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A Message Father Michael Wants to Share with Us

In Order to be Good Stewards of Our Orthodox Church of Christ...

By Evagoras Constantinides

Let's take Seriously the Work of Christ

Let's take seriously our faith, our worship (the Divine Liturgy, the Sacraments, the Services, Church Attendance), Bible study, our participation in the mission and work of the Church, i.e. missionary work, philanthropy (IOCC), our relations with God and our fellow men and women. Let's take all these seriously, and not just for show. Not in order to impress other people, but for our own benefit.

What good does it really do us when we come to the liturgy a few minutes before the end, greet the member of the parish council at the candle counter with a smile, as if we are saying, "You see, Lord, I did you the favor and came!"

Or, what good does it do us to take Holy Communion one or two or, at most four times a year and think that we have done what we must for our salvation?

And what good does it do us never to take Holy Communion all our life, and frantically call for a priest to give us Holy Communion when we are on our death bed?

Or, of what benefit is it to us when we give help to someone reluctantly, in order to get rid of him/her instead of with love and concern?

And how do we benefit when we become stewards (members) of a church not because we love the church but because we need some service? And when that service is over, we forget all about the church until we need it again?

All of these little things that we do are like the small fish we catch in shallow waters. We must go out to the open seas,

work hard, labor, sacrifice if we really want to fill our nets with big fish, our heart with joy and our soul with salvation.

God asks for three things from us in exchange for all the love and blessings that He has bestowed and is bestowing, on us.

A little time....A little talent....and A little substance!

If we give voluntarily of **our time**, let us not think that we can do the job that we have undertaken whenever and whichever way **we** want to do it; but with the same devotion, dedication and care as if we were receiving the greatest salary.

If we give voluntarily of **our talent**, let us not think that we can do the job sloppily and carelessly, but meticulously with the same craftsmanship and detail as if our life depended on it.

If we give voluntarily of **our substance**, our wealth, our material goods, let us not think that we can give crumbs when we can give a whole loaf. Let us not think that we can insult the other person, even God, by humiliating him or by giving him something useless that we were ready to throw away. We must always give him something that we ourselves would appreciate if someone else gave it to us.

This is what Christ teaches us:

Don't wait for the other person to love you before you love him/her. You love first!

Don't wait for the other person to help you in order to help him/her. You help first!

Don't wait for the other person to forgive you before

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Ο Πατήρ Παστορικός Συμμερίζετε το Μήνυμα του π. Ευαγόρα

**Για να Είμαστε Καλά Μέλη της Εκκλησίας Του Χριστού . . .
 . . . Ας Πάρουμε στα Σοβαρά το Έργο Του Χριστού**

απο τον π. Ευαγόρα

"Ας πάρουμε στα σοβαρά την πίστη μας, τη λατρεία μας (λειτουργία, μυστήρια, ακολουθίες, εκκλησιασμό), τη μελέτη της Γραφής, τη συμμετοχή μας στην αποστολή και τό έργο της Έκκλησίας, δηλ. τίς Ίεραποστολές, τη φιλανθρωπία (ΙΟCC), τίς σχέσεις μας με τον Θεό και τούς συναθρώπους μας. "Ας τά πάρουμε στα σοβαρά όλα αυτά, και όχι για τά μάτια του κόσμου. "Οχι για νά έντυπωσιάσουμε τούς άλλους αλλά για νά ώφελούμαστε έμεις.

Τί καλό, αλήθεια, μάς κάνει όταν έρχόμαστε στην εκκλησία μερικά λεπτά πριν από τό "δι' ευχών" και μέ χαμόγελο στό στόμα καλημερίζουμε τόν έπίτροπο στό παγκάρι σαν νά λέμε: "Νά, βλέπεις Χριστέ, σου έκανα τή χάρη και ήρθα!"

"Η τί καλό μάς κάνει νά κοινωνούμε μιά ή δυό ή τέσσερις τό πολύ φορές τόν χρόνο και νά νομίζουμε ότι κάναμε εκείνο πού πρέπει για τή σωτηρία μας;

Και τί καλό μάς κάνει νά μήν κοινωνούμε καθόλου όλη μας τή ζωή και όταν είμαστε έτοιμαθάνατοι νά τρέχουμε νά βρούμε τόν παπα νά μάς κοινωνήσει;

"Η τί μάς ώφελεί όταν δίνουμε βοήθεια σέ κάποιον μέ τό στανιό για νά τόν ξεφορτωθούμε αντί μέ αγάπη και πραγματική έγνοια;

Και σέ τί ώφελούμαστε όταν γινόμαστε συνδρομηταί στην εκκλησία όχι γιατί αγαπούμε τήν εκκλησία αλλά γιατί χρειαζόμαστε κάποια έξυπνέτηση; Και όταν τελειώσει ή έξυπνέτηση αυτή, ξεχνάμε έντελώς τήν εκκλησία μας όσο πού νά τήν ξαναχρειασθούμε;

"Όλα αυτά τά μικροπράματα πού κάνουμε μοιάζουν μέ τά μικρά ψαράκια πού πιάνουμε στα ρηγά νερά. Πρέπει νά βγούμε στα ανοικτά, νά δουλέψουμε, νά κοπιάσουμε, νά θυσιάσουμε, αν πράγματι θέλουμε νά γεμίσουμε τά δίκτυά μας μέ μεγάλα ψάρια, τήν καρδιά μας μέ χαρά, και τή ψυχή μας μέ σωτηρία.

Τρία πράγματα ζητά από μάς ό Θεός σέ άντάλλαγμα όλης της αγάπης και των αγαθών πού μάς χάρισε, και μάς χαρίζει:

Λίγο καιρό, λίγο τάλαντο, λίγη ουσία!

"Αν δώσουμε έθελοντικά τόν καιρό μας, νά μή νομίζουμε ότι μπορούμε νά κάνουμε τήν δουλειά πού αναλάβαμε, όταν και όπως θέλουμε νά τήν κάνουμε, αλλά πρέπει νά τήν κάνουμε μέ τήν ίδια άφοσίωση, προσκόλληση και προσοχή σαν νά πληρωνόμαστε τό μεγαλύτερο μεροκάματο.

"Αν δώσουμε έθελοντικά τό τάλαντό μας, νά μή νομίζουμε ότι μπορούμε νά κάνουμε τή δουλειά μπόσικα και άπρόσεχτα, αλλά μέ τήν ίδια τέχνη και λεπτομέρεια σαν νά εξαρτόταν ή ζωή μας απ' αυτή.

"Αν δώσουμε έθελοντικά μέρος της ουσίας μας, του πλούτου μας, των υλικών μας αγαθών, νά μή νομίζουμε ότι μπορούμε νά δίνουμε ψίχουλα όταν μπορούμε νά δώσουμε όλόκληρο ψωμί. Νά μή νομίζουμε ότι έχουμε τό δικαίωμα νά προσβάλλουμε τόν άλλο, ή και τόν Θεό άκόμα, μέ τό νά τόν έξευτελίζουμε ή νά του δίνουμε κάτι άχρηστο πού είμαστε έτοιμοι νά τό πετάξουμε. Πρέπει πάντα νά δίνουμε κάτι πού θα έκτιμούσαμε έμεις οι ίδιοι αν κάποιος τό έδινε σέ μάς.

Νά τί μάς διδάσκει ό Χριστός:

Μήν περιμένεις τόν άλλο νά σ' αγαπήσει για νά τόν αγαπήσεις. 'Αγάπα έσύ πρώτα!

Μήν περιμένεις τόν άλλο νά σέ βοηθήσει για νά τόν βοηθήσεις. Βοήθα έσύ πρώτα!

Μήν περιμένεις τόν άλλο νά σέ συγχωρήσει. Συγχώρα έσύ πρώτα!

Μήν περιμένεις τόν άλλο νά σου κάνει τό καλό για νά κάνεις και σύ τό ίδιο. Κάνε έσύ τό καλό πρώτα! Και όπως λέει ή παροιμία: "Κάνε τό καλό και ρίχτο στον γυαλό." Μήν περιμένεις τίποτε για τό καλό πού έκανες.

Είσαι πραγματικός Χριστιανός, πραγματική Χριστιανή, πάρε τήν πρωτοβουλία, κάνε ό,τι μπορείς, όσα μπορείς μέ αγάπη και χαμόγελο και περίμενε τήν ανταπόδοση όχι έδω, από τούς άδικους και φθονερούς ανθρώπους, αλλά εκεί ψηλά στους ούρανους από τόν δίκαιο κριτή και φιλόστοργο Πατέρα.

COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

FESTIVAL FINAL COUNTDOWN

June is finally here, and our festival promises to be bigger and better than last year!! But in order for the festival to be successful, EVERYONE must pitch in and do our part. So as I said back in January, the time has come for all of us to roll up our sleeves and volunteer during the 4 day Festival to help make it a spectacular and successful one.

Again, we are asking for help to prepare and serve the food in the outside tent area. This is one of the most profitable areas of the festival, and we need to serve the food in a timely manner. In order for that to happen, the outside area needs volunteers all four days. PLEASE contact me at 410-294-1253. Remember, our St. Nicholas Church is depending on us!

Frank Mitsos, Festival Chairman

GREEK FOLK FESTIVAL KICKS-OFF!

CONSTANTINE MAROULIS RETURNS

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church is the heart of Greektown. It is Maryland's second longest serving Greek Orthodox parish and preparations continue for the 2010 Greek Folk Festival. The annual event, only days away, will once again be celebrating the best of the Greek culture, food, music, dance, faith and legendary hospitality. Featured for many years in Baltimore's Showcase of Nations Ethnic Festivals, this festival is Maryland's most attended Hellenic event and it runs from Thursday, June 10 to Sunday, June 13, 2010. Admission is FREE.

"We are excited to once again share with everyone why we love our ethnic heritage and do so with a festival that will be the best yet", said festival chairperson, Frank Mitsos.

Some of the 2010 Festival highlights are: American Idol season-four finalist Constantine Maroulis returns to the Festival and will perform live in a Free concert at 8 pm on Thursday, June 10th following the Festival Opening Ceremony. Greek Folk Dancing performed by the youth dance groups of St. Nicholas and other dance groups from local and Mid-Atlantic churches. It's High School Musical Greek-style. Live music by Apollonia Band and Neo Kyma. Dancing with the Greeks. Hit the streets and join the dance line for great music and hours of modern and traditional Greek dancing. Opa! After hours, you can continue your dancing indoors at the Taverna Bouzoukia Nights in the Social Hall starting at 11 pm on Saturday June 12th. Admission to Bouzoukia night is \$25 at the door.

Learn about St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and tour the sanctuary with Fr. Michael. Taste some of the homemade authentic Greek food, which has been repeatedly praised by area newspapers. It's as good as our mother's. If you love to shop, you will find many vendors who will offer various fares from jewelry, to food, to souvenirs and plants. And don't forget to buy the delicious Greek pastries to take home.

All proceeds benefit the philanthropic efforts of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

For more information, visit GreekFolkFestival.org.

See you at the St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival.

Welcome!

GOYA NEWS

What a great year it has been for our GOYANS. We laughed with our wins and we cried with our losses. We would like to thank everyone that helped make this year a great one. From the mothers who helped any way they could, from the grandparents, relatives and our St. Nicholas church family that supported us during our bake sales, selling Christmas ornaments and all other functions. Thank You!

The GOYA advisors would like to wish our seniors who are leaving us this year the best of Luck in whatever the future holds for them. Hopefully they will take something wonderful with them from all those years they spent in GOYA.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

THANK YOU

Once again I want to thank everyone who attended the Family Bingo Night on Friday, April 16th. I also want to thank Kiki Vavakas and Kelly Papadopoulos for their untiring assistance. A

THE 2010 SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK FOLK FESTIVAL

PRESENTS

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special thank you also goes out to those who donated gifts towards the prize pool or worked that night. All money raised was applied towards the Plateia Fund. Thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely, Roza Cornias

EΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΟΥΜΕ

Και πάλι θάθελα να ευχαριστήσω όλους που υποστήριξαν την Βραδυά του Μπίνγκο την Παρασκευή, 16 Απριλίου. Ευχαριστούμε και όλους που δώρησαν γενναϊόδωρα και όσους δούλεψαν κατά την ώρα του Μπίνγκο. Ιδιαίτερα θέλω να ευχαριστήσω την κα. Καλλιόπη Παπαδοπούλου και την κα. Κική Βαβάκα για την ακούραστη βοήθειά τους. Τα κερδη της βραδυάς δωρήθηκαν για την αποπεράτωση της Πλατείας.

Σας ευχαριστώ όλους, Ρόζα Κόρνια

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is back and will be held during the week of June 28th at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. The VBS will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All community children from age 6 to 12 years old are welcomed. To register your child/children, please visit the church office during normal business hours and sign-up your child/children. The cost will be \$40.00 per child.

If you are interested in being an adult volunteer, please contact Nancy Anasta-siades at 410-337-7180.

For information, please contact the Church Office at 410-633-5020.

PRESENTATION OF A NEW ICON

On Sunday, May 23rd the Holy Icon of the Deisis was blessed at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Mrs. Mary Paros and her family dedicated this beautiful Icon to the church. The Deisis depicts Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Virgin Mary and St. John the Baptist. The Icon will be placed over the Narthex doors. The Icon of the Deisis represents the Welcome Committee, which means that when we enter the House of our Lord, they stand over us and give us their blessings.

Oh behalf of the entire church family of St. Nicholas, we would like to thank the Paros family for their generous offering to our

COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Church...definition of: 1: the entire number of people, all over the world, who believe in Christ and follow His teachings. 2: a local congregation of believers who worship as an assembled group.

At this time, we would like to say Thank you to our students and to their parents who continue to understand the importance of bringing their sons and daughters to church every Sunday and to Sunday School. Without you, the people, coming to the House of God regularly especially on Sunday's, there will be no Church. There will be nothing.

We hope that each of our students who have been attending Sunday School and church regularly will be able to take with them a little more knowledge about their Orthodox Faith. Through a bible story they read in class, a lesson they were taught, or an essay they wrote on as part of the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical festival and more importantly their participation in the Divine Liturgy.

With that we, the Sunday school staff would like to congratulate all of our students for a job well done. To our 10th Grade graduates, we extend God's Blessings and look forward to having you return in September to help out in Sunday school as aides.

Some of our 10th grade students were asked to write a short essay on what they have learned during their 12 years in Sunday School. Here are a few comments from some of the students: **Niki Canning** writes, "In my years of Sunday school, I have learned the importance of respecting your faith, being proud of it and never losing your trust in God". **George Karagianopoulos**

writes: "I have learned about the roots of our Orthodox religion and how it was started." **Gia Stavarakis** writes: "I've learned bible stories that have taught me different lessons on how I should handle situations.

I am inspired by what the different Saints have accomplished and why they were so great." **George Bouloubassis** wrote: "Throughout my years in Sunday school, I have really been able to gather a new look on religion as the church has taught me how to lead a meaningful life through God." **Lia Karagianopoulos**

writes, "Praying connects me with God, giving me a sense of support. Fasting cleanses my soul. Taking communion makes me feel pleased that I truly have My Lord in me. Simply coming to church makes me feel better about myself."

Paraskevi Theoharis says that "I have learned that coming to church is essential for being a true Greek Orthodox Christian. If it wasn't for my parents, I probably wouldn't come to church as often as I do. Because of them, I will most likely continue to come to church." **Kosta Pikounis** writes "I have learned the many prayers like the "Our Father" and "The Creed". My parents and grandparents have influenced me to come

to church more often and without their love and them "pushing" me to come, I wouldn't have come as often as I did. Patience and being respectful to my peers and family, just like Jesus did, are some virtues that I learned in church, and Sunday School."

We wish everyone **Kalo Kalokeri**...and we look forward to seeing you in Church on Sundays during the summer months, too.

Also, don't forget to support our Festival on June 10-13th



THE 10th GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL graduation took place on Sunday, May 23rd, 2010. Pictured above with Fr. Michael, Sophia Gerapetritis and Emily Cossis are our new graduates. They are: Bottom row, left to right: Lia Karagianopoulos, Niki Canning, Paraskevi Theoharis, Gia Stavarakis and Lexi Barnes. Top row, left to right are: Kostas Pikounis, George Karagianopoulos and George Bouloubassis. (Missing from the photo are: Anna Zoulis and Nick Protopapas). Congratulations to all of you.

church.

May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ reward all of you with much health and prosperity.

Fr. Michael Pastrokos

ΑΠΟΚΑΛΥΠΤΗΡΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΑΓ. ΕΙΚΟΝΑΣ ΤΗΣ «ΔΕΗΣΗΣ»

Η Αγία Εικόνα της ΔΕΗΣΗΣ, ευλογήθηκε την Κυριακή, 23 Μαΐου μετά την Θείαν Λειτουργία. Η κ. Μαρία Παρού και η οικογένειά της αφιέρωσαν την ωραιότερη αυτή εικόνα στην Εκκλησία μας. Η εικόνα παριστάνει τον Χριστό, την Παρθένο Μαρία και τον Άγιο Ιωάννη τον Βαπτιστή. Η Εικόνα θα τοποθετηθεί πάνω από την διπλή πόρτα του Νάρθηκα. Αντιπροσωπεύουν την Επιτροπή Καλώσορισματος, που σημαίνει όταν εισερχόμαστε στο σπίτι του Κυρίου, ο Κύριος μας στέκεται μπροστά, μας καλοδέχεται και μας ευλογεί. Εκ μέρους της ευρύτερης οικογένειας του Αγίου Νικολάου, θέλουμε να ευχαριστήσουμε την οικογένεια Παρού για την γενναιοδωρία τους προς την Εκκλησία μας. Ο Κύριος να σας ευλογεί και να σας χαρίζει υγεία και παν αγαθόν.

Πάτερ Μιχαήλ Α. Παστροκός

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Our last meeting of this ecclesiastical year was on May 5, 2010. At this time I would like to thank all of the ladies on the board of

Philoptochos for all their help during this past year. Even though we had to cancel a few fundraising events due to the bad weather I feel we had a successful year.

Some people realizing how detrimental the loss of income was for our mission stepped up and sent donations in to replenish some of the loss. On Saturday, May 8th we had our annual Mother's Day Tea. A wonderful time was had by all. Thank you to the following dance groups for entertaining us that afternoon. Ellinakia with their dance instructors Renia Zervos and Georgia Zervos Saliaris. The Greek School with their instructor Mrs. Helen Louvrou Monopolis, and the Hellenic Golden Coins with their instructors Maria Kaimakis and Manolis Theoharis. To Christina Anastasiades for singing a wonderful song for us and Mrs. Elpida Birch for writing a very special poem. Also thank you to our Presvytera Demetra Pastrokos and Mrs. Eleni Monopolis who undertook the task of serving the coffee and tea. The 15 member Philoptochos Board for bringing in all the fresh flowers for the tables, along with sweets and door prizes, and all the women who brought in sweets and door prizes. We appreciate all of you very much!

On Sunday May 9th, Mother's Day we honored three mothers of our parish Mrs. Despina Cornias, Mrs. Sofia Stamides and Mrs.

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Greek School Reunion Dance 2010



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Photo 1: Left to Right, Evgenia Kanaki, Vasiliki Kalograni, Eugenia Kalis, Eleni Monopolis-Principal, Georgia Trikoulis and Fotini Baltzasis. Present and former teachers gathered at the first Greek School Reunion Dance on Friday, April 9th.



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Photo 2: Former students and/or graduates of St. Nicholas Greek School having a blast at the recent reunion.

Photo 3. Even our young GOYA members and former Greek school students enjoyed the music and dancing provided by Apollonia and DJ George Tsakiris.

Photo 4. Nancy Anastasiades, President of Greek School PTA, Stelio Anastasiades, Demo Anastasiades and Eleni Monopolis, Principal enjoy the kalamatiano at the reunion.



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Photo 5. L to R: Fr. Michael and Presbytera Pastrokos are joined by Angela Sfakianoudis, Kelly Papadopoulos, Fotini Baltazis, Eleni Monopolis, Evgenia Kanaki and Vasiliki Kalograni as they enjoyed their delicious dinner at the Greek School Reunion.

Photo 6. These lovely young ladies are Graduates of St. Nicholas Greek School. They are: Aliko Argiropoulos, Mary Kamos, Lizetta Argiropoulos and Vaso Katsaros. — **Photo 7.** Maria Theohari and Evgenia Kanaki are keeping in step doing a Syrto with some of the young Greek School students. — **Photo 8.** Former teacher and principal, Georgia Trikoulis, is joined by her husband Dimitri and daughter, Joanne—who was visiting here from Athens, during the recent Greek School Reunion Dance. — **Photo 9.** Everyone had a good time and danced the night away at the first Greek School Reunion Dance. The music was donated by Apollonia and DJ George Tsakiris.



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Elpida Birch. We wish them many years of health, happiness.

Also the same day we awarded 7 scholarships to 7 young adults from our Parish.

They are: Antonios Giorgakis who received the Savas Georgas Scholarship; Nicholas Halkias who received the Philoptochos Scholarship; Daniel Collector who received the scholarship in memory of Evangelos and Sophia Orfanos; Irene Fillipou, George Theoharis and Kostas Skordalos each received the Thomas Lambros Scholarship. Pantelis Vasilarakis received the Philoptochos scholarship in memory of 6 young men and women who passed away at the prime of their life. It is our way of always remembering them and keeping them in our hearts. They are: Michael Kolivas, Chrysa Minadakias, Nicoletta Bournousouzi, Meropi Sophocleus, George Stakias and Antonios Nicolaidis. May their memory be eternal.

On Wednesday May 12th we had our annual fashion show at Martins Valley Mansion. It was a very well attended event. Thank you to Patty Orfanos and her very creative committee that put together an unforgettable evening. Thank you to all the models, all the shops that provided the clothes, all the make-up and hair people, DJ Nick Paros and the beautiful young ladies of our parish Lia and Eleni Karagianopoulos for their dance number and their help with the models. Thank you also to everyone who donated items for the silent auction. All of the proceeds form this event went into the scholarship fund.

I would also like to thank Stanley Cavouras and Deepak for all their help during this past year. Whether it was cleaning up, setting up or waiting for us to finish so they can lock up the church. Thank you also to Tina Harris for all her help especially in the Greek typing of my articles.

Philoptochos does not take a summer vacation. We are available at all times when some one needs our help. We still cook for the soup kitchen, take people in at the Filoxenia House, and meet with needy people. Philoptochos is a year round society. So please come to our first meeting September 8th, sign up to be an active, caring member.

Many years ago when the late Dena Menagias approached me to become a member, I had the same thoughts as you are having right now that Philoptochos is for retired old ladies. It is anything but that. So please join us!!!!

***Hope you have a wonderful and restful summer.
Zoe Perdikakis, President***

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS: MOTHERS OF THE YEAR

Every year the Ladies Philoptochos Society of Saint Nicholas honors a MOTHER OF THE YEAR in Church. This year 3 Mothers were honored. Here is how the President of Philoptochos, Mrs. Zoe Perdikakis presented it.

“The first lady that we are about to honor was born in a small village in Chios. From a young girl she dreamed of traveling and possibly making a life in the U.S.A. Finally, at the age of 21, with the help of her aunt, she obtained a 6 month visa and came to the U.S. in January of 1959. Soon after she was pursued by a handsome gentleman, and eleven months later in November, 1959 she was married at Saint Nicholas Church. They established a wonderful life, overflowing with love and soon thereafter, this special woman became the amazing mother of four (4) and grandmother of seven (7).

Most importantly, she always possessed a strong love for the Greek Orthodox faith and Saint Nicholas Church. She passed this devotion on to her children and grandchildren and raised them in the church. They were all baptized at Saint Nicholas, attended Greek School, Sunday School and are active members of the Church participating in GOYA, Golden Coins, YAL, Teaching Sunday School and volunteering at The Greek Folk Festival. She has been volunteering at the Festival for over 25 years, making her known as the *Loukoumades Expert*.

Along with all the blessings in her life she has been dealt her heartbreaks, including the loss of her son. She accepts and bears her cross with all that comes her way and with unwavering faith. When her grandchildren were asked to share special thoughts about their *yiayia* and why she is mother of the year this is what

was said..... “She is supportive, when they come home from a hard week at college she has their favorite comfort food waiting, the real Yiayia’s bakery is on Umbra Street. She is a best friend and confidant, from shopping sprees to parimies, she taught them to have faith in themselves. She is the epitome of strength, facing hard times with courage and continues to make the best of any situation. They feel so very blessed to have her as their mother and Yiayia. She’s the rock of the family and the glue that keeps them together. And her name is..... “Despina Cornias”

2nd Mother of the Year Honored—

Mrs. Elpida Birch (Birbitzaki)

She was born in a small village in beautiful Chios. She came to America in the early 1960’s. Two years later, she married Peter Birch and they had one daughter. Today she is also blessed with 3 grandsons. She is a devout Christian, wife, mother and grandmother. She is a member of the Ladies PanChian Society and the St. Nicholas Philoptochos. A noteworthy fact about Mrs. Birch is her poetry. She has honored us with her numerous poems that are read at the Mother’s Day Luncheon every year.

3rd Mother of the Year Honored - Mrs. Sophia Stamidis

Mrs. Sophia was born in a village in Macedonia. During her early years in Macedonia life was hard and difficult. In the late 1960’s, they made the move to America and to Baltimore. She is also a devout Christian and attends church regularly where she finds peace and solace in the service. She has also lost a son not many years ago but her faith keeps her strong. She now lives a quiet life near her children and grandchildren whom she loves and adores.

ΜΗΤΕΡΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΧΡΟΝΙΑΣ

Κάθε χρόνο οι κυρίες της Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου τιμούν την ΜΗΤΕΡΑ της Χρονιας μετά το τέλος της Θείας Λειτουργίας στην Εκκλησία. Παραθέτουμε κατωτέρω την παρουσίασή της, από την Πρόεδρο της Φιλοπτώχου, κυρία Ζωή Πεδικάκη:

«Η κυρία που θα τιμήσουμε σήμερα γεννήθηκε σ’ ένα μικρό χωριό της Χίου στις 16 Νοεμβρίου, 1937. Μεγάλωσε σε μια αγροτική οικογένεια μαζί με τα αδέρφια της. Είχε την ευθύνη της οικογένειας της καθώς ο πατέρας της ήταν ξυλουργός και η μητέρα της ασχολείτο με τις αγροτικές εργασίες για να εξοικονομήσουν τα προς το ζειν, έτσι είχε την φροντίδα των αδελφιών της. Το 1953 παρακολούθησε την σχολή ραπτικής στην Αθήνα και μετά επέστρεψε στην Χίο. Εκεί εργάστηκε με ένα σπουδαίο ράπτη της εποχής αυτής, ήταν πολύ καλή στην τέχνη της και ήταν σε θέση να βοηθήσει όλα οικογενειακά έξοδα.

Το όνειρό της ήταν να ταξιδέψει και να κάνει ζωή στην Αμερική. Σε ηλικία 21 ετών με την βοήθεια της θείας της πήρε 6μηνη Visa και τον Ιανουάριο του 1959 ήλθε στις Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες. Πολύ σύντομα γνωρίστηκε με ένα ωραίο νέο και τον Νοέμβριο του 1959 παντρεύτηκαν στον Άγιο Νικόλαο. Δημιούργησαν μία εξαιρετική οικογένεια και είχαν πολύ καλή ζωή. Είναι μητέρα 4 παιδιών και γιαγιά 7 εγγονιών. Είναι μία εξαιρετική μητέρα και γιαγιά. Είναι μία ευσεβής κυρία, και έχει βαθιά πίστη στην ελληνοορθόδοξη πίστη και στην εκκλησία του Αγίου Νικολάου. Όλες τις χριστιανικές αξίες τις μετέδωσε στα παιδιά της και τα εγγόνια της και τα μεγάλωσε μέσα στην εκκλησία. Βάπτισε όλα της τα παιδιά στον Άγιο Νικόλαο, και όλα παρακολούθησαν το Ελληνικό και το Κατηχητικό Σχολείο. Όλα είναι ενεργά μέλη της Κοινότητάς μας. Συμμετέχουν στην Νεολαία, στον Χορευτικό Όμιλο, την Μεγάλη Νεολαία, διδάσκουν στο Κατηχητικό Σχολείο και βοηθούν εθελοντικά στο Φεστιβάλ της Κοινότητας. Είναι θερμη υποστηρίκτρια του Αγίου Νικολάου και εργάζεται ακούραστα στους Λουκουμάδες και στις άλλες εκδηλώσεις της Εκκλησίας μας. Πάνω από 25 χρόνια εργάζεται εθελοντικά στο Φεστιβάλ κάνοντας τους εξαιρετικούς λουκουμάδες. Είναι μέλος της Φιλοπτώχου. Με όλες τις ευλογίες και τα ευχάριστα γεγονότα της ζωής της είχε και δυσκολίες και δυσάρεστα γεγονότα που σημάδεψαν τη ζωή της, όπως ο απροσδόκητος θάνατος του γιου της. Σήκωσε το σταυρό που της έδωσε ο καλός Θεός και τα αποδέχτηκε όλα με πίστη και υπομονή.

Όλοι όσοι την γνωρίζουν, την θαυμάζουν για την ανιδιοτέλεια, την δύναμη και την γενναιοδωρία της. Είναι παράδειγμα για όλους μας. Όταν τα εγγόνια της ρωτήθηκαν να

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εκφράσουν τις απόψεις τους για την γιαγιά τους και γιατί την τιμούν σαν μητέρα της χρονιά, απάντησαν ότι είναι πολύ υπομονετική, όταν έρχονται σπίτι από το κολλέγιο και τους έχει ετοιμάσει το αγαπημένο τους φαγητό, και ό,τι άλλο τους αρέσει από τα χέρια της γιαγιάς είναι έτοιμο και τους περιμένει στο σπίτι της. Είναι η καλύτερη φίλη τους και μπορούν να μοιραστούν μαζί της όλα τους τα προβλήματα. Τους συμβουλεύει να έχουν πίστη στον εαυτό τους και όλα θα πάνε καλά. Είναι η μικρογραφία της δύναμης και αντιμετωπίζει τα δύσκολα με πολύ θάρρος και προσπαθεί να κάνει το καλύτερο που μπορεί σε κάθε κατάσταση με θετικότητα και έχοντας κατά νου τι είναι πιο σπουδαίο. Αισθάνονται ότι είναι πολύ ευτυχημένα και ευλογημένα να έχουν για μητέρα και γιαγιά μία τόσο καλή γυναίκα. Είναι ο στύλος της οικογενείας τους και κρατεί τα πάντα ενωμένα.

Αυτή είναι η..... **«Κυρία Δέσποινα Κόρνια»**

2η Επιλογή «Η κυρία Ελπίδα Μπιρπιτζάκη (Birch)

Γεννήθηκε σε ένα χωριό της όμορφης και μυροβόλου Χίου. Στις αρχές του 1960 μετανάστευσε στην Αμερική. Δύο χρόνια μετά παντρεύτηκε τον σύζυγό της, Παναγιώτη, και απέκτησε μιά θυγατέρα. Έχει σήμερα 3 εγγονούς. Είναι μια πολύ καλή χριστιανή—σύζυγος—μητέρα και γιαγιά. Είναι μέλος του Χιακού Συλλόγου Κυριών και της Φιλοπτώχου.

Το σήμα κατατεθέν της γλυκιάς αυτής κυρίας είναι τα πολλά όμορφα και συγκινητικά ποιήματα που γράφει για την Φιλότητα.

3η Επιλογή «Η κυρία Σοφία Σταμιδή»

Γεννήθηκε σ' ένα χωριό της Μακεδονίας. Έζησε πολύ δύσκολα χρόνια στην κατοχή. Στα τέλη του 1960 μετανάστευσε στην Αμερική όπου ζει μια ήσυχη ζωή, κοντά στα παιδιά της και

τα εγγόνια της που την υπεραγατούν.

ΝΕΑ ΤΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

Η τελευταία συνεδρίαση της εκκλησιαστικής χρονιάς ήταν στις 5 Μαΐου 2010. Θά ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω το συμβούλιο της Φιλοπτώχου για την βοήθειά τους όλη την χρονιά. Παρ'όλο που ακυρώθηκαν μερικές από της εκδηλώσεις μας λόγω κακοκαιρίας, είχαμε μία καλή χρονιά. Μερικά άτομα κατάλαβαν την απώλεια χρημάτων από τό ταμείο της Φιλοπτώχου και έστειλαν δωρεές. Τους ευχαριστούμε πολύ.

Στις 8η Μαΐου είχαμε τό ετησιο τσάι μας προς τιμή όλων των μητέρων. Περάσαμε ένα πολύ όμορφο απόγευμα απολαμβάνοντας τά τρία χορευτικά γκρουπ της παροικίας μας που και αυτή την στιγμή θέλουμε να τα ευχαριστήσουμε— τά «Ελληνάκια» μέ τις διδασκάλες τους Ρένα Ζερβού και Γεωργία Ζερβού Σαλιάρη, τό Ελληνικό σχολείο, μέ την διδασκάλισσα τους, Κα Ελένη Λούβρου Μονόπολη, και τά «Ελληνικά Φλουριά» μέ τους διδασκάλους τους Μαρία Καϊμάκη και Μανώλη Θεοχάρη, την διδα Χριστίνα Αναστασιάδη για τό πλόυ ωραίο τραγούδι που μας τραγούδησε, και την Κα Ελπίδα Μπέτς που έγραψε τό συγκινητικό ποίημα για την Μάννα. Επίσης ευχαριστούμε την Πρεσβυτέρα Δήμητρα Παστορικός και Κα Ελένη Μονόπολη που σέρβιραν τόν καφέ και τό τσάι. Το Συμβούλιο της Φιλοπτώχου που δώρησαν τά λουλούδια για όλα τά τραπέζια, έφεραν δώρα και γλυκά. Και όλες τις κυρίες που μας τήμησαν φέροντας γλυκά και δώρα εισόδου.

Στις 9 Μαΐου Κυριακή ημέρα της Μητέρας, τιμήθηκαν στην εκκλησία μας η Κα Δέσποινα Κόρνια, Κα Σοφία Σταμιδή, και

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Κα Ελπίδα Μπέρτζ. Τους ευχόμαστε υγεία, ευτυχία και μακροημέρευση. Τήν ίδια ημέρα έγινε η απονομή των υποτροφιών. Τα νέα παιδιά της παροικίας μας που τις έλαβαν ήταν—Αντώνης Γιωργιάκης, υποτροφία εις μνήμη του Σάββα Γεωργιά, Νικόλαος Χαλκιάς υποτροφία της Φιλοπτώχου, Δανιήλ Κολέκτορ υποτροφία εις μνήμη του Ευαγγέλου και Σωφίας Ορφανού, Ειρήνη Φιλίππου, Γεώργιος Θεοχάρης και Κωνσταντίνου Σκορδαλός—ο καθένος πήρε υποτροφία του Θωμά Λάμπρου. Ο Παντελής Βασιλαράκης έλαβα την υποτροφία που δίνει η Φιλόπτωχος εις μνήμη έξι νεαρών παιδιών που έφυγαν από κοντά μας στο άνθος της ζωής τους—Μιχαήλ Κολίβας, Χρύσα Μηναδάκη, Νικολέττα Μπουρνοπούλη, Μερόπη Σοφοκλέους, Γεώργιος Π. Στακιάς, και Αντώνιος Νικολαΐδης. Μέ αυτή την υποτρόφια τους κρατάμε ζωντανούς ανάμεσά μας. Αιώνια τους η μνήμη. Και εις ανώτερα στους φοιτητές μας.

Στις 12η Μαΐου είχαμε την ετήσια επίδειξη μόδας στο Martin's Valley Mansion. Τα έσοδα διατέθηκαν για τό ταμείο των υποτροφιών. Ήρθαν πάρα πολλές κυρίες και δεσποινίδες και πήρε τό μάτι μας και μερικούς άνδρες. Ήταν μία αξέχαστη βραδιά για όλους μας. Ευχαριστούμε την Παναγιώτα Ορφανού και όλες τις κυρίες που την βοήθησαν και μας παρουσίασαν μία τέτοια όμορφη βραδιά. Ευχαριστούμε όλους—από τον DJ Nick Pagos, τά μαγαζιά που μας έδωσαν τά ρούχα, τις κομμώτριες και κοπέλλες που έκαναν τά μείκ-απ, τις αδελφές Καραγιανοπούλου για τό χορό τους και την βοήθεια προς τά μοντέλα. Επίσης όλους αυτούς που πρόσφεραν δώρα για την σιωπηλή δημοπρασία κα όλες που δωρησαν τα βάζα και τα φτερά για τα τραπέζια.

Θέλω νά ευχαριστίσω τόν Στυλιανό Κάβουρα και τόν Ντήνακ που πάντα μας βοηθούν μέ τά τραπέζια, τόν καθαρισμό και πολλές φορές μας περιμένουν ώσπου νά τελειώσουμε για νά κλειδώσουν την Εκκλησία. Επίσης την Δα Τίνα Χάρις για την βοήθεια της, και πιό πολύ για τά κείμενα που δακτυλογραφεί στα Ελληνικά.

Η Φιλόπτωχος δέν έχει καλοκαιρινές διακοπές—μαγειρεύουμε για τους φτωχούς, δεχόμαστε άτομα στο σπίτι της Φιλοξενίας, βοηθούμε τους απόρους ότι ώρα και νά πάρουν τηλέφωνο. Ελάτε όλες οι κυρίες στην πρώτη συνεδρίαση τού εκκλησιαστικού χρόνου που θά είναι Σεπτεμβρίου 8 στις 7 μ.μ. Γίνετε ενεργά μέλη και μπειτε στο Πνεύμα του Εθελοντισμού.

Εδώ και αρκετά χρόνια όταν μέ πλησίασε η αειμνήστη Κ.α. Ντίνα Μενάγια νά γραφτώ και εγώ στην Φιλόπτωχο είχα και εγώ τις ίδιες σκέψεις όπως εσείς τώρα. Ότι η Φιλόπτωχος είναι σύλλογος για συνταξιούχες κάποιας ηλικίας κυρίες. Έκανα όμως μεγάλο λάθος. Είναι ένας σύλλογος που πρέπει όλοι νά βοηθούν και νά είμαστε μέλη. Όλοι έχουμε την ώρα να μπαίνουμε στο Φαίης Μπούκ με τις ώρες αλλά νά προσφέρουμε

λίγες ώρες του μήνα στους συνανθρώπους μας είναι πολύ δύσκολο! Σκεφτείτε το. Εύχομαι νά περάσετε ένα ξεκούραστο καλοκαίρι.

Ζωή Πεοδικάκη, Πρόεδρος

GREEKTOWN CDC

Greektown has seen great progress over the past few months. Athena Square began building another new row of town homes and Kettler, a Virginia based developer is ready to break ground as early as this summer. The Planning Committee has made headway into creating new Greektown signage on the corner of Oldham and O'Donnell Streets that will help identify the neighborhood. The Greektown CDC has requested and received assistance from the Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW) to ensure cleaner sewers. DPW has placed the Eastern Avenue sewer line on a bi-annual maintenance schedule to prevent sewage backups to our residents.

The Greektown CDC hosted a Baltimore Heritage Tour of Greektown on May 1st. Approximately 50 people enjoyed learning the history of Greektown and our Greek culture.

The Greektown CDC will be hosting a community meeting on June 15, 2010, 6 pm at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

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

Please check our newsletter or website, www.greektownmd.org, for more upcoming events. If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a member of one of our committees, please call our office.

Believe in your community!

John E. Gavrilis, CEO

A Message Father Michael Wants to Share with Us

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you forgive him/her. You forgive first!

Don't wait for the other person to do good to you before you do the same. You do the Good first! And as the Greek saying goes: "Do the good and toss it in the sea (and forget about it)!"

And don't ever expect anything for the good that you have done.

Are you a true Christian? Take the initiative, do whatever you can, as much as you can, with love and a smile and wait for repayment, not from here on earth, not from unjust and evil men...but from up high in the heavens, from the just Judge and the Loving Father.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2010

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MR/MRS KARAGIANNIS DEMETRIOS	MISS KARAGIANNIS SHOSHANA	MR/MRS KARAGIANNIS DEMETRIOS	MR/MRS KARAGIANNIS PAVLOS
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TOTALS:	\$184,250.00	\$141,788.22	\$42,461.78

Liturgical Program for the Month of June

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th—SECOND SUNDAY
OF MATTHEW: ORTHROS: 8:45 AM.
DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, JUNE 13th—THIRD SUNDAY
OF MATTHEW: ORTHROS: 8:45 AM.
DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, JUNE 20th—FOURTH SUNDAY
OF MATTHEW: ORTHROS: 8:45 AM.
DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

*Happy Father's Day to all the Father's of our
Community*

SUNDAY, JUNE 27th—FIFTH SUNDAY
OF MATTHEW: ORTHROS: 8:45 AM.
DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

TUESDAY, JUNE 29th—THE HOLY APOSTLES
STS. PETER & PAUL: ORTHROS 8:45 AM.
DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 AM.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30th—
SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES:
ORTHROS 8:45 AM; DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 AM.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 4TH—GREEK SCHOOL
GRADUATION AND PLAY—6 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 10TH—GREEK FOLK
FESTIVAL BEGINS—OPENING DAY.
CEREMONIES—6 PM FOLLOWED BY A
FREE CONCERT FEATURING
CONSTANTINE MAROULIS

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY,
JUNE 11 TO 13TH**—GREEK FOLK FESTIVAL
CONTINUES—11 AM TO 11 PM

KOINONIA DEADLINE

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

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Deadline: June, 12th

You may drop your article to the church office or e-mail it to
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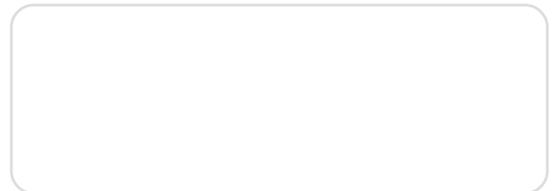
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