

# 62 YEARS



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

On behalf of the entire Community of St. Nicholas I greet you with these joyous words; CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

It is the day of Resurrection! Let us be illumined for the feast! Pascha! The Pascha of the Lord! From death unto life and from the earth unto Heaven has Christ our God led us! Singing the song of victory; Christ is Risen from the dead trampling down death by death and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

As we enter the month of May, let's not forget what just happened in the month of April. All through Holy Week beginning with the Raising of Lazarus, then the feast of Palm Sunday, the Lord's Passions, Crucifixion, and Resurrection. It was a wonderful experience to relive the events of what took place during that time 2,000 years ago. Why can't we keep that Palm Sunday feeling always in our regular Sunday experiences when we come to Church? Thousands of our Parishioners filled the pews, the Atrium, and most of our people stood outside waiting for all these events to take place throughout Holy Week. Why does that feeling have to change? Why is it that when Pascha is over, we forget about what Christ did for us on the Cross? Why is it that many of our Parishioners scatter and don't return to the Church until Pascha comes again. This is something that I will never understand why?

It brought chills and tears to my eyes during those memorable moments. The raising of Lazarus, Palm Sunday Morning and Evening, the Bridegroom services, Holy Unction, the Last Supper experience with His disciples, the washing of the disciples feet, the many tortures that He suffered, Crucifixion, the Burial, and last the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. How can anyone forget those events?

Every year we make a certain amount of progress during Lent. Why is it that after Pascha it is very easy to slide back into old routines, or be less disciplined in some way and that progress can seem to vanish away? To all those people that have a memory loss after Pascha, Wake Up and smell the coffee!

Every year the Lord gives us a chance to change our ways of life, and to become a better Christian with a better sense of understanding of why we need to keep ourselves closer to Christ so we can immolate a little part of what He did for us. Christ died for us because he truly cares about us and loves us. He didn't want His children to suffer a death without meaning. He wanted all of us to inherit eternal life, and that is why He gave up His life so we can live a better life with Him in Heaven. What I discovered is that the road I'm following continues on and that our work still goes on and that God still



has use for us. Let's not forget what happened after the Crucifixion of Christ. The disciples were afraid, they gathered in the Upper Room after the eighth day and Christ came into the room. I could just imagine seeing the faces of all the disciples when they saw Christ coming through the door even though it was bolted shut. Wouldn't you have loved being there, to see their facial expressions? To the disciples it was a moment of surprise. They

were amazed at the sight of Christ. Their Teacher or Rabbi was alive again. They were so happy to see Him but Why? Because they realized that everything that Christ taught them became a reality. Everything started to come back to them. The Miracles, Teachings, The healings of the Paralytics, The demon-possessed, the Lam, Blind, and Deaf that he healed throughout His 3 year Ministry.

So it's essential to get back up and get back out there even as the disciples did. They couldn't stay in the Upper Room forever. Neither did they find that they could go back to their old way of life, fishing on the Sea of Galilee. God had touched them, and called them to a new life and nothing would ever be the same again in their lives. We have been given a chance to begin our new life in Christ. We have the opportunity to change just like the Apostles did. Does anyone think that after the Crucifixion of our Lord that the Apostles didn't feel empty, and disgusted? They probably felt that their lives were over. That they also were defeated. After all what they went through with Christ, why did it have to end like this? But Christ knew what He had to do to inspire His disciples and to make them feel good again about their future roles that they would have to play in the future plans of the Church.

We too today, have been given the same invitation to continue the journey with Christ as His Apostles, sent out into the world to share the joy and peace of this new life. So if we choose to follow this life, that path will lead us to a wonderful life that never ends. But this also means that there is a lot of work to be done if we want to reach that goal. Let me give everyone the recipe that we need to

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# Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

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accomplish this great task. There are 14 ingredients that we need to carry us through to God's Heavenly Kingdom.

FAITH, LOVE, SELF DENIAL, PEACEMAKING, SACRAMENTAL LIFE, OBEDIENCE, FASTING, PRAYER, SERVANTHOOD, TRUTH, FORGIVENESS, BEARING FRUIT, PERSERVEANCE, AND THE LAST ONE IS PRACTICING YOUR FAITH.

This is what God expects from all of us in order to reach our final destination "The Kingdom of Heaven".

If you make these steps a personal priority, then you are a candidate to receive the reward that God has promised to His children.

May our Resurrected Lord continue to bless you and to guide you as you follow the path and the journey to Heaven above.

Εκ μέρους της ευρύτερης Κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου σας χαιρετώ με το χαρμόσυνο μήνυμα: ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!! ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!!

Ημέρα Ανάστασης! Ας φωτιστούμε από την εορτή! Πάσχα! Πάσχα. Κυρίου! Από τον θάνατο στη ζωή και από τη γη στον ουρανό, μας οδήγησε ο Χριστός, ο Θεός μας! Ψάλλοντας το άσμα της νίκης. Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρών, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας και τοις εν τοις μνήμασι ζωήν χαρισάμενος.

Καθώς εισερχόμαστε στον μήνα Μάιο, μην ξεχνάμε τι συνέβη τον Απρίλιο που μόλις πέρασε. Όλη τη Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα ξεκινώντας με την Ανάσταση του Λαζάρου, μετά την εορτή της Κυριακής των Βαΐων, τα Πάθη του Κυρίου, τη Σταύρωση και την Ανάσταση. Ήταν μια θαυμάσια εμπειρία να ξαναζήσουμε τα γεγονότα που συνέβησαν εκείνη την εποχή πριν από 2.000 χρόνια. Γιατί δεν μπορούμε να κρατήσουμε για πάντα το συναίσθημα της Κυριακής των Βαΐων, στο κανονικό μας εκκλησιασμό της Κυριακής, όταν ερχόμαστε στην Εκκλησία; Χιλιάδες ενορίτες μας γέμισαν τα καθίσματα, την αίθουσα Υποδοχής, και οι περισσότεροι από τους ανθρώπους μας βρισκόταν έξω αναμένοντας όλα αυτά τα γεγονότα να πραγματοποιηθούν καθ' όλη τη Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα. Γιατί πρέπει να αλλάξει αυτό το συναίσθημα; Γιατί όταν τελειώσει το Πάσχα, ξεχνάμε τι έκανε ο Χριστός για μας πάνω στον Σταυρό; Γιατί πολλοί από τους ενορίτες μας διασκορπίζονται και δεν επιστρέφουν στην Εκκλησία μέχρι να έρθει πάλι το Πάσχα; Αυτό είναι κάτι που ποτέ δεν θα καταλάβω, γιατί;

Έφεραν ανατριχίλα και γέμισαν δάκρυα τα μάτια μου κατά τη διάρκεια αυτών των αξέχαστων στιγμών. Η Ανάσταση του Λαζάρου, η Κυριακή των Βαΐων το πρωί και το βράδυ, οι Ακολουθίες του Νυμφίου, το Ευχέλαιο, η εμπειρία του Μυστικού Δείπνου με τους μαθητές Του, το πλύσιμο των ποδιών των μαθητών, τα πολλά βεσανιστήρια που υπέστη, η Σταύρωση, η Ταφή και τελευταία η Ανάσταση του Κυρίου μας Ιησού Χριστού. Πώς μπορεί κανείς να ξεχάσει αυτά τα γεγονότα;

Κάθε χρόνο σημειώνεται κάποια πρόοδος κατά τη διάρκεια της Σαρακοστής. Γιατί μετά το Πάσχα είναι τόσο εύκολο να γλιστρήσει

κανείς πίσω στις παλιές του συνήθειες ή να είναι λιγότερο πειθαρχημένος κατά κάποιο τρόπο, και να είναι ολοφάνερο ότι η πρόοδος εξαφανίζεται. Για όλους εκείνους που έχουν απώλεια μνήμης μετά το Πάσχα, ξυπνήστε...

Κάθε χρόνο ο Κύριος μας δίνει την ευκαιρία να αλλάξουμε το τρόπο ζωής μας και να γίνουμε καλύτεροι Χριστιανοί με καλύτερη αίσθηση κατανόησης ότι πρέπει να παραμείνουμε πιο κοντά στον Χριστό, ώστε να μπορέσουμε να θυσιάσουμε ένα μικρό μέρος αυτών που έκανε για εμάς. Ο Χριστός πέθανε για μας διότι πραγματικά ενδιαφέρεται για εμάς και μας αγαπά. Δεν ήθελε τα παιδιά Του να υποφέρουν το θάνατο χωρίς προσπάθεια. Ήθελε όλοι μας να κληρονομήσουμε την αιώνια ζωή και γι' αυτό εγκατέλειψε τη ζωή Του, ώστε να μπορέσουμε να ζήσουμε μια καλύτερη ζωή μαζί Του στον Ουρανό. Αυτό που ανακάλυψα είναι ότι ο δρόμος που ακολουθώ συνεχίζεται, και ότι το έργο μας συνεχίζεται, και ότι ο Θεός έχει έργα μας. Ας μην ξεχνάμε τι συνέβη μετά τη Σταύρωση του Χριστού. Οι μαθητές φοβήθηκαν, συγκεντρώθηκαν στο Αίθριο μετά την όγδοη ημέρα, όταν ο Χριστός εισήλθε στο δωμάτιο. Ας μπορούσα μόνο με τη φαντασία μου να δω τα πρόσωπα των Αποστόλων όταν είδαν το Χριστό να εισέρχεται από τη πόρτα, παρόλο που ήταν καλά κλειδωμένη.

Δεν θα επιθυμούσατε να βρίσκεστε εκεί, να δείτε τις εκφράσεις του προσώπου τους; Για τους μαθητές ήταν μια στιγμή έκπληξης. Ήταν έκπληκτοι με το βλέμμα του Χριστού. Ο Δάσκαλος ή ο Ραβίνος ήταν πάλι ζωντανός. Ήταν τόσο χαρούμενοι που τον είδαν, αλλά γιατί; Διότι συνειδητοποίησαν ότι όλα όσα τους δίδαξε ο Χριστός έγιναν πραγματικότητα. Όλα άρχισαν να επιστρέφουν στο μυαλό τους: θαύματα, διδασκαλίες, θεραπείες των παραλύτων, Τυφλοί και Κωφοί που θεράπευσε κατά τη διάρκεια τριών χρόνων της Αποστολής Του.

Επομένως, είναι σημαντικό να επιστρέψουμε, να επιστρέψουμε εκεί, όπως έκαναν και οι Απόστολοι. Δεν μπορούσαν να παραμείνουν στο Αίθριο για πάντα. Ούτε διαπίστωσαν ότι θα μπορούσαν να επιστρέψουν στον παλιό τρόπο ζωής τους, να ρεβούν στη Θάλασσα της Γαλιλαίας. Ο Θεός τους είχε αγγίξει και

τους κάλεσε σε μια νέα ζωή, τίποτα πια δεν θα ήταν και πάλι το ίδιο στη ζωή τους. Μας δόθηκε η ευκαιρία να ξεκινήσουμε μια νέα ζωή με το Χριστό. Έχουμε την ευκαιρία να αλλάξουμε όπως ακριβώς έκαναν οι Απόστολοι. Πιστεύει κανείς ότι μετά τη Σταύρωση του Κυρίου μας οι Απόστολοι δεν αισθάνθηκαν άδεια και αηδισμένοι; Ίσως αισθάνθηκαν ότι η ζωή τους τελείωσε. Ότι επίσης ηττήθηκαν. Μετά από όλα αυτά που πέρασαν με τον Χριστό, γιατί έπρεπε να τελειώσει έτσι; Αλλά ο Χριστός ήξερε τι έπρεπε να κάνει για να εμπνεύσει στους μαθητές Του και να τους κάνει να νιώθουν και πάλι καλά για τους μελλοντικούς τους ρόλους, που θα έπρεπε να παίξουν στα μελλοντικά σχέδια της Εκκλησίας.

Έτσι και σε μας σήμερα, μας δόθηκε η ίδια πρόσκληση να συνεχίσουμε το ταξίδι με τον Χριστό όπως στους Αποστόλους Του, που ταξίδεψαν στον κόσμο για να μοιραστούν τη χαρά και την ειρήνη αυτής της νέας ζωής. Έτσι, αν επιλέξουμε να ακολουθήσουμε αυτή τη ζωή, αυτό το μονοπάτι, που θα μας οδηγήσει σε μια υπέροχη ζωή, που δεν τελειώνει ποτέ. Αλλά αυτό σημαίνει επίσης ότι πρέπει να δουλέψουμε πολύ εάν θέλουμε να επιτύχουμε αυτόν τον στόχο.

Επιτρέψτε μου να δώσω σε όλους τη συνταγή με τι τρόπο πρέπει να ολοκληρώσουμε αυτό το σημαντικό καθήκον. Υπάρχουν 14 συστατικά που θα μας οδηγήσουν στη Βασιλεία του Θεού. ΠΙΣΤΗ, ΑΓΑΠΗ, ΑΥΤΑΠΑΡΝΗΣΗ, ΕΝΙΣΧΥΣΗ, ΜΥΣΤΗΡΙΑΚΗ ΖΩΗ, ΥΠΑΚΟΗ, ΝΗΣΤΕΙΑ, ΠΡΟΣΕΥΧΗ, ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ, ΑΛΗΘΕΙΑ, ΣΥΓΧΩΡΕΣΗ, ΦΡΟΝΤΙΔΑ, ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΤΟ ΤΕΛΕΥΤΑΙΟ ΕΞΑΣΚΗΣΗ ΤΗΣ ΠΙΣΤΗΣ.

Αυτά περιμένει ο Θεός από όλους μας για να να φτάσουμε στον τελικό μας προορισμό "Τη Βασιλεία των Ουρανών". Εάν κάνετε αυτά τα βήματα προσωπική σας προτεραιότητα, τότε θα είστε υποψήφιος να λάβετε την ανταμοιβή που ο Θεός έχει υποσχεθεί στα παιδιά Του.

Εύχομαι ο Ανάστατος Κύριος μας συνεχίζει να σας ευλογεί και να σας καθοδηγεί καθώς ακολουθείτε το μονοπάτι για το ταξίδι πάνω στον Ουρανό.

## Message from

## DEMOS ANASTASIADES, PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT / ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΟΝ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟ

Dear Parishioners,

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!

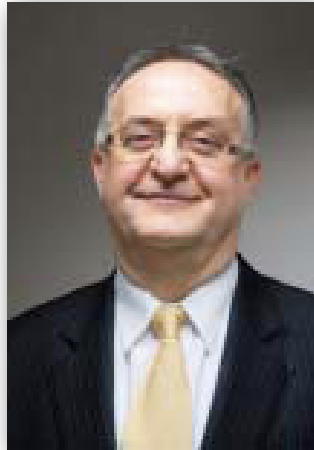
Once again we celebrated with great joy the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May His Holy Light shine within our hearts throughout the year,

We are very happy to announce that another one of our dreams has come true--the St. Nicholas Bi-Lingual Learning Center has officially opened! Father Michael officiated at the opening Agiasmo service on Sunday, April 23rd, and the center doors opened the next day on the 24th. The Center will operate year-round from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. serving all children from ages 3 months to 4 years old. Our experienced teachers are ready to serve the entire community.

Just around the corner is our Annual Greek Folk Festival to be held the weekend of June 8-11, 2017. Food and pastries are being prepared by the talented people of our community. But we still need everyone's help during the set up and actual festival week. Please take the time to volunteer a few hours to make this event a true community affair! Everyone is encouraged to pitch in to make this festival even greater than last year. It's up to us to keep the church and its programs operating for us and our children.

The Saint Nicholas Church has everything for everyone and is waiting for you! We invite you to join us.

In Christ,  
Demos Anastasiades  
Parish Council President



Αγαπητοί Ενορίτες,

Χριστός Ανέστη!!

Για μια ακόμη φορά εορτάσαμε με αμέριστη χαρά την Ανάσταση του Κυρίου μας, Ιησού Χριστού. Εύχομαι το Άγιο Φως Του να φωτίζει τις καρδιές μας όλο το χρόνο.

Βρισκόμαστε στην ευχάριστη θέση να σας ανακοινώσουμε ότι άλλο ένα από τα όνειρά μας έγινε πραγματικότητα – Το Δίγλωσσο Κέντρο Εκμάθησης, άνοιξε επίσημα. Ο Πάτερ Μιχαήλ έκανε τον Αγιασμό την Κυριακή, 23 Απριλίου, και το Κέντρο άνοιξε τις πόρτες του την επομένη ημέρα, 24 Απριλίου. Το Κέντρο θα λειτουργεί όλο το χρόνο από τις 7:00 π.μ. έως τις 6:00 μ.μ. και θα εξυπηρετεί όλα τα παιδιά ηλικίας από 3 μηνών έως 4 ετών. Το πεπειραμένο μας διδακτικό προσωπικό είναι έτοιμο να υπηρετήσει όλη την Κοινότητα.

Πλησιάζει επίσης το Ετήσιο Λαϊκό μας Πανηγύρι, που θα λάβει χώρα από τις 8 έως τις 11 Ιουνίου τρέχοντος έτους. Άρχισαν οι προετοιμασίες φαγητών και γλυκισμάτων από έμπειρους ανθρώπους της Κοινότητάς μας. Αλλά δεν φτάνει αυτό. Ακόμη χρειαζόμαστε την βοήθειά σας την εβδομάδα του Φεστιβάλ για να στήσουμε τα διάφορα περίπτερα. Σας παρακαλούμε να διαθέσετε εθελοντικά λίγες ώρες από το πολυάσχολο πρόγραμμά σας για να γίνει το Φεστιβάλ μια πραγματικά Κοινοτική εορτή. Όλοι παρακαλείστε να συμβάλλετε ώστε το φετινό Φεστιβάλ να γίνει ακόμη μεγαλύτερο από πέρυσι. Εξαρτάται από εμάς να συνεχίσει η Εκκλησία μας τα προγράμματά της για μας και τα παιδιά μας.

Η Εκκλησία του Αγίου Νικολάου παρέχει τα πάντα για όλους και σας περιμένει. Σας προσκαλούμε να μας βοηθήσετε.

Με θερμές ευχές εν Χριστώ,  
Δήμος Αναστασιάδης,  
Πρόεδρος Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου

*The Church would like to start interviewing parishioners who either volunteer their time or work at below market wages for our beloved St. Nicholas Church. The interviews will be shown on the large video screen in the Atrium after Church services and at various times when people are at the Church. Interview scripts have already been prepared and a list of people to be interviewed is being developed.*

*To get this started, the Church is **seeking someone who would be interested in contacting the volunteers on our list and to conduct the interviews.** It should actually be a lot of fun. The interviews will start with Father Michael, then Demos and followed by our Board members. Next, the interviews will include everyone else who supports the Plateia and our many Church and Church-affiliated organizations.*

This is what you will need to do:

1. Contact the individuals on our interview list,
2. Set-up interview dates,
3. Coordinate with our videographer who will professionally record the interviews, and
4. Conduct the interviews...

*If you are interested in being the interviewer, please notify the Church office or tell someone on the Parish Council.*

Dear St. Nicholas Parishioners,

In an effort to accommodate everyone, the Parish Council has taken some measures to ensure adequate and sufficient parking. Many of you are already aware of the signs posted in the parking lot which clearly indicate the rules of parking. They are as follows:

**PRIVATE PARKING**

**Parking lot is owned by St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church  
& Greektown Square & Event Center**

**NO OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMITTED**

**from the hours of  
2 am to 7 am**

**SUNDAYS**

**7 am to 2 pm**

**Church Parishioner Parking Only**

**All violators will be towed at vehicle owner's expense**

**NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PERMITTED**

Parishioners must have a St. Nicholas parking permit sticker placed on their car's windshield. You can obtain a parking permit from the church office by paying your 2017 stewardship. However, please note that even with a parking permit, if you park your car overnight in the lot, it will be towed. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Neither the church secretary nor Father Michael have the authority to exempt anyone from adhering to the parking lot rules.

With Love In Christ,  
Demos Anastasiades  
St. Nicholas Parish Council President

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

NURSERY AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN:  
LIA KARAGIANOPOULOS, ROSE KOSTAKIS  
KINDERGARTEN: YANA KARABELAS, AIDE-NIKI CANNING  
1ST GRADE: PENNY GERAPETRITIS, AIDE-LEMONIA  
2ND GRADE: NIKOL AKALESTOS, JENNA STAKIAS  
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4TH GRADE: GEORGE KARAGIANOPULOS,  
AIDE-ELENI PIKOUNIS  
5TH GRADE: STAVROULA SAKELAKIS,

**SUNDAY SCHOOL continued**

AIDE-MARKELLA CORNIAS  
6TH GRADE: MARIA FILIPPOU,  
AIDE-FLORA GIAKOUMAKIS  
7TH GRADE: CHRISSY COSSIS,  
8TH GRADE: FOULA PARAGIOS  
9TH GRADE: PHAEDRA AVGERINOS  
10TH GRADE: VASILI PHILIPPOU

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**ISSUE MONTH: JUNE 2017 - SUBMISSIONS DUE: MAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Please email your article(s) to:  
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All articles must be proofread and color corrected prior to submission.*

*Thank you for your consideration!*



## The Ascension of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Courtesy of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America  
[www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org)

### Introduction

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday.

The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven.

### Historical Background

The story of the Ascension of our Lord, celebrated as one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church, is found in the book of the Acts of the Apostles 1:3-11. It is also mentioned in the Gospels of Mark (16:19) and Luke (24:50-53). The moment of the Ascension is told in one sentence: "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9).

Christ made His last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. The Acts of the Apostles states that the disciples were in Jerusalem. Jesus appeared before them and commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the "Promise of the Father". He stated, "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5).

After Jesus gave these instructions, He led the disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here, He commissioned them to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also told them that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

### Icon of the Feast

The icon of The Ascension of Our Lord is a joyous icon. It is painted with bright colors. Christ is shown ascending in His glory in a mandorla. A mandorla is a design which is almond-shaped or round. Inside the mandorla is the figure of a holy person. Christ blesses the assembly with His right hand. In His left is a scroll. The scroll is a symbol of teaching. This icon shows that the Lord in heaven is the source of blessing. In addition, Jesus is the source of knowledge. The icon reminds us that Christ continues to be the source of the teaching and message of the Church, blessing and guiding those to whom He has entrusted his work.

The Theotokos occupies a very special place in this icon. She is in the center of the icon, immediately below the ascending Christ. The gesture of her hands is gesture of prayer. She is clearly outlined by the whiteness of the garments of the angels. The Theotokos is depicted in a very calm pose. This is quite different from the appearance of the Disciples. They are moving about, talking to one another and looking and pointing towards heaven. The entire group, the Theotokos and the disciples represent the Church.

The icon of the Ascension includes some who did not witness the Ascension. St. Paul is shown to the left of the Theotokos, but we know that he was not present at the Ascension. At that time, St. Paul did not yet believe in Jesus. But he became a Christian and one of the greatest Apostles and missionaries of Church.

The icon expresses the sovereignty of Christ over His Church; He is its Head, its guide, its source of inspiration and teaching; it receives its commission and ministry from Him, and fulfils it in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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## FESTIVAL MEETING!

Please mark your calendars for our next general festival meeting which will be held next Thursday, May 4 at 7pm at the Plateia.

This meeting is for everyone who is going to be a part of the 2017 Festival Team. ***If you are part of a group or in charge of a group that has festival responsibilities, it is important that you try and join us next Thursday.***

This will be one month before the festival, so we will cover everything from top to bottom and review our progress (and needs) so that we can make sure we are ready for June 8.

If you can not attend, please send someone in your place. Also, please send this email to an one you think would like to be a part of the festival. We still need MANY volunteers and area captains, so please make sure to spread the word.

Thank you,  
Spiro Alafassos  
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The lessons for the Saint Nicholas Pan-Hellenic Dance Group are continuing. The meeting and practice day is every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Social Hall. We accept new members, come and join us every Wednesday. We urge and encourage all those who love to dance to join the Pan-Hellenic Dance Group. Our Dance instructor is Mrs. Efi Karabelas. For registration or more information please contact and talk to Mrs. Anastasia (Stasa) Hatziefthimiou Loukaki, phone 443-845-8903.

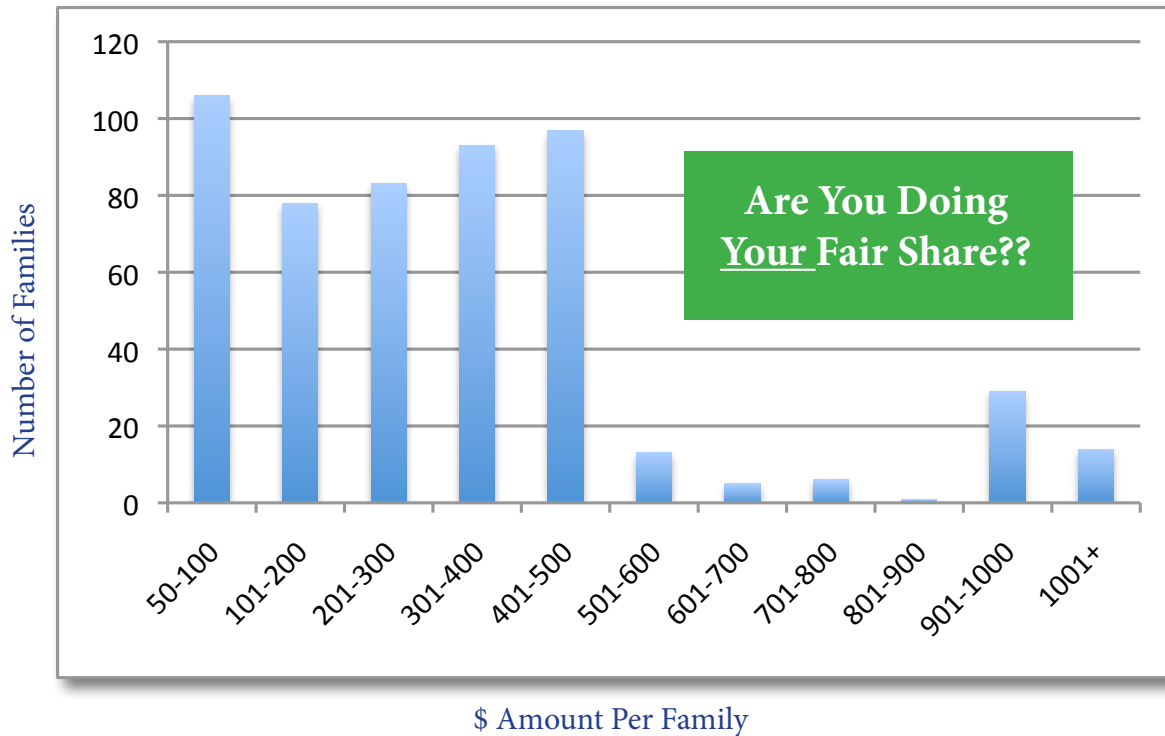


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\$100,000 or more? \$1,000 would make sure a difference!

We challenge each family to commit to their **1%** !!

# Lifestyle Renewal

by Archbishop Demetrios

Courtesy of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America  
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As we continue our series of reflections on the topic of renewal, we encounter a specific area that is in certain need of constant renewal. This is the area of our everyday life, of the manner by which we lead our lives. Practically, this is the issue of what is called “lifestyle.” In this case a pertinent, two-fold question arises, “What is our lifestyle, and how can it be renewed?”

Today, we are presented with many choices that we can make in terms of how we may lead our lives and define our lifestyle.

In many respects, we are engulfed by social influences and socially constructed value systems that pressure us. For example, there are lifestyles centered around and determined by the desire to acquire, by all means, as much money and property as is possible, or even impossible. Here, greed is the dominant motivation behind this lifestyle.

There are lifestyles characterized by the pursuit of personal power. Here, we concern ourselves with anything in terms of social position, physical condition, the usage of force and even violence, or any other element that contributes to the increase of power and dominion over others. These are the basic characteristics of lifestyles focused on acquiring control by force and power.

There are also lifestyles oriented towards pleasure as the basic principle and supreme value for human beings. This lifestyle frequently involves acts of corruption, immorality, and, ultimately, a slavery to one’s senses and to their immediate and absolute satisfaction.

In view of the above mentioned lifestyles, where do we stand? Is our lifestyle a mixture, to a certain degree, of lifestyles based on greed, power, and pleasure; with the addition of some Christian elements that, when all is considered, cannot constitute determining values that guide our lives? This is a question worth serious consideration.

In addressing this and other related questions pertaining to lifestyle, it is essential to stress that the model lifestyle

for us to emulate as Orthodox Christians is offered by Jesus Christ, the Apostles, the Saints, and the Martyrs. Upon closer examination, the Christian lifestyle is characterized by three central characteristics.

The first of these characteristics is a deep and genuine love for God. This is manifested by freely submitting to following the will of God. It is also exhibited through the genuine worship of God. The second of these characteristics is a profound love for our fellow human beings. This is demonstrated by the rendering of assistance to those who are in need and by recognizing the importance of promoting peaceful relationships among others. A third characteristic of the Christian lifestyle is the

projection of the Truth of God. This is done through a genuine witness to the Holy Gospel through the vocal proclamation of God’s Word, and through the inclusion of the message of the Gospel in everyday conversations with others.

The adoption of the Christian lifestyle is by no means an easy task, due to the various societal influences and pressures previously mentioned. As difficult as it may be to live an authentic

Christian lifestyle, however, we may take great comfort in knowing that we are always assisted by the grace of God, by the sacraments of the Church, and by the fellowship of the Holy Spirit as we strive to be more and more like Christ, His Apostles, the Saints, and the Martyrs.

Finally, the development of a truly Orthodox Christian lifestyle is never a task that is complete; rather, it is an ongoing metamorphosis of mind that requires our state of being in constant renewal. Here, the words of Saint Paul to the Romans continue to speak with striking relevance to the realities of our contemporary society, and they artfully serve as a fitting conclusion to the core intent of this brief reflection: “Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:2). This is a beautiful, precise, and eloquent call describing the challenges and responsibilities of living the Christian lifestyle. We can, and we should, embrace these words as we work toward the ongoing renewal of our own lifestyles.



Christos Anesti!

Monday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. Philoptochos will hold Elections. Please note this is not a meeting. Notices have sent out with details on eligibility to vote. Due to the Clergy/Laity Conference in New Jersey we will need to change our Last General Meeting from Monday, May 8th to Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00. Join us as we end the year. Rest assured only the meetings end during the summer, your Philoptochos continues their Philanthropic Mission all year. This year instead of our Annual Mothers Day Tea we will be hosting a Mothers Day Derby Brunch at the Sparrows Point Country Club. Saturday, May 6th at 12:00 noon. Donation \$35.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for children 12 and under /Cash Bar. Join us as we celebrate this special day and we encourage you to wear your favorite hat! On May 8th in New Jersey we will be representing our chapter at the Metropolis of New Jersey Clergy / Laity Assembly / Philoptochos Convention. A report will be given at our last meeting. Sunday, May 14th Mothers Day. In our hearts on that day and every day all Mothers are Special! Philoptochos acknowledges a lady or ladies from our community as an expression of our love and gratitude. We wish all Mothers a very Happy Mothers Day. And to those Mothers that are no longer with us, May their memory be eternal!

Philoptochos again will be awarded Scholarships on behalf of families in our community that have established them in memory of loved ones as well as our own. Applications were available in the church office. All applications should have been in the office by April 30th. Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, May 21st. Students will be notified and should be in church to receive their scholarships. We wish everyone a healthy and safe summer. Hope to see everyone at our Festival!

#### Philoptochos Donations:

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#### Philoxenia House:

Mr and Mrs Costas Triantafilos Maria and John Georgaki

The home continues to operate. On May 5th there will be a concert at the Saint Nicholas Plateia to benefit the home. For information or details please contact Tony Pearce, Maria Georgaki or Christine Zervos. We thank everyone who has supported the concerts either by the purchase of tickets, donations or hosting the entertainers. Thank you to the committee for all their hard work.

We would like to thank the Families of John and Kosta Sfiakianoudis for their generous donation of medical equipment and a electric reclining chair. May God grant them many years of health.

Δευτέρα 1 Μαΐου στις 7:00 μ.μ. Εκλογές της Φιλοπτώχου. Σημειώστε ότι αυτή την ημέρα δεν θα γίνει συνεδρίαση. Έχουν σταλεί ήδη ειδοποιήσεις με λεπτομέρειες σχετικά με την επιλεξιμότητα για ψηφοφορία. Λόγω της Κληρικολαϊκής Συνέλευσης της Νέας Ιερσέης θα χρεαστεί να αλλάξουμε την τελευταία τακτική μας συνεδρίαση και αντί Δευτέρα, 8 Μαΐου, θα γίνει την Τετάρτη 10 Μαΐου, στις 7:00 μ.μ. Σας περιμένουμε καθώς τελειώνουμε το έτος. Να είστε βέβαιες ότι μόνο οι συνεδριάσεις τελειώνουν για το καλοκαίρι, η Επιτροπή της Φιλοπτώχου σας συνεχίζει τη φιλανθρωπική αποστολή της όλο το χρόνο. Εφέτος, αντί του ετήσιου τσαγιού προς τιμή της Ημέρας της Μητέρας, θα διοργανώσουμε ένα ντέρμπι μπράντς στο Sparrows Point Country Club. Σάββατο 6 Μαΐου στις 12:00 το μεσημέρι. Δωρεά \$ 35.00 για ενήλικες και \$ 10.00 για παιδιά 12 ετών και κάτω/ Cash Bar. Ελάτε μαζί μας να γιορτάσουμε αυτήν την ξεχωριστή ημέρα και σας προτρέπουμε να φορέσετε το αγαπημένο σας καπέλο! Στις 8 Μαΐου θα εκπροσωπούμε το Τμήμα μας στη Σύνοδο των Μητροπόλεων του Νέου Τζέρσεϊ / Λαϊκής Συνέλευσης / Φιλοπτώχου. Θα παρουσιάσουμε έκθεση της Συνέλευσης στην τελευταία μας συνεδρίαση. Κυριακή, 14 Μαΐου Ημέρα των Μητέρων. Στην καρδιά μας, εκείνη την ημέρα και κάθε μέρα, βρίσκονται όλες οι Μητέρες, είναι Μοναδικές! Η Φιλοπτώχος εκλέγει μια κυρία ή κυρίες από την Κοινότητά μας, σαν έκφραση της αγάπης και της ευγνωμοσύνης μας. Ευχόμαστε σε όλες τις Μητέρες ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΠΟΛΛΑ. Και σε εκείνες τις Μητέρες που δεν είναι πλέον μαζί μας, η μνήμη τους να είναι αιώνια!

Η Φιλοπτώχος θα απονέμει και πάλι υποτροφίες εκ μέρους οικογενειών της Κοινότητάς μας, οι οποίες τις καθιέρωσαν εις μνήμη αγαπημένων συγγενών τους και δικών μας επίσης. Οι αιτήσεις είναι διαθέσιμες στο γραφείο της Εκκλησίας. Όλες οι αιτήσεις θα πρέπει να βρίσκονται στο Γραφείο μέχρι τις 30 Απριλίου. Οι υποτροφίες θα απονεμηθούν την Κυριακή 21 Μαΐου. Οι σπουδαστές θα ενημερωθούν και θα πρέπει να είναι στην Εκκλησία για να λάβουν τις υποτροφίες τους. Ευχόμαστε σε όλους ένα υγιές και ασφαλές καλοκαίρι. Ελπίζουμε να σας δούμε όλους στο Φεστιβάλ μας!

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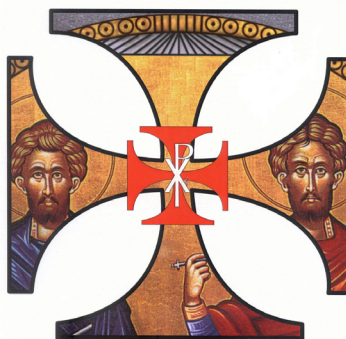
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Το σπίτι της Φιλοξενίας συνεχίζει κανονικά να λειτουργεί. Στις 5 Μαΐου θα πραγματοποιηθεί συναυλία στη ν Πλατεία του Αγίου Νικολάου για την αποπεράτωση του Οικήματος της Φιλοξενίας. Για πληροφορίες ή λεπτομέρειες επικοινωνήστε με τον ΑΝτώνη Πης, τη Μαρία Γεωργάκη ή την Χριστίνα Ζερβού. Ευχαριστούμε όλους όσοι υποστήριξαν τις συναυλίες είτε με την αγορά εισιτηρίων, δωρεών είτε φιλοξενώντας τους καλλιτέχνες. Ευχαριστούμε την Επιτροπή για όλη τη σκληρή δουλειά τους.

Θα θέλαμε επίσης να ευχαριστήσουμε τις οικογένειες του Γιάννη και Κώστα Σφρακιανούδη για τη γενναιόδωρη δωρεά ιατρικού εξοπλισμού και της καρέκλα που χαπλώνει. Εως ευχόμαστε ο Θεός να τους χαρίσει πολλά χρόνια με υγεία

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# EARLY EDUCATION CENTER NEWS

St. Nicholas Bilingual Early Education Center Now Open and Enrolling Infants through 5 years olds. Contact Director Sophia Moshoniotis at 518-660-5039 to schedule a tour of the center and register your child. Spaces are filling up for a September, 2017 placement as well as Spring and Summer, 2017.



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## DIAMONDS NEWS

Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

As we reach the end of this ecclesiastical year we would like to thank all the supporters of our organization, and also wish everybody in the community a happy and safe summer. We'll see you all, God willing, in September.

On Saturday morning, November 18, 2017, we plan to go to the Rainbow Dinner Theatre, in Paradise PA, to see a comedy show. For information please contact Rose Tsakalos at 410-282-2940. Price per person \$ 85.00. includes, transportation, Luncheon and the ticket for the Theatre. If you wish to attend, you need to give a deposit of \$ 20.00. More information to be announced at the meeting.

Thank you,  
Rose Tsakalos - President  
Saint Nicholas DIAMONDS

Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

Καθώς φθάσαμε στο τέλος και αυτής της εκκλησιαστικής χρονιάς θα θέλαμε να απευθύνουμε ένα μεγάλο ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΩ σε όλους τους υποστηρικτές του Οργανισμού μας, και επίσης να ευχηθούμε στην ευρύτερη Κοινότητα του Αγίου Νικολάου ΚΑΛΟ ΚΑΙ ΑΣΦΑΛΕΣ ΚΑΛΟΚΑΙΡΙ. Θα σας δούμε όλους, Θεού θέλοντος τον Σεπτέμβριο.

Το Σάββατο, 18 Νοεμβρίου, 2017, προγραμματίζουμε ταξίδι στην Πενσυλβάνια, στο Rainbow Dinner Theatre, να παρακολουθήσουμε τη ξεκαρδιστική κωμωδία. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες επικοινωνήστε με Κ. Ρόζα Τσακάλου (410-282-2940). Κατά γενική απαίτηση τούτο το ταξίδι θα γίνει Σάββατο πρωί για να μπορέσουν να έλθουν και οι εργαζόμενοι. Στοιχίζει \$ 85.00 το άτομο. Συμπεριλαμβάνει το Λεωφορείο, το γεύμα, και το εισιτήριο του Θεάτρου. Αν επιθυμείτε να συμμετέχετε σας παρακαλούμε να δώσετε μια μικρή προκαταβολή \$ 20.00 για να κλείσετε τη θέση σας, περισσότερες λεπτομέρειες στη συνεδρίαση.

Σας ευχαριστώ,  
Ρόζα Τσακάλου Πρόεδρος  
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# INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

## GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Congratulations are in order to all the organizers and participants of the 2017 Greek Independence Day Parade held in Baltimore.

As a former Parade committee member celebrating and remembering this historic event, it was rewarding to observe the evolution of the Parade during its 20 year development.

Being enveloped in the enthusiastic atmosphere of patriotism that filled the air: the patriotic music and the hundreds of flags of Greece and the United States of America made one so proud to be an American of Greek heritage. It was also uplifting to see citizens of various ethnic groups sharing in the celebration.

Honoring Greek Independence Day and remembering those who fought and gave their lives for Liberty reminds all of us that the Greek Spirit of Freedom lives forever.

Η Ελλάδα ποτέ δεν πεθαίνει!  
Eva Lallas

## ΠΑΡΕΛΑΣΗ – ΕΠΙ ΤΗ ΕΠΕΤΕΙΩ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗΣ ΑΝΕΞΑΡΤΗΣΙΑΣ

Συγχαρητήρια προς όλους τους διοργανωτές και τους συμμετέχοντες στην Παρέλαση του 2017 επί τη επετείω της Ημέρας της Ελληνικής Ανεξαρτησίας, που πραγματοποιήθηκε στη Βαλτιμόρη.

Ως πρώην μέλος της επιτροπής της Παρέλασης, που εορτάζει και θυμάται αυτό το ιστορικό γεγονός, ανταμείβομαι να παρακολουθώ την εξέλιξη της Παρέλασης κατά τη διάρκεια της 20ετούς ανάπτυξής της.

Συγκληνημένη με την ενθουσιώδη ατμόσφαιρα πατριωτισμού η οποία γέμιζε τον αέρα: η πατριωτική μουσική και οι εκατοντάδες σημαίες της Ελλάδας και των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών της Αμερικής που κυμάτιζαν, έκανε κάποιον να αισθάνεται τόσο περήφανο που ήταν Αμερικανός ελληνικής καταγωγής. Ήταν επίσης ενθαρρυντικό να βλέπουμε τους πολίτες διαφόρων εθνικών ομάδων να μοιράζονται την εορτή. Τιμώντας την Ημέρα της Ελληνικής Ανεξαρτησίας και εκείνους που πολέμησαν και έδωσαν τη ζωή τους για την Ελευθερία, θυμίζει σε όλους μας ότι το Ελληνικό Πνεύμα της Ελευθερίας θα ζει για πάντα.

Η Ελλάδα ποτέ δεν πεθαίνει!  
Ευαγγελία Λαλά.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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### News and Events

The Greektown Square & Event Center (Plateia) is excited to report that we now have a website!  
Please visit us at [greektownsquare.com](http://greektownsquare.com) and let us know what you think.  
Email us at [info@greektownsquare.com](mailto:info@greektownsquare.com)

The Plateia Committee continues to make great strides. Improvements continue to be made. Event bookings are increasing within as well as outside of our community. To keep up with this momentum, our Marketing Committee needs your help in developing our grass roots outreach program. Please consider volunteering your services. We thank you for your continued faith and support.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

**THE GREEKTOWN SQUARE & EVENT CENTER (PLATEIA)** is establishing a list of Business Partners that it can refer clients to for weddings and other event services. If you, your family members or friends are in these lines of business and would like to have clients referred to you, let us know. We will include your business name on our website, include you on Facebook features and provide clients with your business name and contact information during bookings of the facility. In exchange, we ask that you do the same to help us market the Plateia and to offer our clients promo pricing or other benefits you deem appropriate. The list of businesses includes the following:

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

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### **PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT**

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES  
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VALET PARKING

### **FOOD AND DÉCOR SUPPORT**

RENTAL FURNITURE/DECOR  
FLORISTS  
DECORATORS  
BAKERIES  
LIMO COMPANIES

### **MARKETING SUPPORT:**

Now that the Plateia is being marketed to the greater Baltimore area, we are receiving many internet inquiries. Therefore, all parishioners and friends of St. Nicholas who have either sponsored or attended events at the Plateia could help us tremendously if reviews were posted on the following internet sites:

- Our website at [www.greectownsquare.com](http://www.greectownsquare.com) - Send us Testimonials – (use the “Contact Us” tab). If you want to include your picture with the testimonial as others have, then send us your testimonial using the Plateia’s email address at [info@greectownsquare.com](mailto:info@greectownsquare.com) and attach the picture.
- Review us on our Facebook page at [www.greectownsquare.com](http://www.greectownsquare.com)
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## ΤΑ ΕΘΙΜΑ ΚΑΙ ΟΙ ΠΑΡΑΔΟΣΕΙΣ ΤΟΥΘ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ

Ραφαέλα Πρωτόπαπα - Μαθήτρια Ελληνικού Σχολείου

Το Πάσχα γιορτάζουμε την Ανάσταση του Χριστού, είναι η πιο σημαντική γιορτή του Χριστιανισμού και των Ελλήνων. Την Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα πηγαίνουμε στην Εκκλησία. Την Κυριακή των Βαΐων τρώμε ψάρι, την Μεγάλη Τετάρτη φτιάχνουμε γλυκά, κουλουράκια και τσουρέκια. Την Μεγάλη Πέμπτη βάφουμε τα κόκκινα αυγά. Την Μεγάλη Παρασκευή στολίζουμε τον Επιτάφιο με λουλούδια. Το Μεγάλο Σάββατο ανάβουμε την λαμπάδα μας με το Άγιο Φως, και ψάλλουμε το “Χριστός Ανέστη”.

Την Κυριακή του Πάσχα τρώμε το αρνί και τσουγκρίζουμε τα κόκκινα αυγά. Η γιορτή του Πάσχα γιορτάζεται μέσα στην Άνοιξη. Οι Έλληνες που ζουν στις πόλεις, φεύγουν και πάνε στα χωριά τους. Το παραδοσιακό πασχαλινό τραπέζι είναι διαφορετικό από τόπο σε τόπο. Όμως τα πασχαλινά κόκκινα αυγά, οι λαμπάδες, το αρνί και τα πυροτεχνήματα είναι ίδια σε όλη την Ελλάδα.  
Καλό Πάσχα!!



Νίκος Κοστρίβας

Ελληνικό Πάσχα

Οι ετοιμασίες για το Πάσχα ξεκινούν το Σάββατο του Λαζάρου. Πάμε στην εκκλησία να κοινωνήσουμε και μετά πάμε στη πλατεία. Εκεί θα φάμε πρωινό όλοι μαζί και θα παίξουμε έξω στην αυλή.

Την Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα νηστεύουμε και πηγαίνουμε στην εκκλησία κάθε απόγευμα.

Έχουμε πολλές προετοιμασίες για το Πάσχα όλη την εβδομάδα. Ψωνίζουμε τα απαραίτητα. Την Μεγάλη Πέμπτη βάφουμε και στολίζουμε τα αυγά. Την Μεγάλη Παρασκευή το πρωί, στολίζουμε τον Επιτάφιο για την Αποκαθήλωση και το βράδυ γίνεται η περιφορά του Επιταφίου. Το Μεγάλο Σάββατο πάμε πολύ πρωί στην εκκλησία για την Πρώτη Ανάσταση, ο παππούς μου πάει στη φάρμα να σφάξει το αρνί. Κάνουμε πολλές δουλειές το μεσημέρι και μετά ετοιμαζόμαστε για την Ανάσταση. Στις 12 τα μεσάνυχτα διαβάζει ο παπός το Ευαγγέλιο, λέμε Χριστός Ανέστη και Αληθώς Ανέστη και ο ουρανός φωτίζεται με πυροτεχνήματα. Το πρωί βάζουμε το αρνί στη σούβλα και έρχονται συγγενείς και φίλοι και τρώμε και κάνουμε ένα μεγάλο πάρτυ με μουσική. Παίζουμε με νεροπίστολα και παίζουμε κρυφτό. Παίζουμε ποδόσφαιρο και βλέπουμε ποδόσφαιρο. Τρώμε αρνί, παστίτσιο, σουβλάκια, τυρόπιτες, σπανακόπιτες, μουσακά, σαλάτες, γλυκά και άλλα πολλά.



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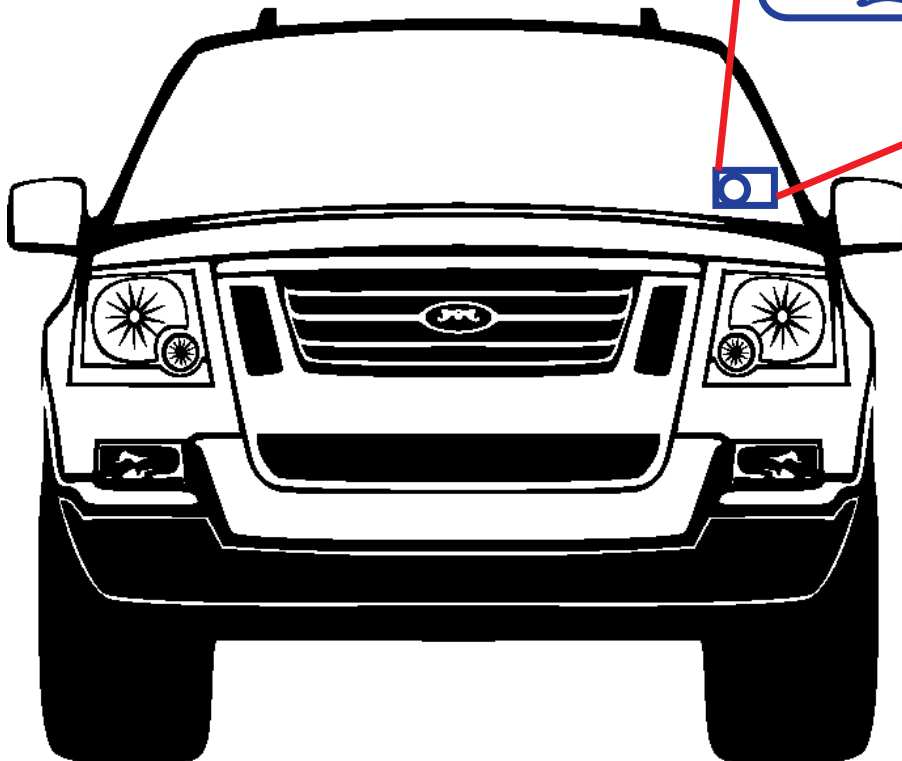
### How do I obtain a parking permit?

- Submit your 2017 stewardship card and receive one permit for each of your vehicles

### Where do I place my new parking permit?

- Lower left corner of driver's side windshield

If you do not have a parking permit sticker displayed on your car's windshield, your vehicle may be towed according to the parking lot signs.



**NO  
COMMERCIAL  
VEHICLES**

# LITURGICAL PROGRAM

- Sunday, May 7: Sunday of the Paralytic: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.
- Sunday, May 14: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Sunday, May 21: Sunday of the Blind Man: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.
- Thursday, May 25: Holy Ascension of our Lord: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.
- Sunday, May 28: Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Monday, May 29: Memorial Day at the Cemetery: Service will begin at 10:00 am.  
This will be a group Memorial service.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Monday, May 1st: Greek School May Day Celebration
- Monday, May 1st: GOYA Monthly Meeting at 6 p.m.
- Monday, May 1st: Ladies Philoptochos General Elections at 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 2nd: Parish Council Executive Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 4th: GOYA Tournament Banner Making
- Friday, May 5th: GOYA Tournament Set-Up
- Saturday, May 6th-Sunday, May 7th: GOYA Home Tournament
- Friday, May 5th: Ladies Philoptochos Concert to Benefit the Philoxenia House.
- Saturday, May 6th: Ladies Philoptochos Mother's Day Derby Brunch
- Tuesday, May 9th: Diamonds Monthly meeting at 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 9th: Parish Council Monthly meeting at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 10th: Ladies Philoptochos Last General Meeting at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 10th: Bible Study with Father Michael at 6 p.m.
- Saturday, May 13th: Sunday, May 14th: GOYA Away Basketball Tournament  
Sponsored by St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church of Annapolis
- Sunday, May 14th: Mother's Day
- Saturday, May 20th: Tentative: Greek School End of Year Trip
- Sunday, May 21st: Sunday School Graduation, and Diamonds' Memorial for Patron Saint and Scholarship Sunday
- Wednesday, May 24th: Bible Study with Fr. Michael at 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 28th: Greek School 6th Grade Graduates Presented to the Congregation
- Monday, May 29th: Memorial Day service at Oak Lawn Cemetery at 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, June 5th: GOYA monthly meeting at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 7th: GOYA and Community Set-Up for the Festival
- Thursday, June 8th - Sunday, June 11th: St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival
- Friday, June 16th: GOYA End of Year Celebration
- Sunday, June 18th: GOYA Father's Day Recognition
- Monday, June 19th - Friday, June 23rd: Vacation Bible School
- Wednesday, June 21st - Friday, June 23rd: GOYA End of Year Trip - Tentative