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**Pastoral Message from Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos**

**IS CHRIST'S RESURRECTION A TRUE REALITY OR NOT?**

***Christ is Risen! – Truly He is Risen!***

**“CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE.”**

After “Pascha” this troparion or hymn of the Resurrection is chanted constantly throughout all the services in the Orthodox Church until the Feast of the Ascension. Is the Resurrection of Christ a phenomenon or is it true that He rose from the dead? First of all, I would like to explain what the Cross of Christ means to all Christianity and then I will go into detail why we believe in Christ’s Resurrection.

The Cross of Christ is the hope for all of us, because without the Cross the Sacrifice of the Lamb would not have been a hope for Salvation. The Cross is our protection during difficult times. It is not used to hang upon our bodies for Cosmetic purposes. It is not a Symbolic gesture, but it is the Living Sermon of Divine Love for mankind. It is a Lighthouse that enters into the souls of all people. The Cross teaches us humility, and it talks to us about the enigma of pain that this will give us the key to understand the pain of affliction. Those who down grade the meaning of the Cross will drown in their faith. Without the Cross there is no Christian belief or in general there is no Christianity.

Now we come back to the main theme “Is Christ’s Resurrection a true Reality”. Let’s see what “the Prophet Job” in the Old Testament asked. “If a man dies, shall he live again?” The Jews at that time offered no consistent belief in the afterlife; the Sadducees, a major religious sect of that time period held the “idea that there is no Resurrection”. But if we looked back in time, we read and witness the many miracles that our Lord healed and resurrected people after their death. How can we not believe when there is true fact that states that Christ Resurrection was witnessed by many of the followers?

Remember the example of “Jairus” daughter where He raised her from her sleep. Remember the funeral procession for the son of the widow of “Nain” and raised him from the dead. Remember Jesus who went to the tomb of His friend Lazarus who was dead for four days in his tomb and called him forth into life. These

are just a few of the great miracles that Christ did while He was on this earth.

After all that true history and information how can we today not believe that Christ Resurrected from His tomb. From the beginning of the Great Lenten Period, we as Christians treat ourselves to a fantastic spiritual journey, which leads us to understand what actually happened to our Lord during His Passions, and during the many challenges that he faced along the way to the Cross.

All through Holy Week, we see and relive the events of our Lord. After reading the material of His life throughout the New Testament how can anyone in their right mind be convinced that Christ never resurrected. The proof is in the pudding, because there were hundreds of people who witnessed every miracle, all the tragic moments, the humiliation, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection. He provided proof even after His death and Resurrection when He presented himself to the Disciples and too many other followers. If we were living during that time, and Christ presented himself to us after His death, there would be no possible way that we could deny that He didn’t rise from the dead. If that is not proof enough, then a doctor should examine us. I guess in this country we do have the right of “Freedom of Speech” and we have the right to disagree. And we all have the right to express our views to others.

I have no problem accepting the expressions or views of others, but when something is true you cannot call it “Black or White”. But on the other hand, you can ask this legitimate question? But I was not there to see with my own eyes what Christ went through, nor was I there to witness His Crucifixion, and Resurrection, so why should I believe? I realize that this is the question that we all ask, and it is understandable that it would be difficult to believe in something that took place over 2,000 years ago?

But in this situation I believe that “HISTORY” can answer that question for all of us. Let’s take first of all “World History.” Do you believe in what they have written in our World History Encyclopedias, and Almanacs? Do you believe in what has been written in our American History? If you can believe in the World

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# Μήνυμα απο τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ

## ΑΝΑΣΤΗΘΗΚΕ ΠΡΑΓΜΑΤΙΚΑ Ο ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ, Ή ΟΧΙ;

### ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! – ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

«ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ ΕΚ ΝΕΚΡΩΝ ΘΑΝΑΤΩ ΘΑΝΑΤΟΝ ΠΑΤΗΣΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΤΟΙΣ ΕΝ ΤΟΙΣ ΜΝΗΜΑΣΙ ΖΩΗ ΧΑΡΙΣΑΜΕΝΟΣ»

Μετά το «Πάσχα» ψάλλεται αυτό το τροπάριο ,ή αλλιώς «Ύμνος της Ανάστασης», συνεχώς και σε όλες τις Ακολουθίες της Ορθόδοξης Εκκλησίας, μέχρι την Εορτή της Αναλήψεως. Είναι η Ανάσταση του Χριστού ένα φαινόμενο ή πραγματικά αναστήθηκε εκ νεκρών; Πρώτα απ' όλα, θα ήθελα να εξηγήσω τι σημαίνει ο Σταυρός του Χριστού για όλη τη χριστιανοσύνη, και στη συνέχεια θα μπω σε λεπτομέρειες γιατί πιστεύουμε στην Ανάσταση του Χριστού.

Ο Σταυρός του Χριστού είναι ελπίδα για όλους μας, γιατί χωρίς τον Σταυρό η Θυσία του «Αμνού» δεν θα ήταν ελπίδα σωτηρίας. Ο Σταυρός είναι η προστασία μας στις δύσκολες στιγμές. Δεν τον μεταχειριζόμαστε για να διακοσμήι το λαϊμό μας. Δεν είναι ένα απλό σύμβολο, αλλά είναι η ζωντανή μαρτυρία της Θείας Αγάπης για την ανθρωπότητα. Είναι ο φάρος που εισδύει στις ψυχές όλων των ανθρώπων. Ο Σταυρός μας διδάσκει ταπεινοφροσύνη, και μας μιλά για το αίγνιμα του πόνου, ότι αυτός θα μας δώσει το κλειδί για να κατανοήσουμε τον πόνο τη θλίψη. Όσοι υποβαθμίζουν το νόημα του Σταυρού υποβαθμίζουν την πίστη τους. Χωρίς Σταυρό δεν υπάρχει χριστιανική πίστη ή γενικά δεν υπάρχει Χριστιανισμός.

Ας επιστρέψουμε όμως πίσω στο κύριο θέμα "Αναστήθηκε πραγματικά ο Χριστός". Ας δούμε τι "ρώτησε ο Προφήτης" στην Παλαιά Διαθήκη. «Αν ένας άνθρωπος πεθάνει, θα ζήσει και πάλι;» Οι Εβραίοι εκείνη την εποχή δεν είχαν ξεκάθαρη πίστη για την μετά θάνατον ζωή. Οι Σαδδουκαίοι, μια μεγάλη θρησκευτική αίρεση εκείνης της εποχής, πίστευε στην ιδέα ότι «δεν υπάρχει ανάσταση». Αλλά αν επανεξετάσουμε εκείνη την εποχή, θα δούμε ότι έχουμε διαβάσει για τα πολλά θαύματα που ο έκανε Κύριός μας, θεράπευσε ασθενείς και ανέστησε ανθρώπους μετά το θάνατό τους. Πώς μπορούμε να μην το πιστέψουμε, όταν υπάρχει το αληθινό γεγονός, που δηλώνει ότι πολλοί έγιναν μάρτυρες της Ανάστασης του Χριστού;

Θυμηθείτε το παράδειγμα της θυγατέρας του Ιαείρου όπου ο Κύριος την ανέστεισε από το κόμα της. Θυμηθείτε την νεκρική πομπή για τον γιο της χήρας στη «Ναΐν» που τον ανέστησε εκ νεκρών. Θυμηθείτε τον Ιησού που πήγε στον τάφο του φίλου Του Λαζάρου ο οποίος ήταν νεκρός για τέσσερις ημέρες, και τον κάλεσε πίσω στη ζωή. Αυτά είναι μερικά μόνο από τα μεγάλα θαύματα που έκανε ο Χριστός ενώ ήταν στη γη.

Μετά από όλα αυτά τα αληθινά ιστορικά γεγονότα και τις πληροφορίες που έχουμε, πώς μπορούμε να μην πιστεύουμε ότι ο Χριστός αναστήθηκε εκ του τάφου Του! Από την αρχή της Περιόδου της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής, εμείς ως Χριστιανοί, κάνουμε ένα φανταστικό πνευματικό ταξίδι, το οποίο μας οδηγεί να καταλάβουμε τι πραγματικά συνέβη στον Κύριο μας κατά τη διάρκεια των παθών Του, και κατά τη διάρκεια των πολλαπλών προκλήσεων που αντιμετώπισε στη πορεία Του προς το Σταυρό.

Καθ' όλη τη διάρκεια της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας, ξαναζούμε τα Πάθη του Κυρίου μας. Και αφού έχουμε μελετήσει τη ζωή Του στην Καινή Διαθήκη, πώς μπορεί κάποιος λογικός άνθρωπος, να πιστεύει ότι ο Χριστός δεν αναστήθηκε. Η απόδειξη είναι ολοφάνερη, διότι εκατοντάδες ανθρώπων, ήταν μάρτυρες του κάθε θαύματος Του, όλων των τραγικών στιγμών, της ταπεινώσης, της Σταύρωσης και της Ανάστασης. Μας έδωσε αποδείξεις, ακόμη και μετά το θάνατο Του και την Ανάστασή Του, όταν ο ίδιος παρουσιάστηκε στους Μαθητές Του καθώς και σε πάρα πολλούς άλλους οπαδούς Του. Αν ζούσαμε κατά τη διάρκεια αυτής της περιόδου, και παρουσιάζόταν μπροστά μας ο ίδιος ο Χριστός μετά το θάνατό του, δεν υπάρχει περίπτωση να μπορούσαμε να αρνηθούμε ότι δεν είχε αναστηθεί από τους νεκρούς. Αν αυτό δεν είναι αρκετή απόδειξη, τότε θα πρέπει να εξεταστεί από γιατρό. Υποθέτω ότι σε αυτή τη χώρα

έχουμε το δικαίωμα της «ελευθερίας του λόγου» και έχουμε το δικαίωμα να διαφωνούμε. Και όλοι έχουμε το δικαίωμα να εκφράσουμε τις απόψεις μας για τους άλλους.

Δεν έχω κανένα πρόβλημα να παραδεχτώ τις ενδείξεις και τις απόψεις των άλλων, αλλά όταν κάτι είναι αλήθεια δεν μπορείτε να το αποκαλείτε "μαύρο ή άσπρο". Αλλά από την άλλη πλευρά, μπορείτε να κάνετε τούτη την εύλογη δήλωση «Μαεγώ δεν ήμουν εκεί για να δω με τα μάτια μου, τι υπέφερε ο Χριστός, ούτε ήμουν εκεί για να βεβαιώσω την Σταύρωσή Του, και την Ανάστασή Του, οπότε γιατί να πιστέψω;» Αντιλαμβάνομαι ότι αυτή είναι μια ερώτηση που όλοι ρωτούμε, και είναι κατανοητό ότι είναι δύσκολο να πιστέψει κανείς σε κάτι που έγινε πριν από 2.000 χρόνια.

Σ' αυτή την περίπτωση πιστεύω ότι η «ιστορία» είναι σε θέση να απαντήσει σ' αυτή την ερώτηση για όλους μας. Ας πάρουμε πρώτα απ' όλα την «Παγκόσμια Ιστορία.» Πιστεύετε σε αυτά που γράφουν οι Εγκυκλοπαίδειες και τα Ημερολόγια για την Παγκόσμια Ιστορία μας; Πιστεύετε σε ό, τι έχει γραφτεί για την αμερικανική ιστορία μας; Αν μπορείτε να πιστέψετε στην παγκόσμια ιστορία, και στην αμερικανική ιστορία, τότε γιατί είναι τόσο δύσκολο να πιστέψετε στην Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησιαστική Ιστορία μας; Γιατί είναι τόσο δύσκολο να πιστέψετε στην Παλαιά και Καινή Διαθήκη, στους Αποστόλους, στους Πατέρες της Εκκλησίας, στους Αγίους, στα Μυστήρια, στις Οικουμενικές Συνόδους, στις Ιερές παραδόσεις κλπ;

Ρωτήσατε ποτέ κάποιον Εβραίο, αν πιστεύει στο Θεό "Ιεχωβά", στο Μωσαϊκό Νόμο, στα βιβλία της Παλαιάς Διαθήκης ή στην ιστορία του εβραϊκού λαού; Ρωτήσατε ποτέ μια μουσουλμάνη, αν πιστεύει στον "Αλλάχ;". Στο Κοράνι ή στο προφήτη τους τον Μωάμεθ; Αν τους ρωτήσετε, είμαι 100% σίγουρος ότι η απάντησή τους θα είναι "Ναι". Γιατί λοιπόν εμείς οι Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί έχουμε πρόβλημα να πιστεύουμε στις ιερές παραδόσεις, στους Αγίους, στους Πατέρες της Εκκλησίας, στο Σύμβολο της Πίστεως, στις Οικουμενικές Συνόδους, στην Ανάσταση του Κυρίου μας Ιησού Χριστού και τέλος στην αιώνια ζωή; Πιστεύω ότι η απάντηση στην ερώτηση αυτή είναι "ΠΙΣΤΗ". Αν εμείς ως Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί έχουμε την πίστη να πιστεύουμε στον Χριστό, αν το κάνουμε, τότε είμαστε στο σωστό δρόμο για τη σωτηρία μας. Αλλά πάλι, λέμε ότι πιστεύουμε, πιστεύουμε όμως πραγματικά; Έχουμε δεσμευθεί να πιστεύουμε πλήρως στις διδασκαλίες Του; Να ακολουθούμε τις εντολές του Κυρίου μας; Είμαστε καλοί «Οικονόμοι» της Εκκλησίας; εκκλησιαζόμαστε τακτικά; πιστεύουμε πραγματικά ότι το Σώμα και το Αίμα του Κυρίου μας στην Θεία Κοινωνία, είναι το πραγματικό Σώμα και Αίμα; Κοινωνούμε συχνά ώστε να μπορούμε να συμμορφωνόμαστε σ' Αυτόν; Θυμηθείτε τον Άγιο Θωμά (τον Άπιστο Θωμά), ο οποίος δεν πίστευε στην αρχή, επειδή δεν ήταν εκεί μαζί με άλλους μαθητές για να δει τον Χριστό. Αλλά όταν είδε τον Χριστό μετά την Ανάστασή Του, τότε ήταν που πραγματικά πίστευε. Τι είπε ο Χριστός για το θέμα αυτό; (Μακάριοι είναι εκείνοι που πιστεύουν και δεν με έχουν δει, διότι σ' αυτούς ανήκει η Βασιλεία των Ουρανών.

Ψάλλουμε στην νυχτερινή Ακολουθία της Ανάστασης, ότι ο Χριστός είναι το νέο Πάσχα, η θυσία της διαβίωσης, ο Αμνός του Θεού ο αίρων τις αμαρτίες του κόσμου. Ολοκληρώνοντας, ας λατρεύσουμε τον Κύριο, τον Κύριο της ζωής και του θανάτου, τον Κύριο ο οποίος ανεστήθηκε εκ νεκρών και ο οποίος χαρίζει την ανάσταση στην ανθρωπότητα. Ο οποίος είναι «ο Άρτος της Ζωής» ο οποίος κατέβηκε από τον ουρανό, και ο οποίος θυσιάστηκε για τη σωτηρία του κόσμου. Επίσης ας δοξάσουμε και ευχαριστήσουμε τον Θεό, και με μεγάλη χαρά ας χαιρετούμε ο ένας τον άλλο με το Φιλί της Αγάπης, επαναλαμβάνοντας τα ιερά λόγια "ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ — ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ".

Ήρθε η ώρα να ξυπνήσουμε αδελφοί και αδελφές μου. Ήρθε η ώρα να έρθουμε πιο κοντά στον Αναστάντα Χριστό. Δεν υπάρχει πλέον αμφιβολία, δεν υπάρχουν πλέον άπιστοι, αφοσιωθείτε στο Χριστό και θα δείτε ότι τη ζωή σας και το μέλλον σας θα πάρουν μια διαφορετική τροπή.



## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My Fellow Parishioners,

First, the Parish Council wishes the community a joyous and healthy Easter.

I am honored to be St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church's new Parish Council President, and I look forward to the year to come. My experience thus far in this Parish Council has been truly rewarding. The fourteen newly elected council members and I are excited to give back to this incredible organization. We are continuing to grow, as we further develop ministry programming, member education and religious events. Together, let's set the bar high and strive for excellence in everything that we do. Most importantly, we look forward to enhancing our member relations and continuing the great legacy of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. Let us all work together to achieve these goals. This work really never begins or ends, it just evolves from one state to another. We have much to be grateful for and as I write for all fifteen members of the council, it is our honor to serve.



### OUR MISSION:

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church is dedicated to the continuation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's ministry of salvation through the proclamation and teaching of the Gospel; through Baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and through loving service to God and to mankind.

### OUR VISION:

The community will provide a loving, caring and welcoming environment where all belong and grow in the faith through worship, service, witness, and fellowship.

Kristos Anesti!

## Η ΓΩΝΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ

Από τον Δήμο Αναστασιάδη

Κατ' αρχήν το Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο εύχεται σε όλη την Κοινότητα ένα χαρούμενο και υγιές Πάσχα.

Έχω την τιμή να είμαι ο νέος Πρόεδρος του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Ελληνικής Ορθόδοξης Κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου, και ανυπομονώ να αναλάβω καθήκοντα. Η εμπειρία μου μέχρι στιγμής στο Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο πραγματικά αξίζει τον κόπο. Τα δεκατέσσερα νεοεκλεγέντα μέλη του Συμβουλίου και εγώ είμαστε έτοιμοι να εργαστούμε φιλότιμα και με ενθουσιασμό για να υπηρετήσουμε την Εκκλησία μας. Θα συνεχίσουμε να αναπτυσσόμαστε ενώ συντοχρόνως θα βελτιώνουμε τα προγράμματα, διακονίας, εκπαίδευσης των μελών καθώς και τις θρησκευτικές εκδηλώσεις. Όλοι μαζί, ας θέσουμε τον πήχη ψηλά και ας δουλέψουμε για να φέρουμε τα καλύτερα αποτελέσματα σε όλες μας τις δραστηριότητες. Στόχος μας να ενισχύσουμε τις σχέσεις των μελών μας και να συνεχίσουμε τη μεγάλη κληρονομιά της Ελληνικής Ορθόδοξης Εκκλησίας του Αγίου Νικολάου. Ας εργαστούμε όλοι μαζί για την επίτευξη αυτών των στόχων. Το έργο αυτό δεν έχει αρχή και τέλος, εξελίσσεται μόνο σταδιακά. Όπως ανέφερα, γράφω εκ μέρους όλων, και των δεκαπέντε μελών του Συμβουλίου, είμαστε περήφανοι, και είναι τιμή μας να υπηρετούμε την Κοινότητά μας.

### Η ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΜΑΣ:

Η Ελληνική Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία του Αγίου Νικολάου να συνεχίσει τη διακονία του Κυρίου και Σωτήρος ημών Ιησού Χριστού για τη σωτηρία, μέσω του κηρύγματος και της διδασκαλίας του Ευαγγελίου! Μέσω του Βαπτίσματος στο όνομα του Πατρός, του και του Υιού και του Αγίου Πνεύματος! και μέσω της αγάπης προς το Θεόν και την ανθρωπότητα.

### ΤΟ ΟΡΑΜΑ ΜΑΣ:

Η Κοινότητα να προσφέρει αγάπη και ενδιαφέρον, ούτως ώστε να αναπτύξει ένα περιβάλλον φιλόξενο μέσω της πίστης, του εκκλησιασμού και της φιλανθρωπίας.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

KYRA KONUDUDIS, NURSERY & PRE-K  
YANA KARABELAS, KINDERGARTEN  
PENNY GERAPETRITIS, FIRST GRADE  
ANTONIA SFIRIOU, SECOND GRADE  
PHAEDRA AVGERINOS, THIRD GRADE  
MARY GUTIERREZ, FOURTH GRADE  
VOULA G. SAKELAKIS, FIFTH GRADE  
IRENE FILIPOU, SIXTH GRADE  
VASILII FILIPOU, SEVENTH GRADE  
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### **SAINT NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL**

The Office of the Metropolitan has ratified the parish council elections for the year 2013. The new parish council was sworn into office by Fr. Michael Pastrokos on Sunday, March 31, 2013 and soon after, the following officers were elected:

**President – Demos Anastasiades**  
**1st Vice President – Takis Papadopoulos**  
**2nd Vice President – Gus Karagiannopoulos**  
**Recording Secretary – Stamatia Ieromonahos**  
**Corresponding Secretary – Dino Frangos**  
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**Kyriakos Stamoulis**  
**Emmanuel Theoharis**

Congratulations to the new parish council. We pray that, along with Father Michael's spiritual guidance, the decisions made on behalf of the community will be for the glory and honor of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

### **WELCOMING COMMITTEE- JOIN US**

The Stewardship committee is seeking individuals and host families to join their "Welcoming Committee". The purpose of the Welcoming Committee is to enthusiastically welcome visitors to St. Nicholas Church. We are seeking at least two-three host families available each Sunday as well as 2-3 Welcoming Committee members available each Sunday. Each host family and committee member will serve on a rotating basis. When guests walk in to our church (we all know who the guests are, don't lie) the Welcoming Committee members will see that they are seated, understand where the restrooms are located, and will be introduced to one family in the church with whom will be the guest "host/hostess." Also, the Welcoming Committee members will be in charge of seeing that Father Michael has the information to call the guest and that the host family has the guest information. A host family would be someone who takes the guest under their wing; they would escort them to coffee hour, introduce them to other members of our church, genuinely get to know them and ensure the guest knows that they are welcome to sit with the family when returning. Now, some may say, "That's really overwhelming and too much work!" Think about whenever a new student goes to a new school, the principle assigns a fellow student to show them around. Whenever you go to a restaurant, a host seats you and then a waiter/waitress takes your order and makes sure that you are taken care of. Whenever going into the mall, store employees greet you with a smile and show you around and let you know sales. Why shouldn't the church, a "family," at least operate somewhat like this? Help us make St. Nicholas Church a more inviting place to belong. For more information, contact Efthimia "Mia" Atsidis at 443-386-5855. Thank you. The Stewardship Committee.

### **USHERS**

St. Nicholas is developing a ministry of a regular rotation of ushers, who will serve on a recurring basis. Primary duties will be to greet, manage candles, manage the lines during Holy Communion, and other services, and ushering people to their pews. A parish Council member will also be on duty to lock or unlock, and to handle other issues that

may arise. Women are welcome to join as well. If you are willing to be a part of this indispensable ushering ministry, please contact, Maria Salpeas at 410-633-5020 or Parish Council President, Demos Anastasiades at 443-676-7556. Thank you for your services.

### **ALTAR BOYS**

All Altar Boys are asked to arrive at St. Nicholas Church by 9:50 am. to have their robes blessed and begin serving in the Altar. We ask the parents to have their children in proper attire. (White shirt, a tie, dark trousers, and black shoes). It is always an honor to see our children serving in the Altar and Fr. Michael would like to see more and more children of the Parish join the Altar. Young men ages 10 year old or older are eligible to join the Altar. If anyone is interested in joining the Altar Boy Group, please contact Fr. Michael at 443-742-8314 or email him at frmichael@stnicholasmd.org. Thank you.

### **ST. NICHOLAS PARISH GOING PAPERLESS**

We are trying to reduce our expenses and help the environment a little by reducing the number of paper monthly newsletters that we mail out every month. If we don't reduce the expenses of the Koinonia, sooner or later the publication of our newsletter will terminate. This is why we are asking if you have a computer at home we could send you the newsletter via E-mail. Please call the church office and let us know your decision. All it takes from you is a phone call. Call the church secretary at 410-633-5020. Please help us "Go Paperless."

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We are seeking adult and student volunteers to plan and organize this year's Vacation Bible School. It will be held during the week of June 17th- June 21st. We are looking for creative ideas to make this year's VBS better than ever. Time commitment is about 2 hours per week for planning and 15-20 hours during the actual week of VBS. If you are interested in helping, please contact Nancy Anastasiades at 410-337-7180 or nanastasi@comcast.net. Thank you.

### **SAINT NICHOLAS "DIAMONDS" NEWS**

#### **CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY IS RISEN!!**

We wish everybody Xronia Polla! We would like to inform you that the next meeting of our organization will be held on Tuesday, May 14 at 1:00 pm with a luncheon. Also, our next day trip will be held on a Saturday, by popular demand. So, write on your calendars Saturday, September 21st, 2013 for a wonderful trip to the Luray Caverns in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

To secure your participation for this wonderful trip, contact Rosa Tsakalos at 410-282-2940 or Maria Salpeas at the Church Office at 410-633-5020 or any member of "DIAMONDS". The price is \$95.00 per person, which includes transportation, a ticket for the Luray Caverns, lunch and the driver's tip. We hope to see you all at the meeting on May 14th, to discuss all the details and more important matters about our wonderful organization. We'll see you there! Rose Tsakalos, President.

### **ΕΝΗΜΕΡΨΗ ΑΠΟ ΤΑ «ΔΙΑΜΑΝΤΙΑ» ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ**

#### **ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!! ΕΥΧΟΜΑΣΤΕ ΣΕ ΟΛΟΥΣ ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΠΟΛΛΑ**

Θα θέλαμε να σας ενημερώσουμε ότι η επομένη Συνεδρίαση του Οργανισμού μας θα είναι την Τρίτη, 14 Μαΐου, 2013, στις 1:00 μ.μ. με Γεύμα. Επίσης, προγραμματίζουμε ημερήσια εκδρομή, στα Σπήλαια Λορρέϊν



της Βιργινίας, αυτή τη φορά Σάββατο κατά γενική επιθυμία, στις 21 Σεπτεμβρίου, 2013. Για να δηλώσετε τη συμμετοχή σας μπορείτε να επικοινωνήσετε με την κ. Ρόζα Τσακάλου, 410-282-2940, ή με το Κοινοτικό Γραφείο 410-633-5020 ή με κάποιο από τα «ΔΙΑΜΑΝΤΙΑ» του Οργανισμού. Η συμμετοχή κατ' άτομο είναι \$95.00. Στη τιμή συμπεριλαμβάνεται το Λεωφορείο, η είσοδος στα Σπήλαια, το γεύμα και το φιλοδώρημα του οδηγού. Ελπίζουμε να σας δούμε όλους στη συνεδρίαση της 14ης Μαΐου, για να συζητήσουμε όλες τις λεπτομέρειες του ταξιδιού, αλλά και άλλα σοβαρά θέματα που αφορούν τον Οργανισμό μας. Σας περιμένουμε! Ρόζα Τσακάλου - Πρόεδρος.

### **PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

#### **Christos Anesti everyone!**

First and foremost I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone for sending in donations for the Epitaphion flowers, and also for the support you showed us during our tsourekia sale on Palm Sunday.

May 8, Wednesday, Our last meeting of the year. All the ladies of our community are urged to attend and become members, join us in becoming one and be an active member of a society whose main object is to help our fellow man.

As we are celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ let us continue the work that He has set before us.

May 11th, Saturday, our annual Mother's Day Tea from 1:00- 4:00 PM. Mother's bring your daughters to enjoy a fun filled afternoon as we honor our most loved and respected person in our families, our mother. Also, the Children's Chorus of Maryland will be performing for our Mother's Day Tea along with other groups.

May 12th Sunday, Mother's Day

May 14, Tuesday, 7:00 PM Philoptochos elections for a new board. There is no regular meeting only elections so please make sure you are paid up on your membership dues.

May 19th Scholarship Sunday: Scholarship awards to our young people.

Sunday, May 19th a presentation by Dr. Nicholas Kokonis in the large social hall right after the Divine Liturgy. He will present his works and there will be a community sponsored light lunch. Please plan on attending

Thank you to the following individuals for donations to our Philoptochos chapter.

Rose Conway, Maria Giorgakis in memory of George Kalis, John and Eva Lalas in memory of Evanthia, Irene and Nick Lalas. – Zoe Perdikakis, President

#### **Χριστός Ανέστη!**

Πρώτα από όλα θέλω να ευχαριστήσω θερμά όλους που έστειλαν δωρεά χρημάτων για τὰ λουλουδια του Επιταφίου και όλους που μας υποστήριξαν στην πώληση των τσουρεκιών

Μαΐου 8, Τετάρτη 7:00 PM. Η τελευταία συνεδρίαση της χρονιάς. Είστε όλες καλεσμένες να έρθετε να γραφτείτε μελη και να γίνετε ενεργά άτομα σε μια αδελφότητα που μοναδικός σκοπός της είναι η βοήθεια προς τον συνάνθρωπο

Μαΐου 11, Σάββατο, ετήσιο τσάι για την γιορτή της Μητέρας. 1:00-4:00 το απόγευμα.

Ελάτε όλες νά τιμήσουμε το πιο σεβαστό και αγαπητό πρόσωπο της κάθε οικογένειας, την Μητέρα μας.

Μαΐου 12, Κυριακή, γιορτή της Μητέρας

Μαΐου 19, Κυριακή, απονομή υποτροφιών στα νέα παιδιά της παροικίας μας.

Μαΐου 19, Κυριακή Ομιλία απο τον συγγραφέα Κο Νίκο Κοκκόνη και η παρουσίαση των έργων του, μετά το πέρας της Θείας Λειτουργίας. Θα προσφερθεί ελαφρύ γεύμα.

Η Φιλόπτωχος θέλει να ευχαριστήσει θερμά τὰ κάτωθι άτομα για τις δωρεές τους.

Γαρυφαλία Κόνγουεϊ, Μαρία Γιωργάκη εις μνήμη τού αιμνήστου Γεωργίου Κάλη, τούς Ιωάννη και Ευα Λάλα εις μνήμη τών αιμνήστων Ευανθίας, Ειρήνης, και Νικόλαου Λάλα.

–Ζωή Περδικάκη, Πρόεδρος

### **GREEKTOWN CDC**

#### **A Message from Colonel John E. Gavrilis, CEO**

The Greektown CDC thanks all of the volunteers for participating in our Mayor's Clean Up on April 20th. Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Campus conducted a "Live Near Your Work" walking tour of homes in our community. This was a great opportunity for Hopkins professionals to see our beautiful neighborhood and available homes for sale. We thank Alliance Realty for coordinating this effort.

We look forward to the annual Saint Nicholas Greek Festival, June 6-9, 2013! With the revitalization to our housing market and commercial district, it takes us back to one of our main themes – community investment. We encourage you to join our efforts by making improvements to your home and utilizing the Healthy Neighborhoods program. Invest in our youth by volunteering at the Mora Crossman Recreation Center or helping out with the Church's youth groups. Invest by supporting our community's businesses and restaurants.

You are our eyes and ears in the community. Please remember call 911 for all crime related issues and emergencies, to include illegal dumping and loitering, and 311 for non-emergencies and City services. Visit our website at [www.greektowncdc.org](http://www.greektowncdc.org).

**Xristos Anesti!**

**Believe in your community!**

GREEK ORTHODOX LAYERS  
PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF  
SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH

# Mother's Day Tea

featuring  
Children's Chorus of Maryland

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.**  
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church  
520 Ponca Street, Baltimore, MD 21224  
DONATION OF \$5.00 FOR THE TEA.

*Mothers, bring your daughters to enjoy this wonderful performance and Tea.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 410-633-5020 OR VISIT US ON THE WEB: [WWW.STNICHOLASMD.ORG](http://WWW.STNICHOLASMD.ORG)

## IGNITING THE FLAME OF TRUE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

A Parish that practices true Orthodox Christian Stewardship is truly on fire and can achieve the unimaginable and experience no financial challenges as it strives to emulate the kingdom of God. It is the challenge of every Parish council, stewardship and other ministry leaders and Priest to ensure that his or her Parish practices true stewardship and gives every parishioner the opportunity to maximize his or her commitment of time, talent and treasures for God's work. The question is how best to implement a truly successful stewardship ministry program? Igniting the Flame of True Orthodox Christian Stewardship is a unique, inspirational and step-by-step educational and interactive experience that effectively teaches how to implement a highly successful stewardship paradigm. This 4-hour high energy and very entertaining program includes time to answer specific questions tailored to the unique needs of each Parish.

Participants will learn: (1) The real facts of what is happening in Christian churches in America; (2) What true stewardship is; (3) How to re-organize your Parish to maximize results; (4) What are the 3 critical stewardship principles; (5) How to implement effectively 2 dynamic stewardship tactics; (6) The 3 most effective communications strategies; and (7) A highly successful Parish operational and organizational paradigm.

This dynamic training also provides a comprehensive 9-step process for how to organize the most effective Parish and stewardship ministry. The experienced facilitator is Bill Marianes who has traveled over 100,000 miles energizing

and inspiring thousands of church leaders throughout the country to achieve outstanding and significantly improved results in every aspect of their parish life. This highly effective, practical and spiritually based Christian stewardship approach can substantially improve a Parish's ministries, communications with its stewards and financial stewardship results. The conventional wisdom is that "insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result." Many Parishes have practiced a degree of insanity with their unsuccessful or stagnant stewardship programs. This is the chance to break the chains that bind us to less effective stewardship and Parish practices. To receive the most from this dynamic program, ALL members of the Parish council, stewardship ministry members and ministry leaders and Priest(s) of a Parish should attend to better understand how to work together to maximize their effectiveness.

Join us on Saturday, June 15, 2013 from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. Please make every effort to attend this very exciting, informative and entertaining program that will help you: (i) take your Parish to new levels of success; and (ii) learn how to achieve your own unique stewardship calling to serve God and His Church. Please RSVP to Stewardship Chairman, Nancy Anastasiades at 443-676-7578 or [nanastasi@comcast.net](mailto:nanastasi@comcast.net). Thank you.

*"Much is required from the person to whom much is given; much more is required from the person to whom much more is given."* -(Luke 12:48)



## DONATIONS IN MEMORIAM



### In Memory of George Kalis

Mr. & Mrs. George Chrisovergis  
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# Pastoral Message from Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos

## IS CHRIST'S RESURRECTION A TRUE REALITY OR NOT?

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History, and American History, then why is it so difficult to believe in our Orthodox Church History? Why is it so difficult to believe in the Old & New Testament, the Apostles, the Father's of the Church, the Saints, the Sacraments, the Ecumenical Synods, the Holy Wars, the Sacred Traditions, etc.?

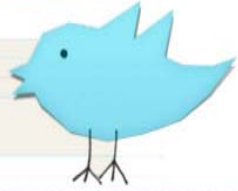
Did you ever ask a Jew, if believes in God "Jehovah", the Tora the Mosaic Law, Books of the Old Testament or the History of the Jewish people? Did you ever ask a Muslim, do you believe in "Allah" the Koran or their Prophet Mohammed? If you asked them this question, I'm 100% positive that their answer will be "Yes". Why is it that we as Orthodox Christians have a problem believing in the Sacred Traditions, the Saints, the Fathers of the Church, the Creed, the Ecumenical Synods, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and last Eternal Life. I guess the answer to this question is "Faith". Do we as Orthodox Christians have the Faith to believe in Christ, if we do, then we are on the right path to receive Salvation? But on the other hand, we say that we believe, but do we truly believe. Do we commit ourselves to believe fully in His teachings? Do we follow the Commandments of our Lord? Are we good "Stewards" of the Church? Do we attend Church regularly? Do

we truly believe that the Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist, is the actual Body and Blood? Do we partake of Holy Communion frequently so we can abide in Him? Remember St. Thomas (Doubting Thomas) who didn't believe at first, because he wasn't there with other Disciples who saw Christ. But when he saw Christ after the Resurrection in the Upper Room, that's when He truly believed. "What did Christ say on this issue"? Blessed are those who believe and have not seen Me, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

We sing in the service during the Paschal night, Christ is the New Passover, the living sacrifice, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. As I conclude, let us worship Him, the Lord of life and death, the Lord Who is risen and Who bestows resurrection upon all creation, Who is the "Bread of Life" Who has come down from heaven, and Who is given "for the life of the world". Let us also glorify God with Thanksgiving and with great joy let us greet each other with the Holy Kiss, repeating the Sacred words. "CHRIST IS RISEN – TRULY HE IS RISEN".

It's time to wake up my brothers and sisters. It's time to come closer to our Resurrected Lord. No more doubting, No more unbelieving, Commit yourself to Christ and you will see your life and future take on a different endeavor.

# GREEK SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP!!



**DATES OF CAMP: JUNE 24- JULY 19, 2013**  
Half -Day Option: \$350.00 for 4 weeks  
Option 1: 9 AM TO 12 NOON  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
Option 2: 12 NOON TO 3 PM  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
Full Day Option : \$675.00 for 4 weeks  
9 AM TO 3 PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY  
Snack & juice will be provided; campers staying for the full-day will bring their own lunch.

Teacher: Ms. Vicky Kalograni  
For more information regarding the program, please contact the church office at 410-633-5020 during normal business hours, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

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(VBS dates)

Each day's fun begins at: 9:00 a.m.  
(VBS starting time)

The VBS day ends at: 12:30 p.m.  
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: 410-633-5020  
(church phone number)

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<b>PLEGDED</b>	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>TOTALS: \$149,546.00</b>	<b>110,118.00</b>	<b>\$39,428.00</b>

THE FESTIVAL IS AROUND THE CORNER.  
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ΣΑΣ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΩ - ΜΑΡΙΑ ΣΑΛΠΕΑ**

**ST. NICHOLAS PROFIT & LOSS  
JANUARY-APRIL 30, 2013**

**EXPENSES**

**GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION**

Accounting	\$ 3,000.00
Advertising—Yellow Pages & Koinonia	\$ 2,628.25
Bank Fees	\$ 243.23
Clergy Laity Congress	\$ 659.17
Fair Share( Archdiocese)	\$ 12,000.00
Insurance- General Liability	\$ 9,123.80
Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$ 943.00
Interest Expense	\$ 226.96
Memorial Expense	\$ 140.75
Office Expense	\$ 1,857.25
Postage and Delivery	\$ 2,294.40
Professional Fees-Subcontract	\$ 700.00
Printing Expense	\$ 712.77
Telephone & Internet Costs	\$ 1,496.02
Other	\$ 742.86
Total General & Administration Costs:	\$ 35,282.74

**OCCUPANCY COSTS**

Building Maintenance	\$ 2,608.54
Janitor's Supplies	\$ 529.40
Permits & Licenses	\$ 1,083.00
Trash Removal	\$ 1,139.45
Utilities	\$ 9,310.78
Water and Sewer	\$ 1,430.91
Total Occupancy Costs	\$ 16,102.08

**PAYROLL EXPENSES**

Church Personnel Payroll	\$ 39,904.08
Priest's Housing and Salary	\$ 28,594.64
Greek School Teachers/Substitute Teacher (s) Payroll	\$ 19,554.48
Chantor Payroll	\$ 7,512.00
Asst. Chantor Payroll	\$ 2,000.00
Organist Payroll	\$ 2,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 5,123.24
Church Administrator Pension	\$ 2,000.00
Employee Health Insurance Costs	\$ 9,902.00
Priest's Auto/Housing Allowance	\$ 4,000.00
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 39.60
Total Payroll Expenses	\$ 120,630.84

**YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL**

Books/CDs	\$ 394.13
Scholarship	\$ 1,000.00
Youth and Educational—Other	\$ 2,715.00
Total Youth and Educational Costs	\$ 4,109.13

**CAPITAL COSTS**

<b>PLATEIA EXPENSES</b>	
Plateia Construction Costs Paid from Church funds	\$ 4,166.00
Utilities—BG&E	\$ 5,771.34
Total Plateia Expenses	\$ 9,937.34
Total Capital Improvement Costs	\$ 9,937.34

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

**\$186,061.33**

**ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE**

**INCOME**

Stewardship	\$ 95,497.38
Greek School /Summer Camp Registration	\$ 5,925.00
Sales, Candles	\$ 27,198.00
Sales, Dances	\$ 2,011.63
Donations—Church	\$ 13,022.60
Donations—Trays	\$ 5,413.00
Donations—Church Hall	\$ 2,743.00
Donations—Memorial	\$ 7,092.50
Donations—Flowers	\$ 975.00
Donations—Building Fund	\$ 9,213.00
Total Income	\$ 169,090.48

**Cost of Goods Sold**

Candle Expense	\$ 9,040.00
Flower Expense	\$ 878.70
Christmas Card Expense	\$ 150.00
Dance Expense	\$ 502.46
Total COGS	\$ 10,571.16

Gross Profit:	\$ 158,519.32
Expenses:	\$ 186,061.33

**Net Loss**

**\$ -27,542.01**

**Outstanding Liabilities:**

M&T Mortgage Balance on the Plateia	\$ 453,251.79
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# CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!



Parish Council President Demos Anastasiades carrying the Cross during the funeral procession of the Epitafio Megali Paraskevi accompanied by Parish Council member Emmanuel Theoharis.



Father Michael giving the Anastasi Liturgy.



Parishioners sharing "the Light" in front of the church.

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# LITURGICAL PROGRAM FOR MAY

**Monday, May 6:** Renewal  
**Monday (Bright Week)** St. George the great Martyr: Orthros: 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am  
**Tuesday, May 7:** Renewal Tuesday: Sts. Rafael, Nicholas, and Irene: Orthros: 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am  
**Friday, May 10:** Theotokos of the Life Giving Fountain: Orthros: 8:45 am D. Lit. 9:30 am.  
**Sunday, May 12:** Sunday of Thomas: Orthros: 8:45 am D. Liturgy: 10:00 am.  
**Sunday, May 19:** Sunday of the Myrrh bearers; Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am  
**Tuesday, May 21:** Sts. Constantine & Helen Equal to the Apostles; Orthros: 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am  
**Sunday, May 26:** Sunday of the Paralytic: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am  
**Monday, May 27:** Memorial Day at the Cemetery: Fr Michael will conduct Memorial Services for the departed at the Oak Lawn Cemetery on Monday, May the 27th at 10:00 am. This is a wonderful occasion to give tribute and honor to our beloved departed loved ones. There will be sweets, fruit and refreshments served after the service. SEE YOU ALL THERE.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, May 7:** Diamonds Monthly Luncheon Meeting at 1 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 8:** The Ladies Philoptochos Monthly Meeting at 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 11:** J.O.Y. Program from 12 noon to 2 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 11:** Children's Chorus of Maryland to perform at the Ladies Philoptochos Mother's Day Tea starting at 1 p.m.

**Sunday, May 12:** Mother's Day Celebration. *On behalf of the Parish Council, Fr. Michael, the Staff, and the entire family of St. Nicholas, we would like to wish A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all our beautiful MOTHER'S in the Parish.*  
**Tuesday, May 14:** The Diamonds Annual Elections Meeting at 1 pm; The Ladies Philoptochos Elections at 7 p.m.  
**Friday, May 17:** GOYA End of Year Dinner at Michael's Steak and Lobster House.  
**Saturday, May 18:** Greek End of Year Trip To Kings Dominion; The Ladies Panchian Society "Chios" Monthly Meeting.  
**Sunday, May 19:** Scholarship Sunday and Speaker Dr. Nicholas KoKonis to present his life works.  
**Tuesday, May 21:** Festival Meeting at the Plateia starting at 6 p.m.  
**Tuesday, May 21:** Last Day for Greek School Classes.  
**Wednesday, May 22:** Greek School 6th Grade Graduation Dinner starting at 6 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 23:** Greek School End of Year Program starting at 6 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 30:** Parish Life Committee- Last one for the year.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, June 5:** Set-Up for the Greek Folk Festival  
**Thursday-Sunday, June 6-9:** St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival.  
**Monday-Friday, June 17-21:** Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**Monday, June 24:** Greek School Summer Camp Begins; Contact the Church Office for more information.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



## KOINOTIKA NEA

### 2013 Greek Folk Festival June 6, 7, 8 & 9, 2013

#### ST. NICHOLAS GREEK FOLK FESTIVAL- CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!

There are only 5 weeks left until our Festival!!! Before we know it, June will be here. This year, the festival venue will be almost entirely at the Plateia site. Our church will be open and few items will be offered there. More than ever, we are calling on ALL dedicated parishioners to take an active role in this endeavor.

In order to assure that everyone taking part in this year's festival is aware of the decisions being made, the following meetings have been scheduled: Tuesday, May 7th and Tuesday, May 21st. All meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Plateia. Please use the open area parking on Ponca Street.

Also, **Wednesday, JUNE 5th** is set-up time for the Festival. We need every able body to come and start setting up as early as 5 p.m. It is MANDATORY that all team leaders and their crews attend each meeting to report on the progress being made in their respective areas and, more importantly, to hear about the new procedures and requirements being developed for this year's festival. If you are not on a committee, come to the meetings, and we will be happy to help you select an appropriate area. Everyone is welcome! Your participation is vital to the success of the festival and toward the progress of our beloved St. Nicholas. I am looking forward to seeing you at these meetings. Thank you.

*Frank Mitsos,  
Festival Chairman*

#### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ADVERTISE IN THE 2013 GREEK FESTIVAL COMMUNITY BOOK!

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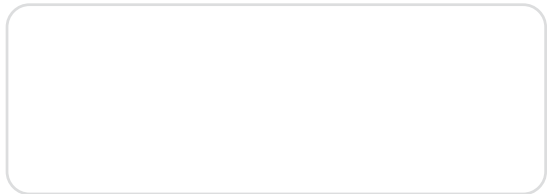
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