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Message from Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos

CHURCH PARTICIPATION

How often it happens in life that a person has one thing in his/her heart and another upon their lips and wears two faces at the same time.

As your parish priest, I've encountered untold numbers of people who say "I am not in church, but my heart is with you and the church and if I can do anything for you just call me, because I am so busy with my work". Sadly these individuals are fooling themselves! If their heart is in church, their body should also be too. People who possess saving faith, find a way to be with Christ, we cannot separate our faith from our body and mind.

There are others who faithfully participate in church regularly with their children and families. To give you a vivid picture of what is happening in our parish, we are still lacking in participation; slowly but surely we will get there. But we can only do this together as a family.

In the Gospel, according to St. Mark, we read the account of men who took their friend who was a paralytic up on the roof of a crowded house. They removed a portion of the roof and lowered their friend to be in the presence of Christ, who healed the man of his infirmity.

Where is our zeal and our enthusiasm to be in the presence of Christ. Are we ready to forfeit and sacrifice certain things in our lives to pay more attention to the needs of our spiritual soul? Today, we are too busy doing other things that we forget our responsibilities to Christ. Are we willing to raise the roof to be with Christ and to bring others

with us? Most people are ready to raise the roof for money, a new home, a new car, a big party or a wedding, for tickets to a ball game, a concert or a new job. How many of us are willing to raise the roof to come to church? We have proven this throughout the years that our concentration or focus is not on Christ but for the sinful world that is out there ready to destroy and kill us.

How many of us are ready to raise the roof to hear the word of God? How many are ready to worship Him and to be in the presence of Him, His angels, and the Holy Saints of the church? Year after year, we see that in all denominations of churches that the percentage of church participation is dropping. We see the lack of faith in parents who don't care for their children's

spiritual welfare; they basically only care for themselves.

That's why, so many live a life of superficial faith, a faith that shows little or no enthusiasm. I would like to ask our readers a few simple questions. When was the last time you attended church? When was the last time you received the Holy Sacraments of the church? When was the last time you participated in an important meeting or function of the church? When was the last time you helped a less fortunate person come to church? When was the last time you involved yourself in the life of the church?

Take a few moments and think about these

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Apostles Peter and Paul holding the Church.

ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑ

Μήνυμα από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

Εκκλησιασμός

Πόσες φορές στη ζωή έχει συμβεί, που κάποιον, άλλα λέει η καρδιά του, και άλλα λένε τα χείλη του, και έχει ταυτόχρονα δύο πρόσωπα;

Σαν Ιερέας σας, έχω ακούσει από πολλά άτομα να λένε «Δεν έχομαι στην Εκκλησία, αλλά η καρδιά μου είναι στην εκκλησία, και αν μπορώ να κάνω κάτι για σας τηλεφωνείστε μου, γιατί είμαι πολύ απησχολημένος με τη δουλειά μου. Δυστυχώς αυτά τα άτομα κοροϊδεύουν τον εαυτό τους. Αν η καρδιά τους ήταν στην εκκλησία θάταν και το σώμα τους. Οι άνθρωποι που θέλουν την διαίωνα της πίστης, βρίσκουν τρόπο να είναι με το Χριστό, δεν μπορούμε να ξεχωρίσουμε την πίστη μας από το σώμα και το πνεύμα μας.

Υπάρχουν κι άλλοι που πιστά, κανονικά, συμμετέχουν στις εκκλησιαστικές Ακολουθίες, όλη η οικογένεια, με τα παιδιά τους. Στην Κοινότητά μας, ακόμη υπάρχει η έλλειψη εκκλησιασμού, αλλά αργά μα σταθερά θα ξεχωρίσουμε το ποθούμενο. Μόνο που πρέπει να το εγαστούμε όλοι μαζί σαν οικογένεια.

Στο Ευαγγέλιο, σύμφωνα με τον Ευαγγελιστή Μάρκο, διαβάζουμε την περικοπή των ανδρών που πήραν τον παράλυτο φίλο τους, τον ανέβασαν στην οροφή του σπιτιού, που ήταν γεμάτο με κόσμο, έκαναν ένα άνοιγμα στην οροφή, και τον κατέβασαν μέσα στο σπίτι, να είναι παρών με το Χριστό, ο οποίος τον εθεράπευσε.

Που είναι ο ζήλος μας και ο ενθουσιασμός μας για την παρουσία του Χριστού; Είμαστε έτοιμοι να στερηθούμε και να θυσιάσουμε ορισμένα πράγματα της ζωής μας για να δώσουμε μεγαλύτερη προσοχή στις πνευματικές μας

ανάγκες; Σήμερα είμαστε πολύ απησχολημένοι κάνοντας άλλα έργα που μας κάνουν να ξεχνάμε τις υποχρεώσεις μας στο Χριστό. Είμαστε πρόθυμοι να σηκώσουμε την οροφή για να βρεθούμε με το Χριστό, και να φέρουμε μαζί μας και άλλους; Πολλοί άνθρωποι προθυμοποιούνται να σηκώσουν την οροφή για χρήματα, για ένα καινούργιο σπίτι, για ένα καινούργιο αυτοκίνητο, για μια μεγάλη διασκέδαση, ένα γάμο, δύο εισιτήρια για ένα αθλητικό παιχνίδι, μία συναυλία, ή μια καινούργια εργασία. Πόσοι από εμάς είναι πρόθυμοι να σηκώσουν την οροφή για να μπορέσουν να έλθουν στην εκκλησία; Το έχουμε αποδείξει μέσω των χρόνων ότι η απόλυτη συγκέντρωσή μας δεν είναι στο Χριστό, αλλά στον αμαρτωλό κόσμο που βρίσκεται εκεί έξω, έτοιμος να μας καταστρέψει και να μας κατασπαράξει.

Πόσοι από εμάς είναι έτοιμοι να σηκώσουν την οροφή για να ακούσουν το λόγο του Θεού, να αποδώσουν τη λατρεία τους σ' Εκείνον, να βρεθούν μαζί Του, με τους αγγέλους Του, και τους Αγίους της Εκκλησίας; Χρόνο με χρόνο, παρατηρούμε σε όλα τα δόγματα των εκκλησιών ότι η παρουσία των εκκλησιαζομένων συνεχώς μειώνεται. Παρατηρούμε την έλλειψη πίστης των γονέων, που δεν ενδιαφέρονται για την πνευματική ανάπτυξη των παιδιών τους, και βασικά ενδιαφέρονται μόνον για τους εαυτούς τους. Αυτός είναι ο λόγος, που πολλοί έχουν εφαρμόσει μια ζωή επιπόλαιας πίστης, μιας πίστης που δεν έχει κανένα ενδιαφέρον και κανέναν ενθουσιασμό. Θάθελα να κάνω μερικές απλές ερωτήσεις στους αναγνώστες μας.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

As another Sunday School year comes to end, we hope that each of our students learned more about their Orthodox Faith, through a new prayer, a new bible story they read for the first time and lesson they were taught, a speech they wrote to present at the Oratorical festival and more importantly their participation in the Divine Liturgy.

The classroom is not the only place a Sunday school student learns about their faith, attending church provides them with an important lesson of being a part of the Mystical Body of Christ. The student along with their family should continue to come to church every Sunday even after Sunday school ends in May. Church does not close during the summer months.

Where else can you go to be in the company of the saints, prophets, apostles, choirs of holy angels and also the Most Holy Theotokos....but in the House of our Lord...his church. To give you another perspective, the church has often been compared to an ark. In times of personal grief, in times of national disasters, in times of horrific tragedies, where do we all go to feel safe and pray ...we go to church.

At this time, we would like to say Thank you to our students and to their parents who understood the importance of bringing their sons and daughters to Sunday school every Sunday throughout the school year. With that we, the Sunday school staff would like to congratulate our students for a job well done.

To our 10th Grade graduates, we extend God's blessings and look forward to having you return to help out in Sunday school.



Our 10th graders who successfully completed their Sunday school studies are shown with Fr. Michael Pastrokos, Sophia Gerapetritis, Principal and Emily Cossis, their teacher. The Graduates are: front row: Vaso Katsaros, Rachel Taylor, Angelica Sfakianoudis and Mary Kamos. Back row: Stamatios Siskos and Manolis Giorgakis.



Pictured with Fr. Michael are the participants in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival that was held on Saturday March 21st. They are: Eleni Pikounis and Kaliopi Cornias who participated in the Elementary Division. Back row are: Vaso Katsaros and Mary Kamos, who participated in the Senior Division.

COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STARS

As a long time volunteer with the annual Living American Flag event, which is a part of the American Flag Foundation, Inc.; it gives me great pleasure to congratulate and share with you the accomplishments of two of our young parishioners.

Ekaterini Panaousis wrote the winning essay among 4th graders of the John Ruhrah Elementary School: "Explain how the US Flag has been and is an important symbol of our country."

Nicholas Kamos wrote the winning essay among 5th graders and was awarded the "Baton of Patriotism" as overall winner for the school. This symbol of patriotism has been handed down to the top entrant from year to year. It was announced at the school that Nick would officially be presented with the Baton at the Oriole Baseball game at Camden Yards on July 27th.

Congratulations to both of our STARS, they make us proud.

Eve Lallas

Τ' ΑΣΤΕΡΙΑ ΜΑΣ!!!

Από την Ευαγγελία Λαλά

Για χρόνια τώρα συμμετέχω εθελοντικά στην ετήσια εκδήλωση της Living American Flag που αποτελεί μέρος της American Flag Foundation, Inc. Με μεγάλη μου χαρά, θέλω να συγχαρώ, και να μοιραστώ μαζί σας, τα επιτεύγματα δύο νεαρών της ενορίας μας. Είναι:

Η ΑΙΚΑΤΕΡΙΝΗ ΠΑΝΑΟΥΣΗ, η οποία έγραψε την έκθεση που βραβεύθηκε, μεταξύ των συμμαθητών της Τετάρτης τάξης του Δημοτικού Σχολείου της Περιφέρειάς μας John Ruhrah. Εξήγησε ότι « η Σημαία των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών της Αμερικής ήταν και είναι ένα σημαντικό σύμβολο της χώρας μας.»

Ο ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΣ ΚΑΜΟΣ έγραψε την έκθεση που βραβεύθηκε μεταξύ των μαθητών της πέμπτης τάξης του ιδίου Σχολείου και εβραβεύθη με την Κοκάρδα Πατριτισμού σε ολόκληρο το σχολείο. Αυτό το σύμβολο του Πατριτισμού παραδίδεται κάθε χρόνο στον καλύτερο μαθητή. Έγινε ιδιαίτερη ανακοίνωση που ανέφερε ότι ο ΝΙΚΟΣ θα είναι ο νέος παραλήπτης της Κοκάρδας, και θα τιμηθεί στο Στάδιο των ORIOLES Camden Yards κατά τη διάρκεια του παιχνιδιού, στις 27 Ιουλίου, 2009.

Συγχαρητήρια και στα ΔΥΟ ΜΑΣ ΑΣΤΕΡΙΑ!!

HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Parish Council, I want to thank everyone who helped in the Fellowship Center during the Greek Independence Day Program this past March. To those dedicated volunteers, you came through once again. Thank you to those who donated food, drinks and supplies. Thank you to those who came to prepare the food and to those who came to serve. I won't name any names in case I forget anyone. But you know who you are. We all worked together as a team.

May St. Nicholas continue to watch over you and your families.
Sincerely, Vasili Skordalos

GREEK FOLK FESTIVAL -

JUNE 11, 12, 13, 14, 2009

Our Festival is less than 3 weeks away! This year's Chairman, Frank Mitsos, and his committee have worked hard to organize this festival. Now it is your turn to get involved. Volunteers are needed in many areas - - setting up the festival site a few days prior to the event, preparing food and salads, serving and selling food and pastries inside and outside. If you would like to help, please contact the following people: Frank Mitsos, Georgia Fotopoulos, Sophia Gerapetritis, Tina Harris or Stanley Souranis. They would be happy to answer all of your concerns. This is "OUR FESTIVAL" and we need to join in and give a helping hand. **WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!!!**

Thank you and may God bless us all.

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΛΑΙΚΟ ΠΑΝΗΓΥΡΙ - 11, 12, 13

ΚΑΙ 14 ΙΟΥΝΙΟΥ, 2009

Το Φεστιβάλ πλησιάζει, μόνο 3 εβδομάδες μας έμειναν. Η Επιτροπή έχει δουλέψει σκληρά μέχρι σήμερα για την οργάνωσή του. Εφέτος Υπεύθυνος του ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ είναι ο κ. Φώτης Μητσός. Τώρα είναι η δική σας σειρά να προσφέρεται τη βοήθειά σας. Χρειαζόμαστε εθελοντές σε πολλά περίπτερα, όπως λίγες μέρες πριν, να τακτοποιήσουμε τα περίπτερα, να προετοιμάσουμε τα φαγητά και της σαλάτες, να πουλήσουμε φαγητά και γλυκά, λαχεία, μέσα και έξω από την Εκκλησία κ.λ.π. Αν επιθυμείτε να βοηθήσετε, παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με τον Φώτη Μητσό, ή την Γεωργία Φωτοπούλου, ή την Σοφία Γεραπετρίτη, την Τίνα Χαρχαρίδη, ή τον Στέλιο Σουρανή. **ΕΙΝΑΙ ΤΟ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ ΜΑΣ**, και πρέπει όλη μας να δώσουμε χέρι βοήθειας. **ΕΙΝΑΙ ΔΟΥΛΕΙΑ ΟΛΟΝ ΜΑΣ!** Όλοι μαζί θα φέρουμε την επιτυχία στο Φεστιβάλ.

Σας ευχαριστώ και ο Θεός μαζί σας.

ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ

ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ

ΤΗΝ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ, 22 ΙΟΥΝΙΟΥ

Όλα τα μέλη της Κοινότητας προτρέπονται να παρουσιαστούν και να λάβουν μέρος στην Γενική Συνέλευση την **Δευτέρα 22 Ιουνίου, στις 7 μ.μ.** διότι θα συζητηθούν σοβαρά θέματα. Επίσης σαν μέλη της Κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου, είναι καθήκον μας να συμμετέχουμε στις Συνελεύσεις και να εκφράζουμε την υποστήριξή μας για το καλό και την ευημερία της Κοινότητας.

ST NICHOLAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009

All members of the Community are urged to attend a very important Parish Assembly Meeting on Monday June 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. It is our duty as members of the Saint Nicholas Church to come and hear about the programs and projects going on and to offer our support for the progress and welfare of our Community.

COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

PARADE, 2010 – “JUMP ON BOARD”

Attention Everyone:

If you truly enjoyed last year’s Parade, then “Jump On Board” and join us as we prepare for the 2010 Greek Independence Day Parade. We are looking for volunteers for the 2010 Parade Committee. All participating parishes have the opportunity to nominate candidates.

This year’s Parade was a little bit different than planned for, but due to insufficient funds, the economy being what it is and the lack of participation from all the parishes it was necessary to go with the recommended changes. But this in turn, presented the opportunity to look for new ideas and make new plans for next year’s Parade.

If you are interested in making a donation, please make your check payable to: St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church–2010 Greek Independence Day Parade and send it to: 520 S. Ponca St., Baltimore, MD 21224. This will be in effect until the new Parade Committee is established.

If you are interested in placing your name for consideration for the Parade Committee, please fill out the form below, sign it and send it back to the church office as soon as possible.

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Name:

Address

City State Zip

Phone:

Cell Phone:

email address:

Have you served on the Parade Committee before?
 YES _____ NO _____

How many years have you served?

In what position did you serve?

CYC SUMMER CAMP 2009

New Dates!!!

Please mark your calendars.

CYC Summer Camp for 2009
 will be held the week of July 26-31, 2009 at
 Camp WO-ME-TO in Jarrettsville, Md.

Parents if you are still interested in sending your child/ren, or you want to volunteer your services,
please call G. Maistros at 443-676-8156
to find out if space is still available.

ΠΑΡΕΛΑΣΗ «25ης ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ», 2010

ΔΗΛΩΣΤΕ ΤΗ ΣΥΜΜΕΤΟΧΗ ΣΑΣ

Παρακαλούμε την προσοχή όλων σας,

Αν πραγματικά ενθουσιαστήκατε με την περσινή Εθνική μας Παρέλαση της «25ης Μαρτίου» τότε δεν έχετε παρά να δηλώσετε τη συμμετοχή σας στο νέο Διοικητικό και Οργανωτικό της Συμβούλιο. Ελάτε και εσείς να προετοιμάσουμε την Παρέλαση της Ημέρας της Ανεξαρτησίας της Ελλάδας για το 2010. Θέλουμε εθελοντές για την Επιτροπή της Παρέλασης. Όλες οι Κοινότητες έχουν την ευκαιρία να δηλώσουν τη συμμετοχή τους στέλνοντας τα ονόματα των υποψηφίων τους. Όλοι είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι, είτε έχετε λάβει μέρος στην Επιτροπή για πολλά χρόνια, είτε είναι η πρώτη σας φορά, όλους τους θέλουμε, όλους τους καλωσορίζουμε.

Έγινε αντιληπτό από όλους ότι η περσινή Παρέλαση ήταν λίγο διαφορετική από τις προηγούμενες όσον αφορά την διοργάνωση, τούτο έγινε λόγω περιορισμένων οικονομικών, λόγω έλλειψης συμμετοχής από τις Κοινότητες και έτσι βροθήκαμε στη θέση να δεχθούμε τις προτεινόμενες αλλαγές. Αλλά η αλλαγή αυτή μας έδωσε την ευκαιρία να ψάξουμε για νέες ιδέες, να κάνουμε καινούργια σχέδια για την επομένη Παρέλαση του 2010.

Αν δεν ενδιαφέρεστε να στείλετε τη συμμετοχή σας, αλλά θέλετε να βοηθήσετε, μπορείτε να στείλετε τη δωρεά σας στην Εκκλησία του Αγίου Νικολάου:

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θα διαρκέσει μέχρι να συγκροτηθεί η Νέα Επιτροπή της Παρέλασης.

Όποιος ενδιαφέρεται να συμμετέχει στην Επιτροπή, παρακαλείται να συμπληρώσει το παρακάτω έντυπο και να το φέρει ή να το ταχυδρομίσει στο Κοινοτικό Γραφείο το συντομότερο.

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COMMUNITY NEWS - KOINOTIKA NEA

LADIES PANCHIAN SOCIETY-CHIOS

The Ladies Panchian Society-Chios was organized and still remains as the ladies auxiliary of the United Chios Society of Baltimore. For decades, the devoted women of the Society have raised funds through its Annual Spring Tea, Fall Luncheon and various bus trips. The proceeds of these events are used to award annually three scholarships to qualified college students in the local area. To donate to various philanthropic institutions in Chios and the United States which are in need of financial assistance, such as the Hospital in Chios. The Society donates funds annually to support local events such as the St. Nicholas Festival, the Mid-Atlantic Greek Independence Parade, etc.

In July, the Society annually commemorates the memory of Saint Markella, the patron saint of Chios which is observed on July 22nd with a celebration consisting of a procession of the Society's icon of Saint Markella; an Artoklasia for the members and their families, presentation of scholarships and a coffee hour. The celebration is held on a rotational basis among the 4 local area churches-Annunciation Cathedral, Saint Nicholas, Saint Demetrios and Saints Mary Magdalene and Markella. The 2009 celebration will be held on July 19th at the Saint Nicholas Church. Everyone is invited.

Peri Stroumbis, President Tina Harris, Vice President
Despina Glykiadis, Secretary Maria Vergos, Treasurer

CHURCH DECORATING COMMITTEE

Christos Anesti! A big Thank You to everyone who heeded Father Michael's calls to come and take part in the beautification of our church during Holy Week. Many families came en masse as well as individuals to unload flowers, sweep, vacuum, climb ladders, replace light bulbs, change altar cloths and arrange the decorations during the week. The inside and outside of our church and atrium looked jubilant on Palm Sunday morning, somber on Palm Sunday through Good Friday and glorious for Christ's triumphant Resurrection on Saturday.

A special thank you is extended to the Kostalas-Lentis and Eleftheriou families for preparing the exquisite woven palms and to Mrs. Athena Taratsides for accepting the task to sew the new purple skirt for the Epitafion-Kouvouklion and to the Philoptochos and all the ladies who stayed late on

Thursday night to decorate the Epitafion with reverence and love.

May God Bless everyone with His grace and love.
Tina Harris

GRADUATES

Parents, grandparents, please let us know the name/s of your 2009 high school and/or college graduates so that they can be recognized in our summer issue of the Koinonia.

Include the name of the school they are graduating from and the name of the college they will be attending. For college graduates, give us the name of the college they graduated from and their degree. This information must be submitted to Maria no later than June 12th.

GREEKTOWN CDC

A message from John E. Gavrilis, CEO

The Greektown CDC and the Southeast CDC are conducting a planning session for the proposed Haven Street/Eastern Avenue light rail station. We have hired a site planning firm to develop a concept plan that would maximize the benefits a train station would bring to the community. The Greektown CDC's mission in this project is to ensure that Greektown maintains its cultural identity while providing opportunities for our businesses and housing developments to thrive. We have one of the most vibrant communities in Baltimore, but we need to look forward and plan for the future. Please call Jason at 410-327-3306 for more information and to give your input.

The Greektown CDC congratulates Mrs. Mia Atsidis for winning the 'Neighborhood Mother of the Year Award' from the President of the Baltimore City Council's office. The Greektown CDC nominated Mia because of her outstanding efforts in community and church affairs. The Atsidis family is a great asset to the Greektown community.

We want to thank all the neighbors who participated in our community clean-up. We still need volunteers to monitor the CCTV cameras at the Southeastern Police Station. Call our office to volunteer.

Best Wishes to the St. Nicholas Church Festival Committee on this year's festival. We all look forward to a great time!!

Believe in your community!

Live an Unforgettable Experience!

- ★ Live Music
- ★ Dancing Groups
- ★ Greek Food
- ★ Greek Pastries

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Bring Your Family and Friends!

- ★ Bouzoukia Night
- ★ Items for Sale
- ★ Religious Icons
- ★ Plenty Parking

COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ



St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
 Vacation Bible School
 "Crocodile Dock"

June 22nd - June 26th
 9:00 am - 12 noon

Registration Form
 For children entering Pre-K 4 thru Grade 5
 (Children must be toilet-trained in order to participate)

Fee \$25 per child
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 12TH
 ...please use one form per child...

Child's Name _____

Child's age _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone# _____ Cell Phone _____

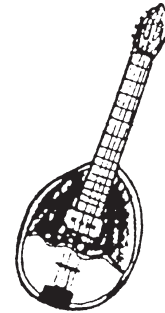
Who will pick up your child each day?

_____	_____
Name	Relationship to Child

T Shirt Size (Circle one): Youth - S (4/5) M (6/7) L (8/10) XL (12/14)
 Adult - S M L

Volunteers may be needed. Would you help us? yes not available

For additional information, contact the church office at 410-633-5020.



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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 12th of the current month for the upcoming month's issue.

Issue month **Deadline**
July-August, 2009 **June 12th**

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

emce3@aol.com. or **MariaSalpeasat:**
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TOTAL PLEDGED: \$202,555.00; PAYMENTS: \$155,563.66; BALANCE: \$46,991.34

Saint Nicholas Profit & Loss

January thru March 2009

05/22/09 Actual Basis	January thru April 2009
EXPENSE	
CAPITAL COSTS	
Plateia Expenses	278.75
Total CAPITAL COSTS	278.75
EMPLOYEE COSTS	
1099 Employees	6,726.00
Health Insurance	13,515.92
Organist	1,600.00
6560 - Payroll Expenses	48,837.71
Payroll taxes	3,736.08
Pension	2,000.00
6950 - Automobile Expense	4,000.00
EMPLOYEE COSTS - Other	20,178.00
Total EMPLOYEE COSTS	100,593.71
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	
Advertising	3,523.00
6060 - Bank Service Charges	585.43
Church Supplies	8,960.44
Clergy Laity Congress	500.00
Fair Share	13,500.00
Insurance - General	5,238.00
6530 - Miscellaneous	2,953.43
Office Expense	3,552.20
6610 - Postage and Delivery	600.00
Professional Fees	1,627.50
Telephone	1,124.55
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION - Other	9,000.00
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	51,164.55
OCCUPANCY COSTS	
Mainten - Building Maintenance	43,587.45
Ground Rent	94.80
Janitor's Supplies	1,685.59
Permits & Licenses	450.00
6940 - Utilities	19,294.22
OCCUPANCY COSTS - Other	50.00
Total OCCUPANCY COSTS	65,162.06
YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	
Youth Expense	669.00
YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL - Other	300.96
Total YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	969.96
Total Expense	218,169.03
Net Ordinary Income	(8,493.01)
Net Income	(8,493.01)

Saint Nicholas Profit & Loss

January thru March 2009

05/22/09 Actual Basis	January thru April 2009 Jan - Apr 09
ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE	
Income	
Candles	45,540.00
Dances	
Special events	2,288.00
Dances - Other	2,688.00
Total Dances	4,976.00
Donations	
Other Donations	19,672.28
Flowers Income	665.00
Christmas Card Income	40.00
Donations - General	15,567.00
Donations - Hall	2,000.00
Donations - Memorial	12,660.00
Donations - Other	(21,200.00)
Total Donations	29,404.28
Greek school registration	3,854.25
Stewardship	123,466.84
Trays	10,815.00
Total Income	218,056.37
Cost of Goods Sold	
Dance Expense	3,180.35
Festival	5,200.00
Total COGS	8,380.35
Gross Profit	209,676.02

Message from Fr. Michael L. Pastrokos

Church Participation

Continued from page 1

questions, because this is the only way we can measure where our faith is with God. Yes, one may claim to be religious, live a life of outward formalities, even be on a church mailing list, or just send a check in to say that you are a member of the church; but it all means little if we are not living a heart-centered faith that bears good fruits of the Holy Spirit. People with real faith cannot be stopped from finding a way to be with Jesus Christ. We all find ways to be with the people we love. There is a famous saying: **“Where there is a will.... there is a way!”** Living a sinful life is always the infection of impurity. Sin will take the innocent heart and make it a guilty heart. It will take a pure mind and make it impure. Have you been paying attention to what’s surrounding you everyday? Is this the example that we want to expose our children to? We as parents have to make these important decisions. We all realize that Sin is a behavior against the will of God and that Temptation will always be around us making us feel terrible about the sinful acts we do daily.

In our Orthodox experience learning theology or reading a good book means very little. *It must be lived!* We must live our faith in Christ. Words can only move us or touch us emotionally, but action is the right verb to get you in the presence of God.

We all need to be like the friends who brought the paralytic to Christ. They portrayed the true spirit of Christianity. The greatest gift we can give to a person who has no faith related religion is to bring them to Christ. Many will say, that is the priest’s job. But the truth of the matter is that this is everyone’s responsibility. Don’t always blame the priest, or the Parish Council for the lack of your participation, because we are always trying to find excuses or blame someone else for our failure to come to church.

There is a story from the desert Fathers that a monk picked up a rock and said: “If this rock could heal people would you put it in your pocket or attempt to touch as many people as possible with it? The answer was...yes. The monk went on to say that the rock symbolizes Christ and that we should touch as many people as possible with Christ’s Love.

I hope and pray that this article has touched you in some way. We have a Community to run and this cannot be done by just a few parishioners. We must all pitch in and help, that way we can also say that through the efforts of many, our church and parish has grown to what it is today: a safe haven for our children; an institution for learning; a place where we can call home and visit anytime we feel like it. I look forward to seeing you and your families in church more frequently in the coming months and years.

Μήνυμα από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστροκό

Εκκλησιασμός

Συνέχεια από την σελίδα 2

Πότε ήταν η τελευταία φορά που ήλθατε στην εκκλησία; Πότε ήταν η τελευταία φορά που κοινωνήσατε; Πότε ήταν η τελευταία φορά που συμμετείχατε σε κάποια εκκλησιαστική εκδήλωση ή σε κάποια σημαντική συνεδρίαση; Πότε ήταν η τελευταία φορά που βοηθήσατε κάποιον ανήμπορο να έλθει να εκκλησιαστεί; Πότε ήταν η τελευταία φορά που λάβατε ενεργό μέρος στη ζωή της εκκλησίας; Βρείτε λίγο χρόνο και σκεφθείτε αυτές τις απλές ερωτήσεις, είναι ο μόνος τρόπος να αναλογηστούμε το μέγεθος της πίστης μας στο Θεό.

Ναι, μπορεί κάποιος να ισχυριστεί ότι είναι θρήσκος, ότι ζει μια ζωή με εξωτερικές εθιμοτυπίες, ακόμη ότι το όνομά του είναι στο ταχυδρομικό κατάλογο της εκκλησίας, ή ότι στέλνει την επιταγή του για να λείει ότι είναι μέλος της εκκλησίας, αλλά όλα αυτά δεν σημαίνουν τίποτε αν δεν ζεις μια ζωή με επίκεντρο την πίστη, που φέρει τους καλούς καρπούς του Αγίου Πνεύματος. Η πραγματική πίστη δεν εμποδίζεται, βρίσκει τρόπο να είναι μαζί με τον Ιησού Χριστό. Πάντοτε βρίσκουμε τρόπους να είμαστε μαζί με τους ανθρώπους που αγαπούμε. Υπάρχει μια περιφνημη φράση «Όπου υπάρχει θέληση, υπάρχει και τρόπος».

Ζώντας αμαρτωλά, πάντα υπάρχει η λοίμωξη της μόλυνσης. Η αμαρτία, θα πάρει μια αθώα καρδιά και θα την μετατρέψει σε ένοχη. Θα πάρει ένα αθώο μωλάκι και θα το μετατρέψει σε πονηρό. Έχετε αντιληφθεί τι συμβαίνει γύρω σας σήμερα; Σ’ αυτό το παράδειγμα θα θέλατε να εχέσετε τα παιδιά σας; Εμείς, σαν γονείς, πρέπει να πάρουμε μερικές σημαντικές αποφάσεις. Όλοι ξέρουμε ότι αμαρτία σημαίνει συμπεριφορά κατά της θέλησης του Θεού, και ότι ο Πειρασμός, θα είναι πάντα γύρω μας να μας κάνει να αισθανόμαστε φοβερά δυσάρεστα για τις αμαρτωλές πράξεις που καθημερινά κάνουμε.

Στην Ορθοδοξία μας, το να μάθεις θεολογία ή να διαβάσεις ένα καλό βιβλίο δεν σημαίνει τίποτα. Πρέπει να το βιώνεις. Πρέπει να ζούμε σύμφωνα με την πίστη μας στο Θεό. Οι λέξεις μόνον μας παρακινούν, ή μας συγκινούν, αλλά η πράξη είναι που μας φέρνει κοντά στο Θεό.

Όλοι μας πρέπει να γίνουμε σαν τους φίλους που έφεραν τον Παραλυτικό στο Χριστό. Έδειξαν το αληθινό πνεύμα της Χριστιανοσύνης. Το μεγαλύτερο δώρο που μπορούμε να προσφέρουμε σε κάποιον που δεν έχει θρησκευτική πίστη είναι να τον φέρουμε κοντά στον Χριστό. Πολλοί λένε, αυτό είναι δουλειά του παπά. Αλλά η αλήθεια είναι ότι είναι ευθύνη όλων μας. Μην κατηγορείτε πάντα τον Ιερέα, ή το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο, για την δική σας έλλειψη συμμετοχής, διότι πάντα προσπαθούμε να βρούμε δικαιολογίες ή να φορτώσουμε σε κάποιον άλλο την αιτία που δεν ερχόμαστε στην εκκλησία.

Λέγεται ότι κάποτε, στα παλιά χρόνια, ένας Μοναχός έπιασε μια πέτρα και είπε: «αν αυτή η πέτρα θεράπευε κόσμο, θα την βάζατε στη τσέπη σας ή θα προσπαθούσατε να θεραπεύσετε με το άγγιγμά της, όσο πιο πολλούς ανθρώπους μπορούσατε; Η απάντηση ήταν, Ναι. Ο καλόγερος συνέχισε να κηρύττει ότι η πέτρα συμβολίζει το Χριστό και ότι εμείς θα πρέπει να προσπαθούμε να αγγιζόμαστε όσο περισσότερους ανθρώπους μπορούμε με την αγάπη του Χριστού.

Ελπίζω και προσεύχομαι ότι αυτό το άρθρο σας συγκίνησε κάπως. Έχουμε μια Κοινότητα να κατευθύνουμε και αυτό δεν είναι έργο των ολίγων, όλοι μας πρέπει να βοηθήσουμε και να προσφέρουμε, με τον τρόπο αυτό μπορούμε να πούμε ότι με τις προσπάθειες πολλών η εκκλησία μας και η Κοινότητά μας ανεπτύχθη στο τι είναι σήμερα, ένας τόπος ασφαλής για τα παιδιά μας, ένα ίδρυμα μάθησης, ένας τόπος που μπορεί να αποκαλείς σπίτι, και να το επισκεπτόσαι οποτεδήποτε αισθάνεσαι την ανάγκη. Θέλω να σας δω όλους, να εκκλησιάζεστε περισσότερο στο εγγύς μέλλον με τις οικογένειές σας.

Liturgical Program & Events for June

Saturday, June 6th – Saturday of the Souls
Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

Sunday, June 7th Holy Pentecost,
Orthros 8:45am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am

Monday, June 8th Feast of the Holy Spirit
(Holy Trinity) Orthros 8:45am;
Divine Liturgy, 9:30am

Note: From Monday, June 8th thru Sunday, June 14th, the whole week is Free from Fasting.

Sunday, June 14th – All Saints Sunday
Orthros 8:45am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am

Monday, June 15th – Begins the Apostles Fast:
ONLY FISH IS PERMITTED

Sunday, June 21st – Second Sunday of Matthew.
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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

Note: From Monday, June 15th thru Sunday June 28th we begin the Apostles Fasting period. Fish is allowed throughout this period except on Wednesday, June 17th, Friday, June 19th and Friday, June 26th.

Wednesday, June 24th – Nativity of
John the Baptist, Orthros 8:45am;
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

Sunday, June 28th – Third Sunday of Matthew:
Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am

Monday, June 29th – Holy Apostles Peter & Paul,
Orthros 8:45am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

Tuesday, June 30th – Synaxis (Gathering) of the
Holy Apostles Orthros, 8:45am;
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS.

June 11,12, 13 and 14th – Annual Greek
Folk Festival.



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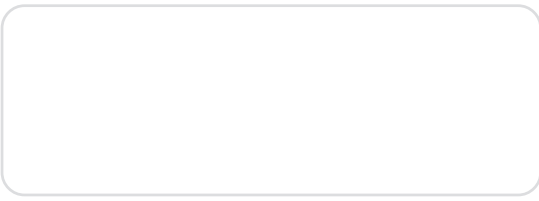
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