν. Η νηστεία όμως είναι θεϊκή εντολή. Είναι η πρώτη πρώτη εντολή που έδωσε ο Θεός στους προπάτορές μας, τον Αδάμ και την Εύα, ως τρόπο δοκιμασίας της ελεύθερης βούλησής τους. Η τήρηση της νηστείας θα σήμαινε την επιθυμία τους να ζήσουν αιώνια στον Παράδεισο, ενώ η παράβαση της εντολής θα οδηγούσε στην εξορία από τον Παράδεισο και τον θάνατο. Πραγματικά η μη τήρηση εκ μέρους τους της εντολής της νηστείας τους οδήγησε πραγματικά μακριά από την αγάπη του Θεού και είχε ως αποτέλεσμα μία μακράννη δοκιμασία του ανθρωπίνου γένους σε ολόκληρη την προ Χριστού εποχή, όπου ο θάνατος ήταν ένας δρόμος που οδηγούσε στον Άδη, χωρίς να υπάρχει ελπίδα ανάστασης και αιώνιας ζωής. Για να ελευθερωθεί ο άνθρωπος από αυτήν την σκλαβιά στον Άδη και για να ανοίξει και πάλι η πόρτα του Παραδείσου έπρεπε να γίνει η ενανθρώπιση του Υιού του Θεού. Η Γέννηση του Χριστού είναι το κοσμοσωτήριο γεγονός που σημαίνει τη χαρά της λύτρωσης και της σωτηρίας. Ευχαριστώντας τον Θεό για το ανεκτίμητο δώρο της σωτηρίας και καθώς προετοιμαζόμαστε για τη γιορτή κάνουμε μία μικρή θυσία, έναν αγώνα, μία φιλότιμη προσπάθεια. Προσπαθούμε να τηρήσουμε την εντολή της νηστείας. Αν είμαστε αδύναμοι σωματικά ή ψυχικά, ας έχουμε την αίσθηση της αδυναμίας μας με ταπεινωση. Επίσης είναι πολύ σημαντικό να μην κρίνουμε κανένα αδελφό μας είτε νηστεύει είτε όχι ούτε τον τρόπο της νηστείας των άλλων. Ας παρακαλέσουμε τον Θεό να μας φωτίσει και να μας καθοδηγήσει στην ευλογημένη περίοδο της Σαρακοστής των Χριστουγέννων, ώστε ευπρεπίζοντας σαν φάτνη το σπήλαιο της καρδιάς μας να αξιωθούμε να προσκυνήσουμε την Αγία Γέννηση του Κυρίου μας.

Η δεύτερη ημερομηνία του Νοεμβρίου, στην οποία θα αναφερθούμε είναι η Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών. Και η ημέρα αυτή εκπέμπει ένα εξαιρετικά σπουδαίο μήνυμα, τη σημασία ενός ευχαριστιακού τρόπου ζωής.

Ζωή χωρίς ευχαριστίες είναι μια ζωή χωρίς χαρά, βυθισμένη στη γκρίνια, τη μιζέρια, το σκοτάδι, τα παράπονα, την αχαριστία, την απογοήτευση, τη δυσαρέσκεια. Αντίθετα, μια ζωή ευχαριστιών είναι στολισμένη με αρετές, όπως η ευγνωμοσύνη, η χαρά, η καλοσύνη, η αγαθότητα, η ευγένεια, η ικανοποίηση, η εθελοντική προσφορά, η ελεημοσύνη, η φιλοπρωχία, η διακονία των αδυνάμων. Προπάντων, είναι μια ζωή γεμάτη με διάθεση ευχαριστίας προς τον Θεό.

Είναι αρκετό να σκεφτούμε ότι το κορυφαίο μυστήριο της αγιασμένης πίστης μας, το μυστήριο των μυστηρίων, η Θεία Λειτουργία, ονομάζεται Θεία Ευχαριστία. Και οι Άγιοι, που συνέθεσαν τα κείμενά της, όπως ο Μέγας Βασίλειος και ο Άγιος Ιωάννης ο Χρυσόστομος, τονίζουν ιδιαίτερα στην ευχή της Αναφοράς ότι τελώντας τη Λειτουργία και προσφέροντας τα δώρα στον Θεό, αναφέρουμε σε Αυτόν την ευχαριστία για όλα. Ξεκινώντας από τη δημιουργία του κόσμου και του ανθρώπου, φτάνοντας στην ενανθρώπιση του Υιού του Θεού για τη σωτηρία του ανθρώπου, ύστερα από το προπατορικό αμάρτημα, και φτάνοντας μέχρι τα έσχατα, την αιώνια Βασιλεία του Θεού. Και Τον ευχαριστούμε για όλα, όσα γνωρίζουμε και όσα δεν γνωρίζουμε, τις αναρίθμητες φανερές και αφανείς ευεργεσίες. Τον ευχαριστούμε και για την ίδια τη Θεία Λειτουργία, την οποία δέχεται από τα δικά μας ανάξια χέρια, ενώ βρίσκονται κοντά Του χιλιάδες Αρχάγγελοι και μυριάδες Άγγελοι.

Και αξίζει να επισημάνουμε ότι το «ευχαριστώ» ακόμα και ο Ίδιος ο Θεός το ζητάει. Ας θυμηθούμε το γλυκό παράπονο του Χριστού μας, όταν θεράπευσε τους δέκα λεπρούς, και μονάχα ο ένας από αυτούς γύρισε πίσω να Τον ευχαριστήσει. Και ρώτησε ο Κύριος «δεν θεραπεύτηκαν και οι δέκα; Πού είναι οι υπόλοιποι εννέα»;

Ας είναι η φετινή γιορτή των Ευχαριστιών η αφορμή, για να εκφράσουμε το «ευχαριστώ» πρώτα πρώτα στον Πατέρα μας «έν τοις ούρανοις». Να εκφράσουμε το «ευχαριστώ» στην αγαπημένη μας εκκλησία, την ευλογημένη κοινότητά του Αγίου Νικολάου, συνεισφέροντας στην ομαλή λειτουργία της με την κάρτα εθελοντικής προσφοράς αλλά και προσφέροντας τον χρόνο μας εθελοντικά στις διάφορες και πολλαπλές δράσεις. Να εκφράσουμε το «ευχαριστώ» στην οικογένειά μας, στους φίλους μας, τους συνεργάτες. Να μην ξεχνάμε αυτούς που μας ευεργέτησαν με οποιονδήποτε τρόπο στη ζωή μας, τους δασκάλους μας, το ιατρικό και νοσηλευτικό προσωπικό, και όλους εκείνους, οι οποίοι ήταν κοντά μας με αγάπη στις δύσκολες ώρες, που έχουμε περάσει.

Εύχομαι σε όλους από τα βάθη της καρδιάς μου ο μήνας Νοέμβριος να είναι γεμάτος από την ευλογία του Θεού, Καλή Σαρακοστή και ευλογημένη Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών.

**Με εν Χριστώ αγάπη,
Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος Γεώργιος Οικονόμου**

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear friends of Saint Nicholas,

We wish you all to be healthy and blessed by the Grace of Our Lord.

The end of the year is slowly approaching and the elections for a new board of directors are in a few weeks. Our church needs everyone. The help of all of us is valuable and necessary. We keep Christianity and Hellenism. We are the example for the younger generations. Let us refer to the memoirs of an outstanding hero of the Revolution and let his words become our talisman. "Let's put it well in our minds that only with us, only with teamwork, only with love will we move forward and achieve our goals". No one goes far with ego, sure success lies in all of us together!!!

At the end of the Epilogue of his Memoirs, general Makrygiannis notes:

"Many wise men write, local printers and well-read foreigners write about Greece, one thing also made me write, that we all have this country together; both wise and uneducated and rich and poor and politicians and soldiers. Those of us who fought can live here. We all worked together and we all take care of it together so that neither the strong say "I" nor the weak. Do you know when everyone should say "I"? When he struggles alone to fix or break, then let him say "I". But when many are struggling to fix, then let's say "we". We are in "we" not "I". And from now on let's learn that if we want to build a village, we should all live together. I wrote the truth for all Greeks to see, to see that they must fight for their country, for their religion, for my children to learn to say: "Our parents fought and made sacrifices", to have honor and to serve the good of their country, their religion and society. All that is good is theirs. But not to fantasize about paternal achievements, not to annihilate virtue and trample on the law and have influence as a skill."

Makrygianni's epilogue needs to be read again by all of us, especially the young men and women, nowadays, which is a time of very forced transition. And Giorgos Seferis adds: "To use the phraseology of Makrygiannis, the Greeks, from those old days, are in "we", not in "I". Because as soon as the ego turns to overcome the "we", immediately Ati, the stern fate that takes care of the balance of the world, strikes it with lightning. All of our ancient tragedy is full of the symbols of this idea.

So come join the council, let the elders help you take over the reins of our church. We will be by your side and ALL TOGETHER for a single purpose.

Our love for Our Patron Saint Nicholas.
Have His blessing.

With respect and love,
Stamatia Ieromonahos
President of Saint Nicholas Church Baltimore
Parish Council

Αγαπημένοι μας ενορίτες και φίλοι της εκκλησίας μας,

Ευχόμαστε να είστε όλοι σας υγιείς και ευλογημένοι από Την Χάρη Του Κυρίου Μας.

Πλησιάζει σιγά σιγά το τέλος της χρονιάς και οι εκλογές για νέο διοικητικό συμβούλιο είναι σε λίγες βδομάδες. Η εκκλησία μας χρειάζεται όλους μας όλους. Πολύτιμη και απαραίτητη η βοήθεια όλων μας. Εμείς κρατάμε τον Χριστιανισμό και τον Ελληνισμό. Εμείς είμαστε το παράδειγμα για τις νεότερες γενεές. Ας ανατρέξουμε στα απομνημονεύματα ενός εξαιρετικού ήρωα της Επανάστασης και ας μας γίνουν τα λόγια του φυλαχτό. Ας βάλουμε καλά στο μυαλό μας ότι μόνο με το εμείς, μόνο με την ομαδική συνεργασία, μόνο με την αγάπη θα προχωρήσουμε και θα πετύχουμε τους στόχους μας. Κανείς δεν πηγαίνει μακριά με το εγώ, η σύγυρη επιτυχία βρίσκεται στο εμείς όλοι μαζί!!!



Στο τέλος του Επιλόγου των Απομνημονευμάτων του, ο στρατηγός Μακρυγιάννης σημειώνει:

«Γράφουν σοφοί άντρες πολλοί, γράφουν τυπογράφοι ντόπιοι και ξένοι διαβασμένοι για την Ελλάδα – ένα πράμα μόνον με παρακίνησε κ' εμένα να γράψω, ότι τούτην την πατρίδα την έχομεν όλοι μαζί, και σοφοί κι' αμαθείς και πλούσιοι και φτωχοί και πολιτικοί και στρατιωτικοί και οι πλέον μικρότεροι άνθρωποι. Όσοι αγωνιστήκαμεν, αναλόγως ο καθείς, έχομεν να ζήσωμεν εδώ. Το λοιπόν δουλέψαμεν όλοι μαζί, να την φυλάμεν κι' όλοι μαζί και να μην λέγη ούτε ο δυνατός "εγώ", ούτε ο αδύνατος. Ξέρετε πότε να λέγη ο καθείς "εγώ"; Όταν αγωνιστή μόνος του και φκειάση, ή χαλάση, να λέγη "εγώ". Όταν όμως αγωνίζονται πολλοί και φκειάνουν, τότε να λέμε "εμείς". Είμαστε εις το "εμείς" κι' όχι εις το "εγώ". Και εις το εξής να μάθωμεν γνώση, αν θέλωμεν να φκειάσωμεν χωριόν, να ζήσωμεν όλοι μαζί. Έγραψα γυμνήν την αλήθεια, να ιδούνε όλοι οι Έλληνες ν' αγωνίζωνται διά την πατρίδα τους, διά την θρησκεία τους, να ιδούνε και τα παιδιά μου και να λένε "Έχομεν αγώνες πατρικούς, έχομεν θυσίες", αν είναι αγώνες και θυσίες. Και να μπαινουν σε φιλοτιμίαν και να εργάζωνται εις το καλό της πατρίδας τους, της θρησκείας τους και της κοινωνίας. Ότι θα είναι καλά δικά τους. Όχι όμως να φαντάζωνται για τα κατορθώματα τα πατρικά, όχι να πορνεύουν την αρετή και να καταπατούν τον νόμον και νάχουν την επιρροή για ικανότη».

Ο επιλογος του Μακρυγιάννη χρειάζεται να τον ξαναδιαβάσουμε όλοι, ιδιαίτερα οι νέοι και οι νέες, στις μέρες μας, που είναι μια εποχή πολύ ζόρικης μετάβασης. Και ο Γιώργος Σεφέρης συμπληρώνει, με τη σειρά του «Για να μεταχειριστώ τη φρασεολογία του Μακρυγιάννη, οι Έλληνες, από τα παλιά εκείνα χρόνια, είναι στο "εμείς", δεν είναι στο "εγώ". Γιατί μόλις το εγώ γυρέψει να ξεπεράσει το εμείς, αμέσως η Άτη, η αυστηρή μοίρα που φροντίζει για την ισορροπία του κόσμου, το κεραυνώνει. Ολάκερη η αρχαία μας τραγωδία είναι γεμάτη από τα σύμβολα αυτής της ιδέας».

Ελάτε λοιπόν να μπειτε στο συμβούλιο, να σας βοηθήσουμε οι πιο παλιοί να αναλάβετε τα ηνία της εκκλησίας μας. Θα είμαστε δίπλα σας και ΟΛΟΙ ΜΑΖΙ για έναν μόνο σκοπό.

Την αγάπη μας για Τον Πολιούχο Μας Άγιο Νικόλαο .
Να έχετε την ευλογία Του.

Με εκτίμηση και αγάπη
Σταματία Ιερομονάχου
Πρόεδρος Συμβουλίου
Αγίου Νικολάου Βαλτιμόρης

Feast of the Entrance into The Temple of Our Most Holy Lady The Theotokos

Courtesy of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America - www.goarch.org



Introduction

The Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on November 21 each year. The Feast commemorates when as a young child, the Virgin Mary entered the Temple in Jerusalem.

Protevangelion Story

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

When Mary was three years old, Joachim and Anna decided that the time had come to fulfill their promise and to offer her to the Lord. Joachim gathered the young girls of the neighborhood to form an escort, and he made them

go in front of Mary, carrying torches. Captivated by the torches, the young child followed joyfully to the Temple, not once looking back at her parents nor weeping as she was parted from them.

The holy Virgin ran toward the Temple, overtaking her attendant maidens and threw herself into the arms of the High Priest Zacharias, who was waiting for her at the gate of the Temple with the elders. Zacharias blessed her saying, “It is in you that He has glorified your name in every generation. It is in you that He will reveal the Redemption that He has prepared for His people in the last days.”

Then, Zacharias brought the child into the Holy of Holies—a place where only the High Priest was permitted to enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. He placed her on the steps of the altar, and the grace of the Lord descended upon her. She arose and expressed her joy in a dance as wonder seized all who saw this happen.

The Virgin Mary dwelt in the Temple for nine years until, reaching an age for marriage, she was taken from the Temple by the priests and elders and entrusted to Joseph as the guardian of her virginity.

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her readiness for her future vocation as the Mother of the Incarnate Lord. This is a feast of anticipation. As honor is shown to Mary, the faithful are called to look forward to the Incarnation of Christ, celebrated in a little more than a month by the Feast of the Nativity on December 25.

Icon of the Feast

The icon of the feast tells the story of Mary’s entry into the Temple. The High Priest, Zacharias, is in his priestly robes standing on the step of the Temple. His arms are outstretched, ready to greet and receive the Virgin. Mary is shown as a small child, standing before Zacharias with her arms reaching up to him. In some icons the young maidens who served as her escort are depicted standing behind her. Also, we see her parents, Joachim and Anna, offering their child to God and His divine service. In the upper center portion of the icon, the Virgin is seated on the steps of the Holy of Holies. An angel is there, attending to the one chosen by God to bring the Savior into the world.



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΗΣ

October 22, 2024

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy,
Esteemed Members of the Metropolis Council, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate,
Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils and Philoptochos Sisterhood,
All Tonsured Acolytes, And all devout Orthodox Christians of the
Greek Orthodox Communities of the sacred Metropolis of New Jersey

My beloved,

I hope and pray this this letter finds all of you well. On Friday, November 22, 2024, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey will be celebrating the for the first time the Feastday of our new Metropolis Patron Saint, St. Iakovos (Tsalikis) of Evia. It is therefore with much joy and enthusiasm that I announce to you the schedule for the Divine Services which will be taking place to mark this most important Feastday in the life our sacred Metropolis:

Thursday, November 21, 2024

6:00pm Great Hierarchical Vespers

At Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, NJ 07090

All tonsured Acolytes are invited to attend and to participate in the Great Vespers Service. They are to bring their Altar Boy Robes with them for the service. At the end of the Vespers His Eminence was bestow upon each of the Acolytes a cross for them to wear at the divine services.

Friday, November 22, 2024

9:00am Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

At the St. Iakovos of Evia Chapel at the Metropolis Headquarters

215 E. Grove Street, Westfield, NJ 07090

Please know that all of the faithful of our sacred Metropolis are wholeheartedly invited to attend and participate in these beautiful Divine Services so that we may join together as one spiritual family and worship together in honor of our new beloved Patron Saint. A celebratory reception will follow both the Great Vespers and the Divine Liturgy.

Praying that our loving Lord, through the intercessions of St. Iakovos of Evia, continues to bless all of you, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

J. Metropolitan Apostolos
† APOSTOLOS
Metropolitan of New Jersey

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His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey



Invites All the Faithful to the
First Celebration of the Feast of St. Iakovos of Evia
Patron Saint of the Metropolis of New Jersey



Hierarchical Great Vespers,
Acolyte Blessing,
and Dinner Reception

Thursday, November 21, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Holy Trinity
Greek Orthodox Church
250 Gallows Hill Road
Westfield, NJ 07090

Orthros,
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy,
and Reception

Friday, November 22, 2024
9:00 A.M.

Greek Orthodox
Metropolis of New Jersey
215 E. Grove Street
Westfield, NJ 07090



**GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL**

Prot. No. 339/2024

Archepiscopal Encyclical for National Leadership 100 Sunday

October 27, 2024

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

Τίς σοφός και ἐπιστήμων ἐν ὑμῖν; δειξάτω ἐκ τῆς καλῆς
ἀναστροφῆς τὰ ἔργα αὐτοῦ ἐν πραΰτητι σοφίας.
(Ἐπιστολή Ἰακώβου 3:13)

Who is wise and understanding among you? By their good way of
life, let them show their works in the meekness of wisdom.
(Epistle of Iakovos 3:13)

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

On this Sunday, which falls after the Feastday of Saint Iakovos, the Brother of God and First Bishop of Jerusalem, we begin with discerning and sagacious words from his Epistle that describe the people and purpose of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund. This permanent endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism of our Archdiocese is comprised of “wise and understanding” stewards from across the Nation, who manifest their “works in the meekness of wisdom.”

Leadership 100 has been carefully and thoughtfully making distributions from its fund for over forty years, often without fanfare or boasting; simply and quietly doing the work of the Church. Their cooperation and commitment to positive *diakonia* has resulted in seventy-seven million dollars in disbursements to a wide array of institutions and ministries, with over thirty million dollars going to support Hellenic College and Holy Cross School of Theology. Leadership 100 provides real evidence of their “good way of



life” every day, as their philanthropic contributions not only help people fulfill their own missions, but also catalyze ministries in creative and innovative ways.

On this Sunday, October 27th, let us take time to remember Leadership 100 and its important role in our Church today, and let us also make special remembrance of the ever-memorable Archbishop Iakovos, for whom the Endowment is named, and whose vision for the fund is being realized by its wonderful Members, in accordance with the word of Saint Iakovos, the Brother of God.

With paternal love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America



ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ
ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ

Αριθμ. Πρωτ. 339/2024

Αρχιεπισκοπική Έγκυκλιος για την Κυριακή αφιερωμένη στην Ήγεςία τῶν 100.

27 Ὀκτωβρίου 2024

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 Ἁγείας τῶν 100, τὰ Ἡμερήσια καὶ Ἀπογευματινὰ Σχολεῖα, τὶς Φιλοπτώχους Ἀδελφότητες, τὴ Νεολαία, τὶς Ἑλληνορθόδοξες Ὄργανώσεις καὶ ὁλόκληρο τὸ Χριστεπώνυμο πλήρωμα τῆς Ἱερᾶς Αρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

«Τίς σοφὸς καὶ ἐπιστήμων ἐν ὑμῖν; δεῖξάτω ἐκ τῆς καλῆς ἀναστροφῆς τὰ ἔργα αὐτοῦ ἐν πραῦτητι σοφίας» (Ἐπιστολὴ Ἰακώβου 3:13).

Προσφιλεῖς ἀδελφοὶ καὶ ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

Κατὰ τὴ σημερινὴ ἡμέρα, Κυριακὴ μετὰ τὴν ἑορτὴ τοῦ Ἁγίου Ἰακώβου τοῦ Ἀδελφοθέου καὶ πρώτου ἐπισκόπου Ἱεροσολύμων, θυμόμαστε τὰ σοφὰ λόγια ἀπὸ τὴν ἐπιστολὴ του πρὸς τὸ πλήρωμα τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, τὰ ὅποια ταιριάζουν ἀπολύτως στὴν ἀποστολὴ τοῦ ἀποθεματικοῦ Ταμείου τῆς Ἁγείας τῶν 100 «Ἀρχιεπίσκοπος Ἰάκωβος» καὶ στὰ ἀξιότιμα μέλη του. Αὐτὸ τὸ ἀποθεματικὸ Ταμεῖο γιὰ τὴν Ὀρθοδοξία καὶ τὸν Ἑλληνισμό ἀποτελεῖται ἀπὸ «σοφοὺς καὶ ἐπιστήμονας», ἐκλεκτὰ μέλη ἀπὸ ὅλη τὴν Ἀμερικὴ, τὰ ὅποια «δεικνύουν ἐκ τῆς καλῆς ἀναστροφῆς τὰ ἔργα αὐτῶν ἐν πραῦτητι σοφίας».

Ἡ Ἁγεία τῶν 100 μὲ σύνεση καὶ προσοχὴ ὑποστηρίζει διάφορες δράσεις γιὰ περισσότερο ἀπὸ σαράντα χρόνια, χωρὶς θόρυβο καὶ τυμπανοκρουσίες, συνεισφέροντας ταπεινὰ καὶ ἀθόρυβα στὸ ἔργο τῆς Ἐκκλησίας. Αὐτὴ ἡ προσήλωση τῶν μελῶν σὲς διακονίες τῆς Ἐκκλησίας ἔχει ὡς ἀποτέλεσμα τὴ χρηματοδότηση ἀπὸ



τὸ Ταμεῖο αὐτὸ μὲ περισσότερο ἀπὸ ἑβδομήντα ἑκατομμύρια δολλάρια γιὰ τὴ στήριξη ἑνὸς εὐρέως φάσματος δράσεων καὶ ὀργανισμῶν, μὲ ἀποκορύφωμα τὴ στήριξη τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ Κολλεγίου καὶ τῆς Θεολογικῆς Σχολῆς τοῦ Τιμίου Σταυροῦ μὲ τριάντα ἑκατομμύρια δολλάρια. Τὰ μέλη τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100 ἀποδεικνύουν καθημερινὰ «τὴν καλὴν ἀναστροφὴν», καθὼς οἱ φιλανθρωπίες τους δὲν προσφέρουν μόνο βοήθεια στοὺς ἀνθρώπους γιὰ νὰ ἐκπληρώσουν τὴν ἀποστολὴ τους, ἀλλὰ καὶ τοὺς ἐμπνέουν στὶς διακονίες τους μὲ δημιουργικοὺς καὶ καινοτόμους τρόπους.

Αὐτὴ τὴν Κυριακὴ, 27 Ὀκτωβρίου, ἂς ἀφιερῶσουμε λίγο ἀπὸ τὸ χρόνο μας γιὰ νὰ τιμήσουμε τὴν Ἡγεσία τῶν 100 καὶ τὸν σημαντικότερο ρόλο τῆς στὴν Ἐκκλησία μας σήμερα, μνημονεύοντας τὸν αἰμίμηστο Ἀρχιεπίσκοπο Ἰάκωβο, τοῦ ὁποίου τὸ ὄνομα ἔχει τὸ Ταμεῖο τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100. Τὸ ὄραμα τοῦ Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Ἰακώβου γιὰ τὸ Ταμεῖο αὐτὸ ὑλοποιεῖται χάρι στα ἀξιότιμα μέλη τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100, ὅπως ἀκριβῶς λέει ὁ ἅγιος Ἰάκωβος ὁ Ἀδελφόθεος.

Μετὰ πατρικῆς ἐν Κυρίῳ Ἰησοῦ Χριστῷ ἀγάπης,

† ὁ Ἀμερικῆς Ἐλπιδοφόρος

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NOTICE FOR NOMINATIONS TO PARISH COUNCIL

ΕΙΔΟΠΟΙΗΣΗ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΚΛΟΓΗ ΝΕΩΝ ΜΕΛΩΝ ΓΙΑ ΤΟ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΤΙΚΟ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟ

Θα θέλαμε να σας ενημερώσουμε ότι υπάρχουν αρκετές διαθέσιμες θέσεις στο Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο. Η Επιτροπή για την Ανάδειξη Υποψηφίων εκλέχθηκε κατά την γενική συνέλευση που πραγματοποιήθηκε 20 Οκτωβρίου, 2024.

Ενθαρρύνουμε όλα τα μέλη της κοινότητας μας, τα οποία έχουν εκπληρώσει τις οικονομικές τους υποχρεώσεις και έχουν την διάθεση και την ικανότητα να προσφέρουν τις υπηρεσίες τους στην κοινότητα μας, να υποβάλλουν την αίτηση τους για το διοικητικό συμβούλιο στην Επιτροπή Ανάδειξης Υποψηφίων μέχρι την Κυριακή 24 Νοεμβρίου, 2024. Παρακαλούμε να έχετε υπόψη σας την διαδικασία: Η Επιτροπή για την Ανάδειξη Υποψηφίων Μελών του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου θα ανακοινώσει τα ονόματα που έχουν εκδηλώσει ενδιαφέρον. Εάν επιθυμείτε να συμμετέχετε στην εκλογική διαδικασία μπορείτε επίσης να Συμπληρώσετε την παρακάτω αίτηση και να την στείλετε στο γραφείο της εκκλησίας μέχρι την Κυριακή 24 Νοεμβρίου 2024. Οι εκλογές θα πραγματοποιηθούν την Κυριακή, 1η Δεκεμβρίου, 2024.

Σύμφωνα με τους «Ομοίομορφους Κανονισμούς των Κοινοτήτων», όποιο μέλος επιθυμεί να συμμετέχει στην εκλογική διαδικασία θα πρέπει να είναι Έλληνας, Χριστιανός Ορθόδοξος και μέλος της κοινότητας για τουλάχιστον ένα χρόνο μέχρι την ημέρα των εκλογών. Επιπλέον ο τρόπο ζωής και ο χαρακτήρας του / της θα πρέπει να είναι σύμφωνος με την πίστη και τους κανόνες της ορθόδοξης εκκλησίας μας. Ένα καινούργιο μέλος της κοινότητας μας μπορεί να ψηφίσει εάν έχει εγγραφεί τους τρεις τελευταίους μήνες πριν την ημέρα των εκλογών.

Μπορείτε να στείλετε την αίτηση σας στην διεύθυνση:

Nominating Committee
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
520 S. Ponca St.
Baltimore, MD 21224

NOTICE FOR NOMINATIONS TO PARISH COUNCIL

We would like to inform you that there are several positions available on the Parish Council. The Nomination Committee was elected at the general meeting held on October 20, 2024.

We encourage all members of our community, who have met their financial obligations and are willing and able to offer their services to our community, to submit their candidacy to the Nominating Committee by Sunday, November 24, 2024. Please keep in mind the procedure:

The Committee for the Nomination of Candidate Members of the Board of Directors will announce the names that have expressed interest. If you wish to participate in the election process, you can also fill out the following application and send it to the church office by Sunday, November 24, 2024.

The election will be held on Sunday, December 1, 2024.

According to the "Uniform Parish Regulations", any member who wishes to participate in the electoral process must be Greek, Christian Orthodox and a member of the community for at least one year until election day. In addition, his/her lifestyle and character should be in accordance with the faith and rules of our Orthodox Church. A new member of our community can vote if they have registered in the last three months before election day.

You can send your application to:

Nominating Committee
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
520 S. Ponca St.
Baltimore, MD 21224

NOTICE FOR NOMINATIONS TO PARISH COUNCIL

ΑΙΤΗΣΗ ΕΝΟΡΙΑΚΟΥ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟΥ ΑΓ. ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ

Θέτω υποψηφιότητα για το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο.

Υπογραφή _____

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CANDIDACY FORM FOR ST. NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL

I desire to be a candidate for the Parish Council.

Signature _____

Name (Print) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____





GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL

Prot. No. 360/2024

**Archepiscopal Encyclical for the Feast of the Holy Unmercenaries, Saints Cosmas
and Damian**

November 3, 2024

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:

All-Glorious Anargyroi: Physicians of the sick, Treasuries of healings, Deliverers of the Faithful! (Lauds of the Holy Anargyroi)

Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ,

On the Sunday nearest the Feast of the Holy Brothers and Unmercenaries, Cosmas and Damian, (the sons of Saint Theodoti), our National Philoptochos dedicates its resources and collections for the benevolent and philanthropic ministries of our Ecumenical Patriarchate. For all of us who have admired the Philoptochos for decades and their incredible work on behalf of the Church, this Sunday is an opportunity to show our support and dedicate our own resources to their sacred mission.

Following in the blessed footsteps of the healing Saints, Philoptochos devotes its energy and efforts in service to those whose lives are not as fortunate as our own. These gracious sisters minister through presence, encouragement and concrete support. The charitable ministries of the Ecumenical Patriarchate benefit tremendously from Philoptochos, as these ministering daughters prove time and again their filial devotion and love for our Mother Church.

Therefore, I encourage all the faithful of our Sacred Archdiocese to show their support for Philoptochos on the 3rd of November. Let us imitate the Holy Unmercenaries, Cosmas and Damian, whose healing gifts were bestowed with grace and generosity. Even from across the ocean and many thousands of miles away, we can still reach our spiritual sisters and brothers with acts of kindness and mercy. For we are one Church and one family in Christ. And so, may we always care for our Mother Church as does our Philoptochos.

With paternal love in Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America



ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ
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Αριθμ. Πρωτ.: 360/2024

**Αρχιεπισκοπική Έγκύκλιος για την έορτή τῶν ἁγίων Ἀναργύρων
Κοσμά καὶ Δαμιανῶ.**

3 Νοεμβρίου 2024

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

«Ἴατροι τῶν ἀσθενούντων, θησαυροὶ τῶν ἰαμάτων, σωτῆρες τῶν πιστῶν, Ἀνάργυροι πανευκλεεῖς» (Στιχηρὰ τῶν αἰνῶν τῆς έορτῆς).

Προσφιλεῖς ἀδελφοὶ καὶ ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

Τὴν πλησιέστερη Κυριακὴ πρὸς τὴν έορτὴ τῶν ἁγίων Ἀναργύρων, τῶν ἀυταδέλφων Κοσμά καὶ Δαμιανῶ καὶ υἱῶν τῆς Ἁγίας Θεοδότῃς, ἡ Ἐθνικὴ μας Φιλόπτωχος Ἀδελφότητα Κυριῶν ἀφιερώνει τοὺς πόρους καὶ τὰ ἔσοδα ἀπὸ τὴν περιφορὰ τοῦ δίσκου στὴ Θ. Λειτουργία γιὰ τὶς φιλανθρωπικὲς δράσεις καὶ τὰ διακονήματα τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ μας Πατριαρχείου. Γιὰ ὅλους ἐμᾶς πού γιὰ δεκαετίες θαυμάζουμε τὸ ἀπίστευτο ἔργο τῆς Φιλοπτώχου ὑπὲρ τῆς ἐκκλησίας, αὐτὴ ἡ Κυριακὴ ἀποτελεῖ ἀκόμη μία εὐκαιρία νὰ δείξουμε τὴν ὑποστήριξή μας, ἀφιερώνοντας κάποιους ἀπὸ τοὺς πόρους μας στὴν ἱερὴ ἀποστολὴ τῆς.



Ακολουθώντας τὰ εὐλογημένα βήματα τῶν ἱαματικῶν Ἀναργύρων, ἡ Φιλόπτωχος ἀφιερώνει τὴ δράση καὶ τοὺς κόπους τῆς στῆ διακονία ἐκείνων πού ἡ ζωὴ τους δὲν εἶναι τόσο ἄνετη ὅπως ἡ δική μας. Αὐτὲς οἱ ἐνάρετες ἀδελφές τῆς Φιλοπτώχου διακονοῦν μὲ διαρκῆ παρουσία, ἐνθάρρυνση καὶ ἀποτελεσματικὴ ὑποστήριξη. Οἱ φιλανθρωπικὲς διακονίες τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου ὠφελοῦνται καὶ αὐτὲς ἐξαιρετικὰ ἀπὸ τὴ Φιλόπτωχο, καθὼς αὐτὲς οἱ διακόνισσες τοῦ Χριστοῦ ἀποδεικνύουν ἐπανειλημμένα τὴ θυγατρικὴ ἀφοσίωση καὶ τὴν ἀγάπη τους πρὸς τὴ Μητέρα μας Ἐκκλησία.

Προτρέπω λοιπὸν ὅλους τοὺς πιστοὺς στὴν Ἱερὰ Ἀρχιεπισκοπὴ μας νὰ δείξουν τὴ συμπαράστασή τους πρὸς τὴ Φιλόπτωχο στὶς 3 Νοεμβρίου. Ἄς μιμηθοῦμε τοὺς ἁγίους Ἀναργύρους Κοσμᾶ καὶ Δαμιανό, τῶν ὁποίων τὰ ἱαματικὰ χαρίσματα προσφέρονται μὲ χάρη καὶ γενναιοδωρία. Ἀκόμη καὶ ἂν βρισκόμαστε στὴν ἄλλη ὄχθη τοῦ ὠκεανοῦ, χιλιάδες μίλια μακριά, μποροῦμε νὰ προσεγγίσουμε τὰ πνευματικὰ μας ἀδελφία, πού βρίσκονται ἐν ἀνάγκη, μὲ πράξεις καλωσύνης καὶ ἐλέους. Διότι εἴμεθα μία Ἐκκλησία καὶ μία οἰκογένεια ἐν Χριστῷ, καὶ γιὰ αὐτὸ ἄς φροντίζουμε πάντοτε τὴ Μητέρα Ἐκκλησία μας, ὅπως τὸ πράττει καὶ ἡ Φιλόπτωχος μας.

Μετὰ πατρικῆς ἐν Χριστῷ ἀγάπης,

† ὁ Ἀμερικῆς Ἐλπιδοφόρος

GREEK SCHOOL

Η γιορτή του ελληνικού σχολείου ήταν πραγματικά μία υπέροχη εκδήλωση, όπου τα παιδιά ήταν οι μεγάλοι πρωταγωνιστές της! Η μεγάλη αίθουσα της κοινότητας μας γέμισε παιδιά, που ενθουσιασμένα ανέβαιναν στην σκηνή ανά τάξη και παρουσίαζαν τραγούδια, ποιήματα και θεατρικά. Γεμάτοι περηφάνια οι γονείς καμαρώναν τα παιδιά τους όπως και οι δασκάλες μας τους μαθητές τους.

Αξίζει να σημειωθεί η μεγάλη προσπάθεια του συλλόγου γονέων και κηδεμόνων για την επιτυχία αυτής της γιορτής. Ένα τεράστιο ευχαριστώ λοιπόν και πολλά συγχαρητήρια αξίζουν σε μαθητές, γονείς, εκπαιδευτικούς και φυσικά στη Σταματία.

Δεν υπάρχει πιο όμορφο συναίσθημα από το να είσαι τόσο μακριά από την πατρίδα σου και όμως να αισθάνεσαι πιο πολύ από ποτέ την Ελλάδα μέσα σου και μέσα στις ψυχές της νέας γενιάς.

Με αγάπη,
Παρασκευή Κοτσάτου Αργετάκη
Δασκάλα της Τρίτης και της Τετάρτης Τάξης



The Greek school celebration was truly a wonderful event, where the children were the stars! Our large community hall was filled with children who excitedly took to the stage by class and performed songs, poems and plays. Full of pride, the parents showed off their children, just like our teachers showed off their students.

It is worth noting the great effort of the PTA for the success of this celebration. So a huge thank you and many congratulations are due to students, parents, teachers and of course to Stamatia.


There is no more beautiful feeling than being so far from your homeland and yet feeling more than ever Greece inside you and in the souls of the new generation.

With love,
Paraskevi Kotsatou Argetakis
Teacher of the Third Grade and the Wednesday Class

The St. Nicholas Greek School celebrated OXI Day with songs, poems, and plays




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PHILOPTOCHOS

The Harvest Night at Liberatore's of White Marsh was an evening of warm fellowship. We would like to thank the owners for hosting and everyone who supported the event.

As in the past we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the local Johns Hopkins Food Pantry from November 1st through November 20th. You may drop off your donations in the church atrium where we will have a collection box. Let us help those that are struggling in their time of need. Thank you in advance. Thanksgiving is soon approaching, and we will be sponsoring Thanksgiving dinners for families in need. If you know of anyone that needs assistance, please contact Nora Kefalas 410-979-6656 or Evagelia Saliaris 410-592-8345. All information on the families is strictly confidential. The deadline will be November 22nd

PHILOPTOCHOS



Sunday, November 3rd a Artoclasia for our Patron Saints and for the health of all our members. And a Special tray will be passed to benefit The Ecumenical Patriarchates Programs.

Join us for our next general meeting/ dinner to honor our Patron Saints Cosmas and Damian on Monday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. We will also have a guest speaker. Everyone is welcome!

Our Philoptochos has chartered a bus for Friday, November 22nd at 6:30 a.m. to depart from White Marsh Park and Ride to attend the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for St. Iakovos of Evia which will take place at the Metropolis of New Jersey. For information or to reserve a ticket please call Nora Kefalas 410-979-6656 or Irene Vasilios 410-687-3978. Tickets are \$70.00 and include a ticket, a tip for the driver and a continental breakfast on the bus.

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. - Isaiah 58:10

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In Memory of Manoli Pikounis and George Vergos

Mrs. Eleni Pikounis

To Harvest Night στο Liberatore's στο White Marsh ήταν μια βραδιά ζεστής συναναστροφής. Θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε τους ιδιοκτήτες για τη φιλοξενία και όλους όσους στήριξαν την εκδήλωση.

Όπως και στο παρελθόν, θα συλλέγουμε τρόφιμα μακράς διάρκειας, για το τοπικό Johns Hopkins Food Pantry από τις αρχές Νοεμβρίου έως τις 20 Νοεμβρίου. Μπορείτε να αφήσετε τις δωρεές σας στο αίθριο της εκκλησίας, όπου θα έχουμε ένα κουτί συλλογής. Ας βοηθήσουμε αυτούς που αγωνίζονται στην ώρα τους. Σας ευχαριστούμε εκ των προτέρων. Η Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών πλησιάζει και θα υποστηρίξουμε τα δείπνα των Ευχαριστιών για οικογένειες που έχουν ανάγκη. Εάν γνωρίζετε κάποιον που χρειάζεται βοήθεια, επικοινωνήστε με τη Νόρα Κεφάλια 410-979-6656 ή την Ευαγγελία Σαλιάρη 410-592-8345. Όλες οι πληροφορίες για τις οικογένειες είναι αυστηρά εμπιστευτικές. Η προθεσμία θα είναι η 22η Νοεμβρίου.

Την Κυριακή 3 Νοεμβρίου θα πραγματοποιηθεί Αρτοκλασία για τους Προστάτες μας και για την υγεία όλων των μελών μας. Θα περάσει ειδικός δίσκος προς όφελος των Προγραμμάτων των Οικουμενικών Πατριαρχείων.

Ελάτε στην επόμενη γενική συνέλευση/δείπνο μας για να τιμήσουμε τους Πολιούχους μας Κοσμά και Δαμιανό τη Δευτέρα 4 Νοεμβρίου στις 6:00 μ.μ. Θα έχουμε και έναν προσκεκλημένο ομιλητή. Όλοι είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι!

Η Φιλόπτωχος μας ναύλωσε λεωφορείο για την Παρασκευή 22 Νοεμβρίου στις 6:30 π.μ. με αναχώρηση από το White Marsh παρακολουθήσει όποιος επιθυμεί την Αρχιερατική Θεία Λειτουργία για τον Άγιο Ιάκωβο Ευβοίας που θα πραγματοποιηθεί στη Μητρόπολη Νέας Ιερσής. Για πληροφορίες ή για κράτηση εισιτηρίου καλέστε τη Νόρα Κεφάλια 410-979-6656 ή την Ειρήνη Βασιλείου 410-687-3978. Το κόστος του εισιτηρίου είναι \$70,00 και περιλαμβάνονται σε αυτό το εισιτήριο, το φιλοδώρημα για τον οδηγό και ευρωπαϊκό πρωινό στο λεωφορείο.

Αν ξεχύσεις τον εαυτό σου για τον πεινασμένο και ικανοποιήσεις την επιθυμία του ταλαιπωρημένου, τότε το φως σου θα ανατείλει στο σκοτάδι και το σκοτάδι σου θα είναι σαν το μεσημέρι. - Ησαΐας 58:10

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TWO UPCOMING FAITH-BASED PHILOPTOCHOS CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS FOR ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS NATIONWIDE

Group 1: Thursday, September 19th – Thursday, October 24th

Group 2: Tuesday, November 12th – Tuesday, December 17th



- Are you caring for a loved one of any age who may be elderly, or has a chronic or life-threatening illness or health condition, or who is disabled?
- Do you wish you knew others facing the same challenges as you?
- Do you wish there were someone with whom to share your experiences, your thoughts, concerns, and questions?
- Do you need help finding, navigating and accessing appropriate services and resources?
- Do you wish you were part of a community of caregivers who understands our faith, culture, family traditions and background?

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If you answered yes to any of the above questions and would like more information, contact the

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- Thursday, September 19th – Thursday, October 24th
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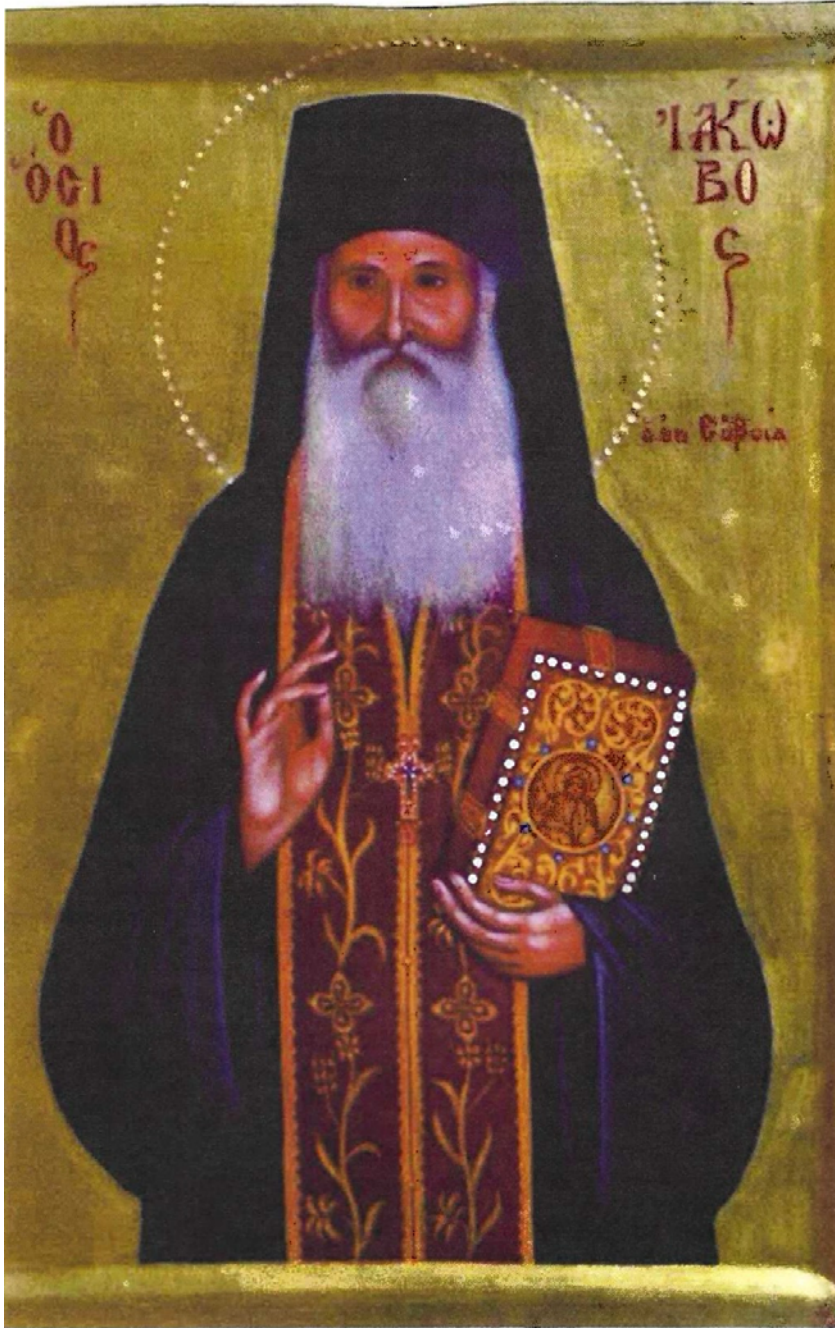
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ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΕΣΗΣ

September 9, 2024

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy,
The Archons of the Order of St. Andrew of the Ecumenical Patriarchate,
Esteemed Members of the Metropolis Council and Metropolis Philoptochos,
Devoted Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils and Parish Philoptochos Chapters,
beloved youth and all faithful Orthodox Christians of the
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey,

My beloved in the Lord,

I hope and pray this letter finds all of you well, enjoying all of God's Heavenly blessings
as we begin the New Ecclesiastical Year.

It is with tremendous joy and much excitement that after much prayer and thought, I
write to announce to you that the new Patron Saint of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New
Jersey is St. Iakovos (Tsalikis) of Evia. Blessed St. Iakovos of Evia is a modern-day saint who
reposed in the Lord in 1991, was canonized by our Ecumenical Patriarchate in 2017, and whose
Feastday is celebrated on November 22nd. Attached with this announcement, please find a short
biography of this beloved Saint, who we now proudly proclaim as the Patron Saint of our sacred
Metropolis.

I also have the great pleasure to announce that the first celebrations for St. Iakovos of
Evia as the new Patron Saint of our Metropolis will take place with Great Hierarchical Vespers
on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 6:00pm and the Orthos and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
on November 22, 2024, at 9:00am. The Divine Services will be held in the Chapel of our
Metropolis Headquarters in Westfield, New Jersey.

Please share this announcement and biography of St. Iakovos of Evia with all of your
beloved parishioners, so that together as one family we may rejoice and celebrate in this blessed
news of our new Patron Saint.

Praying that our loving Lord, through the intercessions of St. Iakovos of Evia, continues
to bless all of you and all the devoted parishioners of our Metropolis with every good and
perfect gift from above, I remain,

With paternal love and blessings,

Metropolitan Apostolos
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Biography of Saint Iakovos (Tsalikis) of Evia

St. Iakovos of Evia was born on 5 November 1920 to pious parents in Asia Minor. Soon after he
departed for Greece as a refugee, near Corinth.

By the age of seven he had memorized the entire Divine Liturgy although he was illiterate. In
1927 he went to elementary school and was distinguished for his performance. Everyone knew
of his love for the Church. That same year Saint Paraskevi appeared to him and revealed his
brilliant ecclesiastical future. In the coming years he would have many visions of various
Saints. At this time, he was in continuous prayer and even reportedly healed people in his
village.

From 1938 till the end of his life he lived in extreme asceticism, eating little, praying always,
and working hard. He lost his mother in 1942 and was drafted into the army in 1947. Upon his
return from the army in 1949 his father passed away, leaving him to care for his sister,
Anastasia until her marriage in 1952.

At the age of 32 Iakovos became a novice monk at the Monastery of St. David in Evia and on
December 19, 1952, he was ordained a priest by Metropolitan Gregory of Halkida. On June 25,
1975, he became Abbot of the Monastery. This monastery was quite dilapidated on his arrival
and Father Iakovos lived in great poverty which affected his health. It was reported that he
conversed personally with the saints including St. Paraskevi, St. John the Russian, and St.
David of Evia, the patron saint of the monastery. The Elder did not live for himself but from
the fruit of his prayer and fasting he gave counsel and help to the people who began flocking
to him. Despite many illnesses he always made time for the faithful who came to the
monastery.

Beginning in 1990 his health began to decline and on November 21, 1991, he attended the
Divine Liturgy, received Holy Communion, and heard the confessions of several people. He
died peacefully later that day with thousands of people attending his funeral with many
shouting "A saint! A saint!" The Monastery of St. David has recorded over 300 testimonies of
miraculous help connected with the prayers of the Elder Iakovos.

On November 17, 2017, the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate canonized
St. Iakovos of Evia, officially numbering him among the saints to be commemorated on
November 22nd.

FOR INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT PLEASE CONTACT:

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October was filled with many different fall events. Our BEEC children enjoyed our Jack O' Lantern Jamboree. They enjoyed playing, dancing with friends, dressing up, painting pumpkins and more! The BEEC students also participated in our Spirit Week. We really loved seeing all of our students representing their new classroom names by dressing up! Lastly, Our Preschool students had a blast visiting Weber's Farm for a field trip where they enjoyed spending time with their family, friends and teachers!

This month our students will be learning about different cultures around the world, opposite words and more! BEEC will also be hosting their annual Thanksgiving feast for our BEEC families at the end of the month.

Το Δίγλωσσο Κέντρο Πρόωρης Εκπαίδευσης του Αγίου Νικολάου παρέχει ένα ασφαλές κέντρο εκμάθησης και φροντίδας μακριά από το σπίτι. Δεχόμαστε παιδιά από 6 εβδομάδων έως 5 ετών. Αυτήν τη στιγμή έχουμε ανοικτές θέσεις για παιδιά ηλικίας 3-5 ετών στην προσχολική μας αίθουσα. Εάν έχετε οποιοσδήποτε ερωτήσεις, μη διστάσετε να επικοινωνήσετε με την διευθυντρια, Tyshanna, στο 410-633-5020 επέκταση 4.

Ο Οκτώβριος ήταν γεμάτος με πολλά διαφορετικά φθινοπωρινά γεγονότα. Τα παιδιά του Δίγλωσσου Κέντρου Προσχολικής ηλικίας (BEEC) απόλαυσαν το Jack O' Lantern Jamboree. Τους άρεσε να παίζουν, να χορεύουν με φίλους, να ντύνονται, να ζωγραφίζουν κολοκύθες και πολλά άλλα! Τα παιδιά του σταθμού μας συμμετείχαν επίσης στην Εβδομάδα Πνεύματος. Μας άρεσε πολύ να βλέπουμε όλους τους μαθητές μας να αντιπροσωπεύουν τα νέα τους ονόματα στην τάξη με το ντύσιμο τους! Τέλος, οι μαθητές μας επισκέφθηκαν τη φάρμα του Weber για μια εκδρομή όπου απόλαυσαν να περνούν χρόνο με την οικογένεια, τους φίλους και τους δασκάλους τους!

Αυτό το μήνα οι μαθητές μας θα μάθουν για διαφορετικούς πολιτισμούς από όλο τον κόσμο, αντίθετες λέξεις και πολλά άλλα! Ο BEEC θα φιλοξενήσει επίσης την ετήσια γιορτή των Ευχαριστιών για τις οικογένειές μας στο τέλος του μήνα.



JOB OPPORTUNITY



*The Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Nicholas
is searching for a
Cantor (Psaltis) and a Sexton (Neokoros)
for a full-time position
for Sundays at the Divine Liturgy and every other
sacred service including weddings, baptisms, funerals
all religious services and orthodox holidays.*

*Send your resume at vkotsatou@stnicholasmd.org
Kindly contact the church office at 410-633-5020*

*Paraskevi(Voula) Kotsatou Argetakis
Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
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St. Nicholas Church Turkey Dinner
Order NOW!

20lbs Turkey (whole)

serves 8-10

comes with roasted red skin potatoes, stuffing, rice, green beans, gravy turkey, sweet potatoes, 9" cheese pie & cranberry sauce.

And for dessert a 9" pumpkin pie?

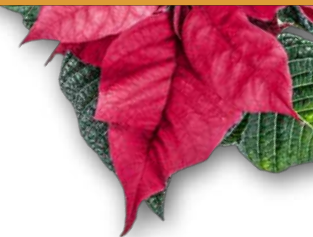
\$250

Pre - orders start NOW!!

With every order a 30% down payment is required. Last day of ordering is 11/21. please contact Eva at 717-969-0016 to place your order.

Thanksgiving is for families, leave the cooking to us!





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: _____

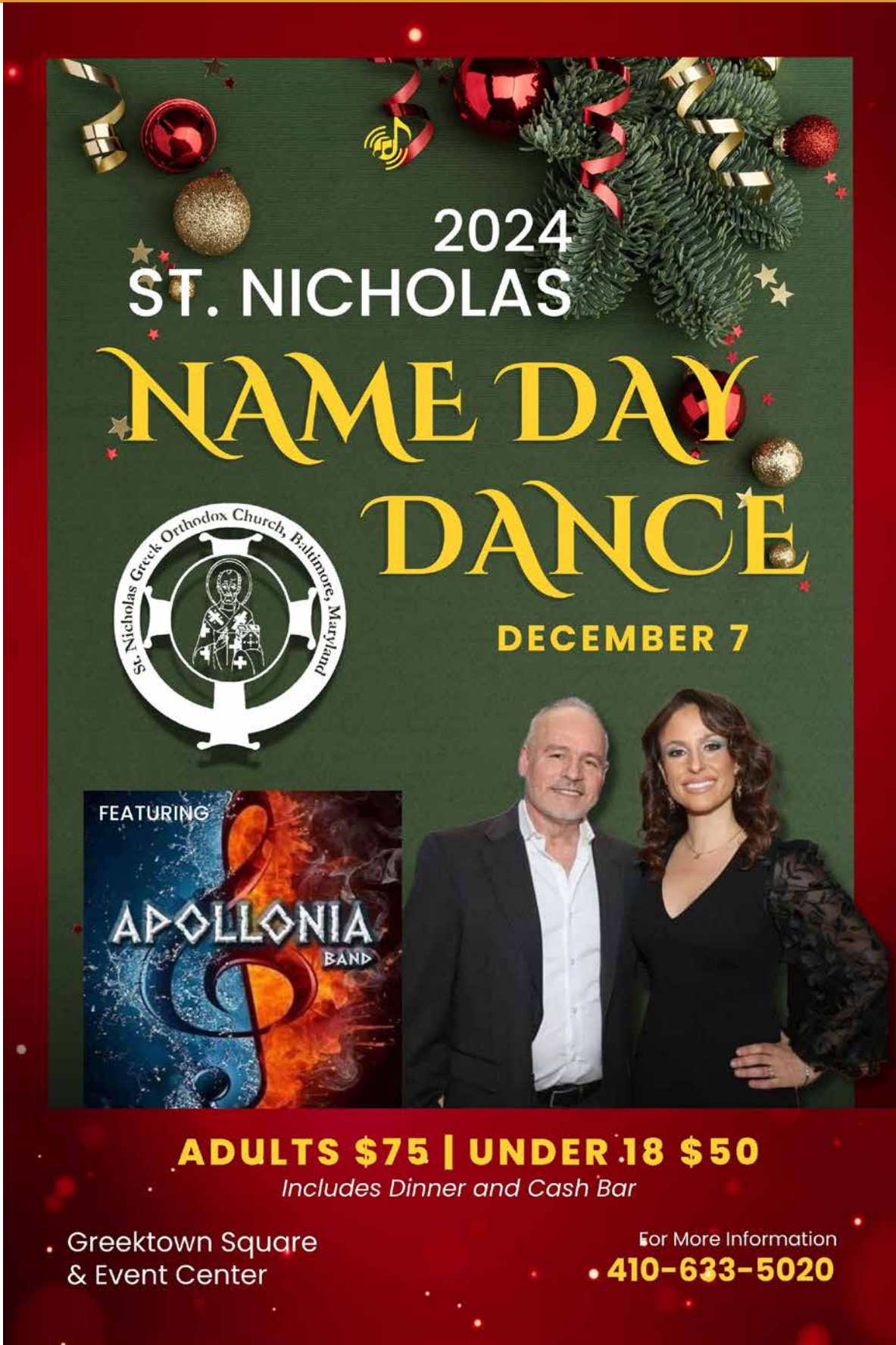
Community Christmas Card (# _____) \$ _____ *Deadline 12/6*

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


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



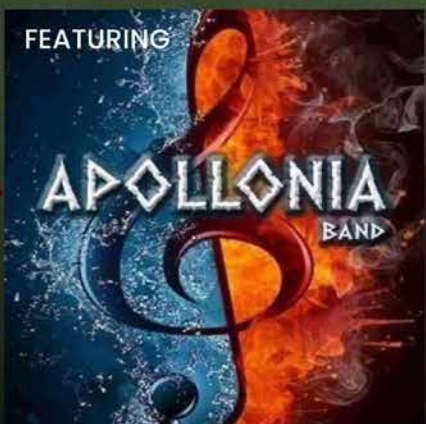
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**NAME DAY
DANCE**
DECEMBER 7



St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Baltimore, Maryland



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Includes Dinner and Cash Bar

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For More Information
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GREEK ORTHODOX
METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

Save
the
Date

SUNDAY,
JANUARY 12, 2025

AT
THE ADELPHIA
DEPTFORD, NJ

GRAND BANQUET IN HONOR OF METROPOLITAN APOSTOLOS,
10TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS EPISCOPAL ORDINATION



Save the Date

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey



Music & Dance Festival
Philadelphia: February 14-16, 2025

*President's Day Weekend (February 14 – 16, 2025) at the
Sheraton Hotel - Downtown Philadelphia.*

Categories include:

- Greek Folk Dancing
(JOY, GOYA and Young Adult Groups)*
- &*
- Parish Youth and Young Adult Liturgical Choirs*

Registration Packets will be coming shortly



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“ΕΥ, ΔΟΥΛΕ ΑΓΑΘΕ ΚΑΙ ΠΙΣΤΕ”

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2024 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 2024 :\$ _____
Συνολικό ποσό προσφοράς για το 2024 :\$ _____

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

Signature/ Υπογραφή

Date/ Ημερομηνία

Name / Όνομα	Date of Birth / Ημερομ. Γεννήσεως
Name of Spouse / Όνομα συζύγου	Date of Birth / Ημερομ. Γεννήσεως
Occupation / Επάγγελμα	
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ΑΥΤΟΜΑΤΟ ΤΡΟΠΟ
ΠΛΗΡΩΜΗΣ
ΡΥΘΜΙΣΤΕ ΤΟ ΚΑΙ ...
ΞΕΧΑΣΤΕ ΤΟ!**

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 ή κατεβάστε την εφαρμογή GivePlus mobile. Εάν έχετε απορίες, επικοινωνήστε με το Γραφείο της Εκκλησίας στο τηλέφωνο 410-633-5020.



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!

HELP US GROW THROUGH E-GIVING



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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Show your support and try one of our e-Giving options. If you would like to give electronically, visit our website www.stnicholasmd.org or download the GivePlus mobile app.

Thank you for all you do to support our St. Nicholas family throughout the year!



NOTICE:

All organizations must review their upcoming events with Paraskevi Kotsatou (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.



Sunday Coffee Hour
Sponsored by
St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church



Coffee & Assorted Cookies

Includes setup, cleanup, paper goods

\$200

Coffee Service Only

Includes setup, cleanup, paper goods

\$120

Fruit Tray

\$40

Spanakopita

100 pieces

\$75

Tyropita

100 pieces

\$75

Tray of Cheese, Olives & Crackers

\$100

Sandwiches

Tuna, Shrimp or Chicken

\$2 per piece



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email: info@greektownsquare.com



Greek Dishes For Pick Up
Sponsored by
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Pre-orders required Wednesday prior | Cooked or frozen

Dolmades

1/2 Tray (50 pieces)

\$50

Spanakopites

35 square pieces

\$40

Tiropites

35 square pieces

\$40

Pastitsio

1/2 Tray

\$55

Mousaka

1/2 Tray

\$60

Lamb Shank w/ Orzo

5 Orders

\$100



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Makaria Menu

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Appetizer Choices

Cheese Pies (*included*)
Spinach Pies (*included*)
Fried Calamari (*add \$2.00pp*)

Choices of salad (1)

Garden Salad, Greek Salad, Village Salad, Caesar Salad

Choices of Entree

Choice of two sides, Roll & Butter (*included*)

31pp

Flounder (broiled/fried)
Shrimp Creole
Cod Fish (broiled/fried)

39pp

Two (2) Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes
Choice of Fish and One (1) Jumbo Lump Crab Cake

Sides (2 choices)

Greek Style Lemon Potatoes, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Kritharakie(orzo),
white rice, fresh cut vegetables, string beans Greek style

Beverages (items included)

Red or White Wine, Coffee and Tea, Sodas, Water
Also available - Paximadia

Bar Options

Mixed Drinks \$6
Domestic Beer \$6
Imported Beer \$6
Mixed Drinks and Beer Available at Per Drink Charge



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Roros, John & Angeliki
Roros, Kyriaki
Roros, Nikolettta
Roros, Stavros
Roussos, Anthony & Laura
Roxanis, Dean & Soula
Roxanis, John
Roxanis, Steven
Sakellis, George & Penelope
Sakpazis, Ioannis & Maria
Salpeas, Maria
Santoro, Chris & Chrissie
Sarantakos, Yiota
Sarioglou, Nikolaos
Sarris, Mihalia
Sazaklis, Antonios
Schaefer, Stephanie
Serafis, Mary
Sfakianoudis, John & Angeliki
Sfiriou, Antonia
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Siskos, Stefanos & Dina
Skandalis, George
Skevofilax, Emmanuel
Skordalos, Vasilios & Sandy
Smoudianis, John & Stamatine
Sotirchos, Elias & Yiouli Ktena
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Souranis, Michael & Spyridoula
Souranis, Paraskevi
Spencer, Eric & Donna
Stakias, Stelios & Tina
Stamatopoulos, Nicolas
Stamides, Sofia
Stamidis, Anastasios & Angela
Stamidis, Chrisoula
Stamidis, Gefsie
Stamoulos, Kyriakos & Jessica
Stavlas, Jerry & Kalliope
Stewart, John & Rita
Syropoulos, Amalia
Syropoulos, Nicholas & Angeliki
Tampakakis, Emmanuel
Tasker, Dale & Kalomira
Tetteris, Rhodea
Themelis, John & Renee
Theoharis, Emmanuel & Maria
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Tsamos, John & Nikolette
Tsamos, Michael & Christina
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Tsapakidis, Theoharis & Papadimas, Evangelia
Tsapalas, Dimitris
Tsapalas, Stefanos
Tsapalas, Theodore & Pamela
Tserkis, Vasilios
Tsipouras, Ilias & Renia
Tsironis, Evdokia
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Valilis, Panagiotis
Vasilakopoulos, Anastasia
Vasilakopoulos, Irene
Vasiliades, Antonios & Sofia
Vasiliades, Minus & Kelly
Vasilios, Frank & Irene
Vatakis, Tessie
Vavakas, Kiki
Venetis, Dimitrios & Kiki
Verenakis, Maria
Vergos, George
Vergos, John
Vergos, Stephanie
Vizaniaris, Evangeline
Voulgarakis, Harry
Vourgarakis, Harry
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FINANCIALS

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Consolidated Operational Profit and Loss

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 YTD Actual (through 9/30)	2024 FY Projected	2025 Proposed Budget
Net Church/Greek School Operations (excl. Ministry)	\$ (187,132)	\$ (229,468)	\$ (298,665)	\$ (210,999)	\$ (255,469)	\$ (285,445)
Net Festival	\$ 156,651	\$ 180,955	\$ 178,464	\$ 181,640	\$ 187,264	\$ 186,190
Net Learning Center (Operational and Grants), incl. 4815 Eastern Ave	\$ 215,743	\$ 217,898	\$ 215,652	\$ 117,879	\$ 149,408	\$ 138,355
Net Plateia Operating	\$ (4,850)	\$ (29,250)	\$ 132	\$ (3,526)	\$ 3,006	\$ 2,630
4815 Eastern Ave Principal Mortgage Payments	\$ (6,807)	\$ (7,069)	\$ (7,320)	\$ (5,457)	\$ (7,275)	\$ (164,235)
ERTC Net	\$ -	\$ 37,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 212,500
TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT	\$ 178,282	\$ 170,567	\$ 88,262	\$ 79,536	\$ 76,935	\$ 89,995

NOTE: 4815 Eastern Ave. expenses included on Church/Greek School "Net" through 2023, and on Learning Center "Net" beginning in 2024.

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Church and Greek School Profit and Loss

	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 YTD Actual (through 9/30)	2024 FY Projected	2025 Proposed Budget
Income					
4000 Stewardship	\$ 199,947	\$ 250,000	\$ 173,685	\$ 237,439	\$ 260,120
4010 Greek School Registration	\$ 60,206	\$ 50,000	\$ 49,717	\$ 59,881	\$ 63,820
4020 Sales - Candles	\$ 89,169	\$ 92,000	\$ 66,059	\$ 84,126	\$ 89,025
Other Income	\$ 116,609	\$ 96,295	\$ 64,742	\$ 96,750	\$ 101,020
Total Income	\$ 465,931	\$ 488,295	\$ 354,203	\$ 478,196	\$ 513,985
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 68,997	\$ 73,865	\$ 51,016	\$ 77,936	\$ 85,615
Gross Profit	\$ 396,934	\$ 414,430	\$ 303,187	\$ 400,260	\$ 428,370
Expenses					
Total CAPITAL COSTS (CHURCH)	\$ 6,944	\$ 12,500	\$ 18,937	\$ 21,137	\$ 35,000
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	\$ 282,777	\$ 296,096	\$ 192,692	\$ 254,446	\$ 279,430
Total OCCUPANCY COSTS	\$ 70,384	\$ 80,160	\$ 70,295	\$ 74,392	\$ 81,045
Total PAYROLL EXPENSES	\$ 266,117	\$ 321,340	\$ 223,539	\$ 291,950	\$ 310,340
Total YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	\$ 180	\$ 3,000	\$ 8,723	\$ 13,803	\$ 8,000
Total Expenses	\$ 626,402	\$ 713,095	\$ 514,186	\$ 655,729	\$ 713,815
Net Operating Income	\$ (229,468)	\$ (298,665)	\$ (210,999)	\$ (255,469)	\$ (285,445)

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Learning Center Profit and Loss

	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 YTD Actual (through 9/30)	2024 FY Projected	2025 Proposed Budget
4011 Learning Center Income	\$ 1,080,959	\$ 1,153,668	\$ 895,622	\$ 1,178,450	\$ 1,273,900
Learning Center Expenses					
Total Payroll Expense	\$ 684,415	\$ 729,489	\$ 642,154	\$ 835,708	\$ 905,125
Total Food and Classroom Supplies	\$ 30,705	\$ 42,197	\$ 30,022	\$ 35,891	\$ 45,405
Total Admin and Office Expenses	\$ 32,568	\$ 38,702	\$ 24,241	\$ 33,819	\$ 43,275
Total Occupancy Expenses/Cap Imprv	\$ 115,373	\$ 109,453	\$ 79,973	\$ 120,376	\$ 128,040
Total Learning Center Expenses	\$ 863,061	\$ 919,841	\$ 776,390	\$ 1,025,794	\$ 1,121,845
Net Operating Income	\$ 217,898	\$ 233,827	\$ 119,232	\$ 152,656	\$ 152,055
Other Income					
State and Local Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,010	\$ 10,010	\$ -
Total Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,010	\$ 10,010	\$ -
Other Expenses					
4815 Eastern Ave - Vacant Bldg Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,363	\$ 13,258	\$ 13,700
Total Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ 18,175	\$ 11,363	\$ 13,258	\$ 13,700
Net Revenue	\$ 217,898	\$ 215,652	\$ 117,879	\$ 149,408	\$ 138,355

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Plateia Profit and Loss

	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 YTD Actual (through 9/30)	2024 FY Projected	2025 Proposed Budget
Plateia Income	\$ 245,835	\$ 327,000	\$ 293,329	\$ 392,034	\$ 400,000
Plateia Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 81,179	\$ 119,355	\$ 88,759	\$ 125,136	\$ 130,000
Plateia Expenses					
Total Occupancy Expenses	\$ 137,540	\$ 150,286	\$ 138,322	\$ 171,500	\$ 165,320
Total Payroll Expenses	\$ 18,117	\$ 12,454	\$ 38,675	\$ 50,293	\$ 54,740
Total Admin Expenses	\$ 22,770	\$ 26,046	\$ 17,714	\$ 24,235	\$ 25,140
Total Bus Dev/Marketing Expenses	\$ 15,479	\$ 18,727	\$ 13,386	\$ 17,864	\$ 22,170
Total Plateia Expenses	\$ 193,905	\$ 207,513	\$ 208,097	\$ 263,892	\$ 267,370
Net Operating Income	\$ (29,250)	\$ 132	\$ (3,526)	\$ 3,006	\$ 2,630

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Festival Profit and Loss

	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 YTD (thr 9/30)	2024 FY Projected	2025 Proposed Budget
Greek Festival Income	\$ 413,294	\$ 411,310	\$ 421,436	\$ 428,161	\$ 436,724
Greek Festival Expenses	\$ 232,339	\$ 232,846	\$ 239,796	\$ 240,897	\$ 250,534
Net Income	\$ 180,955	\$ 178,464	\$ 181,640	\$ 187,264	\$ 186,190

LITURGICAL CALENDAR - NOVEMBER

- Friday, November 1: Cosmas and Damianos the Holy Unmercenaries:
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am
- Sunday, November 3: 5th Sunday of Luke:
Orthros: 8:30 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am
- Wednesday, November 6: The Service of the Small Blessing of Water: 6:30 pm
- Friday, November 8: The Synaxis of the Archangels Michael & Gabriel:
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am
- Saturday, November 9: Nektarios the Wonderworker, Bishop of Pentapolis
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am
- Sunday, November 10: 8th Sunday of Luke: Holy Father Arsenius of Cappadocia
Orthros: 8:30 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am
- Friday, November 15: The Sacrament of Holy Unction: 6:30 pm
- Sunday, November 17: 9th Sunday of Luke:
Orthros: 8:30 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am
- Wednesday, November 20: The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple:
Festal Vigil: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- Sunday, November 24: 13th Sunday of Luke:
Orthros: 8:30 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am
- Monday, November 25: Saint Catherine the Great Martyr:
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am
- Thursday, November 28: Thanksgiving Day: Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am
- Saturday, November 30: Andrew the First- Called Apostle
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am