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### Father Michael's Message for Lent

## MAKE LENT A SPIRITUAL SPRING

Man today has become a Giant. Jet airplanes have given him wings to fly faster than sound. Radar has given him eyes so powerful that he can see through fog and darkness. Electronics have given him a giant ear to amplify the slightest whisper, turn it into a shout and hurl it around the world. Nuclear fission has given man powerful fists with which he can wipe our entire cities with one blow.

Unless man acquires a new giant soul to match his giant eyes, ear, and fists he will not remain a giant for long. How can man acquire a giant soul? Perhaps the period of Great Lent can be of assistance to us in this request for Lent was always intended by the Church to be a period of growth for the soul in the Life of God. Soon the snow will melt in the northern climates. The grass will turn green, and the animals will awaken from their winter sleep. The flowers will bloom and the trees will be covered with leaves. The earth will come alive.

What is it that will cause the earth to come alive? Spring! Of course. But what is in spring that causes the earth to come alive? The greatest secret of spring is the Sun!! Spring is the in-between period when the earth is changing its position, turning the north toward our great source of heat and light, The Sun! Spring then, is the time when our hemisphere simply moves into the position where the sun can bring new life.

It is significant that Great Lent happens to coincide with Spring. I think there is a wonderful lesson for us in this happy coincidence. Great Lent should be for all of us a period of placing ourselves in the position where the best things can happen to us. That position for all Orthodox Christians is the presence of Christ where the Sun of His Love and power can shine into our souls to bring about a real awakening, a real springtime experience of the soul. Lent

should be for all of us a period of turning our souls toward the spring of a new life through daily prayer, spiritual reading the Divine Liturgy and participation in the Holy Sacraments.

The Church service book for Lent (Triodion) calls this period the "spiritual spring which blossoms with the fruits of the Spirit.. love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control: (Gal.5:22)

Lent from the earliest days of Christianity was always a period of Public penance, a period of self examination, a period of clearing away the underbrush of sin to let the Sun of God's love shine on us.

Many times we become so accustomed to our way of living that we feel it is the only way to live.

The doctor in "Les Miserables" spent years in the Bastille mending shoes in the darkness of his cell. When the last Bastille fell and he was freed; he found himself afraid. He was afraid to go out. So the rest of his life was spent in a darkened room mending shoes with the door unlocked.

This story brings to mind what St. John Chrysostom said once. "The Sun may be shining in all its brightness, but each one of us is free to shut it out of our lives merely by closing our eyelids."

Unfortunately, people can shut the sun out of their lives and become accustomed to the darkness in which they live. During this Lenten period, we are urged to come to ourselves, leave the darkness of sin and return to the Father. It is for this reason that the Church offers us the Sacrament of Confession.

With Confession, we are able to open the door which kept us in darkness for so long, and open ourselves to a new brighter world.

KOINONIA

# Μήνυμα του Πατέρα Μιχαήλ για την Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή

## ΜΕΤΑΤΡΕΨΤΕ ΤΗΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΣΣΑΡΑΚΟΣΤΗ ΣΕ ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΙΚΗ ΑΝΟΙΞΗ

Ο άνθρωπος σήμερα έχει γίνει γίγαντας. Τα αεροπλάνα, του έχουν δώσει φτερά για να πετάξει γρηγορότερα κι από τον ήχο. Το ραντάρ του έχει δώσει τόσο ισχυρή όραση που μπορεί να δούν μέσα από την ομίχλη και το σκοτάδι. Η Ηλεκτρονική Τεχνολογία του έχει δώσει ένα τεράστιο αντί που μετατρέπει και ενισχύει τον παραμικρό ψίθυρο σε κραυγή ή οποία μεταδίδεται αστραπιαία σε όλο τον κόσμο. Η πυρηνική διάσπαση έχει δώσει στον άνθρωπο ισχυρές γροθιές που μπορούν να εξαφανίσουν ολόκληρες πόλεις μόνο με ένα κτύπημα.

Ο άνθρωπος δεν θα παραμείνει γίγαντας για πολύ, εκτός κι αν αποκτήσει μια νέα γιγάντια ψυχή που θα ταιριάζει στα γιγάντια μάτια του, τα αυτιά, και τις γροθιές του. Πώς μπορεί ο άνθρωπος να αποκτήσει γιγαντιαία ψυχή; Ίσως η περίοδος της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής μπορεί να μας αποβεί χρήσιμη σε αυτό το ζήτημα, διότι η Σαρακοστή ανέκαθεν προοριζόταν από την Εκκλησία να είναι μια περίοδος ανάπτυξης ψυχής, για μια ζωή σύμφωνα με το θέλημα του Θεού. Σύντομα, το χιόνι θα λιώσει στις βόρειες περιοχές. Το γρασίδι θα γίνει πράσινο, τα ζώα θα ξυπνήσουν από τον ύπνο του χειμώνα. Τα λουλούδια θα ανθίσουν και τα δέντρα θα καλυφθούν με φύλλα. Η Γη θα ξαναζωντανέψει.

Τι είναι αυτό που θα προκαλέσει την αναζωογόνηση της γης; Η Άνοιξη, φυσικά. Αλλά τι είναι η Άνοιξη που προκαλεί τη ζωντάνια της γης; Το μεγαλύτερο μυστικό της Άνοιξης είναι ο Ήλιος! Η Άνοιξη είναι το ενδιάμεσο χρονικό διάστημα, που η γη αλλάζει τη θέση της, στρέφοντας από το βορρά προς τη μεγίστη πηγή θερμότητας και φωτός, τον Ήλιο. Η Άνοιξη στη συνέχεια, είναι ο χρόνος που το ημισφαίριό μας απλά κινείται προς τη θέση του Ήλιου, ο οποίος φέρει καινούργια ζωή.

Είναι σημαντικό ότι η Μεγάλη Σαρακοστή συμβαίνει να συμπίπτει με την Άνοιξη. Νομίζω ότι υπάρχει ένα θαυμάσιο μήνυμα για μας με αυτή την ευτυχή σύμπτωση. Η Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή θα πρέπει να είναι για όλους μας μια περίοδος που τοποθετούμε τον εαυτό μας στη θέση όπου τα καλύτερα πράγματα είναι δυνατόν να μας συμβούν. Η θέση αυτή για όλους τους Ορθόδοξους Χριστιανούς είναι η παρουσία του Χριστού, όπου ο Ήλιος της αγάπης και της δύναμης Του λάμπει στις ψυχές μας και επιφέρει μια

πραγματική αφύπνιση, μια πραγματική εμπειρία άνοιξης της ψυχής. Η Τεσσαρακοστή θα πρέπει να είναι για όλους μας μια περίοδος καμψής των ψυχών μας προς την άνοιξη μιας νέας ζωής, μέσα από την καθημερινή προσευχή, την πνευματική μελέτη της Θείας Λειτουργίας και τη συμμετοχή στα Ιερά Μυστήρια.

Το Λειτουργικό Ευαγγέλιο της Εκκλησίας, την περίοδο της Σαρακοστής (Τριώδιο), την καλεί περίοδο «πνευματικής άνοιξης που ανθίζει με τους καρπούς του Πνεύματος ... αγάπη, χαρά, ειρήνη, υπομονή, ευγένεια, καλοσύνη, πίστη, πραότητα, και αυτοέλεγχος: (Gal.5: 22)

Η Σαρακοστή από τις πρώτες ημέρες του Χριστιανισμού ήταν πάντα μια περίοδος Δημόσιας μετάνοιας, μια περίοδος αυτοεξέτασης, μια περίοδος εκκαθάρισης μακριά από την αμαρτία, που αφήνει τον ήλιο της αγάπης του Θεού να λάμπει για μας. Πολλές φορές εξοικειωνόμαστε τόσο πολύ με τον τρόπο ζωής μας, που θεωρούμε ότι είναι ο μόνος τρόπος για να ζήσουμε. Ο γιατρός στο «Les Miserables» πέρασε χρόνια στη Βασίλη, στο σκοτάδι του κελιού του, επιδιορθώνοντας παπούτσια. Όταν έγινε η τελευταία πτώση της Βασίλης και είχε απελευθερωθεί, ανακάλυψε ότι φοβόταν. Φοβόταν να βγει έξω. Έτσι, πέρασε το υπόλοιπο της ζωής του εγκλειστος, σε ένα σκοτεινό δωμάτιο, επιδιορθώνοντας παπούτσια, με την πόρτα ξεκλειδωτή.

Αυτή η ιστορία μας φέρνει στο νου τι είχε κάποτε ο Άγιος Ιωάννης ο Χρυσόστομος: «Ο ήλιος μπορεί να λάμπει με όλη του τη λαμπρότητα, αλλά ο κάθε ένας από εμάς είναι ελεύθερος να τον αποκλείσει από τη ζωή του, απλώς και μόνο με το κλείσιμο των βλεφάρων του.»

Δυστυχώς, οι άνθρωποι μπορούν να κλείσουν τον ήλιο έξω από τη ζωή τους και να εξοικειωθούν με το σκοτάδι στο οποίο ζουν. Αλλά κατά την διάρκεια της Τεσσαρακοστής, καλούμεθα να αυτοσυγκεντρωθούμε, να αφήσουμε το σκοτάδι της αμαρτίας, και να επιστρέψουμε στον Πατέρα. Γι' αυτό το λόγο η Εκκλησία μας προσφέρει το μυστήριο της εξομολόγησης.

Με την εξομολόγηση, είμαστε σε θέση να ανοίξουμε την πόρτα που μας κράτησε στο σκοτάδι για τόσο πολύ καιρό, και να την ανοίξουμε σε ένα νέο φωτεινότερο κόσμο.

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## **PLATEIA CONSTRUCTION HAS MADE GREAT PROGRESS; COMPLETION TARGET IS APRIL; MORE FUNDING IS NEEDED**

Many parishioners have told us they would make their Plateia pledge and initial donation after construction began and they knew the project would be completed. Since planning and fund raising began in the fall of 2007, we have:

- Raised \$1,389,453 in cash donations
- Received \$157,590 in pledges
- Paid-off the \$834,230 debt resulting from original construction of the building shell
- Hired an elite team of professionals to complete the final building design
- Completed numerous building repairs and other preparatory work
- Secured and paid-for all required Baltimore City permits, utility fees, etc.
- Secured a \$505,000 construction loan
- Completed a pro-forma Operating Plan for managing the facility and business operations
- Completed contracting arrangements with a General contractor
- Began construction

These accomplishments have resulted from the contributions and hard work of many people.

• Contributions have been made by individual seniors, our GOYA, Philoptochos, the Diamonds and basically every Church and many ethnic societies. Contributions of \$5, \$10, \$50, \$100 and more have been made. Parishioners and friends of St. Nicholas who have the financial ability to be especially generous have made pledges of up to \$50,000 and cash donations of \$75,000, \$85,000, \$100,000 and \$375,000.

• Many parishioners have been working on the Plateia Project for four plus years and now that construction has begun, many parish council members and parishioners are donating their time, materials and their personal effort at the construction site to reduce costs.

**IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE PARISHIONERS WHO HAS BEEN WAITING BEFORE OFFERING YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT, WE HOPE THAT BY READING THIS LETTER YOU ARE MOTIVATED TO ACT NOW!**

The Parish Council is estimating that the project will cost approximately \$1,100,000. This includes the General Contractor and other known and projected construction-related costs. At this time our finances are as follows:

Project costs .....	\$1,100,000
Project costs paid .....	\$ 490,692
Project costs remaining .....	\$ 609,308
Funds (as of December 1, 2011):.....	\$ 142,407
Balance of Construction Loan .....	\$ 128,711
Funding shortfall .....	\$ 271,118

## **ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΡΟΟΔΟ ΣΤΗΝ ΠΛΑΤΕΙΑ; ΣΤΟΧΟΣ ΟΛΟΚΛΗΡΩΣΗΣ ΤΩΝ ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟ, 2012 ΧΡΕΙΑΖΕΤΑΙ Η ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΗ ΣΤΗΡΙΞΗ ΣΑΣ**

Πολλοί ενορίτες μας είπαν ότι θα κάνουν την χρηματική τους υπόσχεση προς την Πλατεία και θα δώσουν την αρχική δωρεά τους, όταν ξεκινήσει η οικοδομή και είναι σίγουροι ότι το έργο θα ολοκληρωθεί. Από το Φθινόπωρο του 2007 που ξεκίνησε η εκστρατεία συγκέντρωσης κεφαλαίων έχουμε:

- \* Έχουμε λάβει από δωρεές \$1.389.453
- \* λάβαμε \$157.590 δολάρια από υποχρεωτικές δεσμεύσεις
- \* Μηδενίσαμε το δάνειο των \$834.230 που προκύπτει από την αρχική κατασκευή του κτιρίου
- \* Προσλάβσαμε μια επίλεκτο ομάδα επαγγελματιών να ολοκληρώσουν τον τελικό σχεδιασμό του κτιρίου
- \* Ολοκληρώθηκαν πολλές επισκευές στο κτίριο και άλλες προπαρασκευαστικές εργασίες
- \* Πήραμε όλες τις απαιτούμενες άδειες από την πόλη της Βαλτιμόρης και καταβάλλαμε τα τέλη για ηλεκτροδότηση, νερό, κλπ.
- \* Εξασφαλίσαμε και μας εγκρίθηκε δάνειο οικοδομής \$ 505.00
- \* Σχεδιάσαμε ένα έντυπο /σχεδίου για τη Επίβλεψη και την διαχείριση των λειτουργιών και των επιχειρήσεων
- \* Υπογράψαμε συμβόλαιο με Εργολαβική Εταιρεία για να τελειώσει το έργο



Decorative chair railing installed by ET Cabinets, Manolis Theoharis.



Ceramic tile laid on the bathroom floor and walls of the Plateia.

\* άρχισαμε την οικοδομή

Αυτά τα επιτεύγματα έχουν προκύψει από τις εισφορές και τη σκληρή δουλειά πολλών ανθρώπων.

\* Οι συνεισφορές έχουν γίνει ατομικά από ηλικιωμένους, την GOYA μας, Φιλόπτωχο, «τα Διαμάντια» κ.ά. Έχουν γίνει συνεισφορές των \$5, \$10, \$50, \$100 και πλέον. Ενορίτες και φίλοι του Αγίου Νικολάου, που έχουν την οικονομική δυνατότητα να είναι ιδιαίτερα γενναϊόδωρη, έχουν κάνει υποσχέσεις μέχρι και \$50.000 και δωρεές μετρητών \$75.000, \$85.000, \$100.000 και \$375.000.

\* Πολλοί ενορίτες έχουν εργαστεί για τη Πλατεία για τέσσερα και πλέον χρόνια και τώρα που η οικοδομή έχει ξεκινήσει, πολλά μέλη του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου, και μέλη της Κοινότητας έχουν προσφέρει το χρόνο τους, τα υλικά και την προσωπική προσπάθεια και εργασία τους στο εργοτάξιο για να μειώσουν το κόστος.

Αν είστε ένας από τους ενορίτες που περίμενε πριν να προσφέρει την οικονομική του βοήθεια, ελπίζουμε ότι η ανάγνωση αυτής της επιστολής θα σας παρακινήσει να δράσετε πραγματικά και άμεσα!

Το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο υπολογίζει ότι το έργο θα κοστίσει περίπου \$1.100.000. Αυτό περιλαμβάνει την Εργολαβική Εταιρεία και άλλες γνωστές και προβλεπόμενες κατασκευές που σχετίζονται με το κόστος. Αυτή τη στιγμή τα οικονομικά μας έχουν ως εξής:

Κόστος αποπεράτωσης του κτιρίου: .....	\$1.100.000
Ήδη έχουμε καταβάλλει .....	\$ 490.692
Υπόλοιπο κόστος για το έργο .....	\$ 609.308
Την 1η Δεκεμβρίου, 2011 είχαμε:	
Λογαριασμός Πλατείας .....	\$ 142.407
Υπόλοιπο δανείου .....	\$ 128.711
Σύνολο .....	\$ 271.118

**Χρειαζόμαστε την οικονομική σας υποστήριξη!**

# COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

## FOLK FESTIVAL-BREAKING NEWS!!

The Plateia will be playing a major role in the upcoming Saint Nicholas Greek Folk Festival to be held on June 7, 8, 9, 10, 2012!

The festival committee has begun making plans to utilize this additional venue and is asking all members of the community to join in this historic event.

To find out how this year's festival is going to expand into the new area, join us at the first meeting of the 2012 Festival committee to be held on Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Social Hall. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23rd.

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of this much anticipated event. Bring your ideas, suggestions, and talent to the meeting. Saint Nicholas Church belongs to all of us. Show your love and dedication by becoming a member of the festival team.

*Frank Mitsos, 2012 Festival Chairperson*

## ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΛΑΙΚΟ ΠΑΝΗΓΥΡΙ 2012

### ΤΕΛΕΥΤΑΙΑ ΝΕΑ!

Η «Πλατεία» θα παίξει σημαντικό ρόλο στο «Ελληνικό Λαϊκό Πανηγύρι 2012» του Αγίου Νικολάου που θα πραγματοποιηθεί στις 7, 8, 9, 10, Ιουνίου 2012!

Η Επιτροπή του Φεστιβάλ έχει αρχίσει να κάνει σχέδια για να χρησιμοποιήσει αυτή την τοπική προσθήκη και ζητά από όλα τα μέλη της Κοινότητας να συμμετάσχουν σε αυτό το ιστορικό γεγονός.

Για να μάθετε με ποιό τρόπο το φετινό Φεστιβάλ πρόκειται να επεκταθεί στο νέο χώρο, ελάτε στη πρώτη συνεδρίαση του 2012 της Επιτροπής Φεστιβάλ, που θα πραγματοποιηθεί την Πέμπτη 16η Φεβρουαρίου, 2012 στις 7:00 μ.μ. στη Μεγάλη Κοινοτική Αίθουσα. Σε περίπτωση δυσμενών καιρικών συνθηκών, η συνάντηση θα πραγματοποιηθεί την Πέμπτη, 23 Φεβρουαρίου, 2012, την ίδια ώρα και αίθουσα.

Μην χάσετε αυτή την ευκαιρία να είστε ένα μέρος αυτού του πολύ αναμενόμενου γεγονότος. Στη συνεδρίαση φέρετε τις ιδέες σας, τις προτάσεις σας, και το ταλέντο σας. Ο Άγιος Νικόλαος ανήκει σε όλους μας. Δείξτε την αγάπη και την αφοσίωσή σας με τη συμμετοχή σας στην ομάδα του Φεστιβάλ.

*Φώτης Μήτσος, Υπεύθυνος του Φεστιβάλ 2012*

## PHILOTOCHOS NEWS

We are in the midst of winter and our philanthropic works are continuing as usual. Chickens have been prepared for Our Daily Bread during our regular schedule, every third week of each month.

Hospital visitations are also in full swing and the people that are in the nursing homes are so delighted when we visit them.

Our next meeting will be February 1st, and since it's Valentine's month we will have a chocolate night. Please mark your calendars that a meeting will not be held during the month of March.

The next big event for the Philoptochos is our Apokreatiko Glendi, which will take place on Friday, February 24th. Please refer to the announcement in this issue of the Koinonia for more information.

We encourage everyone who attends the Apokreatiko Glendi to dress up in a costume. It is always a good time for all that part take in the fun. The proceeds from this evening's event will be used for the Philoxenia House to offset the maintenance expenses for the house.

Keep well and stay warm although winter is treating well so far.

*Zoe Perdikakis, President*

## ΝΕΑ ΤΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

Βρισκόμαστε στη μέση του χειμώνα και τα φιλανθρωπικά μας έργα συνεχίζονται ως συνήθως. Ετοιμάζουμε κοτόπουλα για

το Daily Bread κατά τακτά χρονικά διαστήματα, κάθε τρίτη εβδομάδα κάθε μήνα.

Οι επισκέψεις μας σε νοσοκομεία είναι επίσης σε πλήρη εξέλιξη και οι άνθρωποι που βρίσκονται στην οικους ευγρησίας είναι τόσο ενθουσιασμένοι όταν τους συναντούμε.

Η επομένη μας συνεδρίαση θα είναι την 1η Φεβρουαρίου, και δεδομένου ότι είναι μήνας του Αγίου Βαλεντίνου, θα είναι «Βραδύ Σοκολάτας». Σημειώστε στα ημερολόγια σας ότι δεν θα έχουμε τακτική συνεδρίαση κατά τον μήνα Μάρτιο.

Το επόμενο μεγάλο γεγονός για την Φιλόπτωχος είναι το «ΑΠΟΚΡΙΑΤΙΚΟ ΓΛΕΝΤΙ» μας, που θα πραγματοποιηθεί την Παρασκευή, 24 Φεβρουαρίου. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες, παρακαλείσθε να δείτε την ανακοίνωση σε αυτό τεύχος της Κοινωνίας. Θα θέλαμε όποιος έλθει στο Αποκριάτικο Γλέντι να ντυθεί με Αποκριάτικο κοστούμι. Είναι πολύ διασκεδαστικό για όλους όσοι συμμετέχουν στη διασκέδαση. Τα έσοδα από την απομηνή εκδήλωση θα διατεθούν για το σπίτι της «ΦΙΛΟΞΕΝΙΑΣ», για την αντιστάθμιση των εξόδων συντήρησής του.

Κάντε υπομονή και παραμείνετε ζεστοί, αν και ο χειμώνας είναι καλά κρατά μέχρι τώρα

*Ζωή Περδικάκη, Πρόεδρος*

## STEWARDSHIP

### The Woman Who offered Precious Ointment

There's a principle found throughout the Scriptures concerning giving, it says, "When you give, you gain what you cannot buy with your money."

In Mark 14:3-9, a woman gave Jesus a gift of precious ointment. There were some present who called her gift a "waste". They said the ointment could have been sold and the money given to the poor. Jesus rebuked their hypocrisy, for gifts given from the heart are always accepted by the Lord. This woman gave Jesus something precious, her best gift, the best she could do.

When you give to the church, is your gift merely a token gift or is it, a generous gift, coming from your heart filled with love? Notice what else Jesus said about this woman's gift: "I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her." She couldn't buy that kind of testimony for any amount of money; but giving obtained it for her.

Your giving does not stop when you put a check in your Stewardship envelope. Your giving continues to live on as a testimony to God's presence. Your money is transformed into the service of Orthodoxy on the parish, Archdiocesan, Metropolis and Patriarchal level. You can't put a price on that. You cannot buy an eternal soul, but through giving you can make eternity possible for your soul, your family's and for others. You cannot buy the blessings of God, but through giving you can release God's blessing through the Church.

Today, are you giving in the spirit of the woman who anointed Jesus with the costly ointment? Have you increased your Stewardship Commitment for 2012 over 2011's? If you haven't maybe you should reconsider. Does your giving reflect generosity of spirit, which provides blessings that "money cannot buy"? Is your Stewardship Commitment for 2012 a loving gift, a generous gift, and a gift coming from your heart?

Let's all join hearts and hands today in the Body of Christ and give our best to the work of the Lord for 2012. May the Lord say about you: He has given his best, she has given her best.

*Thank you, The Stewardship Committee*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday of Orthodoxy this year falls on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and it is the first Sunday of Lent. Please remember that we as a Sunday

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# COMMUNITY NEWS - KOINOTIKA NEA

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School will once again be participating in the procession of the Icons in the church at the end of the Divine Liturgy. We ask that if any of our students have their own personal Icon they want to carry to make sure they bring it with them on that day.

Once again the Sunday School will also sponsor its Annual Lenten Spaghetti Luncheon on Sunday of Orthodoxy after church. The cost will still be the same at \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids 12 and under. We invite all of our church families to come and support the only fundraising event that the Sunday School holds.

Also on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. It will begin at 10:30 am with registration and speeches will start at 11:00 am. Topics will be or have been distributed to the students. If you didn't get yours, please see your Sunday School teacher. Or, you can go to the Archdiocese site at: [www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org) to download copies for your division. To participate at the Parish level, you must be in Grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. The three levels are: the Elementary, Junior and Senior. Scholarships will be given to the top two finalists from the Junior and Senior Division. And these finalists from each division will go on to represent St. Nicholas Church at the District Festival that will take place this year at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Frederick, Md. We are pleased to learn that Maryland has been selected to host the National Oratorical Festival this year with the host church being St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Bethesda. So we welcome all of our current Sunday School students and graduates who are still in high school to participate.

We hope everyone has a beautiful upcoming Lenten Period.  
*Kali Sarakosti.*

## **GREEK SCHOOL NEWS**

### **THE GREEK SCHOOL LOOKING TO ADD LANGUAGE LAB**

*Dear Parishioners:*

When it comes to the education of our Greek School Students, the teaching staff and Greek School PTA cannot stand still. The PTA is looking to purchase additional computers and language software to aid our students in learning the Greek language through the use of a language laboratory.

The language laboratory is an audio or audio-visual installation used as an aid in modern language teaching. They can be found, amongst other places, in schools, universities and academies. The purpose of a language lab is to involve students to actively participate in language learning exercises and get more practice speaking and listening to the Greek language so to supplement their current learning in the classroom. The language laboratory would be extremely beneficial for all of our Greek School students.

How may our parishioners help defray the cost of these vital improvements? Simple. Apply for our Greek School Credit Card. How? Follow these simple steps:

- Visit [www.cardlabconnect.com/StNicholasGreekSchoolVisa](http://www.cardlabconnect.com/StNicholasGreekSchoolVisa)
- Pick your card design
- Apply for the credit card
- Receive your credit card in the mail, and start using
- The Greek School receives \$50.00 on your first purchase
- The Greek School receives 2% donation on gas and grocery purchases
- 1% donation on all other purchases
- Up to 10% donation of purchases made at select merchants

It is an easy way to help the Greek School flourish. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Parish Council Member, Demos Anastasiades at 410-337-7180.

*Thank you.*

*The St. Nicholas Greek School PTA Board Members*

ST. NICHOLAS PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

*PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL*  
**APOKREATIKO GLENDI 2012**  
**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2012**

ST. NICHOLAS SOCIAL HALL  
520 PONCA ST.  
BALTIMORE, MD 21224

**DINNER: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM DANCE: 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM**

*Dance to the Beat of APOLLONIA*  
*Enjoy Mezethakia, Dinner, Dessert and Captivating Kefi*

**TICKETS ... ADULTS: \$25.00**  
**CHILDREN UNDER 10: \$5.00 — CASH BAR**  
**FOR TICKETS PLEASE CALL**

**ZOE: 410-908-1556 or NORA: 410-979-6656**

**Rhodian Society of Maryland 'Diagoras'**  
*will hosts its*

**ANNUAL BULL & SHRIMP FEAST**  
*at UAW Local 239 Hall*

1010 S. Oldham Street, Baltimore, MD 21224  
*on*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2012**  
**from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

*There will be plenty of food, fun & music.*  
*So join us for a great time & bring the family!*  
*Let's celebrate Valentine's Day together. Anyone interested in purchasing a table or tickets, please see John Fotiou or call Maria Angelou @ 443-865-0851*

**The cost is \$40.00 per person. See you there!**

### **FIELD TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.**

#### **SPONSORED BY THE GREEK SCHOOL**

**Who:** All St. Nicholas Parishioners, Families and Friends.

**When:** Monday, February 20, 2012 (President's Day—Public Schools are closed and most private schools).

**Where:** Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

**Time:** Round-trip transportation provided from St. Nicholas Church to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

**Depart:** From St. Nicholas Church at 9:00 a.m. and return to St. Nicholas Church by 4:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person. All children must be accompanied by an adult, chaperone or older sibling 18 years of age or older.

**Lunch:** Is on your own.

**Deadline:** Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

Sign-Up at the Church Office.

#### **NEW EXHIBIT**

**Fly Marines! The Centennial of Marine Corps Aviation: 1912-2012** starting on January 14, 2012 - January 6, 2013;

See artwork and artifacts tracing the 100-year history of Marine Corps aviation.

Twenty-three galleries exhibiting hundreds of aircraft, spacecraft, missiles, rockets, and other flight-related artifacts.

**Highlights:** 1903 Wright Flyer, *Spirit of St. Louis*, Space Ship One, Apollo 11 Command Module, Hubble Space Telescope test vehicle. *Note: Transportation and admission costs will be covered by the Greek School PTA for any current Greek School student.*

#### **P.L.C. NEWS**

The next Parish Life Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2nd at 7 pm. All organization representatives are asked to attend whether or not they have submitted their event

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# Dancing the Night Away at St. Nicholas New Year's Party

The Parish Council of St. Nicholas threw a New Year's Party on Saturday, December 31st. DJ George Tsakiris played music for all the ages from authentic Greek music from the Greek islands to the latest Top 40's to 80's dance music. Many of us were transported back in time remembering our high school and college days as the DJ played everyone's favorite songs. The atmosphere was perfect for families with young children as well as teenagers to enjoy good food, music and to socialize with their peers. The stresses of the year and daily life were forgotten for the night and everyone was filled with joy and hope as the new year gloriously rung in.



St. Nicholas youths enjoying the New Year's Eve Party with their families.



The Skordalos Family Helping at Party



Parishioners enjoying the New Year's Eve Party.



Parishioners enjoying themselves at the New Year's Eve Party

# Greek Folk Dance Festival in Annapolis, Maryland



Ta Ellinakia participated in the Greek Folk Dance Festival in Annapolis on January 21 and 22nd. Ta Ellinakia won second place and Best in Costume! The Ellinakia had 30 children participate and we are so proud of all who participated. The entire group worked so hard and all their effort paid off with a great performance. They made all their parents/grandparents and entire community proud! Here are some photos of the group! Join us at the Ellinakia Welcome Back Night on February 20th at 6:30. This is a time for new members to join the group! Thank you to the entire community for their continued support!





# JOY is starting...Please join us!

Ages 4 to 12 years old

★ God is very important to us. ★

JOY helps to explain to our children how important God is in our lives.

The activities we will be enjoying:

- Father Michael will provide a religious lecture.
- Arts & Crafts
- Snacks

## CALENDAR

(Saturday between 12 noon & 2:00pm)

January 28, 2012

February 25, 2012

March 31, 2012

April 28, 2012

May 12, 2012

★ HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE ★  
God Bless!

REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church  
520 South Ponca Street  
Baltimore, MD 21224  
(410) 633-5020  
[www.stnicholaamd.org](http://www.stnicholaamd.org)



## ARISTON FOUNDATION

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 9, 2012

*ARISTON FOUNDATION is happy to announce it is now accepting applications for its first annual merit scholarship. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a deserving college or university student of Greek descent studying in the United States of America. A celebration honoring the award recipient will be held in the spring, date to be announced.*

#### SCHOLARSHIP QUICK FACTS:

\* Applicants must be currently enrolled in an accredited college or university and must be of Greek descent.

\* Applications are due electronically by March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

\* For more information or to request an application, e-mail Ariston Foundation at [aristonfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:aristonfoundation@gmail.com).

#### ABOUT ARISTON FOUNDATION:

\* Ariston Foundation was established on Greek Independence Day 2011 in Chicago. Ariston Foundation's mission is to award, through scholarship, individuals of Greek descent exemplifying academic excellence; to organize events and fund activities and projects promoting and preserving the Hellenic language and culture.

#### TO SUPPORT:

\* Ariston Foundation's first scholarship was made possible by countless volunteer hours and the support of our first small fundraising event. ALL event proceeds and donations benefit students directly. For more information on how to support Ariston Foundation's endeavors, to have a scholarship named after you or an honoree, or to donate to next year's scholarship fund, please write to [aristonfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:aristonfoundation@gmail.com)

# ✠ DONATIONS IN MEMORIAM ✠

#### IN MEMORY OF :

#### **PANTELIS & SPERGOULA, VASILIOS & IDA, AND JOHN KARPATHIOU JOHNS**

Mrs. Aspasia Karpathiou Johns

#### IN MEMORY OF

#### **EPAMINONTAS CHRISOSSOMALLIS**

Mr. & Mrs. George & Rosa Cornias  
Mark & Rosita Tornillo  
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Georgalas  
Mrs. Soula Kapetanakis  
Ms. Maria Salpeas  
Mr. Jerry Matos  
Mr. George Kyvelos  
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Hartofilis  
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Onasis  
Mr. Michael Tomazos  
Mr. & Mrs. Polychronis Alafassos  
IKAROS Restaurant  
Mrs. Athena Neofitou  
Mr. Chris Angelopoulos  
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Kalambihis  
"IKAROS" Restaurant

#### IN MEMORY OF **KONSTANTINOS KOSMAKOS**

Mrs. Maria Papademetriou

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Onasis  
Ms. Maria Salpeas  
Mrs. Anastasia Vasilakopoulos  
Miss Irene Vasilakopoulos

#### IN MEMORY OF **IOANNIS PAROS**

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Onasis

#### IN MEMORY OF **LYKOURGOW GEORGALAS**

Nicholas & Stavroula Georgalas

#### IN MEMORY OF **STAVROULA FORAKIS**

Nicholas & Stavroula Georgalas

#### IN MEMORY OF **ALEXANDROS**

#### **PAPAFOTIS & THEMELINA**

"IKAROS" Restaurant  
Michael & Maria Verenakis  
Mrs. Paraskevi Souranis  
Mr. & Mrs. George Arnas  
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Souranis  
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilis Skordalos

#### IN MEMORY OF **JOHN DENNIS PAPPAS**

Michael & Maria Verenakis  
Ms. Anastasia Hatziefthimiou  
Mrs. Metaxia Kardiasmenos  
Mr. Chris Angelopoulos

Mr. & Mrs. Vasilis Skordalos

#### IN MEMORY OF **FLORENCE MAVRONIS**

Stefanos & Greta Mavronis

#### IN MEMORY OF **VASILIOS FRANGAKIS**

Ms. Anastasia Hatziefthimiou

#### IN MEMORY OF **VASILIA CHRIST**

Mr. & Mrs. George Arnas

#### IN MEMORY OF **ELENI FIPIPIDIS**

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Souranis

#### IN MEMORY OF **CHRISANTHI KEFALAS**

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Soranis

#### IN MEMORY OF **FILIPPOS, MARIANTHI & EMMANUEL FILIPPOU**

Mr. Nick Filippou

#### IN MEMORY OF **ERMA MORRIS**

Ms. Maria Salpeas  
Mr. Chris Angelopoulos

#### IN MEMORY OF **FREDA ANGELOPOULOS**

Mr. Chris Angelopoulos



# COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

## LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2012 DONATIONS

### INCENSE FOR LENT

### INCENSE FOR HOLY WEEK

### ALTAR FLOWERS - VASES

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Icon of Annunciation

### Proskinitari

1<sup>st</sup> Salutations

2<sup>nd</sup> Salutations

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Salutations

### Adoration of the Holy Cross

4<sup>th</sup> Salutations

Akathistos Hymn Icon

Saturday of Lazarus Breakfast

Easter Egg Hunt supplies for children

Palms

Altar Flowers for Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Icon decorated

Decorations for Palm Sunday

Nymphios Icon

Holy Wednesday Unction Supplies

Holy Thursday STEFANI

Flowers at base of Cross

Icon Crucifixion

Holy Thursday Altar Flowers

Holy Friday Sheet

Epitaphios flowers

Lamentations books

Holy Saturday Laurel & Bay leaves –Daphnes-

Iconostasion decorations

Altar Flowers Easter

Anastasi Icon

Resurrection Lavarro

### Easter Eggs

— 50 cases purple 5day votive lights (cantilia)

— 50 cases white 5day votive lights (cantilia)

— 50 cases red 5day votive lights (cantilia)

## EASTER LILIES FOR THE CHURCH ΔΩΡΕΕΣ ΑΝΘΕΩΝ (ΚΡΙΝΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ)

Please donate Easter Lilies to decorate our church for Easter. The cost is \$20.00 each. Fill out this form and send or bring it to Saint Nicholas Church.

Αν επιθυμείτε να κάνετε τη δωρεά σας \$20.00, συμπληρώσετε το έντυπο αυτό και στείλετε την δωρεά σας εγκαίρως στον Άγιο Νικόλαο.



NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

AMOUNT \$20.00

OTHER AMOUNT .....

### 2012 Application for the Kiriakos D. Katsikides Memorial Scholarship

Name: .....

Address: ..... Phone Number: ..... E-mail: .....

College/University/Trade School: ..... Planned Graduation Date: ..... Planned Major: .....

High School GPA: ..... ROTC/Military: YES  NO

**Short Essay:** Please write one to two paragraphs explaining what you plan to study and your career goals. (Attach to application)

**Other Requirements:** Please provide a grade report showing your GPA or academic performance. If you are military pursuing a degree and have already graduated high school, please provide a copy of your diploma and honorable discharge paperwork.

**Please mail e-mail the application to: [scholarship@Katsikides.org](mailto:scholarship@Katsikides.org) or [www.katsikides.org](http://www.katsikides.org)**

**Or mail to: THE KATSIKIDES SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
118 EDGEWOOD ROAD  
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21286**

# St. Nicholas Elects New Parish Council, January 8, 2012



Parishioners, Mr and Mrs. Nick Patras voting at the Parish Council Elections. Mr. Patras is one of our longest living active members. He served on the Parish Council Board for 27 years.



Mr. George Sfakianoudis coming to vote in the Parish Council Elections held on January 8, 2012

## Saint Nicholas Church Profit & Loss January through December 2011

<b>Expense</b>	
<b>CAPITAL COSTS</b>	
Capital Improvements	10,000.00
Plateia Expenses	109,441.46
<b>Total CAPITAL COSTS</b>	<b>119,441.46</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>	
Health Insurance	53,880.79
Organist	4,000.00
6560 · Payroll Expenses	176,793.57
Payroll taxes	15,360.71
Pension	6,000.00
6050 · Automobile Expense	12,000.00
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS - Other</b>	<b>87,715.82</b>
<b>Total EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>	<b>355,750.89</b>
<b>GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATION</b>	
Advertising	10,264.25
6060 · Bank & Credit Card Svc Charges	4,776.90
Church Supplies	5,047.25
Clergy Laity Congress	1,952.32
Flower Donations	2,603.40
Fair Share	30,000.00
6260 · Gifts	5,400.00
Insurance - General	25,415.85
6530 · Miscellaneous	5,613.24
Office Expense	15,983.10
6610 · Postage and Delivery	2,701.95
Professional Fees	8,500.00
Telephone	4,440.13
<b>Total GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>122,698.39</b>
<b>OCCUPANCY COSTS</b>	
Mainten · Building Maintenance	53,607.97
Cleaning Halls	200.00
Ground Rent	60.00
Janitor's Supplies	5,063.78
6940 · Utilities	39,000.34
<b>Total OCCUPANCY COSTS</b>	<b>97,932.09</b>
<b>YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL</b>	
	873.41
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>696,696.24</b>
<b>Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(125,886.22)</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>(125,886.22)</b>

## Saint Nicholas Church Profit & Loss January through December 2011

<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Candles	83,327.44
<b>Dances</b>	
Special events	1,998.97
Dances - Other	32,313.00
<b>Total Dances</b>	<b>34,311.97</b>
<b>Donations</b>	
Other Donations	34,123.71
Flowers Income	3,650.00
Christmas Card Income	1,425.00
Donations - General	21,315.31
Donations - Hall	1,400.00
Donations - Memorial	21,850.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>83,764.02</b>
Greek Festival	129,468.00
Greek school registration	30,235.00
Interest Income	1,282.69
Plateia Income	5,000.00
Stewardship	207,069.00
Trays	19,102.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>593,560.12</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
Candle expense	15,458.00
Dance Expense	6,813.60
6250 · Flowers	478.50
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>22,750.10</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>570,810.02</b>

### 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: March, 2012**  
**Deadline: February 15th**

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

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calendars.

Please contact Kelly Angelos at greekgirl018@verzion.net if you have any questions. Remember to have your events on the church calendar, you must be present at these monthly meetings.

*Thank you, The P.L.C. Committee*

## GREEKTOWN CDC

*A message from Col. John E. Gavrilis, CEO*

We would like to congratulate the Kohilas family on their expansion of Ikaros restaurant to 4901 Eastern Avenue, the former Azteca De Oro. The Greektown CDC has fought problems stemming from 4901 Eastern Ave for many years. We are delighted to see this former problem corner blossom into a great restaurant. Ikaros has not only been a destination for Greektown but one of the most famous restaurants in Baltimore. This investment, along

with many other pending commercial investments, is a great win for Greektown and will help attract new homeowners to the area.

We are continuing our tree planting campaign, if you are interested in a beautiful tree in front of your home (pending available funding), call our office to be added to the list. Trees improve the health, safety and property values of a community.

Residents and business owners are reminded that during winter snow storms you must shovel your sidewalk. The clearing of storm drains would allow melting snow to drain. Also, please check on your elderly neighbors. Feel free to call Jason at 410-327-3306 if you have any concerns. We continue to look for new committee chairs and volunteers to join our organization. Stop by our office to discuss what you would like to see done in your neighborhood!

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

**Believe in your community!**

## St. John the Baptist Orthodox Adult Day Center And Senior Center Plus

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Adult Day Center serves the entire Orthodox Christian Community but not limited to: Greek, Russian, Ukrainian and Antioch population. It is conveniently located off the Harrisburg Expressway, I-83 at 10947 Golden West Drive in Hunt Valley, MD.

- All of the meals are prepared onsite by our Greek chef. Meals include breakfast, a hot lunch and snack.
- Our Activity Coordinator speaks Greek fluently. She plans many trips to shop, cultural events, luncheons and areas of interest as well as a full range of activities onsite.
- Our full-time Registered Nurse will be able to dispense medication with a physician order, do injections such as insulin, treat wounds and monitor for all medical needs. Our care team includes an interdisciplinary approach and strives to meet the needs of each individual.
- The center is opened Monday through Friday with extended hours available. Our catchment includes Baltimore County/City and all surrounding counties.
- We offer transportation to and from day care and to medical appointments scheduled during non drive time hours.
- We offer assistance with all activities of daily living such as toileting, feeding and showers.
- Our Physical Therapist is on site two days a week.
- Religious Services are held often at the center.
- We accept various pay methods and funding.

If you or someone you know is interested in attending, please contact **Irene Giannaros directly at (410) 329-1444 or email at [marketing@stjohnamdc.com](mailto:marketing@stjohnamdc.com)**. Appointments are available for touring the center and for any questions you may have. Our goal is to increase the quality of life for each participant so they can remain in the community at optimal functioning. Our philosophy is:

**"TO CARE ALWAYS"**



## St. John the Baptist Orthodox Adult Day Center

**Phone:** 410-329-1444

**Fax:** 410-329-1533

10947 Golden West Drive  
Hunt Valley, MD 21031

# PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

**Thursday, February 2:** The Feast of the "Presentation of our Lord" Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

**Sunday, February 5:** Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: "The TRIODION BEGINS"

Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

**Friday, February 10:** St. Haralambos the Great Martyr:

Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

**Sunday, February 12:** Sunday of the Prodigal Son:

Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

**Wednesday, February 15:** Paraklesis Service: 7:00 pm.

**Saturday, February 18:** First Saturday of the Souls:

Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

**Sunday, February 19:** Meatfare Sunday: (Judgement Sunday):

Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

**Wednesday, February 22:** Holy Unction Service: 7:00 pm.

**Saturday, February 25:** Second Saturday of the Souls:

Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

**Sunday, February 26:** Cheesefare Sunday (Forgiveness Sunday)

Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00

**Monday, February 27:** GREAT LENT BEGINS:

Compline Service: 7:00 pm.

**Wednesday, February 29:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy: 7:00 pm.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Wednesday, February 1:** The Ladies Philoptochos Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, February 3:** Movie Night Sponsored by the *Ta Ellinakia*

**Saturday, February 4:** Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade Dance from 8:00 p.m. to 2 a.m.

**Monday, February 6:** Ladies Night at Blue Hill Tavern Sponsored by the Philoptochos at 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 7:** Diamonds Monthly Meeting at 1 p.m.

**Wednesday & Thursday, February 8 and 9:** Greek School Service Project starting at 6 pm.

**Friday, February 10:** The Rhodian Society of Md. "Diagoras" Annual Bull & Shrimp Feast at 7:00 pm.

**Saturday & Sunday, February 11-12:** GOYA Basketball Tournament and Dance.

**Sunday, February 12:** Godparents Day at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

**Monday, February 20:** Greek School Trip to Smithsonian Air & Space Museum from 9:00 am. to 4 pm.

**Monday, February 20:** Ta Ellinakia Registration at 6:30 pm.

**Wednesday, February 22:** Ta Ellinakia Service Project

**Friday, February 24:** Philoptochos Apokreatiko Glendi Dinner Dance from 7:00 pm. to 1:00 am.

**Saturday, February 25:** J.O.Y. Program from 12 noon to 2 pm.

## UPPER COMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, March 6:** Diamond Lenten Luncheon: 1 pm. to 3 pm.

**Thursday, March 8:** The Ladies Panchian Society Monthly Meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

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