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Pastoral Message from Fr. Michael Pastrikos

TEACHING OUR CHILDREN ABOUT MEMORIAL PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Our Orthodox Christian faith takes death frankly and openly into account. Our Church calendar provides many occasions when we are asked to face up to the fact of death. Pascha is one occasion. Sunday is another.

Every Sunday is a “little Pascha” on our Church calendar celebrating Christ’s victory over death. On our Church calendar every year there are special Memorial Saturdays or “Saturday of the Souls” which provide another opportunity for us to face up to death. On these Saturday’s the Divine Liturgy is celebrated and special prayers are offered for the deceased loved ones.

We pray for the dead especially on Saturdays since it was on the Sabbath day that Christ lay dead in the tomb “resting from all His works” and “trampling down death by death”. Thus in the New Testament, Saturday became the proper day for remembering the dead and offering prayers for them.

From reading the above, one might ask this question: WHY DO WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED? Christianity is a religion of love. Praying for the dead is an expression of love. We ask God to remember our departed loved ones because we love them. Love relationships survive death and even transcend it. There is an inner need for a relationship with a loved one to continue to be expressed even after a love one has died.

Often even more so after a loved one has died since physical communication is no longer possible. The Church encourages us to express our love for our departed brethren through the memorial services and prayers.

The anniversary of the death of a loved one is very painful. The Church helps us cope with

this pain by encouraging us to have memorial prayers offered in church for our departed loved ones on the anniversaries of their deaths. On the 40th day of ones death, the church again gives us the opportunity to do something for our loved on. It helps express and resolve our grief.

Death may take our loved ones out of sight but it certainly does not take them out of mind, or out of heart. We continue to love them and think of them as we believe they continue to love and think of us.

How can a mother forget a child who has passed over to the life beyond? The same Christian love which led her to pray for that child when he/she lived will guide her to pray for them now. For in Christ all are alive.

It is also customary among Orthodox Christians to bring a tray of boiled wheat kernels to church for the memorial service. The wheat kernels express belief in everlasting life. Jesus said; “Unless a grain of wheat falls in the earth and dies, it remains alone, but if it dies it bears much fruit.” John 12:24.

Just as new life rises from the buried kernel of wheat, so we believe that the one buried will rise one day to a new life with God. The wheat kernels are covered with sugar, and raisins to express the bliss of eternal life with God in heaven.

COUNTDOWN . . .
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Μήνυμα απο τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστροικό

ΔΙΔΑΣΚΟΝΤΑΣ ΤΑ ΠΑΙΔΙΑ ΜΑΣ ΝΑ ΠΡΟΣΕΥΧΟΝΤΑΙ ΓΙΑ ΤΟΥΣ ΤΕΘΝΕΟΝΤΕΣ

Η Ορθόδοξη Χριστιανική πίστη μας έχει ξεκάθαρη άποψη για το θάνατο. Στο ημερολόγιο της Εκκλησίας μας παρέχονται πολλές ευκαιρίες που μας προκαλούν να αντιμετωπίσουμε το γεγονός του θανάτου. Το Πάσχα είναι μια περίπτωση. Η Κυριακή είναι μια άλλη. Κάθε Κυριακή είναι “ένα μικρό Πάσχα”. Στο ημερολόγιο η Εκκλησία μας πανηγυρίζει τη νίκη του Χριστού κατά του θανάτου. Στο ημερολόγιο της Εκκλησίας μας, κάθε χρόνο, υπάρχουν ειδικά Σάββατα ή “Ψυχοσάββατα” που είναι μια ακόμη ευκαιρία για εμάς να αντιμετωπίσουμε το θάνατο. Τα Σάββατα αυτά, κατά τη διάρκεια της Θείας Λειτουργίας, προσφέρονται ειδικές προσευχές για τους αγαπημένους μας νεκρούς.

Προσευχόμαστε για τους νεκρούς ειδικά αυτά τα Σάββατα, δεδομένου ότι ήταν ημέρα Σάββατο όταν ενταφιάστηκε ο Χριστός, ανεπαύθει όλων των έργων Του”, και “θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας”. Γι’ αυτό το λόγο, στην Καινή Διαθήκη, το Σάββατο αφιερώθηκε ως η πιο κατάλληλη ημέρα για να θυμόμαστε τους νεκρούς και να προσευχόμαστε γι’ αυτούς.

Από την παραπάνω ανάγνωση, θα μπορούσε κανείς να αναρωτηθεί: ΓΙΑΤΙ ΠΡΟΣΕΥΧΟΜΑΣΤΕ ΓΙΑ ΤΟΥΣ ΝΕΚΡΟΥΣ; Ο Χριστιανισμός είναι θρησκεία αγάπης. Η προσευχή για τους νεκρούς είναι έκφραση αγάπης. Ζητάμε από το Θεό να θυμηθεί τους κεκοιμημένους αγαπημένους μας, ακριβώς γιατί τους αγαπάμε. Οι σχέσεις αγάπης νικούν τον θάνατο, και ακόμα περισσότερο τον ξεπερνούν. Υπάρχει μια εσωτερική ανάγκη, για σχέση με κάποιο αγαπημένο μας πρόσωπο, να συνεχίσει να εκφράζεται ακόμη και μετά θάνατον. Συχνά, και ίσως ακόμη περισσότερο, μετά που ένα αγαπημένο μας πρόσωπο έχει πεθάνει και η φυσική επικοινωνία δεν είναι πλέον εφικτή. Η Εκκλησία μας ενθαρρύνει να εκφράσουμε την αγάπη μας για τα αδέρφια

μας που απεβίωσαν, με μνημόσυνα και προσευχές.

Η επέτειος του θανάτου ενός αγαπημένου μας προσώπου είναι πολύ επώδυνη. Η Εκκλησία μας βοηθά να αντιμετωπίσουμε αυτόν τον πόνο, ενθαρρύνοντας μας να κάνουμε μνημόσυνο, και δεήσεις που γίνονται στην εκκλησία για τους κεκοιμημένους αγαπημένους μας, όταν είναι η επέτειος του θανάτου τους. Την 40ή ημέρα του θανάτου κάποιου, η Εκκλησία μας δίνει και πάλι την ευκαιρία να κάνουμε κάτι για τους αγαπημένους μας. Μας βοηθά να εκφράσουμε τη θλίψη και τον πόνο του πένθους μας.

Ο θάνατος εξαφανίζει τα αγαπημένα μας πρόσωπα από τα μάτια μας, αλλά σίγουρα δεν τα βγάζουμε από το μυαλό μας, ή από την καρδιά μας. Συνεχίζουμε να τα αγαπάμε και να τα σκεφτόμαστε, όπως πιστεύουμε ότι και εκείνα εξακολουθούν να μας αγαπούν και να μας σκέπτονται. Πώς μπορεί μια μητέρα να ξεχάσει το παιδί της, που έχει περάσει πάνω και πέρα από τη ζωή; Η ίδια Χριστιανική αγάπη, που την οδηγούσε να προσεύχεται για το παιδί της, όταν ζούσε, θα την καθοδηγήσει και τώρα να προσεύχεται γι’ αυτό. Διότι για τον Χριστό όλοι είναι ζωντανοί.

Είναι επίσης συνήθες μεταξύ των Ορθοδόξων Χριστιανών να φέρνουν ένα δίσκο με βρασμένο σιτάρι

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HOLY AND GREAT LENT

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin this season of Holy and Great Lent, we do so in anticipation of the blessings we will receive as we commune with Christ through the special services, observances, and disciplines of our Orthodox Christian faith. We embark on a journey of faith, with the destination of the joy of Pascha before us, knowing that abundant spiritual treasure awaits if we are committed to intensifying prayer and fasting and service to others in charity.

We have begun to prepare our hearts for the impact of Great Lent during the Triodion period and our reflection on repentance and forgiveness. Our resolve to follow the services and disciplines is strong, but we also realize that we face many challenges in navigating the course of the season and realizing the great potential that it has to offer in our relationship with God. In the days ahead, we will have responsibilities and commitments to fulfill. We may have a family that will need our care and provision. Each day we will have tasks to accomplish, work to do, and obligations to meet. In addition, we know that new challenges will arise and pressures will appear that will make the journey difficult. Our resolve to strengthen our faith through Great Lent will be tested. Many things will compete for the attention of our hearts and minds, challenging us to be faithful to our commitment to deeper communion with God.

In the midst of daily life and during this sacred and solemn season, we must remind ourselves through prayer and reflection that we do not make this journey alone. The services we attend are beautiful and holy times of worship in the presence of Christ and in the company of our brothers and sisters. The disciplines of fasting and giving are disciplines of grace that connect us to the love of God and allow that love to transform us and be offered through us to others. Thus, our resolve and commitment in Great Lent should be strengthened by knowing that His presence and His grace are always with us. We make this journey in Christ. He is the source of the spiritual power we need to remain focused on the meaning of this season. He is also our destination.

As we begin this journey together, I encourage you to keep your eyes looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). Each new day reaffirm your resolve to participate in the services and disciplines of Great Lent as you live in the presence of Christ and experience His love for you. May we also remember that making this journey with Him, through the examination of the soul, through self-denial and obedience to the will of God, and through the suffering and pain of His Crucifixion, we will be with our Lord in the glorious light and life of His Resurrection.

*With paternal love in Christ,
+Archbishop Demetrios*

ΑΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΣΣΑΡΑΚΟΣΤΗ

Προσφιλείς αδελφοί και αδελφές εν Χριστό,

Καθώς αρχίζει η περίοδος της Αγίας και Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής, προσμένουμε τις ευλογίες τις οποίες θα λάβουμε από την κοινωνία μας με τον Χριστό μέσω των ιερών ακολουθιών, εορτασμών και τηρήσεων των κανόνων

πρακτικής της Ορθοδόξου Χριστιανικής πίστεώς μας.

Ξεκινούμε μία διαδρομή πίστεως με προορισμό τη χαρά του Πάσχα, γνωρίζοντας ότι μας περιμένει άφθονος πνευματικός θησαυρός εάν επιδοθούμε στην εντατικοποίηση της προσευχής και της νηστείας και της προσφοράς διακονίας στους άλλους με πνεύμα αγάπης.

Κατά την διάρκεια του Τριωδίου έχουμε αρχίσει να προετοιμάζουμε τις καρδιές μας για την εισοδο της Αγίας και Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής και για την περίοδο της μετανοίας και συγχωρήσεως. Η αποφασιστικότητά μας στό ν'ακολουθήσουμε τις ιερές ακολουθίες και να πειθαρχήσουμε στις ιερές πρακτικές της Αγίας και Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής είναι δυνατή, αλλά συνειδητοποιούμε ταυτόχρονα ότι αντιμετωπίζουμε πολλές προκλήσεις. Καθώς διατρέχουμε την περίοδο αυτή, αντιλαμβανόμεθα το πλήθος την δυνατότητων που μας προσφέρει η σχέση μας με τον Θεό.

Μέσα στις επόμενες ημέρες, θα έχουμε να εκπληρώσουμε ευθύνες και υποχρεώσεις. Έχουμε την οικογένειά μας που ενδέχεται να χρειάζεται φροντίδα και στήριξη. Κάθε μέρα θα έχουμε πράγματα νά φροντίσουμε, εργασία να εκπληρώσουμε και υποχρεώσεις να διευθετήσουμε. Επί πλέον, γνωρίζουμε ότι θα προκύψουν νέες προκλήσεις και νέες πειστικές καταστάσεις θα εμφανισθούν που θα καταστήσουν την πορεία μας δύσκολη. η αποφασιστικότητά μας να δυναμώσουμε την πίστη μας μέσα της Αγίας και Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής θα δοκιμασθή. Πολλοί περισπαμοί θα αποπειραθούν να τραβήξουν την προσοχή την καρδιάν και την διάνοιαν μας προκαλώντας μας να παραμείνουμε πιστοί στην αφοσίωσή μας στην προσπάθειά μας για βαθύτερη επικοινωνία με τον Θεό.

Μέσα στην καθημερινή μας ζωή και στη διάρκεια αυτής της ιερής και κατανυκτικής περιόδου, πρέπει νά υπενθυμίζουμε στον εαυτό μας μέσω της προσευχής και της σκέψεως ότι δεν πορευόμεθα σ' αυτή την διαδρομή μόνοι μας.

Οι ιερές ακολουθίες που παρακολουθούμε είναι ωραίες και ιερές ευκαιρίες λατρείας με την παρουσία του Χριστού και την συμμετοχή των αδελφών μας. Οι πρακτικές της νηστείας και της φιλανθρωπίας είναι πρακτικές χάριτος η οποία μας συνδέει με την αγάπη του Θεού και επιτρέπει στην αγάπη αυτή να μας μεταμορφώνει και να μεταδίδεται από εμάς στους άλλους. Έτσι, η αποφασιστικότητα και η αφοσίωσή μας στην Αγία και Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή πρέπει να ενισχύεται γνωρίζοντας ότι η παρουσία του Θεού και η χάρη Του είναι πάντοτε μαζί μας.

Κάνουμε αυτή την πορεία εν Χριστώ εκείνος είναι η πηγή της πνευματικής δυνάμεως την οποία χρειαζόμεθα για να εστιάζουμε την προσοχή μας μόνιμα στη σημασία αυτής της περιόδου. Επίσης, ο Χριστός είναι και ο προορισμός μας.

Καθώς ξεκινούμε μαζί αυτή την πορεία, σας προτρέπω νά απενίζετε πάντοτε εις τον την πίστεως Αρχηγόν και Τελειωτήν Ιησούν (Εβρ. 12:2). Η κάθε νέα ημέρα ας επισφραγίση την απόφασή σας για συμμετοχή στις Ιερές Ακολουθίες και πρακτικές της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής και της αγάπης Του γιά σας. Ας μη λησμονούμε, επίσης, ότι ακολουθώντας αυτή την πορεία μαζί Του, μέσω της εξετάσεως της ψυχής μας, της αυταπαρηγήσεως και της υπακοής στο θέλημα του Θεού, και μέσω της Σταυρώσεώς Του, θα βρεθούμε μαζί με τον Κύριό μας στο ένδοξο φως και στη ζωή της Αναστάσεώς Του.

*Μέ πατρική εν Χριστώ Αγάπη,
† Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικής Δημήτριος*

COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

THE ST. NICHOLAS SUNDAY SCHOOL

*INVITES YOU
TO THEIR ANNUAL*

LENTEN SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON

ON

Sunday, March 4, 2012

Sunday of Orthodoxy

IN THE LARGE HALL

AFTER CHURCH SERVICES

Donation for Luncheon

Adults: \$10.00

Children under 12: \$5.00

The St. Nicholas Sunday School

Invites you to the Annual

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

Saturday, March 10, 2012

Registration: 10:30 am

Presentations: 11:00 am

*Come and hear our young people as they speak about
our church, our saints, and our Orthodox faith.*

Registration Deadline: March 4, 2012

These are the categories for the participants:

Elementary Division – Grades 4, 5, 6

Junior Division – Grades 7, 8, 9

Senior Division – Grades 10, 11, 12

Scholarship Money will once again be given to
the top 2 finalists in the Junior and Senior Divisions.

The top 2 finalists in the Junior & Senior Divisions
will advance to the District Festival on March 17, 2012

Hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church
Frederick, MD

*For further information, list of topics and registration,
please Contact the Sunday School Office.*

UPCOMING FESTIVAL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. We would especially like to have all festival booth chairpersons present to discuss the expansion of our festival.

Please note that the ad book committee will begin contacting the business owners of our community. We need the cooperation of everyone in the community. The ad book form has been included for your convenience or you may pick it up from the church office.

Our food and pastry chairperson, Mrs. Roza Cornias has developed a program for the preparation of the various homemade items to be sold during the festival. Reminders and changes to the schedule will be posted in the weekly bulletin.

The festival belongs to everyone who loves the St. Nicholas Church. We need everyone's help to make this year's festival another success.

Thank you, Frank Mitsos, 2012 Festival Chairman

PLATEIA NEWS

Dear Parishioners:

Great progress is being made on the Plateia and a couple of weeks ago we had our first tour for the community members. On March 11, 2012, we will be holding our second tour after the luncheon to benefit the Plateia. Please join us for a luncheon immediately after church services on Sunday, March 11, 2012. The donation is \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children under 12 years old. All proceeds to benefit the Plateia fund. Please join during these exciting times. (See article on page 7).

*Thank you, Demos Anastasiades and
Frank Mitsos, Co-chairpersons of the Plateia*

ΠΛΑΤΕΙΑ – ΕΝΗΜΕΡΩΣΗ

Αγαπητά μέλη,

Μεγάλη πρόοδος έχει σημειωθεί στην Πλατεία και πριν από μερικές εβδομάδες είχαμε την πρώτη μας περιοδεία για τα μέλη της Κοινότητας. Στις 11 Μαρτίου 2012, θα έχουμε τη δεύτερη περιοδεία μας μετά το γεύμα που θα παραθέσει το Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο προς όφελος του έργου της Πλατείας. Παρακαλείσθε να συμμετέχετε στο γεύμα αμέσως μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία, την Κυριακή 11 Μαρτίου, 2012. Η δωρεά είναι \$20.00 για τους ενήλικες και \$10.00 για παιδιά κάτω των 12 ετών. Όλα τα έσοδα θα διατεθούν προς όφελος του ταμείου της Πλατείας. Παρακαλείσθε να μην χάσετε τις συναρπαστικές αυτές στιγμές. (Βλέπετε άρθρο στην σελίδα 7).

Σας ευχαριστούμε, Δήμος Αναστασιάδης & Φώτης Μητσός

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 4th—Philoptochos will offer a memorial service for the repose of the souls of its departed members. The ladies of Philoptochos will sponsor the coffee hour.

At the direction of our National Philoptochos a special tray will be passed to help the Greek families living in Greece.

Palm Sunday, April 8th—Tsourekia (Easter bread) sale will be held after the Divine Liturgy.

Good Friday, April, 13th—9:00 a.m. Decoration of the Holy Epitafio- All the ladies of our community are invited to participate with reverence and love.

This year our chapter commemorates the 10th Anniversary of the opening of our "Philoxenia House" which houses the indi-

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viduals and families visiting the Baltimore area as they await medical services. In honor of this milestone, we are planning a 3-day weekend celebration to be held during April 20-22, 2012. Please join us as we celebrate the success of this unique philanthropic project.

Once again we are preparing a community mailing which will include an Epitafio donation envelope. Our Holy Scripture teaches us that every day, and especially during Great Lent, we are to fast, pray and give to those who need assistance. Please open your hearts and give generously.

On behalf of the Board of the St. Nicholas Philoptochos, we thank you for your continued support and love of our benevolent works and wish you a Blessed Lenten Season.

With Love in Christ, Zoe Perdikakis, President

DIAMONDS NEWS

A BOARD MEMBER OF "DIAMONDS" RETIRED

We would like to take this opportunity to thank **Mrs. Despina Kaitis** for all her services to our Organization as a Secretary for many years. Despina decided to retire from her responsibility as Secretary but she will help us in other ways. We wish her all the best and good health in her retired life. This position is covered by Mrs. Kelly Papadopoulou. We wish luck and many thanks to both of them. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. Lunch, Lenten covered dish. Come and join us, we have the absolute fun. We plan an exciting and educational trip for our members and friends of our organization, to NEW YORK.

Please stop by the Church Office or contact Mrs. Rose Tsakalos and sign up.

When — SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012

Where — NEW YORK

a. STATUE OF LIBERTY

b. ELLIS ISLAND

c. ASTORIA

Price per person \$80.00

It covers transportation, and the Ferry boat ticket to visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Inland. Food on your own. For more information please contact Mrs. Rose Tsakalos 410-282-2940

Also, We present a 7 day/6 night exciting trip to ARIZONA, LAS VEGAS & THE GRAND CANYON

On October 4 - 10, 2012

***Visit to the Grand Canyon**—View this awesome monument from its famed South Rim

***Visit to Montezuma Castle**—an ancient five-story Indian dwelling carved out of a great limestone cliff.

*** Visit to Sedona**—this charming artist village is surrounded by beautiful red rock formations.

*** Sight-seeing tour of Phoenix**—Enjoy the beauty of downtown Phoenix, a mix of high-rise buildings and Victorian style homes. Visit the State Capital and discover the 5 "C's" of Arizona.

***Sight-seeing tour of Scottsdale**—Visit "the west's most western town" and the 5th Avenue Artisans' shop. Learn the pioneer history of the cosmopolitan city it has become today.

*Free time to experience the excitement of the casinos along the Las Vegas strip.

We ask for \$100.00 per person deposit with reservation.

Price per person \$1,500.00.

For information, please call Mr. Rose Tsakalos, 410-282-2940.

Package includes:

*Round trip airfare from Baltimore

*Airport/hotel transfers in Phoenix and Las Vegas

*Deluxe motor coach transportation for touring

*Fully Escorted

*6 nights hotel accommodation including:

—2 nights in Scottsdale, AZ

—1 night in Flagstaff, AZ

—3 nights in Las Vegas, NV

*3 breakfasts

*3 dinners

*baggage handling of one suitcase at all hotels

*hotel taxes, meal gratuities, airport taxes.

LENT, HOLY WEEK &

ASTER 2012 DONATIONS:

INCENSE FOR LENT—INCENSE FOR HOLY WEEK

ALTAR FLOWERS— VASES

1st Sunday of Lent

2nd Sunday of Lent

3rd Sunday of Lent

4th Sunday of Lent

5th Sunday of Lent

Icon of Annunciation

Proskinitari

1st Salutations

2nd Salutations

3rd SALUTATIONS

ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

4th 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 Lavaros

Easter Eggs

— **50 cases purple 5 day votive lights (cantilia)**

— **50 cases white 5 day votive lights (cantilia)**

— **50 cases red 5 day votive lights (cantilia)**

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Greek School News

The St. Nicholas Greek School students spent two separate evenings, making “welcome blankets” for the Ronald McDonald House. The goal of the “The Welcome Project” is to provide a blanket for each child that stays at the Ronald McDonald House, hoping it will make him/her feel a little bit more at home.

When a patient checks into the Ronald McDonald House, he or she will be welcomed by a handmade blanket at the foot of the bed. These are no-sew blankets. PTA Secretary, Maria Mimaros, donated all the material for the blankets. Children across Baltimore are working in clubs and at school to help out with this effort. The Greek School felt the project was worthwhile and were happy to help others in need. To learn more about the project, you may visit www.rmhcaltimore.org and look for “*Make Blankets for our Children through The Welcome Project.*”



Greek School students performing at the Three Hierarchs Celebration at St. Nicholas Church.



Greek School students made “Welcome Blankets” for the Ronald McDonald House.

FORMER GREEK SCHOOL STUDENT RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR



Emmanuel Chalkias

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) announced that Patapsco High School Center For Arts student **Emmanuel Chalkias** from Baltimore, Md, has been selected for membership. The Society recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved academic excellence. The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

“On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Emmanuel has demon-

strated to achieve this level of academic excellence”, said Mr. Nobel. “Emmanuel is now a member of a unique community of scholars—a community that represents our very best hope for the future.”

“Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities,” stated NSHSS President James Lewis. “We aim to help students like Emmanuel build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community.”

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified student to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resource, participation in program offered by educational partners and much more.

Everyone at St. Nicholas Greek School are very proud of Emmanuel’s accomplishments.

PLATEIA MAKES NOTICABLE PROGRESS; 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.

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; 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 \$157.590.00 δολάρια από υποσχεστικές δεσμεύσεις

- * Μηδενίσαμε το δάνειο των \$834.230 που προκύπτει από την αρχική κατασκευή του κτιρίου
- *Προσλάβαμε μια επίλεκτη 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
- *αρχίσαμε την οικοδομή



Dimitrios Stakias, Parish Council Member and volunteer at the Plateia.

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 γενναίοι, έχουν κάνει υποσχέσεις μέχρι και \$50.000 και δωρεές μερολητών \$75.000, \$85.000, \$100.000 και \$375.000.

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 αποπερράτωσης 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!

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FAMILY BINGO

FRIDAY, April, 27, 2012, 6 p.m.

Saint Nicholas Social Hall

520 S. Ponca Street

Baltimore, Md. 21224

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Bingo 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Prizes * Pizza *Refreshments will be sold.

Proceeds: We need to buy a new double burner & double oven stove. Donation \$10.00 per person

To buy your tickets please call the Church Office 410-633-5020, or Rose Cornias 410-633-2805 or Kelly Papadopoulos 410-967-0940. Come bring your family members and friends. Have an enjoyable evening.

ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΕΙΑΚΗ ΒΡΑΔΥΑ ΜΠΙΝΓΚΟ

Την Παρασκευή, 27 Απριλίου, 2012, στις 6 το απόγευμα. Στη Κοινοτική Αίθουσα του Αγίου Νικολάου.

Θα σας χαρίσουμε και πάλι μια ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΕΙΑΚΗ ΒΡΑΔΥΑ ΜΠΙΝΓΚΟ. Οι πόρτες θα ανοίξουν στις 5:30 μ.μ. Το "παιχνίδι" θα αρχίσει από τις 6 και θα συνεχιστεί μέχρι τις 11 μ.μ. Θα μοιράσουμε δώρα, και θα πουλάμε σνάκς, πίτσα, αναψυκτικά κ.ά. Με τα έσοδα θα αγοράσουμε και θα αντικαταστήσουμε την παλιά διπλή κουζίνα, με το διπλό φούρνο. Είσοδος \$10.00 το άτομο.

Για να κλείσετε το τραπέζι σας παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με το Κοινοτικό Γραφείο, 410-633-5020 ή με την κ. Ρόζα Κόρνια 410-633-2805 ή την Κέλλη Παπαδοπούλου 410-967-0940. Θα χαρούμε να σας δούμε! Φέρτε γνωστούς φίλους και μέλη της οικογενείας σας. Σας υποσχόμαστε μια ανεπανάληπτη βραδυά!

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

LUNCHEON

Benefit the Plateia Project

Sunday, March 11, 2012

After Church Service at the Church Community Hall

Donation: \$20.00 (adults)

**For tickets call Maria Salpeas:
410-633-5020**

CHESAPEAKE YOUTH COUNCIL

(CYC) SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IN FULL SWING

It is time to begin making your plans for the Chesapeake Youth Council (CYC) Summer Camp. CYC is one of the premier and oldest Orthodox Christian camps in our area. This year promises to be a year of spiritual growth and fellowship. This year's camp theme, "Are We Ready For Jesus?", allows our youth to come together and experience a great spirit of faith enrichment. The dates for camp are July 23-27, 2012.

IN ORDER TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT, FORMS ARE NO LONGER BEING MAILED. You may download volunteer and camper forms at www.cycsummercamp.com. Scroll to the bottom of the page for all downloads. Kindly take note that the camp does fill up very quickly

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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

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and substantial discounts are offered for early registration and payment. Don't wait until the last minute!

Thank you, John Daskalakis, Jr., Director

GREEKTOWN CDC

A message from Col. John E. Gavrilis, CEO

During tax season, the CDC offers assistance to property owners on fixed incomes or who have fallen on hard times by connecting them with the State of Maryland who provides tax breaks for such individuals. If you or someone you know has had a tough time paying their property tax, there is a Homeowners Tax Credit that bases your property tax assessment on income, not property values. You can find more information on this program by visiting the State Department of Assessments and Taxation's website <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/htc.html> or by calling our office for an application.

We would like to commend the efforts of the Parade committee and committee chairmen, George Stakias and Dino Frangos, on their outstanding efforts in preparing for the 2012 Greek Independence Day Parade. We are excited to see a large group of dedicated volunteers commemorating our Greek Independence with displays of our Greek community. This is a true highlight for Greektown and helps us preserve and promote our neighborhood, one of the few remaining Greektowns in the United States. We look forward to seeing you on March 25th, this

year's parade!

Check out our web site www.greektowncdc.org or call the office 410-327-3306 for upcoming events such as Citizen on Patrol walks and community clean ups. We continue to work with the City on crime and grime issues and have a strong partnership with the Southeastern Police Department. But we need your help to ensure all crimes are reported as soon as they happen. Call 911 immediately when witnessing any illegal activity and 311 for non-police related city issues.

BELIEVE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

ΔΙΔΑΣΚΟΝΤΑΣ ΤΑ ΠΑΙΔΙΑ ΜΑΣ ΝΑ ΠΡΟΣΕΥΧΟΝΤΑΙ ΓΙΑ ΤΟΥΣ ΤΕΘΝΕΟΝΤΕΣ

Συνέχεια απο την σελίδα 2

(κόλυβα) στην Εκκλησία για το μνημόσυνο. Το σιτάρι εκφράζει πίστη στην αιώνια ζωή. Ο Ιησούς είπε: «Αν ο κόκκος του σιταριού δεν πέσει στη γη και δεν πεθάνει, μένει μόνος του, αλλά αν πεθάνει φέρει πολύ καρπό» Ιω. 12:24. Ακριβώς όπως η νέα ζωή αναδύεται από το θαμμένο πυρήνα του σιταριού, έτσι πιστεύουμε ότι κάτι το θαμμένο, θα ζωντανέψει και θα αυξηθεί μία ημέρα, σε μία νέα ζωή, με το Θεό. Οι πυρήνες του σιταριού καλύπτονται με ζάχαρη και σταφίδες για να εκφράσουν την ευτυχία της αιώνιας ζωής με το Θεό στην ουράνια βασιλεία Του.

PHILOXENIA HOUSE, INC.

520 SOUTH PONCA STREET, BALTIMORE, MD 21224 — 410-633-5020

PHILOXENIA HOUSE OF BALTIMORE will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary beginning Friday, April 20th with a weekend of events. Since opening its doors in 2002, Philoxenia House has provided assistance to 98 families from around the world, while they were receiving medical attention at nearby Hospitals and Universities in the Baltimore area. It is strictly operated by volunteers of the Ladies Philoptochos Society of Saint Nicholas.

All proceeds from these events will go toward the operation and the future expansion of the home. Please mark your calendars and tell a friend for a fun-filled weekend and at the same time support a great cause! If you are unable to attend a donation will be appreciated.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012: CRAB FEAST

Jimmy's Seafood

Music by DJ George Tsakeris

Donation \$50.00 (Adult) — \$30.00 (Children 12 & under)

For tickets or information:

Antonia Stavrakis

Irene Vasilios: 410-687-3978

Christine Zervos: 410-627-0202

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012: GRAND BANQUET / SILENT AUCTION

Martins West

Music by Apollonia

Donation \$100.00 (Adult) — \$50.00 (Children 12 & under)

Sponsor tables \$2,000.00 with your name or company placed on The Tree of Hope

For tickets or information:

Stella Koukides: 410-574-4875 / Stellayk@hotmail.com

Zoe Perdikakis: 410-908-1556 / Zoe0707@aol.com

Nora Kefalas: 410-661-2853 / Norakefalas@gmail.com

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2012: HARBOR LUNCH CRUISE

Spirit of Baltimore

Music and Entertainment

Donation \$60.00 (Adult) — \$50.00 (Children 12 & under)

For tickets or information:

Colette Sakellis: 410-916-2093 / Colettesakellis@gmail.com

Sophia Paros: 443-910-5338 / Sophiaparos@gmail.com

Package Price for all three events \$195.00 per Adult — \$115.00 per child

All tickets must be purchased by March 30, 2012

Accommodations will be available at the Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards at \$149.00 per night. To reserve please call 410-962-0202 and mention Philoxenia House, Inc.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 1:	PLC Meeting at 7:00 pm.
Friday, March 2:	G.O.Y.A Lock-In.
Sunday, March 4:	Orthodox Sunday, Lenton Luncheon After Church. Service By Sunday School.
Tuesday, March 6:	The Diamonds Lenton Luncheon from 1-3 pm.
Thursday, March 8:	Ladies Panchian Society Meeting at 7:00 pm.
Saturday, March 10:	St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival from 10:30 am. to 1:00 pm.
Sunday, March 11:	Plateia Luncheon Sponsored by the Parish Council at 12:00 noon.
Sunday, March 18:	Greek School Program, 25th of March 1821 at 12:00 noon.
Saturday, March 24:	The Ladies Panchian Society, Annual Spring Tea at 12:00 noon.
Sunday, March 25:	Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade at 12:00 noon.
Saturday, March 31:	J.O.Y. Program from 12:00 noon to 2 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 4:	Philoptochos Monthly Meeting at 7:00 pm.
Thursday, April 5:	PLC Meeting at 7:00 pm.
Saturday, April 7:	Lazarus Saturday / Easter Breakfast for the Community Children at 11:00 am.
Friday & Sunday, April 20-22:	Philoxenia House 10th Anniversary Celebration Weekend.

Saint Nicholas Church Profit & Loss January 2012

02/21/12 Accrual Basis	Jan 12
Expense	
EMPLOYEE COSTS	
Health Insurance	2,179.43
Organist	500.00
6560 · Payroll Expenses	14,827.90
Payroll taxes	1,134.34
Pension	500.00
6050 · Automobile Expense	1,000.00
Temporary Clergy Services	500.00
EMPLOYEE COSTS - Other	7,142.66
Total EMPLOYEE COSTS	27,784.33
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	
Advertising	1,831.50
6060 · Bank & Credit Card Svc Charges	217.51
Church Supplies	500.00
Clergy Laity Congress	450.00
Flower Donations	90.00
Fair Share	3,000.00
Insurance - General	938.36
6530 · Miscellaneous	612.18
Office Expense	811.46
Telephone	445.66
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	8,896.67
OCCUPANCY COSTS	
Mainten · Building Maintenance	605.09
Janitor's Supplies	1,149.44
6940 · Utilities	5,408.98
Total OCCUPANCY COSTS	7,163.51
YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	
Scholarship	52.20
YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL - Other	700.00
Total YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	752.20
Total Expense	44,596.71
Net Ordinary Income	10,149.08
Net Income	10,149.08

Saint Nicholas Church Profit & Loss January 2012

02/21/12 Accrual Basis	Jan 12
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Candles	3,384.00
Dances	8,932.63
Donations	
Other Donations	5,411.00
Christmas Card Income	40.00
Donations - General	2,527.04
Donations - Hall	2,200.00
Donations - Memorial	1,315.00
Total Donations	11,493.04
Greek school registration	410.00
Stewardship	32,052.58
Trays	955.00
Total Income	57,227.25
Cost of Goods Sold	
Dance Expense	2,481.46
Total COGS	2,481.46
Gross Profit	54,745.79

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: April, 2012
Deadline: March 16th

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF GREAT LENT

Monday, February 27:	Compline Service: 7:00 pm.
Wednesday, February 29:	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy: 7:00 pm.
Friday, March 2:	First Salutation Service 7:00 pm.
Saturday, March 3:	Third Saturday of the Souls: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.
Sunday, March 4:	First Sunday of Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.
Sunday, March 4, Evening:	Sunday of Orthodoxy Vesper Service. T.B.A.
Monday, March 5:	Compline Service: 7:00 pm.
Wednesday, March 7:	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy: 7:00 pm.
Friday, March 9:	Second Salutation Service: 7:00 pm.
Sunday, March 11:	Second Sunday of Lent: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.
Monday, March 12:	Compline Service: 7:00 pm.
Wednesday, March 14:	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm.
Thursday, March 16:	Third Salutations Service: 7:00 pm.
Sunday, March 18:	Third Sunday of Lent. Veneration of the Holy Cross: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.
Monday, March 19:	Compline Service: 7:00 pm.
Wednesday, March 21:	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy: 7:00 pm.
Friday, March 23:	Fourth Salutation Service: 7:00 pm.
Saturday, March 24:	Great Vesper Service: Feast Day of the Annunciation (Annunciation Cathedral) 7:00 pm.
Sunday, March 25:	Feast Day of the Annunciation/Independence Day. Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.
Monday, March 26:	Compline Service: 7:00 pm.
Wednesday, March 28:	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy: 7:00 pm.
Friday, March 30:	Akathist Hymn: 7:00 pm.
Sunday, April 1:	Fifth Sunday of Lent: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.
Monday, April 2:	Compline Service: 7:00 pm.
Wednesday, April 4:	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy: 8:45 am.
Saturday, April 7:	Saturday of Lazarus: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am.
Sunday, April 8:	Palm Sunday: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY—Evening:	April 8: The Bridegroom Service: 7:00 pm.
Holy Monday—Evening:	April 9: The Bridegroom Service: 7:00 pm.
Holy Tuesday—Evening:	April 10: The Bridegroom Service (Kassiani Troparion) 7:00pm
Holy Wednesday—Morning:	April 11: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy: 9:00 am.
Holy Wednesday—Evening:	April 11: Holy Unction Service: 6:00 pm.
Holy Thursday—Morning:	April 12: Divine Liturgy commemorating the Last Supper* The Service will begin at 6:00 am. (Working People)
Holy Thursday—Evening:	April 12: The Reading of the Twelve Gospels: 7:00 pm.
Holy Friday—Morning:	April 13: The Royal Hours: 9:00 am.
Holy Friday—Afternoon:	April 13: Apokathelosis Service: 2:00 pm.
Hloy Friday—Evening:	April 13: The Lamentations Service: 7:00 pm.
Holy Saturday—Morning:	April 14: Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil (First Resurrection) Services will begin at 7:30 am.
Holy Saturday—Evening:	April 14: Resurrection Service: 11:00 pm; Pascha Vigil 12:00 Midnight; Outside Service: 1:00 am, Orthros and Divine Liturgy.
Sunday of Holy Pascha:	April 15: The Agape Vespers: Holy Pascha 11:00 am.

DONATIONS IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF EPAMINONTAS CHRISOMALLIS

Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Trikoulis
Ms. Rosemary Tornillo
Mr. & Mrs. James Maurakis
Mr. & Mrs. Ector Alexandratos

IN MEMORY OF PROCOPIUS SOPHOCLEOUS

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Papaminas

IN MEMORY OF THEODORE & ANDREAS TRIKOULIS

Mr. & Mrs. James Maurakis

IN MEMORY OF HELEN FRAPAS

Mr. & Mrs. James Maurakis

IN MEMORY OF CHRYSANTHI KEFALAS

Mr. & Mrs. Ector Alexandratos
Pete & Flora Christ

IN MEMORY OF JOHN PAPPAS

Mr. & Mrs. John Fotiou
Pete & Flora Christ

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL ARGYRAKIS

Mrs. Despina Argyrakis

IN MEMORY OF ELENI FILIPIDIS

Pete & Flora Christ

IN MEMORY OF MARIA KOUTSONOURIS

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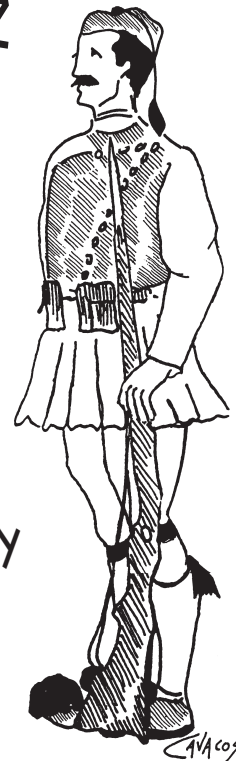
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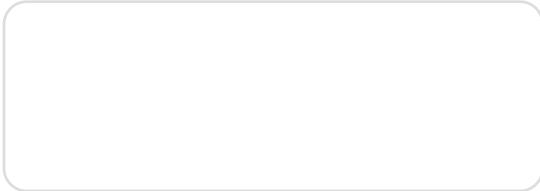
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