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## Message from Fr. Michael L. Pastrokos

### REFLECTIONS ON THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Every time this issue of the Resurrection comes up there is always in some people's minds an issue that is never answered and that issue is "Did Christ Truly Rise from the Dead." In this article, I will try to answer this question to the best of my ability. In Acts 1:3, we read from the Apostle Paul, which he wrote to the Corinthian church stressing in detail, the "many infallible proofs that Christ is risen indeed". St. Paul says: "But if there be no Resurrection of the dead, then is not Christ risen and if Christ has not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." (I Corinthians 15: 13-14).

During that time, there were many who doubted whether the dead would ever live again. Probably there are doubters today that feel the same way. Will this world ever change? I hope so! Let's look at the bright side of this issue. Try telling the people who were affected directly with Christ that His Resurrection from the cross was a myth. Try telling that to the Apostles who were with Him throughout His ministry. Try telling that to His mother, "The Virgin Mary", who gave birth to Him. Try telling that to "Lazarus" and those who witnessed his coming out from the tomb after being dead for four days. Try telling that to the son of the widow of Nain, the daughter of Jarius that their children were not returned to them alive. Try telling that to the women who woke up early that morning and came to the tomb and witnessed an open tomb. As soon as they saw the empty tomb, they were amazed and they were greeted by an angel exclaiming to them, "Fear not, for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen, as He said".



(Matthew 28: 5-6)

If we take for a moment and glance at the New Testament writings, we will find plenty of proof that Christ did truly rise from the grave and that truly there is life after death. Christ made all these miracles a reality so those who were healed and those who witnessed these events would believe even more when it came to His Resurrection.

So, let's reflect back to the theme of this article, which is: "After His Crucifixion did Christ truly rise from the dead?". I say this; we have people today in our

congregations and in other Christian faiths that play the doubting Thomas game. They want to believe, but in their hearts and minds, they cannot make that decision because at the moment they are not positive in their faith. Because for them, they have to see it before they believe it. If you really desire to witness and learn more about the Passions, the truth of the Gospels, the teachings of Christ and to reflect on the Crucifixion, the Resurrection and the Ascension of our Lord, all you have to do is follow a week full of knowledge, excitement and reflection. For Orthodox Christians, we call this week "Holy Week". It is the most important and significant week of the entire church year. During this week, the church reenacts the entire passion of Christ. It brings the past into the present. It relives the event so that we today may experience for ourselves. In many ways, it's like a TV program, which was called "You are There", that made us relive the present with actual historical events.

If we take the Jewish faith, they celebrate the Exodus from Egypt, they re-live every year the

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# Μήνυμα από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

## Στοχασμοί/Σκέψεις για την Ανάσταση Του Χριστού

Κάθε φορά που αναφέρουμε το θέμα της Ανάστασης, πάντα υπάρχει μια μερίδα ανθρώπων που αμφιβάλει αν ΠΡΑΓΜΑΤΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΣΤΗΘΗΚΕ Ο ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΕΚ ΝΕΚΡΩΝ. Θα προσπαθήσω να σας εξηγήσω και να απαντήσω σ' αυτή την ερώτηση όσο πιο καλά μπορώ. Στις Πράξεις: 1:3 διαβάζουμε στην επιστολή του Απόστολου Παύλου προς την εκκλησία της Κορινθίας, που αναλύει με λεπτομέρειες τις τόσες αλάθητες αποδείξεις ότι ο Χριστός πράγματι ανεστήθη. Ο Απόστολος Παύλος λέγει: «Αλλά αν δεν έγινε η Ανάσταση εκ νεκρών, τότε ο Χριστός δεν ανεστήθη και αν δεν ανεστήθη, τότε το κήρυγμά μας είναι μάταιο, όπως μάταιη είναι και η πίστη σας.» (Προς Κορινθίους 15:13-14).

Τον καιρό εκείνο, υπήρχαν άνθρωποι που αμφέβαλαν αν οι νεκροί θα αναστηθούν. Ίσως να υπάρχουν ακόμη και σήμερα άνθρωποι που αμφιβάλουν και αισθάνονται παρομοίως. Θα αλλάξει ποτέ αυτός ο κόσμος? Το ελπίζω! Ας δούμε την καλή πλευρά αυτού του θέματος, και ας προσπαθήσουμε να αναφερθούμε στους ανθρώπους που πιστεύουν ότι η Ανάσταση Του μετά την Σταύρωση, ήταν μύθος. Δοκιμάστε να το πείτε αυτό στους Αποστόλους που ήταν συνεχώς μαζί Του, σε όλες Του τις ιερατικές περιόδους. Προσπαθείστε να το πείτε στην μητέρα Του «Την Παρθένο Μαρία, που Τον γέννησε. Προσπαθείστε να το πείτε στο Λάζαρο, και σε εκείνους που ήταν παρόντες

όταν βγήκε από τον τάφο του, τέσσερις ημέρες μετά τον θάνατό του. Πέστε το στον υιό της χήρας από την Ναΐν, την θυγατέρα του Ζαΐρου ότι τα παιδιά τους δεν γύρισαν ζωντανά. Πέστε το στις γυναίκες που ξύπνησαν χωρίς το πρωϊ και ήλθαν στο τάφο Του και είδαν με τα ίδια τους τα μάτια τον τάφο ανοικτό. Αμέσως μόλις είδαν τον τάφο ανοικτό εξεπλάγησαν και άγγελοι τις υποδέχθηκαν εξηγώντας τους «Μην φοβάστε, γνωρίζουμε ότι ψάχνετε τον Ιησού, που εσταυρώθη, δεν είναι εδώ: Ανεστήθη! (Μαθ... 28:5-6-).

Αν ριζούμε μια ματιά στη Καινή Διαθήκη θα διαπιστώσουμε ότι υπάρχουν πολλές αποδείξεις ότι ο Χριστός πράγματι αναστήθηκε από τον τάφο και ότι πράγματι υπάρχει ζωή μετά θάνατο. Ο Χριστός έκανε τόσα θαύματα στην πραγματικότητα, ούτως ώστε όσοι θεραπεύτηκαν και όσοι έγιναν μάρτυρες αυτών, να πιστέψουν ακόμη περισσότερο, την Ανάστασή Του.

Ας επανέλθουμε λοιπόν στο θέμα αυτού του άρθρου που είναι «Μετά την Σταύρωσή Του ανεστήθη πραγματικά ο Χριστός εκ νεκρών» Σας λέω μόνο τούτο, υπάρχουν σήμερα άνθρωποι στην ενορία μας αλλά και σε άλλα Χριστιανικά δόγματα, που παίζουν το παιχνίδι του άπιστου Θωμά. Θέλουν να πιστέψουν, αλλά δεν μπορούν βαθιά μέσα τους

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## The Sunday Scripture Lessons of Great Lent, Part II

By Bill Poulos, Th.M.

In Part I of our examination of the Sunday Scripture lessons of Great Lent, we noted that while most of the Lenten Sundays have acquired secondary themes, the primary spiritual message the Church intends to convey on these days is found in their Epistle and Gospel readings. These lessons focus on God the Father's plan of redemption for mankind accomplished through the Incarnation, Passion, Death and Resurrection of His Beloved Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They also emphasize the appropriate response of truly faithful Christians to God's offer of salvation.

The instructional nature of these readings, we explained, can be traced to the fact that originally Lent was an extended period of preparation for new Christians, the Catechumens, who would be baptized at the Paschal liturgy. The teaching dimension of these texts is especially evident in the Epistles, which are all from Hebrews. Appropriately, Hebrews details the meaning of Old Testament worship that foreshadowed Christ's High Priestly office and the significance and redemptive power of His sacrifice on the Cross.

The readings for the first two Sundays of Lent, we noted, disclose to us God's promise to redeem mankind and the anticipatory hope and struggles of those Old Testament saints who patiently awaited the fulfillment of that promise. They also highlight the determined faith and courage required of those of us blessed to have seen and obtain in the coming of our Lord the realization of that promise.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, the Veneration of the Cross, the Scripture selections, we discovered, introduce the meaning of Christ's suffering and sacrifice on the Cross and our personal identification with His suffering and sacrifice. We learn in the day's Epistle that Christ is our merciful High Priest who gave Himself as a propitiation for our sins. The Gospel that follows exhorts us to take up our own Crosses through self-denial, suffering and rejection of sin for the sake of Christ and His Kingdom.

Turning now to the last two Sundays of Lent, we find that the Cross and Its significance continue to be the emphasis of the

Church's instruction in the Epistle and Gospel selections. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday's Epistle (Heb. 6:13-20) tells us that Jesus, "having become High Priest forever" has entered the Heavenly sanctuary for us "behind the veil" into the very presence of God to offer sacrifice for our sins. This hope, "both steadfast and sure" is explained as the fulfillment of God's promise that through Abraham's progeny all nations would be blessed (Gen. 22:18). In the Gospel that follows (Mark 9:17-31) Jesus, after explaining to his disciples the necessity of prayer and fasting for the spiritual life reveals to them that He will be betrayed and killed and that "after He is killed, He will rise on the third day". With this prophecy of His Passion, the Church begins its journey with the Lord towards Calvary and His ultimate victory over sin and death.

The Scripture readings for the last Sunday of Lent confirm and complete the concepts set forth in those of the previous Sunday. The Epistle (Heb. 9:11-14) reveals that what Christ, our High Priest, offered at the heavenly altar was His own precious Blood given "one for all" in order to obtain "our eternal redemption". We are told that through the "eternal spirit" Christ offered Himself "without spot to God". The final Sunday Gospel of Lent (Mark 10:32-45) begins with another of our Lord's prophecies about His Death and Resurrection and ends with His exhorting His disciples and us to loving selfless service to others of which He is the greatest example for "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as ransom for many".

With this call for the faithful to imitate and identify with Christ's supreme Self-sacrifice, the Lenten Sunday Scriptures conclude having prepared us to complete our passage to witness, proclaim and rejoice in our Lord's glorious Resurrection.

The Epistle and Gospel of the following Sunday, Palm Sunday, express the Church's joyful expectation as it awaits Pascha. The Epistle (Phil. 4:4-9) reminds us that "the Lord is at hand" and because of this we should be "anxious for nothing". The Gospel (John 12:1-18) captures the essence of our anticipatory elation and hope: *"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."*

## Διατηρώντας Ζωντανό το Πνεύμα Αγάπης

Από την Ευαγγελία Λαλά

Έχουν περάσει αρκετοί μήνες από τότε που εορτάσαμε τη χαρμόσυνη γέννηση του Κυρίου μας. Καθώς βρισκόμαστε στη μέση της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής, ας αναρωτηθούμε: Το πνεύμα αγάπης των Χριστουγέννων υπάρχει ακόμη μέσα μας, διατηρείται ακόμη ζωντανό? Φροντίζουμε ιδιαίτερα τους γείτονές μας, δείχνουμε ενδιαφέρον για τα προβλήματά τους? Αφιερώνουμε λίγα λεπτά από το χρόνο μας να τους τηλεφωνήσουμε, να τους στείλουμε ένα μήνυμα, ή να περιποιηθούμε κάποιους από τους γεροντότερους, τους μοναχικούς, αυτούς που νοσηλεύονται σε νοσοκομεία, ή τους κατάκοιτους? Αυτό δεν είναι το μήνυμα που μας έδωσε ο Θεός, όταν έστειλε τον αγαπημένο Του Υιό να μας κηρύξει τη διδασκαλία Του της πραγματικής αγάπης με απτά παραδείγματα? Η προσωπική μας συμμετοχή σαν Χριστιανοί είναι να εκτελούμε τις εντολές Του.

Καθώς προετοιμαζόμαστε τώρα για την Αγία Του Ανάσταση, θα πρέπει να ενδυμαμώνεται η αγάπη μας, και το κέντρο της σκέψης μας να συγκεντρώνεται στη φροντίδα του πλησίον μας, που διατρηεί το πνεύμα των Χριστουγέννων ζωντανό. Όλοι μαζί μπορούμε να κάνουμε μεγάλο καλό στο δυστυχή συνάνθρωπό μας, ειδικότερα σήμερα που περνάμε μια οικονομική κρίση. Εκτός από δωρεές φαγητού και ρουχισμού, μπορούμε προσωπικά και εθελοντικά να δώσουμε το χρόνο μας και να εξυπηρετήσουμε αυτούς που μας χρειάζονται. Είναι άριστα παραδείγματα προς μίμηση για τη νεολαία μας, και τους παρακαλούμε να συμμετέχουν σ'αυτές τις δραστηριότητες. Η πληρωμή τους θα είναι η εκτίμηση όλων αυτών που δέχθηκαν τη βοήθειά τους. Δεν μας έπτε ο Κύριος ότι όταν ταΐζουμε τον πεινασμένο και ντύνουμε τον

ρακένδυτο, στην πραγματικότητα ταΐζουμε και ντύνουμε Εκείνον?

Το φιλανθρωπικό αίσθημα όλων εμφανίζεται κυρίως κατά τη διάρκεια των εορτών των Χριστουγέννων, αλλά πολλές εκκλησίες και ιδρύματα οργανώνουν φιλανθρωπικές εκδηλώσεις κατά τη διάρκεια μεγάλων θρησκευτικών εορτών ή μεγάλων εορτών, όπου πολλοί άνθρωποι συμμετέχουν για να βοηθήσουν τους φτωχούς συμπολίτες τους. Πολλοί επιλέγουν την εποχή που δεν υπάρχει κάτι σημαντικό διότι ποτέ δεν πρέπει να ξαχνάμε αυτούς που έχουν την ανάγκη μας. Για καλή τύχη υπάρχουν πολλοί Χριστιανικοί Οργανισμοί οι οποίοι διαθέτουν πνευματικό και χρηματικό υλικό για την εκπλήρωση των αγαθοεργιών και της αποστολής τους καθ' όλο το χρόνο.

Η Φιλόπτωχος της Ενορίας μας, όπως και όλης της Αμερικής, είναι μια φιλανθρωπική οργάνωση αυτού του είδους. Γι' αυτό το λόγο πρέπει να συμμετέχουμε προσωπικά και να υποστηρίζουμε οικονομικά τις διάφορες εκδηλώσεις του Αγίου Νικολάου. Με το τρόπο αυτό η εκκλησία μας με τους διάφορους Οργανισμούς της, όπως είναι και η Φιλόπτωχος, έχει την ικανότητα να επιτελεί το έργο της, το έργο που ο Χριστός μας έχει αναθέσει: να αγαπάμε και να φροντίζουμε τον πλησίον μας.

Η παρουσία μας και συμμετοχή μας στις διάφορες Ακολουθίες κατά τη διάρκεια της Σαρακοστής και της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας σκοπó έχει να διατηρήσει το επίκεντρο του στόχου μας που είναι και η σημασία της Χριστιανοσύνης. Έτσι διατηρείται το Πνεύμα Αγάπης των Χριστουγέννων ζωντανό και πέραν από την 25η Δεκεμβρίου.

# COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Welcome to April and Spring!! We have a busy month in preparation for Holy Easter. On Wednesday, April 8th we will be making tsourekia to sell on Palm Sunday, April 12th.

Holy Thursday is the all night vigil, come and participate during this holy evening. Please bring your nistisima snacks to have throughout the night. Holy Friday morning, April 17th we will be decorating the Epitaphio. Everyone is welcome to come and help.

Our annual fashion show has been changed from April 30th to Wednesday, May 13th. More information will follow. Make sure you mark this change on your calendar. Please join us for a fun evening.

The Philoptochos is once again giving out scholarships. The forms are available in the church office. The deadline for the scholarship applications is Thursday, April 30th. The scholarships will be given out on Mother's Day.

We hope everyone has a wonderful month and Kalo Pascha!

## NEA ΤΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

Ένα θεμό κάλωόρισε στον Απρίλη και την Άνοιξη. Έχουμε ένα μήνα γεμάτο με τις προετοιμασίες του Πάσχα. Την Τετάρτη, 8 Απριλίου θα κάνουμε Τσουρέκια που θα πουληθούν την Κυριακή των Βαΐων, 12 Απριλίου.

Την Μεγάλη Πέμπτη θα κάνουμε ολονυχτία, λάβετε και σεις μέρος στην Άγια αυτή βραδιά. Μπορείτε να φέρετε νηστήσιμα πρόχειρα φαγητά για την ολονυχτία. Την Μεγάλη Παρασκευή το πρωί, 17 Απριλίου θα στολίσουμε τον Επιτάφιο. Όλοι μπορείτε να συμμετέχετε στο στόλισμα του Επιταφίου.

Η Επίδειξη Μόδας που διοργανώνει ο Οργανισμός μας άλλαξε ημερομηνία, δεν θα γίνει στις 30 Απριλίου αλλά στις 13 Μαΐου. Θα σας ενημερώσουμε σχετικά. Βεβαιωθείτε ότι σημειώσατε την αλλαγή στο ημερολόγιό σας. Δηλώστε και εσείς τη συμμετοχή σας εγκαίρως.

Η Φιλόπτωχος θα δώσει και πάλι Υποτροφίες. Αιτήσεις υπάρχουν στον Κοινοτικό Γραφείο. Τελευταία ημέρα παράδοσης των αιτήσεων είναι η Πέμπτη, 30 Απριλίου. Οι Υποτροφίες θα απονεμηθούν την Κυριακή, Ημέρα της Μητέρας, μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία.

**Σας ευχόμαστε ΚΑΛΟ ΜΗΝΑ και ΚΑΛΟ ΠΑΣΧΑ!**

## PROPER CHURCH ETIQUETTE

There are various parts of the Liturgy during which no one should be moving about. Wherever a person happens to be at these moments, he or she should stop and stand reverently, until the proper time to proceed to the pew. These parts of the Liturgy are:

1. During the Procession of the Priest and the Altar Boys with the Holy Gospel.
2. During the reading of the EPISTLE and the Gospel.
3. During the SERMON.
4. During the CHERUBIC HYMN and the Procession of the Priest and the Altar Boys with the Holy Gifts.
5. During the recitation of the CREED (in which the whole Congregation should participate).
6. During the SE YMNOUMEN and the prayers of the Consecration of the Holy Gifts.
7. During the LORD'S PRAYER in which the whole Congregation should participate.
8. During HOLY COMMUNION.
9. During the Dismissal Prayers.
10. During any special Services (Memorial Services, Processions, Special Prayers, etc.)

One basic rule to follow is that, whenever the Priest is outside of the Altar either with the Censer or giving the Blessing, everyone should stand wherever they are.

According to actual Church Service procedures, each and every member of the Congregation is required to be seated in the pews at

the beginning of the Service. It is only by leniency that anyone is allowed to enter the Church once the Services have begun. Thus, we ask that you do not take undue advantage of this leniency. Also Liturgy Books are available in the pews to follow the service.

Please remember that the Parish Council members are required to maintain order during Church Services. Thank you for following their direction.

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## ΩΡΕΣ ΠΡΟΕΤΟΙΜΑΣΙΑΣ ΓΙΑ ΤΑ ΓΛΥΚΑ

### ΚΑΙ ΦΑΓΗΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ—2009

Τετάρτη, 1η Απριλίου	9:30 π.μ. Θα γίνουν οι μπακλαβάδες
Πέμπτη, 2 Απριλίου	9:30 π.μ. Γαλακτομπούρεκο
Τρίτη 21 και Τετάρτη 22 Απριλίου:	9:30 π.μ. Ντολμαδάκια
Δευτέρα, 4 Μαΐου	9:30 π.μ. Κουραμπιέδες
Τρίτη, 5 Μαΐου	9:30 π.μ. Φοιζίκια
Τετάρτη, 6 Μαΐου	9:30 π.μ. Αχλαδάκια
Πέμπτη, 7 Μαΐου	9:30 π.μ. Κουλουράκια
Τετάρτη, 13 Μαΐου	9:30 π.μ. Τσουρέκια
Τρίτη, 26 Μαΐου	9:30 π.μ. Παστίτσιο
Τετάρτη 27 Μαΐου	9:30 π.μ. Παστίτσιο
Τρίτη, 2 Ιουνίου	9:30 π.μ. Μουσακάς
Τετάρτη, 3 Ιουνίου	9:30 π.μ. Μουσακάς

## GREEK FOLK FESTIVAL FOOD AND DESSERT PREPARATION SCHEDULE

All preparations will start at 9:30 am in the large hall downstairs.

Wednesday, April 1st	Baklava
Thursday, April 2nd	Galaktobouriko
Tuesday, April 21st	Dolmades
Wednesday, April 22nd	Dolmades
Monday, May 4th	Kourambietes
Tuesday, May 5th	Finikia
Wednesday, May 6th	Ahaladakia
Thursday, May 7th	Koulourakia
Wednesday, May 13th	Tsourekia
Tuesday, May 26th	Pastitsio
Wednesday, May 27th	Pastitsio
Tuesday, June 2nd	Moussaka
Wednesday, June 3rd	Moussaka

## J.O.Y. NEWS

The children and advisors of the Saint Nicholas J.O.Y. Program wish everyone KALI SARAKOSTI. At our March gathering the children focused on the season of Lent in the Greek Orthodox Church. To reinforce their learning they created their own Lenten calendars and played a Lenten trivia game. We hope everyone has enjoyed reading the "All About Me" posters in the J.O.Y. corner of the Atrium. The members of the month were Maria Reppas, Eleni

# COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

Kevas and Vasilis Reppas. The April meeting has been cancelled so please make a note of that. Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

*Thank you, Popi Angelos, J.O.Y. Coordinator.*

## Y.A.L. (Young Adult League) News

This organization represents the youth of our church from ages 18-35. Through activities, our young people can examine different aspects of their Orthodox faith and have the opportunity to meet other young members of the parish. In addition to the religious teaching, there are social activities planned such as retreats, dances, outings and trips that contribute to building lasting friendships. This organization will fill the void that comes when the young adults of our church are too old for GOYA but they still want to have some participation in the church life.

The first meeting of YAL took place on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at Jimmy's Seafood. We had a good turn out and at this time, we want to thank the Minadakis brothers for donating the food for the night. Also that night, elections were held for officers of YAL. They are:

- Trish Kontoudis, President
- Kyra Kontoudis, Vice President
- James Kokorelis, Treasurer
- Jeff Pastrokos, Recording Secretary
- Flora Fantis, Corres. Secretary
- Adam Agapios, Historian

On Sunday, March 22, 2009, Fr. Michael Pastrokos gave the oath of office to the newly elected officers of YAL. If you want to become a member of YAL, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office so we can add you to our mail list for upcoming meetings and events. The next YAL meeting will be taking place on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm at St. Nicholas Church.

*Flora Fantis, Corres. Sec.*

### Y.A.L Membership Form (Please print)

Name: .....

Address: .....

City, State, Zip .....

Telephone #: .....

E-mail: .....

## GLORY AND HONOR

Lieutenant Commander John Roros, has been presented the Meritorious Service Medal by the President of the United States.

This is an excerpts from the Certificate and letter of commendation. The full certificate and letter will be displayed in the Honor & Glory section of the showcase located in the Atrium.

**“For outstanding meritorious achievement while serving as Naval Reactors Representative assigned to Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program from July 2005 to September 2008. Lieutenant Commander Roros’ keen fore sight, vision and leadership were instrumental in improving the productive operation of Naval Reactors Facility (NRF) in Idaho and the continued safe handling of naval spent nuclear fuel.**

The exceptional professional ability, steadfast initiative and selfless dedication to duty exhibited by Lieutenant Commander Roros reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.”

The St. Nicholas Community is very proud of her son. We commend and honor his parents, Mr. & Mrs. George Roros and his family.

## GREEKTOWN CDC

*A message from John E. Gavrilis, CEO*

The Greektown CDC is working on bringing neighborhood

homeowner’s incentives into the community. We have recently applied to be part of the Healthy Neighborhoods program which, if approved, will provide major incentives in the neighborhood. The Healthy Neighborhoods program provides rehab purchasing loans, refinance loans and home improvement loans at very low interest rates. The program also provides matching grants for façade and home improvements as well as community block grants. It is a great way to promote neighbor camaraderie and get more people involved.

The Greektown CDC held a very successful meet and greet cocktail party on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2009. Over 100 people gathered to meet our neighborhood committee chairs, board of directors and elected officials. We were able to discuss many Greektown initiatives, development opportunities and enlisted new members to join our committees. If you are interested in joining one of our various committees please call Jason at the Greektown CDC office.

We would like to remind our residents to help participate in the Mayor’s Spring Clean Up on April 18, 2009. The Greektown CDC is partnering with the Mayor’s office to host this clean up and **we need your help!** Please volunteer a couple of hours to help us clean our community. If you are interested in helping in the cleanup or to monitor the CCTV cameras at the Southeastern Police District, please call the Greektown CDC office at 410-327-3306.

**Believe in your community — Kalo Pascha!**

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## KOINONIA DEADLINE

To all of our readers and organizations, please submit your article/s to the Koinonia staff before the deadline so we can include your news for your upcoming event. All articles or posters are due by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the current month for the upcoming month’s issue.

<u>Issue month</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
May, 2009	Apri 12 <sup>th</sup>

You may drop your article to the church office or e-mail it to: Emily Cossis at:

**emce3@aol.com.** or **MariaSalpeasat: msalpeas@stnicholasmd.org**



**Countdown to the St. Nicholas  
Greek Folk Festival  
June, 11, 12, 13, & 14, 2009**

**2 Months**

### Ανακοίνωση προς τους γονείς παιδιών ηλικίας 4 μέχρι και 6 χρονών

Η Σχολική Επιτροπή αποφάσισε να προσφέρει τμήμα Νηπιαγωγείου τον μήνα Ιούλιο του 2009. Το τμήμα αυτό θα λειτουργεί κάθε μέρα (Δευτέρα μέχρι και Παρασκευή, από 10:00 π.μ. μέχρι 1:00 μ.μ.)

Δασκάλα του τμήματος θα είναι η κ. Βασιλική Καλογράνη.

Τα δίδακτρα είναι \$300.00 για το κάθε παιδί. Αυτονόητο ότι η οικογένεια του κάθε παιδιού είναι και μέλος, οικονομικά εντάξει, της Κοινότητάς μας.

Οι ενδιαφερόμενοι γονείς θα πρέπει να εγγραφούν το/τα παιδιά τους εγγέτως και να πληρώσουν το αντίτιμο των διδασκτρων.

Η λειτουργία ή μη του καλοκαιρινού Νηπιαγωγείου θα εξαρτηθεί από την ανταπόκριση που θα έχουμε. Δώδεκα (12) παιδιά είναι ο ελάχιστος αριθμός εγγραφέντων.

Μπορείτε να εγγραφείτε το/τα παιδιά στο γραφείο της Κοινότητας (Δευτέρα μέχρι και Παρασκευή από 9:00 π.μ. - 4:00 μ.μ. Την Τετάρτη μέχρι 12:00 μεσημέρι) ή στο γραφείο του Ελληνικού Σχολείου (Δευτέρα μέχρι και Παρασκευή από 3:30 - 6:00 μ.μ.).

A Notice to the parents of children ages four, five and six.

The Greek School Committee has decided to offer summer Kindergarten classes during the month of July 2009, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The classes will be taught by Mrs. Vasiliki Kalograni.

Tuition is \$ 300.00 per child. The families must be members in good standing of our Church.

Interested parties may register their child/children at the Church Office.

Deadline for registration is running out. Full tuition and membership dues must be paid in order for the child/children to be officially registered. Tuition is not refundable.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MRS. HELEN MONOPOLIS, AT 633-5022, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, FROM 3:30-4:25 P.M.**  
*Ελένη Λούβρου-Μονόπολη, Διευθύντρια*

## GOOD FRIDAY—LAMENTATIONS SERVICE— PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Την Μεγάλη Παρασκευή, κατά την διάρκεια της Ακολουθίας του Επιταφίου Θρήνου, και το Μεγάλο Σάββατο το πρωί, προσευχόμαστε στο Θεό για τις ψυχές των απελθόντων προσφιλών συγγενών και φίλων. Όσοι επιθυμούν να μνημονεύσουν τα αγαπημένα τους πρόσωπα τις ημέρες αυτές, παρακαλούνται να συμπληρώσουν το κάτωθι έντυπο και να το φέρουν στην Εκκλησία πριν την Μεγάλη Παρασκευή.

During the Lamentations Service of Good Friday evening, and on Holy Saturday morning, we offer prayers to God for the souls of our departed beloved family members and friends. For those who wish to have their departed brethren remembered on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, you are asked to complete the below form and submit the names before Good Friday.

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## EASTER LILLIES FOR THE CHURCH

### ΔΩΡΕΕΣ ΑΝΘΕΩΝ (ΚΡΙΝΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ)



Please donate Easter Lillies to decorate our church for Easter. The cost is \$20.00. 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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Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Candles	21,206.00
Dances	2,688.00
Donations	
Other Donations	15,397.00
Flowers Income	320.00
Christmas Card Income	40.00
Donations - General	12,647.00
Donations - Hall	1,600.00
Donations - Memorial	11,490.00
Donations - Other	(21,200.00)
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>20,294.00</b>
Greek school registration	3,208.25
Stewardship	92,204.66
Trays	5,416.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>145,016.91</b>
Cost of Goods Sold	
Dance Expense	2,544.72
Festival	5,000.00
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>7,544.72</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>137,472.19</b>

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**Saint Nicholas  
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Expense	
CAPITAL COSTS	
Plateia Expenses	90.00
<b>Total CAPITAL COSTS</b>	<b>90.00</b>
EMPLOYEE COSTS	
1099 Employees	6,726.00
Health Insurance	9,915.92
Organist	1,200.00
6560 - Payroll Expenses	34,708.89
Payroll taxes	2,655.24
Pension	1,500.00
6050 - Automobile Expense	3,000.00
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS - Other</b>	<b>13,452.00</b>
<b>Total EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>	<b>73,158.05</b>
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	
Advertising	1,823.00
Church Supplies	7,117.24
Fair Share	6,500.00
Insurance - General	1,974.00
6530 - Miscellaneous	1,957.52
Office Expense	2,306.00
6610 - Postage and Delivery	180.00
Professional Fees	127.50
Telephone	765.09
<b>GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATION - Other</b>	<b>9,000.00</b>
<b>Total GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>31,750.35</b>
OCCUPANCY COSTS	
Mainten - Building Maintenance	38,738.49
Ground Rent	94.80
Janitor's Supplies	1,312.33
6940 - Utilities	16,183.76
<b>Total OCCUPANCY COSTS</b>	<b>56,329.38</b>
YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	
Youth Expense	669.00
<b>YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL - Other</b>	<b>300.96</b>
<b>Total YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL</b>	<b>969.96</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>162,297.74</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(24,825.55)</b>
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# Photos from the Greek Independence Day at Greektown



## Στοχασμοί/Σκέψεις για την Ανάσταση Του Χριστού

*Continued from page 1*

“Passover” which says to them, don’t just discuss the Exodus, feel it for yourselves. Only when you feel something for yourself, do you truly experience the true meaning of something special happening in your life.

I ask you, therefore, dear faithful to please continue your devotion, your vigilance and your attendance to the various spiritual services that our Orthodox Church has scheduled be-

## Στοχασμοί/Σκέψεις για την Ανάσταση Του Χριστού

*Συνέχεια απο την σελίδα 2*

να το παραδεχθούν με καρδιά και ψυχή, διότι απλά δεν δέχονται με σιγουριά τη πίστη τους. Διότι αυτοί για να πιστέψουν οτιδήποτε πρέπει πρώτα να το δουν ίδιοι ομασί. Αν θέλετε να γίνετε μάρτυρες και να μάθετε για τα Πάθη του Χριστού, την αλήθεια των Ευαγγελίων, τα διδάγματα του Χριστού, την Σταύρωση, την Ανάσταση και την Ανάληψη του Κυρίου μας, εκείνο που πρέπει να κάνετε είναι να παρακολουθήσετε μια εβδομάδα γεμάτη γνώσεις, συγκινήσεις και περισυλλογή. Για τους Ορθόδοξους Χριστιανούς, η εβδομάδα αυτή ονομάζεται «Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα». Είναι η πιο αξιοσημείωτη και σημαντικότερη εβδομάδα όλου του εκκλησιαστικού έτους. Κατά τη διάρκεια αυτής της εβδομάδας, η εκκλησία ξαναζεί όλα τα Πάθη του Χριστού. Φέρνει το παρελθόν στο παρόν.

Ξαναζεί το γεγονός ούτως ώστε εμείς σήμερα, να έχουμε τη προσωπική μας εμπειρία. Μας θυμίζει ποικιλοτρόπως, ένα τηλεοπτικό πρόγραμμα που ονομάζεται «Είσαι Εκεί»

ginning with the “Saturday of Lazarus”, “Palm Sunday” and “Holy Week”.

I hope and pray that your Journey to Pascha will be an uplifting spiritual experience and a true reflection on the fulfillment of God’s promise of everlasting life for everyone who believes.

**MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED RESURRECTION  
AND A BLESSED PASCHA.**

που μας προκαλεί να ξαναζήσουμε στο παρόν ιστορικά γεγονότα.

Ας πάρουμε την Εβραϊκή πίστη, εορτάζουν την Έξοδο από την Αίγυπτο, κάθε χρόνο ξαναζούν το «Πάσχα» τους, που τους λέει «μην συζητάτε την έξοδο, ζείστε τη. Μόνον όταν νοιώθετε κάτι, και έχετε πραγματική και προσωπική εμπειρία μόνον τότε πιστεύετε ότι κάτι σημαντικό συμβαίνει στη ζωή σας.

Έτσι σας ζητώ αγαπητοί χριστιανοί να συνεχίσετε με αφοσίωση και επαγρύπνηση τη συμμετοχή σας στην διάφορες Ακολουθίες που έχει προγραμματίσει η Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία μας, αρχής γενομένης με το Σάββατο του Λαζάρου, τη Κυριακή των Βαΐων και συνεχίζοντας με την Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα.

Ελπίζω και προσεύχομαι ότι το ταξίδι σας για το Πάσχα είναι μια πνευματική ανάταση και ένας αληθινός στοχασμός, ότι η υπόσχεση του Θεού είναι η αιώνιος ζωή προς όλους όσοι πιστεύουν.

**ΚΑΛΗ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΚΑΙ ΚΑΛΟ ΠΑΣΧΑ....**

# Liturgical Program & Events for April

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>:**—The Akathist Hymn, 7 pm  
**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>:**—Fifth Sunday of Lent St. Mary of Egypt—Orthros—8:45 am; Divine Liturgy, 10 am  
**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>:**—Compline Service, 7 pm  
**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>:**—Presanctified Liturgy, 7 pm  
**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>:**—**Saturday of Lazarus**  
 Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:45 am  
 Breakfast for Children will be held  
**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>:**—**Palm Sunday Morning**—  
 Orthros, 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:45 am  
 Blessing of Palms **Palm Sunday Evening**  
 Service of the Bridegroom and Procession of Icon of Christ the Bridegroom, 7 pm  
**Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>:**—**Holy Monday Evening**—Service of the Bridegroom, 7pm  
**Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>:**—**Holy Tuesday Evening** Service of the Bridegroom, 7 pm & The Beautiful Hymn of Sister Kassiane chanted by our Ecclesiastical Choir  
**Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>:**—**Holy Wednesday Morning** Last Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy, 9 am Service of Holy Unction. Everyone must be present  
**Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>:**—**Holy Thursday Morning**  
 Divine Liturgy, 6 am—Commemorating the Last Supper (*Liturgy begins early for those wanting to receive Holy Communion before going to work*)  
**Holy Thursday Evening**  
 Service of the Reading of the 12 Gospels, 7 pm  
 Procession of Christ Crucified & all night vigil will follow.  
**Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>:**—**Good Friday Morning**—Royal Hours, 10 am (Decoration of the Epitaphio) **Good Friday Afternoon**—Great Vespers of the taking down of Christ from

The Cross, 2 pm (Apokathelosis)—**Good Friday Evening Lamentations Service**—7 pm & the Procession of the Epitaphio around the church  
**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>:**—**Holy Saturday Morning**—Great Vespers—7:30 am and the Liturgy of St. Basil—“The first Liturgy of the Resurrection”  
**Holy Saturday Night**—Easter Vigil—11 pm, Resurrection Service *outside the church at 12 midnight*, Orthros & Divine Liturgy—of Easter, 12:30 am  
**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>:**—**Easter Sunday Afternoon**—The Agape Vespers in several languages—11 am  
**Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>:**—Sts. Raphael, Nicholaos & Irini, the Martyrs—Orthros, 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am  
**Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>:**—St. George the Great Martyr  
 Orthros, 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am  
**Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>:**—Theotokos of the Life Giving Font  
 Orthros, 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am  
**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>:**—Sunday of St. Thomas—Orthros, 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10 am

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>:**—Rhodian Society (Diagoras)  
 Bus trip to Atlantic City—For Hermes Expo Trade Show—bus leaves at 10 am  
**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>:**—GOYA meeting—7pm  
**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>:**—Bible Study Gathering—7 pm Greek Folk Festival Meeting—7 pm  
**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>:**—GOYA making of Palm Crosses, 6 pm  
**Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>:**—Deadline for Philoptochos Scholarship applications

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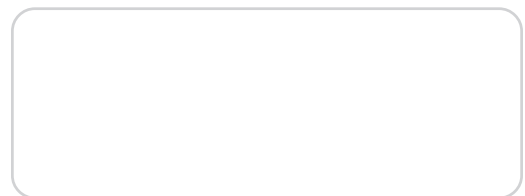
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