

SAINT NICHOLAS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

PHAROS

Celebrating Our 13th Year of Publication!



JULY/AUGUST, 2005

Message from Father

Our Parish is in such a wonderful and exciting time in its history, with progress being made everyday and every time people meet and work together for the good of our Church. Our Festival this year was a great success. Congratulations to Chairman George Pappas, and Vice Chairpeople Maria Nicolaides and John Chrisomallis along with everyone who worked to make it the great success that it was.

Let us remember that our Church is our faith in Jesus Christ and our Holy Greek Orthodox Faith which unites us as a family and brings us together to pray and worship. Secondly, we are united as Greeks and have a wonderful social support and the greatest cultural things of life. When we place God and our Church as our number one priority then miracles can and do happen. I have personally seen miracles happen in our community as I watch parishioners' lives transformed by the power of God. Many parishioners have been healed by the grace of God and with the help of his saints, especially through the help of St. Nicholas. I have seen lives

of many emerge from chaos into order as they place their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. I have personally been touched by God's grace, love and mercy in the last year, and I continue to work in His service every day. It's not about winning or losing, but how we handle what life gives us. God will always be there for us.

I am thankful to God that He continues to bless our Church and keep us united. Many wonderful things have been happening as we plan for the future of our Community. We must have long term goals in order to ensure the future of our Church and Community. I thank God for the unified Parish Councils that have served over the past years. It has been a pleasure working with all the members of the many committees as they have given their time, talent and treasures in making St. Nicholas more active and productive.

The project of the Plateia is an indication that we "are" working for the future of our Church. A master plan is being devised for the rest of the properties that we have acquired and what we need to do

about enlarging the present Church or building a larger one. These all remain for the immediate future and they need to be discussed and implemented and I know that God will guide us to make the best decisions for our Parish.

Our Greek School continues to be one of the best Greek language Schools in the area. We take learning the Greek language seriously and any child, who truly wants to learn, can learn. Our Sunday School is constantly being updated and new sources added to the curriculum.

Goya has continued to flourish and enrollment is constantly increasing. Volunteers are needed so we may have a JOY program this Fall. Contact me if you are willing to help in this area.

The St. Nicholas Diamonds continue to thrive as they tend to the needs of our senior parishioners. New members are always welcome to participate in the many varied activities and trips.

With all of God's blessings for a wonderful and pleasant summer,
I remain Your servant in the Lord,
Fr. Manuel



***The 2005 Festival!
Ellinakia Dance
Group, performing.***

PARISH NEWS - KOINOTIKA NEA

AUGUST FEAST DAYS AND PARAKLESIS SERVICES

We will commemorate three Holy Days in August. They are the Transfiguration of Christ on August 6th, the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary on August 15th, and the Beheading of St. John the Baptist on August 29th. The first 14 days of August are days of fasting, prayer and preparation for Holy Communion. During these fourteen days we pray to the Virgin Mother of God to express our love and gratitude. We will pray the Paraklesis Service at 6 p.m. on the evenings indicated on the calendar.

Everyone is welcomed to attend and pray with us. Prayers will be offered for the good health of our family members.

FESTIVAL—A GREAT SUCCESS

The 2005 St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival was a smashing success. We thank God first of all for His grace and mercy for granting us three days of good weather. We thank all the workers for their time and effort. We thank all the parishioners who came to support the festival with their presence and financial support. How wonderful it would be to see many of our festival visitors on a regular basis. We thank the city and the state for their support and assistance.

Have a good summer. A detailed report of the festival will be forthcoming.

FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS

The following report on the winners of the Festival raffles.

For the \$100.00 raffle the winners are:

1st Prize—\$15,000.00:

#1771, Herbert Lotmon

2nd Prize—\$3,000.00:

#1724, Doracon Contracting

3rd Prize—\$2,000.00:

#1528, H. Brown

\$5.00 Raffle the winners are:

1st prize—\$3,000.00:

#4940, George Pavlidis

**2nd prize \$2,000.00:
#3596, Peter Birch**

RECIPIENTS OF SCHOLARSHIPS ST. NICHOLAS 2005

Evangelos Hondroulis,
Orfanos Scholarship,
St. Nicholas Scholarship.

Steven Roxanis,
Hellenic University Scholarship,
St. Nicholas Scholarship,
Philoptochos Scholarship.

John Roxanis,
Hellenic University Scholarship,
St. Nicholas Scholarship,
Philoptochos Scholarship.

Olga Rigopoulos,
Thomas Lambros Scholarship,
St. Nicholas Scholarship.

Irene Frangakis,
St. Nicholas Scholarship,
Philoptohos Merit Award.

Irene Tsampos,
Savas Georgas Scholarship,
Hellenic University Scholarship,
St. Nicholas Scholarship.

Stephanie Tsakalos,
Hellenic University Scholarship.

George Poulas,
Philoptochos Merit Award.
Congratulations to all our graduates. We're very proud of you and wish you well in all your future endeavors! KE SE ANOTERA!

CYC CAMP

Summer Camp is just around the corner. Don't delay in registering your child for summer camp. Camp begins on Monday, August 15 and ends on Friday, August 19th. Children 8-16 are allowed to participate. Cost this year is \$325.00 per child with a multi child discount.

The camp is designed to help the children understand more about their faith by living it and providing a fun filled week of activities. For more information call George Maistros, or Jimmy Kosmas or speak with Fr. Manuel.

GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for Greek School will be on September 8th and 9th in the Church office from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Greek School Agiasmos/ Opening Prayers and Blessing Service will be on Friday, September 9th at 5 p.m. Classes will begin on Monday, September 12th at 4:30 p.m. All families need to be members in good financial standing with St. Nicholas Church by fulfilling their pledge to the Church. Tuition will be waived for the first child for families whose stewardship is \$500.00 or more.

STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Committee will be meeting during the summer months to plan for the upcoming Stewardship drive. If you are interested in helping please contact Fr. Manuel.

Anyone who has not pledged for 2005 please do so as soon as you can. Thank you.

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY MID-ATLANTIC PARADE

A fundraising Longaberger Basket Bingo will take place at St. Nicholas Church (large hall) on Saturday, September 24, 2005. The doors will open at 4:00 pm in order to purchase game cards, dabbers etc. The games will begin at 5:00 pm. Tickets in advance are \$12.00 or \$15.00 at the door. We need your support and volunteers. For more information or to order tickets, call Anna at 410-493-3399, Alexandra at 443-220-4784 or Gena at 410 299-6154.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Fourth of July! What a glorious day! The birth of our nation... the day our Founding Fathers gave us this precious gift: the USA—a representative democracy.

We celebrate the Fourth with

PARISH NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ



The ladies that prepared the delicious loukoumades. Left to right: Despina Kornias, Karen Kondoudis, Rosa Cornias, Zenovia Fakas and Athena Neofitou.

spectacular firework displays as prescribed by our Founders in addition to family gatherings, picnics, and beach outings. In so doing it is appropriate to pause, reflect, thank, and honor the memory of the countless Americans who have built our nation, the longest surviving democracy in history.

As our Founding Fathers did, it is appropriate that we thank God, who gave them the wisdom and stamina to forge our nation. It is appropriate that we remember and never forget that the very foundations of the United States of America are based on God's principles and His Grace and that He has blessed us abundantly.

Despite our problems, America is still the land to which thousands flock, risking life and limb in hopes of attaining a better life. The awesome responsibility of solving the problems that our fledgling country faces and perpetuating the valuable gift that our Founding Fathers bestowed upon us rests with each of us. Becoming active in our communities and reviving our faith in God's guidance will ensure that America will endure and thrive for

many generations to come.

The Fourth of July is not merely another "day off" holiday, but the perfect day for committing ourselves to God and country; for it is the ONE holiday, which all Americans have in common, the ONE day which unites all of us.

Happy 229th Birthday America!

Eve Lallas

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE

When you or your children are enrolling for various activities, please remember to reserve Sunday mornings for attending church services. This is the prescribed time for us to worship God as a Church Family for which we enrolled when we became Christians.

Sunday morning worship supersedes sporting events, children's organized team activities, shopping trips, etc.

HΜΕΡΑ ΤΗΣ ΑΝΕΞΑΡΤΗΣΙΑΣ

4η ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ! ΤΙ ΔΩΞΑΣΜΕΝΗ ΗΜΕΡΑ! Είναι η γεννέθλιος ημέρα του Έθνους μαςη ημέρα που οι Θεμελιώτες Πατέρες μας χάρισαν το ανεκτίμητο αυτό δώρο: Τις Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες της Αμερι-

ικής, που αντιπροσωπεύουν τη Δημοκρατία.

Εορτάζουμε την 4η Ιουλίου, με εκθέσεις θεαματικών βαρελώτων όπως περιγράφονται από τους προπάτορές μας, και με οικογενειακές συγκεντρώσεις, πίκ-νίκς, και εκδρομές στη θάλασσα. Τιμώντας με τον τρόπο αυτό την ΗΜΕΡΑ, είναι πρέπον να σταματήσουμε για λίγο, να αναπολήσουμε το γεγονός, να ευχαριστήσουμε, και να τιμήσουμε την μνήμη των αμέτρητων αμερικανών που δημιούργησαν το έθνος μας, την μακροχρονέστερη επιβιώσασα Δημοκρατία στην ιστορία.

'Οπως έκαναν και οι πρόγονοί μας, είναι πολύ σημαντικό να ευχαριστήσουμε το Θεό, που τους χάρισε την σοφία και την επιμονή να σφυριλατίσουν το έθνος μας.

Είναι πολύ σημαντικό να θυμόμαστε, και ποτέ να μην ξαχνάμε ότι τα θεμέλια των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών της Αμερικής στηρίζονται στις εντολές του Θεού και στη Χάρο Του και για το λόγο αυτό οι ευλογίες Του είναι άφθονες.

Βλέπε σελίδα 4

PARISH NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

Από την σελίδα 3

Αν βάλουμε τα παροβλήματά κατά μέρος, η Αμερική είναι ακόμη η χώρα που χιλιάδες ανθρώπων συρρέουν, κινδυνεύοντας τη ζωή τους και ζώντας με κίνδυνο, για ένα καλλίτερο αύριο.

Η δεινή ευθύνη επίλυσης των προβλημάτων που αντιμετωπίζει η νεοσυσταθείσα χώρα μας και η διαιώνιση του πολύτιμου δώρου των προπατόρων μας, έγκειται πάνω μας, στον κάθε ένα από εμάς. Με το να συμμετέχουμε στις δραστηριότητες των κοινοτήτων μας και να αναζωογονούμε την πίστη μας σύμφωνα με το θέλημα του Θεού, επιβεβαιώνουμε ότι η Αμερική θα ευημερεί επί πολλών μελλοντικών γενεών.

Η 4η Ιουλίου δεν θεωρείται ούτε κατά προσέγγιση ως άλλη μια ημέρα αργίας, αλλά ως μια ημέρα αφιερωμένη στο Θεό και στην πατρίδα, διότι είναι η ΜΟΝΑΔΙΚΗ ημέρα που εορτάζουν όλοι οι Αμερικανοί, η μοναδική ημέρα που μας ενώνει όλους μαζί.

Χαρούμενα 229α Γεννέθλια,
ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗ
Ευαγγελία Λαλά

ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

Όταν εσείς ή τα παιδιά σας δηλώνετε τη συμμετοχή σας στις διάφορες δραστηριότητες, θα πρέπει να θυμάστε να κρατήσετε τα πρωΐνα της Κυριακής ελεύθερα, από οποιαδήποτε άλλη δραστηριότητα, για να έλθετε στην

Εκκλησία να παρακολουθήσετε τη Θεία Λειτουργία. Είναι ο χρόνος που εκκλησιούμαστε και ευχαριστούμε το Θεό ως εκκλησιαστική οικογένεια, διότι δηλώσαμε τη συμμετοχή μας όταν βαπτιστήκαμε Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί.

Η συμμετοχή στην Κυριακάτικη Λειτουργία αντικαθιστά τα σπόρο, τις ομαδικές παιδικές εκδηλώσεις, τα ταξίδια για ψώνια....κλπ.

ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗ ΠΑΡΕΛΑΣΗΣ -

25ης ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ

Το Σάββατο 24 Σεπτεμβρίου, 2005, στις 4 το απόγευμα, στη Κοινοτική αίθουσα του Αγίου Νικολάου, η Επιτροπή της Παρέλασης θα έχει Longaberger Basket ΜΠΙΝΓΚΟ, προς ενίσχυση του ταμείου της.

Οι πόρτες θα ανοίξουν στις 4 το απόγευμα ακριβώς για να αγοράσετε καρτέλες για το παιχνίδι και ό,τιδήποτε άλλο χρειάζεστε, και το μπίνγκο θα αρχίσει στις 5 μ.μ. Η είσοδος κοστίζει \$12.00 το άτομο αν αγοράσετε τα εισιτήριά σας εκ των προτέρων, και \$15.00 το άτομο αν τα αγοράσετε στην πόρτα. Χρειάζόμαστε εθελοντές και την υποστήριξή σας.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες ή για να κλείσετε τις θέσεις σας παρακαλείστε να τηλεφωνήσετε στην Άννα 410-493-3399, ή στην Αλεξάνδρα 443-220-4784.

ΣΑΣ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΟΥΜΕ

Αγαπητά μέλη της Κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου, σας απευθύνομε ένα θερμό και εγκάρδιο "Ευχαριστώ", για την έκφραση συμπάθειας δείξατε εις μνήμη του αγαπημένου μας Γιάννη, με τις δωρεές σας στην Εκκλησία μας, τα άνθη, τις συλλυπητήριες κάρτες σας, τα τηλεφωνήματά σας, την ηθική υποστήριξή και την αγάπη σας.

**Σας ευχαριστούμε,
Οικογένεια Καρπαθίου-Johns.**

THANK YOU

Dear fellow parishioners of Saint Nicholas a warm, heartfelt appreciation and "thank you" for your expression of sympathy in Memory of our beloved John, through your gracious donations, flowers, cards, phone calls and empathic acts of sympathy and love.

**Thank you,
The Karpathiou-Johns Family.**

MAKARIA LUNCHEONS

Makaria luncheons, which are traditionally held following funerals, can now be provided in the St. Nicholas Social Hall. Anyone wishing to arrange a Makaria luncheon should contact the St. Nicholas Church offices at 410 633-5020 for additional information.

**HAVE A PLEASANT
AND
SAFE SUMMER!**

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Our festival brings people together for dancing and lots of fun.



Festival Chairman George Papademetriou, (r.) with Mr. Depak, proudly holding the Greek flag. The other photographs are of young enthusiastic participants from many regions of the State of Maryland.



DONATIONS IN MEMORIAM

**IN MEMORY OF
HERMES RAFAILIDES**
 Mr. & Mrs. John Glykiadis
 Mrs. Despina Cornias
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**IN MEMORY OF
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 Mrs. Spay Karpathiou Johns

**IN MEMORY OF
DARLENE LIADELIS**
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JOHN PAPPAS**

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Pappas
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**IN MEMORY OF JOHN
KARPATHIOU JOHNS**

Mr. & Mrs. Neratzoulis Koutsonouris
 Ms. Despina Salpeas

**IN MEMORY OF
STAMATIS SINIS**
 Mrs. Helen Bisbikis
 Ms. Stavroula Christakou

LIBRARY FUND

*In Memory of Lela Angelou,
 Maria Mitros, Lou Polites,
 Nick Salpeas,
 Socrates Giannakoulias,
 Nick Kosmas and Kiveli Ranu:
 The Sapounakis Family*

**IN MEMORY OF
LELA ANGELOU**
 Mrs. Spay Karpathiou Johns

PHAROS REMINDER

IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE THE CURRENT ISSUE DELIVERED TO YOUR HOMES PRIOR TO THE FIRST OF THE MONTH, WE MUST HAVE YOUR ORGANIZATION'S ARTICLES IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THE 12TH OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH, IF POSSIBLE. PLEASE email YOUR ARTICLES TO THE SECRETARY OF OUR CHURCH MARIA SALPEAS AT:
msalpeas@stnicholasmd.org

THE PHAROS IS YOUR PUBLICATION. WE VALUE YOUR INPUT, SO PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE.

St. Nicholas Festival

*Celebrating the
 Year of the Family.*

July & August Calendar

JULY

Sunday, July 3:

9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Monday, July 4:

Independence Day.

Office Closed.

Sunday, July 10:

9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

July 11 - 16:

Father @ Clergy Workshop/Conference

Sunday, July 17:

9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Wednesday, July 20:

Prophet Elias – 9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Friday, July 22:

St. Markella of Chios – 9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Sunday, July 24:

9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Tuesday, July 26:

St. Paraskevi – 9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Wednesday, July 27:

St. Panteleimon – 9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Thursday, July 28:

St. Irene Chrysovalantou – 9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Sunday, July 31:

9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

AUGUST

Monday, August 1:

6 p.m. Paraklesis.

Wednesday, August 3:

6 p.m. Paraklesis.

Friday, August 5:

6 p.m. Great Vespers

Saturday, August 6:

Transfiguration of our Lord – 9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Sunday, August 7:

9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Monday, August 8:

6 p.m. Paraklesis

Wednesday, August 10:

6 p.m. Paraklesis.

Friday, August 12:

6 p.m. Paraklesis.

Sunday, August 14:

9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.
5 p.m. Great Vespers of the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary.

Monday, August 15:

Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary – 9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

August 15-19 (Mon. to Fri.)

CYC Summer Camp Harford Co. MD

Sunday, August 21:

9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Sunday, August 28:

9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Monday, August 29:

Beheading of St. John the Baptist – 9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

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