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Father Michael's New Year's Message

To all our Parishioners and friends, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year's 2012.

In the United States it is a custom that around the New Year people reflect on the past year and at the same time, in anticipation of the coming year, to make resolutions. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 it states: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Each New Year brings with it hope of new beginnings. We leave the old and look forward to a challenging and exciting new one. We can reminisce and look back in time on what happened to all of us in the year 2011.

I'm sure there are positive as well as negative reactions concerning what we experienced throughout last year's events. In the New Year we need to bring a joyous and fresh attitude to our daily activities. Forget all the errors and misfortunes that happened last year, and start a new, bringing the Lord Jesus Christ into the forefront of our lives.

This is what is truly missing in our lives, the opportunity to grow in Christ. At the end of the Divine Liturgy the Priest always quotes: "Every good and perfect gift comes from Above, coming down from the Father of Lights." We need to understand with all due respect, that we lack in Worship, in Faith, and in Knowledge. We need to get back on track and set sail to a new destination, a destination that only God can provide for us. Our Society will never provide this for us.

The only thing that our Society can provide for us, is our fake and temporary existence. We are going backwards instead of going in a positive direction. Why? Because we have taken Christ out of our lives, and we have substituted Him with earthly pleasures.

Since we are not worshiping and glorifying God in the true Spirit and Faith. We are going back to the times of "Sodom, Gomorrah, and Noah, where God punished them for their disobedience and sinful acts. We are not opening our eyes to see what is truly happening in this world and to our own families. We are giving up and allowing Satan to rule and govern us.

We need to be right with God, and we need to correct our old ways and mistakes. God respects the person who when fails, gets back up and starts fresh. Look at all the great men and women of the Old and New Testament. Do you think for one moment, that they didn't have failures, hardships and tragedies in their lives? Sure they did. But they overcame their mishaps and mistakes by picking up their pallet and continued on their spiritual journey towards God's Heavenly Kingdom. Their lives were committed not to worldly things but to spiritual fulfillment, something that we don't have today.

We look closely to satisfy our earthly desires, and we overlook our spiritual responsibilities. This is what is needed to change, if we are to get back on track with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We are blessed by God with the beginning of this New Year. In Thanksgiving, let us make a positive resolution to pursue our lives in accordance with the Will of God. In the Divine Liturgy the priest says:

"Let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God." As our new resolution for the Year 2012, let's make a positive effort to put our spiritual households in order, not only during the coming year, but for the remainder of our lives.

May our Incarnate Lord bless and keep you healthy and wise, and let's make this New Year "The Year of Christ."

KOINONIA

Πρωτοχρονιάτικο Μήνυμα από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ

Προς όλα τα μέλη και τους φίλους μας, θα ήθελα να επωφεληθώ αυτής της ευκαιρίας για να τους ευχηθώ εντυχισμένο και ευλογημένο το Νέο Έτος 2012.

Στις Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες υπάρχει μια παραδοχή. Όταν πλησιάζει το Νέο Έτος οι άνθρωποι αναλογίζονται τι έγινε κατά το έτος που πέρασε και την ίδια στιγμή περιμένοντας τη νέα χρονιά, παίρνουν καινούργιες αποφάσεις. Στην προς Κορινθίους 2 επιστολή του 5:17, δηλώνει: «Ως εκ τούτου, αν κάποιος ταχθεί με τον Χριστό, γεννιεται εκ νέου.

Κάθε νέο έτος, φέρνει μαζί του την ελπίδα της νέας αρχής. Αφήνουμε το παλιό έτος και προσβλέπουμε σε ένα νέο έτος συναρπαστικό και γεμάτο προκλήσεις. Μπορούμε να αναπολούμε και να κοιτάζουμε πίσω στο χρόνο, τι συνέβη σε όλους μας το έτος 2011. Είμαι βέβαιος ότι υπάρχουν θετικές όσο και αρνητικές αντιδράσεις σχετικά με αυτά που βιώσαμε όλη την περασμένη χρονιά.

Κατά τη νέα χρονιά πρέπει να αντιμετωπίσουμε με χαρά και ανανεωμένη στάση τις καθημερινές μας δραστηριότητες. Ας ξεχάσουμε όλα τα λάθη και τις συμφορές που συνέβησαν τον περασμένο χρόνο, και ας αρχίσουμε μια νέα χρονιά, φέροντας τον Κύριο Ιησού Χριστό στο προσκήνιο της ζωής μας. Είναι ό, τι πραγματικά λείπει από τη ζωή μας, η ευκαιρία να δεχθούμε τον Χριστό. Στο τέλος της Θείας Λειτουργίας ο ιερέας πάντα λέει: "...κάθε καλό και τέλειο δώρο προέρχεται από ψηλά, κατεβαίνει από τον Πατέρα του Φωτός." Πρέπει να καταλάβουμε με όλο το σεβασμό, ότι στερούμαστε εκκλησιασμού, πίστης και γνώσης.

Πρέπει να επανέλθουμε στη σωστή τροχιά, και να σαλπάρουμε για έναν καινούργιο προορισμό, σ'έναν προορισμό που μόνο ο Θεός μπορεί να μας οδηγήσει. Ποτέ δεν πρόκειται να μας οδηγήσει εκεί η κοινωνία μας.

Το μόνο πράγμα που μπορεί η κοινωνία να μας προσφέρει, είναι η ψεύτικη και προσωρινή ύπαρξή μας. Πηγαίνουμε προς τα πίσω αντί να προχωράμε προς μια θετική κατεύθυνση. Γιατί; Επειδή έχουμε αποβάλλει το Χριστό από τη ζωή μας, και τον έχουμε αντικαταστήσει με γήινες απολαύσεις.

Από τη στιγμή που δεν λατρεύουμε και δεν δοξάζουμε τον Θεό με αληθινό πνεύμα και πίστη, πάμε πίσω στην εποχή του «Σόδομα και Γόμορρα, και του Νώε», όπου ο Θεός τους τιμώρησε για την απειθαρχία τους και τις αμαρτωλές τους πράξεις. Ας ανοίξουμε τα μάτια μας να δούμε τι πραγματικά συμβαίνει σε αυτόν τον κόσμο και ακόμη στις ίδιες τις οικογένειές μας. Έχουμε εγκαταλείψει το πεδίο και αφήνουμε το Σατανά να βασιλεύει και να μας κυβερνά. Πρέπει να επανέλθουμε στο Θεό, να διορθώσουμε τους παλαιούς τρόπους και τα λάθη μας. Ο Θεός σέβεται το άτομο που, όταν αποτυγχάνει, μαζεύει τα κομμάτια του και ξαναρχίζει από την αρχή.

Κοιτάξετε όλους τους Μεγάλους Άνδρες και Γυναίκες της Παλαιάς και την Καινής Διαθήκης. Πιστεύετε έστω και για μια στιγμή ότι δεν είχαν αποτυχίες, δυσκολίες και τραγωδίες στη ζωή τους; Ασφαλώς και είχαν. Αλλά ξεπέρασαν τις ατυχίες και τα λάθη τους, σήκωσαν το δισάκι τους, και συνέχισαν το πνευματικό ταξίδι τους προς την Ουράνια Βασιλεία του Θεού. Η ζωή τους δεν ήταν δεσμευμένη στις γήινες και κοσμικές απολαύσεις, αλλά στην πνευματική ολοκλήρωση, κάτι που δεν έχουμε σήμερα. Προσέχουμε με ποιόν τρόπο θα ικανοποιήσουμε τις γήινες επιθυμίες μας, και παραβλέπουμε τις πνευματικές μας ευθύνες. Αυτό πρέπει να αλλάξει, αν πραγματικά επιθυμούμε να επανέλθουμε στη σωστή τροχιά, στη τροχιά του Κυρίου και Σωτήρα μας Ιησού Χριστού.

Ο Θεός μας έχει ευλογήσει να ξεκινήσουμε τη νέα χρονιά. Σε ένδειξη Ευχαριστίας, ας πάρουμε μια θετική απόφαση να ζήσουμε σύμφωνα με το θέλημα του Θεού. Στην Θεία Λειτουργία ο ιερέας λέει: "...ας αφιερώσουμε τη ζωή μας ο ένας τον άλλο και ολόκληρη τη ζωή μας στον Χριστό τον Θεό μας." Ως απόφαση για το νέο έτος 2012, ας κάνουμε μια θετική προσπάθεια να βάλουμε σε πνευματική τάξη την οικογένειά μας, όχι μόνο κατά το επόμενο έτος, αλλά για το υπόλοιπο της ζωής μας.

Προσεύχομαι όπως ο ενσαρκωθείς Κύριός μας σας ευλογεί και σας χαρίζει υγεία και σοφία. Ας κάνουμε αυτό το νέο έτος «Χρονιά του Χριστού.»

PROTOPRESBYTER FR. MICHAEL PASTRIKOS, PASTOR

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(MEETS THE 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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PENNY GERAPETRITIS, FIRST GRADE
ANTONIA SFIRIOU, SECOND GRADE
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HELEN LOUVROU-MONOPOLIS, PRINCIPAL
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ATTENTION**NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Dear members of the Saint Nicholas Parish:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that elections will be held for (5) five positions on the Parish Council. The term of office for the new Parish Council members will be for three years, 2012-2014. This election is extremely important as we are striving to complete the Plateia and seek a more stable financial condition for the parish and bring volunteerism to a new level.

The elections will be held on Sunday, January 8th, 2012 in the Philoptochos Room. The elections will begin immediately following the Divine Liturgy and will conclude at 3:00 p.m. The nominees are as follows in alphabetical order:

Frangos Constantine (Dino)
Papadopoulo Takis
Glavas Socrates
Stakias Dimitrios
Korologos John
Theoharis Emmanuel

All members in good standing are urged to come and vote. The Uniform Parish Regulations of the Archdiocese and the Parish By-Laws note the following:

1. In order to vote, a member must pay in full his/her Stewardship commitment for 2011 before he/she casts their vote, and make a stewardship pledge for 2012.
2. In order to vote, a new member must be a registered member of the Parish for at least three (3) months prior to the elections.
3. A voter must be baptized or chrismated in the Greek Or-

Constantine (Dino) Frangos

Dino is 40 years old and is currently a Software Engineer at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. He holds a B.A. in Computer Science & Mathematics from Western Maryland College and a M.S. in Computer Science from the Johns Hopkins University. Dino attended St. Nicholas Church at an early age and attended the St. Nicholas Greek School. His wife Adriana and 2 children Nicholas-Michael (4) and Alexander (1) are also members of the church. Dino is currently co-chairman of the Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade. Dino would like to do more to help St. Nicholas and the Greek Community.



thodox Faith.

Absentee ballots can be requested through the Church Office and must be received either by mail or by hand prior to the commencing of the elections on Sunday, January 8, 2012. Everyone is urged to vote.

Sincerely,

Rev. Fr. Michael L. Patrikos, Parish Priest
The Elections Committee
Rose Tsakalos, Rose Cornias, Soula Giannakoulia

ΕΙΔΟΠΟΙΗΣΗ ΕΚΛΟΓΩΝ ΤΟΥ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΟΥ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟΥ

Αγαπητά μέλη της Κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου:

Σκοπός της παρούσας επιστολής μας είναι να σας ενημερώσουμε ότι θα διεξαχθούν εκλογές όπως κάθε χρόνο, για την εκλογή πέντε (5) υποψηφίων για το Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο. Η θητεία των νέων μελών του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου θα είναι τριετής, από το 2012-2014.

Οι εκλογές αυτές είναι πολύ σημαντικές διότι προσπαθούμε απεγνωσμένα να τελειώσουμε την αποπεράτωση της Πλατείας και θέλουμε να εξοικονομήσουμε και να σταθεροποιήσουμε την οικονομική κατάσταση της Κοινότητας φέρνοντας στο προσκήνιο νέους εθελοντές.

Οι υποψήφιοι είναι:

Φράγκος Κωνσταντίνος (Ντίνος)
Παπαδόπουλος Τάκης
Γκλάβα Σωκράτης
Στακιάς Δημήτριος
Κορολόγος Ιωάννης
Θεοχάρης Εμμανουήλ

Όλα τα οικονομικά εν τάξει μέλη της Κοινότητας παρακαλούνται να έλθουν να ψηφίσουν. Οι Ομοίμορφοι Κανονισμοί των Κοινοτήτων της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής και οι Εσωτερικοί Κανονισμοί της Κοινότητας μας

αναφέρουν ότι:

1. Για να ψηφίσει κάποιος πρέπει πριν ψηφίσει να έχει πληρώσει πλήρως την Εθελοντική του Προσφορά, του έτους 2011, και επίσης να έχει συμπληρώσει την κάρτα της Εθελοντικής του Προσφοράς για το έτος, 2012.
2. Για να ψηφίσει ένα καινούργιο μέλος πρέπει να είναι μέλος στην Κοινότητα για τουλάχιστον τρεις (3) μήνες προ των εκλογών.
3. Ο ψηφοφόρος θα πρέπει να έχει βαπτιστεί ή ασπαστεί την Ελληνική Ορθόδοξη Πίστη.

Αν κάποιος δεν δύναται να προσέλθει προσωπικά να ψηφίσει για λόγους ανωτέρας βίας, τότε πρέπει να ζητήσει το ψηφοδέλτιο πριν τις εκλογές από το Κοινοτικό Γραφείο. Μπορεί δε είτε να το ταχυδρομίσει ή να το φέρει αυτοπροσώπως και το παραδώσει στην Εφορευτική Επιτροπή πριν την Κυριακή των Εκλογών, 8 Ιανουαρίου, 2012. Είναι πολύ σημαντικό να έλθουν όλα τα μέλη να ψηφίσουν δείχνοντας έτσι το ενδιαφέρον και την αγάπη τους προς την Κοινότητα του Αγίου Νικολάου που ανήκουν.

Με εκτίμηση

Αιδεσιμ. Πατήρ Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικός
Η Εφορευτική Επιτροπή
Ρόζα Τσάκαλου, Ρόζα Κόρνια, Σούλα Γιαννακούλια

Parishioners Celebrate St. Nicholas Name Day



Metropolitan Evangelos Celebrating Mass during St. Nicholas Name Day Vesper Services.



Mrs. Roza Cornias cutting the celebration cake during the St. Nicholas Name Day Vespers Coffee Hour.



John Korologos, won the 50/50 raffle at the St. Nicholas Name Day Dance. Mr. Korologos donated the winnings to the church.



Volunteers cooking for the St. Nicholas Name Day Dance.



Mr. & Mrs. Harry Amarantidis, his mother, Mrs. Amarantidis during the St. Nicholas Name Day Vespers Coffee Hour.

COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

CALLING ALL CRAFTSMEN FOR THE PLATEIA

The Parish Council has hired a very respectable contractor and they have agreed that if the church is able to locate materials at a better cost or craftsman's, than they may be utilized. If you are willing to donate your time or craft to helping the church to finish the Plateia, please call Demos Anastasiades at 443-676-7556 directly. Thank you.

*Demos Anastasiades and Frank Mitsos,
Plateia Project Managers*

ΚΑΛΟΥΝΤΑΙ ΟΛΟΙ ΟΙ ΤΕΧΝΙΤΕΣ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΠΛΑΤΕΙΑ

Το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο έχει προσλάβει μια αξιοσέβαστη Εργολαβική Εταιρεία για την Πλατεία, με την συμφωνία ότι, αν η Εκκλησία είναι σε θέση να εντοπίσει υλικά σε καλύτερο κόστος ή τεχνίτες, τότε μπορεί να τους προσλάβει. Εάν είστε λοιπόν πρόθυμοι να δώσετε το χρόνο και την τέχνη σας για να βοηθήσετε την Εκκλησία σας, ούτως ώστε να ολοκληρωθεί η Πλατεία, παρακαλείστε να τηλεφωνήσετε στο Δήμο Αναστασιάδη στο 443-676-7556. Σας ευχαριστούμε.

*Δήμος Αναστασιάδης και Φώτης Μητσός,
Διαχειριστές των Έργων στη Πλατεία.*

DIAMONDS

2011 was a banner year for The Diamonds, St. Nicholas' Seniors. In addition to our regularly scheduled monthly meetings, several trips were sponsored and enjoyed by members and their friends: a visit to the St. John Orthodox Adult Center in Hunt Valley, Longwood Gardens, a luncheon and boat ride along Baltimore's Harbor, Niagara Falls and Toronto, and the Christmas Sight and Sound Show in Lancaster.

Our membership continues to grow! This year we welcomed: Angeleki Biliias, Sofia Chrissomalis, Rose Conway, Mary Coroneos, Anna Dimidou, Sofoula Frangakis, Diane Homberg, Marcia Koukides, Bill Skordalos, Eleni Sopholeos, Athena Taratsides, Rene Themelis, Bill and Thorina Trintis, and Stilianos and Theodosia Tsavaris.

If you're a senior, why not join the fun!!! We welcome you to our next monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 10 at 1:00, when we will also enjoy our Christmas/New Year Luncheon with entertainment to follow. The cost is \$30.00. Please call our President Rose Tsakalos for details.

ΝΕΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΑ "ΔΙΑΜΑΝΤΙΑ"

Το 2011 ήταν μια χρονιά σταθμός για τα ΔΙΑΜΑΝΤΙΑ, τον Οργανισμό των Ηλικιωμένων του Αγίου Νικολάου. Εκτός από τις τακτικές προγραμματισμένες μηνιαίες συναντήσεις μας, διοργανώσαμε και πήγαμε σε πολλά ταξίδια που απόλαυσαν τα μέλη και οι φίλοι τους: Επισκεφθήκαμε το Ορθόδοξο Κέντρο Ενηλίκων "Άγιος Ιωάννης" στο Hunt Valley, το Longwood Gardens, πήγαμε κρουαζιέρα με το βαποράκι κατά μήκος στο λιμάνι της Βαλτιμόρης, επίσης πήγαμε 5ήμερη εκδρομή στον Καναδά, στους Καταρράκτες του Νιαγάρα και στο Τορόντο, και πρόσφατα είδαμε την θεατρική Χριστουγεννιάτικη παράσταση του Sight and Sound Show - στο Millennium Theatre, στο Λάνκαστερ.

Ο κατάλογος των Μελών μας συνεχίζει να αυξάνεται! Φέτος καλωσορίσαμε την Αγγελική Μπίλια, την Σοφία Χρυσομάλλη, την Γαρυφαλία Conway, την Μαρία Κορωναίου, την Άννα Δημίδου, την Σοφούλα Φραγκάκη, την Diane Homberg, την Μοσχούλα Κουκίδου, τον Βασίλη Σκορδαλό, την Ελένη Σοφογλέους, την Αθηνά Ταρατσίδου, την Ρενέ Θέμελη, τον Βασίλη και Θορίνα Τριντή, και τον Στέλιο και Θεοδοσία Τσαβαρή.

Εάν είστε ηλικιωμένος, γιατί να μην συμμετέχετε και σεις

στην διασκέδαση! Θα είμαστε ευτυχείς να σας δούμε στην επόμενη μηνιαία συνάντησή μας την Τρίτη, 10 Ιανουαρίου, 2012 στις 1:00 μ.μ., θα έχουμε το Χριστουγεννιάτικο/ Πρωτοχρονιάτικο γεύμα μας, θα ακολουθήσει ψυχαγωγία. Το κόστος είναι \$30.00. Παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με την Πρόεδρό μας, κυρία Ρόζα Τσακαλου για περισσότερα.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School program has been very successful so far this year. The Sunday School teaching staff appreciate the hard work and dedication each student put forth for the Annual Christmas Program and the effort they make every Sunday in class. Let us strive for perfect attendance for the rest of the school year. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, January 8th at 10:00 a.m. Thank you.

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Happy New Year to everyone. The Parish Life Committee of St. Nicholas Church is scheduled to meet on Thursday, January 5th at 7pm. Once again, we invite all church organizations and all outside church organizations to send a representative who will present their organization's calendar of events for the upcoming year. This committee meets once a month in order to coordinate and avoid possible overlaps of functions and events.

We publish all of the various organizations' upcoming functions in the Calendar of Events in the monthly newsletter as well as the website. If you want your organization to be included, please attend the meetings.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

We hope everyone had a joyous Christmas and we wish all of you a happy, healthy New Year. Thank you to everyone who brought food or pastries to church for the St. Nicholas Vespers as well as the Divine Liturgy on St. Nicholas Name Day as we welcomed the Metropolitan Evangelos. Thank you also for your attendance and bringing the pastries and door prizes at the Philoptochos Christmas Tea. A special thank you to Mr. Zissimos for singing for us at the Christmas Tea. We hope everyone enjoyed their afternoon watching the Greek School children perform as well as the Ta Ellinakia Dance group and sharing in an afternoon of fellowship.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4th for our Annual Christmas Party. This meeting is open to all the ladies of the parish as we are attempting to increase our existing membership. Please consider joining the Ladies Philoptochos Society. Please bring a gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange. We hope to see everyone there. Most importantly, Sunday, January 8th will be Vasilopita Sunday. We, also, will be passing a special tray for St. Basil's Academy.

Please mark your calendar for the following month's meeting that will be held on Wednesday, February 1st. We will be having "chocolate night" following the meeting. Have a great month!

GREEKTOWN CDC

A message from Col. John E. Gavrilis, CEO

We would like to thank all of the residents who participated in our Greektown CDC holiday decorating contest. This year, we have had a significant amount of homes that decorated for the holidays which added to the overall beauty of our neighborhood. The winners for this year were 510 Newkirk Street (Most Traditional), 210 Oldham Street (Most Whimsical), 632 Tolna Street (Best Neighborhood Spirit) and 633 Tolna Street (Judges Favorite). We encourage you to sign up for next year by calling us at 410-327-

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SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

St. Nicholas Greek School Students performing their Annual Christmas Program for the St. Nicholas Community.



SAINT NICHOLAS SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

St. Nicholas Sunday School Students performing and reciting their Annual Christmas Program for the St. Nicholas Community.



Sunday School students performing their Annual Christmas Program for the Parishioners.



Sunday school students reciting spiritual poems.



Sunday School Pre- School and Kindergarten Students performing at the Annual Christmas Program.



Sunday School students performing at the Annual Christmas Program.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2012

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TOTALS: PLEDGED \$47,600.00

PAYMENTS \$27,970.00 **BALANCE \$19,630.00**

Support Your Plateia Project**Assuring Continuity, Building Identity, Creating Community**

The Mission of the St. Nicholas Plateia is to preserve, communicate and celebrate authentic Greek art and architecture, music, fashion, artisanship, cooking, language and customs for the benefit of the Greek community living in Maryland as well as for the enjoyment and education of family roots there. The Plateia provides a forum for the exchange of ideas of international proportion through language studies, lectures and demonstrations, exhibitions and special holiday and religious events.

The Plateia of St. Nicholas is a neighborhood- a place to feel comfortable, discuss a book, listen to a concert, and see a film eat a good meal and much more. It is a place where seniors gather, exercise, enjoys a hot Greek meal together; it is a school for all stages, from newborns to ninety-nine year olds; it is a safe haven for what would be latchkey children; it is a place for teens to “hang-out” and feel connected. This welcoming environment helps to nourish the mind, body and spirit and assures continuity, builds identity and creates community. It is only thanks to our members, community and friends that the Plateia has been able to continue its commitment today and for the generations to be come. We need your support.

We look forward to seeing you at the Plateia So join us today! Get Involved, Donate and Volunteer.

Υποστηρίξτε το Έργο της Πλατείας σας**Διασφαλείστε την συνέχεια, την Ταυτότητα του Κτιρίου, την Δημιουργία της Κοινότητας**

Η Αποστολή της Πλατείας του Αγίου Νικολάου είναι να διατηρήσει, να επικοινωνεί και να γιορτάζει την αυθεντική ελληνική τέχνη και την αρχιτεκτονική, τη μουσική, τη μόδα, βιοτεχνία, τη μαγειρική, τη γλώσσα και τα έθιμα, προς όφελος της ελληνικής Κοινότητας που ζει στο Μέριλαντ, καθώς και τον ενθουσιασμό της ανακάλυψης οικογενειακών ριζών. Η Πλατεία θα είναι τόπος συζητήσεων ανταλλαγής ιδεών, εκμάθησης της γλώσσας, μελετών, διαλέξεων, επιδείξεων, εκθέσεων και ειδικών εορταστικών και θρησκευτικών εκδηλώσεων.

Δημιουργούμε ένα φιλόξενο και χωρίς περιορισμούς περιβάλλον, που θα συνδέει τους ανθρώπους της Ελληνικής μας Κοινότητας μεταξύ τους αλλά και με την ευρύτερη Κοινότητα. Παρακινούμε άτομα όλων των ηλικιών και υποβάθρων να ενισχύσουν τις κοινωνικές, διανοητικές και πνευματικές τους γνώσεις μέσω των προγραμμάτων αριστείας που βασίζονται σε Ελληνικές αξίες.

Η Πλατεία του Αγίου Νικολάου είναι ένα κτιριακό συγκρότημα σε γειτονιά, ένα μέρος για να αισθάνεστε άνετα, να συζητάτε για ένα βιβλίο, να ακούσετε μια συναυλία, και να δείτε μια ταινία, να φάτε ένα καλό γεύμα και πολλά άλλα. Είναι ένα μέρος όπου θα συγκεντρώνονται οι ηλικιωμένοι, θα ασκούνται, και θα απολαμβάνουν ένα ζεστό ελληνικό γεύμα όλοι μαζί. Θα είναι ένα σχολείο για όλους και όλα, από τα νεογέννητα μέχρι και τους ηλικιωμένους των ενενήντα εννέα ετών. Θα είναι ένα ασφαλές «στέκι» που θα αισθάνεστε ότι ανήκετε. Θα είναι ένας ασφαλής και ευχάριστος τόπος για τα παιδιά. Θα είναι ένα «στέκι» που να συγκεντρώνει τους νέους μας Αυτό το φιλόξενο περιβάλλον βοηθά στην ανάπτυξη του μυαλού, του σώματος και του πνεύματος και εξασφαλίζει τη ΣΥΝΕΧΕΙΑ, δημιουργεί την ΤΑΥΤΟΤΗΤΑ και την ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ. Τη συνέχεια του έργου της Πλατείας τη χρωστάμε στους ενορίες μας, την Κοινότητά μας και τους φίλους μας, χωρίς αυτούς η Πλατεία δεν θα ήταν σε θέση να ανταποκριθεί στις υποσχέσεις του σήμερα και των γεννεών που ακολουθούν.

Χρειαζόμαστε την υποστήριξή σας. Ανυπομονούμε να σας δούμε στην Πλατεία! Ελάτε μαζί μας σήμερα! Λάβετε μέρος. Κάντε τη δωρεά σας και προσφέρετε τις εθελοντικές σας υπηρεσίες.

Δήμος Αναστασιάδης



Jim Craft, City Councilman, Demos Anastasiades, St. Nicholas Board Member and Jason Filippou, Executive Director of the GCDC working together for the good of the Plateia and the Greek Community.



Plateia: Exterior Service Windows.



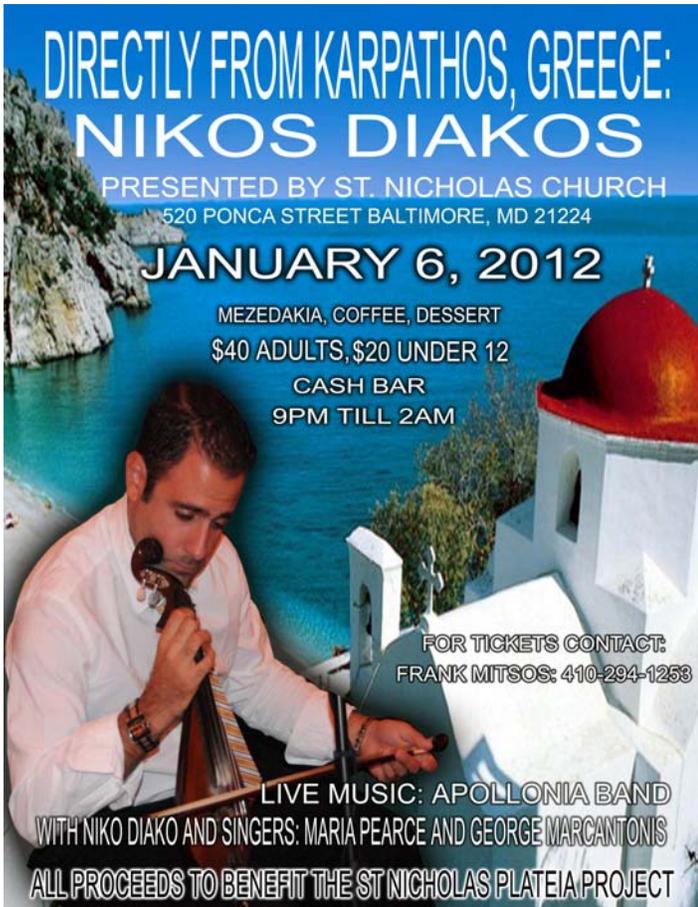
Plateia: Getting the kitchen ready for upcoming cooking events.



Plateia: Getting the bar ready to serve drinks.

Support Your Community Entertaining Events!

DIRECTLY FROM KARPATOS, GREECE:
NIKOS DIAKOS
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 MEZEDAKIA, COFFEE, DESSERT
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 CASH BAR
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Get Ready For The
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Saturday, February 4, 2012
 8:00 pm - 2:00 am
 St. Nicholas Social Hall



Featuring
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 For more information call:
 Manoli Theoharis at 410-790-7542
 or email: info@greekparade.com

Blessing Your Home



Dear Parishioners:

In the month of January, we celebrate a Great Feast within the Orthodox Church. Epiphany, the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ, on January 6th. It is the season of the blessing of the Holy Waters, when also the parish priest through his very rich custom brings the Blessed Holy Water to the faithful in their homes and business establishments. This enables everyone to receive the Great Blessing of our Lord for the New Year of 2012. I feel that this is a beautiful custom, that as your priest, bringing the Blessed Holy Water of Epiphany to you, my parishioners, allows me to remain close to you and your family. We request that you fill out the form below or call the church secretary to set up a convenient time.

PLEASE NOTE: Only those homes that submit this form or call will be visited. I hope that each family will take advantage of this traditional and important blessing for the New Year of 2012. With Paternal Blessing and Best Wishes for this Holiday Season!

*With Love in Christ Jesus,
 Father Michael*

BLESSING OF HOME/BUSINESS

NAME: PHONE:

ADDRESS:

Preferred time of visit: Morning Afternoon Evening
 (Please check one)

Please complete this form and return to the church office or call 443-742-8314.

THE HISTORY OF THE VASILOPITA

In the middle of the table during New Year's, a Vasilopita bread is placed in honor and tribute and eternal memory of St. Basil the Great. Every year a gold coin is placed in the Vasilopita for good luck to whoever receives it. The history of the vasilopita has two versions. The first version is explained like this: In the time of the Roman Emperor Julianos, somewhere in the East, when traveling towards Persia, he passed through the city of Caesarea. On hearing of his arrival, Bishop Basil (a long time friend and student buddies in Athens) came out to greet him, along with the people of the city.

The Emperor demanded that royal gifts be brought to him, because that was the tradition when royalty came to visit. Bishop Basil was poor he had nothing expensive to offer to the Emperor, so he offered him three loaves of bread. As a thank you, the Emperor instructed his servants to repay the bishop with plain hay from the fields. The Bishop did not leave without an answer to the injustice and embarrassment that he received from the Emperor.

"Your Majesty, we the people offered to you what we had and what we traditionally eat, and you returned the favor with an insult." The Emperor became angry and said: "Now accept my gift and when I return victorious from battle, I will burn down your city and I will imprison your people because even the gods that I worship, you and your people are against."

St. Basil returned to the city and invited his people to give him information concerning the Emperor's decision and said: "Don't worry, let's all gather up our coins together in one place, and when we hear that the Emperor is coming, we will throw them in the street as he is coming and from this act of love he will be satisfied and he will forget the threats that he made to us. Everyone did as the Bishop advised them to do. He then separated the gold, the silver, the stones and gems and placed them in a safe place. The Bishop then to be fair wrote down all the names of the people who gave. When the King came back with his army of soldiers, the Bishop told everyone to fast for 3 days and they were all told to travel to the Twin Hills of Caesarea where the church of the Mother of God was located. The Bishop then told them to pray to the Virgin Mary so she could change the murderous mind of the King.

At that time, the Bishop saw a vision of soldiers surrounding the area. He saw the Virgin Mary sitting on a large throne with angels guarding her. He heard her say: "Call upon Merkourios". In an instant, Merkourios the Great Martyr showed up with his armor and weapons and She gave the command to defeat the King. Then She called upon St. Basil and gave him a book describing the creation of the world. St. Basil then wrote the translation of the six days that God took to create the world. When it came for him to write about mankind, the vision disappeared into the heavens. His brother, St. Gregory of Nyssa added to the theme.

After that scene, St. Basil then left and came down to the city and visited the church of St. Merkourios. He realized that the Holy relic of the Saint was gone and it was placed on the hilltop to calm the worries of the people. "Let us all glorify God my brethren, King Julianos is dead. Come and receive back the gold pieces that you gave to save the city", said the Bishop. The people said in response, "we were giving this money to the king and we can't deny the heavens who protected us from death." St. Basil complemented them on their faith and he gave them back one-third of their gift. The remaining amount was used to build hospitals, nursing homes, orphanages and hostels. This event then became a tradition as well as historical for the people of Caesarea. Now there is another version of the story that is expressed differently from the previous version.

Once upon a time in the land of Caesarea, there was once a ruler who sent his servants to the Bishop of Caesarea asking for the treasure of the city and if the Bishop refused he would send his army to capture and imprison all of the people of the city. The Christians, who truly loved their Bishop, after hearing what the ruler demanded, went to their homes and collected all the gold, and silver that they had to offer as their gift to the Bishop so he can repay the ruler. During the night, the Bishop began to pray to God for the protection of the city. In the morning the armies of the ruler surrounded the city.

The ruler asked to see the Bishop; the people told him that he was waiting for him in the front entrance of the church. The ruler came to the Bishop and told him to give up all of the treasures of the city.

The Bishop just starred at him and said, "The only treasure that this city has is its poor, hungry and the suffering." "Let's leave that aside", said the ruler, "tell me where you hid the gold." "The gold is for the poor", the Bishop said, "there is no surplus." The ruler got angry and

said, "If you don't give me all the gold, I will take yours." The Bishop smiled and said, "You can look all you want but the only thing you will find is the clothes and vestments that I am wearing. The ruler said to him, "I will exile you and send you in chains to another country" The Bishop then said, "My country is in heaven". Then the ruler said, "I will kill you." "Even better", said the Bishop. "That will give me the opportunity to reach heaven above sooner."

The ruler became angry, he was frustrated and he wanted to do harm to the bishop. So, he commanded the soldiers to attack him. The Bishop answered, "Your greediness will finish you. Don't hurt the people of the city, because they caused you no harm. If you desire your gold, it's here waiting for you." At that moment, he showed him a large bag, but before the ruler had a chance to get a closer look, a man on a horse was descending from the heavens above and was battling the soldiers of the ruler. This man was as bright as the sun.

In that instant, the ruler's army turned to dust. They vanished. The man on the horse was St. Merkourios who rode down with angels and defeated the army. When this miracle happened, the residents of the city were glorifying God. Now that the city was saved, the Bishop was now put into a difficult position because he was thinking of what to do with the gold that the people offered. He had a dilemma. He thought about inviting everyone together to give them back their gold, but he was afraid that his people would be greedy and start another chaos. So, the Bishop took council in prayer and asked the Lord to give him some insight on this dilemma.

The next day the Bishop invited all the servants from the house of the poor and asked them to bake small loaves of sweet bread and to place or insert some gold coins in them. Afterwards, the bishop then distributed the sweet bread to each resident of his city. Some of them questioned "the gift" of bread given to them by their beloved Bishop.

What kind of a gift was this? They didn't know what to make of it. But later as they gathered in their homes, each family cut the small sweet bread and what should they find, but the pieces of gold hidden inside. This was a blessing because everyone was satisfied with the gold pieces they received.

From then on, this became an annual tradition and it has been passed down from generation to generation. And on New Year's Day as we celebrate with our families the cutting of the sweet loaf of bread or as it has become known as the "Vasilopita" named so in honor of St. Basil the Great, we too look forward to finding the lucky "coin" in the hopes that we too will be blessed in the coming year and years to come.

**Happy New Year and May God and
Agios Vasili Bless all of us!**

COMMUNITY NEWS

GREEKTOWN CDC

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3306 or by email at greektowncdc@aol.com. We would like to thank Romanos Restaurant, Captain James Restaurant, G&M Restaurant and the Double T Diner for generously donating prizes to the contest winners.

The CDC, in partnership with the Baltimore Gallery, hosted a successful art themed event called 'Books, Blues and Baklava.' This event promoted artists who reside or have lived in Greektown. We plan to host monthly art themed events, if you are interested in participating please contact our office for more information.

The Greektown CDC is looking forward to the Plateia project being completed! We are working with the Plateia committee to assist them on City related issues to ensure the opening in a timely matter. This project will be a great place to host a variety of church sponsored events and will help make Greektown more of a destination neighborhood.

As a reminder, always call 911 immediately when witnessing any illegal activity and 311 for non-police related city issues.

**Believe in your community!
Χρόνια Πολλά!**



DONATIONS IN MEMORIAM



IN MEMORY OF KALLIOPI PREARIS

Antonios & Foula Protopappas
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Nicolaidis
Ms. Eugenia Nicolaides
Mr. & Mrs. Theofore Onasis
Ms. Eugenia Kalis

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL ARGYRAKIS

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Mrs. Athina Neofitou

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IN MEMORY OF STEVEN SERAFIS

Saint Nicholas DIAMONDS

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE P. STAKIAS, DOROTHY & NICK KAITIS, DEBORAH PATERAKIS

Dimitrios & Joanne Stakias

*A monetary donation was given to Saint Nicholas,
by Ms. Cissy Funk,
honoring and wishing
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE HAPPIEST,
MOST PROSPEROUS AND
HEALTHY NEW YEAR "2012"
TO
George and Angelou Sfakianoudis*

**Saint Nicholas Church
Profit & Loss
January through November 2011**

Expense	
CAPITAL COSTS	
Capital Improvements	10,000.00
Plateia Expenses	89,065.46
Total CAPITAL COSTS	99,065.46
EMPLOYEE COSTS	
Health Insurance	42,746.36
Organist	3,250.00
6560 · Payroll Expenses	161,465.67
Payroll taxes	12,088.41
Pension	6,000.00
6050 · Automobile Expense	11,000.00
EMPLOYEE COSTS - Other	79,139.81
Total EMPLOYEE COSTS	315,690.25
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	
Advertising	9,282.75
6060 · Bank & Credit Card Svc Charges	4,507.56
Church Supplies	2,517.40
Clergy Laity Congress	1,952.32
Flower Donations	2,208.40
Fair Share	27,000.00
6260 · Gifts	5,400.00
Insurance - General	24,180.03
6530 · Miscellaneous	5,413.24
Office Expense	14,573.52
6610 · Postage and Delivery	2,701.95
Professional Fees	7,000.00
Telephone	3,996.41
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	110,733.58
OCCUPANCY COSTS	
Mainten · Building Maintenance	53,040.97
Cleaning Halls	200.00
Ground Rent	30.00
Janitor's Supplies	5,063.78
6940 · Utilities	38,014.80
Total OCCUPANCY COSTS	96,349.55
YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	873.41
Total Expense	622,712.25
Net Ordinary Income	(126,155.87)
Net Income	(126,155.87)

**Saint Nicholas Church
Profit & Loss
January through November 2011**

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Candles	77,748.26
Dances	
Special events	2,911.40
Dances - Other	3,398.00
Total Dances	6,309.40
Donations	
Other Donations	32,810.71
Flowers Income	3,300.00
Christmas Card Income	1,185.00
Donations - General	19,515.44
Donations - Hall	1,400.00
Donations - Memorial	20,050.00
Donations - Other	(175.00)
Total Donations	78,086.15
Greek Festival	109,468.00
Greek school registration	29,871.00
Interest Income	1,282.69
Plateia Income	5,000.00
Stewardship	186,167.00
Trays	17,266.00
Total Income	511,198.50
Cost of Goods Sold	
Candle expense	13,258.00
Dance Expense	1,080.62
6250 · Flowers	303.50
Total COGS	14,642.12
Gross Profit	496,556.38

KOINONIA DEADLINE

To all of our readers and organizations, submit your article(s) to the Koinonia staff by the deadline stated below. If your article is not received by that time, it will not be included in upcoming Koinonia. All articles or posters are due by the 15th of the current month for the upcoming month's issue.

**Issue month: February, 2012
Deadline: January 18th**

You may drop your article to the church office or e-mail it to Mr. Demos Anastasiades at: demos@comcast.net

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday, January 1: New Year's Day:
Circumcision of Christ: St. Basil the Great: Orthros: 8:45 am;
St. Basil's Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Thursday, January 5: Eve of Epiphany:
Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am. (Strict Fast)
Blessing of the Waters.

Friday, January 6: Holy Epiphany Day: Orthros: 8:45 am;
Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am; Blessing of the Great Waters.

Saturday, January 7: Synaxis (Gathering) of John the Baptist:
Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Sunday, January 8: Sunday after Epiphany:
Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Sunday, January 15: 12th Sunday of Luke (Ten Lepers):
Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00.

Tuesday, January 17: St. Anthony the Great:
Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Sunday, January 22: 15th Sunday of Luke (Zacchaeus)
Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Wednesday, January 25: Paraklesis Service: 7:00 pm.

Sunday, January 29: 17th Sunday of Matthew
(Canaanite Woman) Orthros: 8:45 am;
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Monday, January 30: Feast of the Three Hierarchs:
Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, January 3: St. Nicholas Greek School Resumes at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 4: The Ladies Philoptochos Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Saturday, January 7: The Ladies Panchian Society Meeting and cutting Vasilopita at 1:00 pm.

Sunday, January 8: Parish Council Elections, starting at 12:00 noon.

Tuesday, January 10: The Diamonds Meeting and New Year's Luncheon at 1:00 pm.

Friday - Sunday, January 13 - 15: Ta Ellinakia Competition Dance in Annapolis, Md.

Sunday, January 29th: The St. Nicholas Greek School Three Hierarchs Celebration after the Divine Liturgy.

Monday, January 30: St. Nicholas Greek School Closed for observance of Feast of the Three Hierarchs.

UPCOMING EVENTS – 2012

Wednesday, February 1: The Ladies Philoptochos Monthly Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday, February 7: The Diamonds monthly meeting at 1:00 pm.

Saturday - Sunday, February 11 - 12: Goya Dance and Basketball Tournament.

Wishing everyone in the Community, A Happy New Year, and may it be blessed with abundant health and prosperity.

For more information regarding community events, visit our website at www.stnicholasmd.org.

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