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A PASTORAL MESSAGE

The Holy Spirit — True Inspiration

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Visiting New York City is always exciting. The museums, the theaters, Lincoln Center, Broadway, the sights and sounds of one of the greatest cities in the world. Seeing the great masters at the museums, hearing them at the city's music halls and theaters brings joy and inspiration to our hearts. But in New York and in the highways and byways of America we also see many people desperately looking for a new inspiration. Hanging their hopes on empty dreams and frivolous outlooks. Always looking for something new, something quick to bring them joy and peace and hope. The inspired works of the masters and our contemporary artists as well, just didn't happen in a moment's frenzy, nor were they a result of some pipe dream. True inspiration comes to those who have prepared themselves to receive it, those who search, those who pray, those who struggle and persevere, those who remain faithful and trust.

On the day of Pentecost the early Christians drew their inspiration from the greatest source of all. Our early forefathers and mothers understood that in transmitting the Good news of the Gospel they were in fact communicating an inspired life-style that transforms a life of emptiness and boredom into a life of high purpose and fulfillment. Those heroes of faith have left a timeless footprint and are still leading us today to a life of joyous fulfillment and peace and hope that surpasses all human understanding.

The time of Pentecost is a time for serious reflection on this sacred source of inspiration—the Holy Spirit of God. The word “inspire” means, literally, “to breathe upon,” and the word “spirituality,” which is at the root of the word “inspire,” means the state of having been breathed upon. For this reason, the one who lives a life “in the Spirit”, is one who has been breathed upon. This is one who has received the Holy Spirit as his life's inspiration.

The 20th chapter of John tells us that the Apostles

locked themselves in a room fearful that Christ's persecutors would crucify them as well. Suddenly, the Risen Christ appears before them and offers them His peace. Then John writes, “He breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’ (Jn.20:22).



The Ascension of Christ.

If we reflect seriously on this bible episode, we can learn a great deal about true inspiration. That the cowering Apostles are in need of inspiration is apparent. They are fearful and confused, not knowing what to do next. Then Jesus comes to fulfill their need. Now inspired, their lives take on new meaning and purpose. What is important to observe is that they do not receive their inspiration from within themselves. Their personality transformation, from timid and aimless men into bold and vigorous disciples, is generated from without. Jesus breathed the life of the Spirit into them. And that Holy Spirit, that Giver of Life, that

Comforter, that Spirit of truth, filled everything and was everywhere. That Holy Spirit was their source of power and transformation, and is ours as well today. A real resource and true support, an everlasting joy here and now where we live, here and now where we work, here and now where we pray.

Along with recognizing the Holy Spirit as this source of joy and hope and power we also learn another deep truth concerning inspiration in our lives: we must be prepared to receive it. The full power of the Spirit did not descend upon the Apostles when they first joined Christ. Their confirmation in the Spirit came after Jesus had taught them how to be receptive to it.

The Apostles were ready to receive the Breath of the Spirit through Jesus because they had learned that the Spirit of God was in Him. Jesus had prepared them for this great spiritual event in which their minds and hearts would be opened to the meaning of His own life of sacrificial self-giving. Jesus had prepared them to embrace a ministry of service as the inspired way of fulfillment. Jesus had prepared them for a way of life that needs no relief from their empty dreams and frivolous outlooks.

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2011 | Greek Folk Festival

Baltimore, Maryland

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint Nicholas,

It is that time of year again. The St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church community of Baltimore has begun preparations for the annual Greek Folk Festival, one of the MidAtlantic region's largest Hellenic events.

We invite you to the Greek Folk Festival 2011, June 9, to June 12, 2011, and invite you to join us during the Opening Ceremony on Thursday, June 9, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. (rain or shine) at 520 Ponca Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21224. The Ceremony will precede a free performance by comedian Angelo Tsarchouras, whose new Showtime show has been seen by more than 14 million people in the United States alone.

The principal fundraiser for the Church, the Festival celebrates the rich cultural, musical, and culinary heritage of Greek-Americans; however, its appeal is a much broader reflection of the rich and diverse multicultural nature of Baltimore and Maryland. The long-term aim of the Festival is to complete the establishment of a permanent cultural center to ensure continuity in the artistic life of future generations of Greek-Americans and their fellow citizens. Many realities for immigrant communities have started as dreams. Let us hope this is no exception.

Of course, thank you for your continued support of our community. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you,
Frank Mitsos
Festival Chairman

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A Letter from Our Parish Council President

Dear Members of the Saint Nicholas Community,

Throughout the last year, members of our community have worked diligently with enthusiasm, love and camaraderie in the spirit of service. As President of the Parish Council, I am pleased to report all that we've accomplished as a community with the blessings of God and our Patron Saint, Nicholas, this year.

Most recently, we celebrated Easter. Hundreds of people filled our church, atrium and Ponca Street for the services and to hear the beautiful hymns. Our choir, our cantor and our priest, Fr. Michael Pastrok, did a wonderful job and we thank them for their service to the church.

The church's various organization, including Philoptochos, Diamonds, JOY, and YAL continued their important work. Our Sunday School program, once again taught the youngest members of our church the essence of Greek Orthodox theology and practice.

In addition to the regular first through sixth grade program, our Greek School continued to expand its role in the community by offering classes for pre-school students, a class for adults, and a seventh grade class. The seventh grade students participated in the exams of Ellinomatheia, sponsored by the Univ. of Thessaloniki and overseen by the Educational Counselor of the Greek Embassy in Washington, D.C. In July, the Greek School will once again offer - for the third year in a row — a "Greek summer camp" for children ages 4 and 5. The annual Bible School program will also take place

this summer.

Furthermore, we have continued the maintenance and beautification of the church and Greek School. This year, both the entrance and the church office were renovated. As far as the Plateia project is concerned, we are in the process of getting a loan from the bank. Three construction companies presented us with their bids. Unanimously, the Parish Council, chose the best and less expensive one. Once the process of getting the loan is completed, we are ready for the final phase of the Plateia project. A new screen has been installed in the atrium and new projectors were purchased for the Greek School. In the coming school year, two Promethean boards will be installed in the two Greek School classrooms. Wireless internet is also now available throughout the church. Finally, the St. Nicholas community now has an official website! It has been a truly blessed year!

We thank all those who have contributed to these amazing accomplishments as well as those who have generously offered in memory or for the good health of their loved ones. As President of the Community I would like to humbly say that it has been an honor to be part of our vibrant and active community and I look forward to continuing our important work.

Best wishes for a successful festival!

*Sincerely, Takis Papadopoulos,
President*

Επιστολή από τον Πρόεδρο του Συμβουλίου

Αγαπητά Μέλη της Κοινότητας,

Από πέρυσι τον Ιούνιο μέχρι τώρα πολλά σημαντικά γεγονότα έχουν συμβεί στον κόσμο μας. Ξαν άνθρωποι συμμεριστήκαμε και συμμεριζόμαστε τα συμβάντα, λυπούμαστε και προβληματιζόμαστε.

Όμως σε τούτη τη μικρή γωνιά του πλανήτη μας, στην Ελληνική Ορθόδοξη Κοινότητα του Αγίου Νικολάου της Βαλτιμόρης, το έργο που έχει αναλάβει ο καθένας μας είτε επί πληρωμή είτε εθελοντικά συνεχίστηκε και συνεχίζεται με ζήλο, ενθουσιασμό και προ πάντων αγάπη και σύμπνοια.

Ξαν Πρόεδρος του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου για πέμπτη κατά σειρά χρονιά βρίσκομαι στην ευχάριστη θέση να εκθέσω, συνοπτικά, τα όσα, με τη βοήθεια του Θεού και του προστάτη μας Αγίου Νικολάου, κατορθώσαμε να πραγματοποιήσουμε.

Αρχίζω από το Πάσχα που μόλις πριν από λίγο καιρό γιορτάσαμε. Εκατοντάδες ήταν οι πιστοί που θέλησαν να γιορτάσουν τις άγιες αυτές ημέρες στην Κοινότητά μας, να ακούσουν το Τροπάριο της Κασσιανής, το "Σήμερον κρεμάται", το "Άξιον εστί", το "Χριστός Ανέστη", το "Πάσχα Κυρίου Πάσχα" στα Ελληνικά από την χορωδία μας, τον Ιεροψάλτη μας, και τον Ιερατικό μας Προϊστάμενο, Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Παστρικό. Στα πολλοπλά και πολύωρα καθήκοντα που επιβάλλουν οι άγιες αυτές ημέρες, ο ιερέας μας, ο αρχιψάλτης μας, η Χορωδία μας, ανταποκρίθηκαν με τον καλύτερο δυνατό τρόπο. Τους ευχαριστούμε και ευχόμαστε όλοι μας να ξαναβρεθούμε και πάλι εδώ του χρόνου.

Οι διάφοροι οργανισμοί της Κοινότητάς μας, Φιλόπτωχος, Διαμάντια, Τζόν, ΓΙΑΛ συνέχισαν το έργο τους.

Το Κατηχητικό μας Σχολείο λειτούργησε και δίδαξε και φέτος τα παιδιά μας την Ελληνική ορθόδοξη πίστη μας.

Το Ελληνικό Σχολείο προσέφερε και πάλι τάξεις για παιδιά προσχολικής ηλικίας, για ενήλικες καθώς και Εβδομή τάξη. Τα παιδιά που φοίτησαν στην Εβδομή πήραν μέρος στις εξετάσεις για την πιστοποίηση της Ελληνομάθειας. Οι ειδικές αυτές εξετάσεις οργανώνονται από το Πανεπιστήμιο Θεσσαλονίκης, Τμήμα Ελληνικών Σπουδών, και πραγματοποιούνται με την εποπτεία του Συμβούλου Εκπαίδευσης στην ελληνική Πρεσβεία της Ουάσιγκτων. Ευχόμαστε στα παιδιά αυτά καλά αποτελέσματα! Όσοι ενδιαφέρονται μπορούν να επικοινωνήσουν με το γραφείο του Ελληνικού Σχολείου.

Για τρίτη χρονιά το Σχολείο μας προσφέρει την "Ελληνική κατασκήνωση" το μήνα Ιούλιο για παιδιά ηλικίας 4 και 5 ετών.

Η εβδομάδα "Μελέτης της Βίβλου" θα λειτουργήσει και πάλι για μία εβδομάδα το καλοκαίρι. Η Κοινότητά μας χρηματοδοτεί την κατασκήνωση για νέα παιδιά CYC που οργανώνεται κάθε καλοκαίρι.

Τα χορευτικά συγκροτήματα "Χρυσά Φλουριά" και "Ελληνάκια" χάρισαν και πάλι σε έλληνες και ξένους ευχάριστες στιγμές χορεύοντας τους ελληνικούς μας χορούς.

Τα παιδιά της ΓΚΟΓΙΑ συμμετείχαν με επιτυχία στους αγώνες μπάσκετ που οργανώνονται από τις ελληνικές ορθόδοξες κοινότητες της περιοχής μας.

Δεν παραμελήσαμε την συντήρηση του κτιρίου που μας στεγάζει. Εξωραΐσαμε την είσοδο της εκκλησίας, (καινούργια πλακάκια, αποκατάσταση στα σπασμένα γάντζα, ριζική ανακαίνιση του Κοινοτικού Γραφείου). Όσον αφορά την "Πλατεία", βρισκόμαστε στη διαδικασία εξασφάλισης δανείου. Τρεις εργολαβικές εταιρείες μας έδωσαν προσφορές. Ομόφωνα το Συμβούλιο επέλεξε την καλύτερη και πιο οικονομική. Μόλις εξασφαλίσουμε το δάνειο, είμαστε έτοιμοι να αρχίσουμε και αποπερατώσουμε την τελευταία φάση της "Πλατείας".

Η Κοινότητά μας αναποκρινόμενη στην καινούργια τεχνολογία, προέβη στην αγορά και εγκατάσταση ειδικής οθόνης, την οποία εγκατέστησε στον κεντρικό χώρο της εισόδου στην Εκκλησία, στην αγορά ειδικών μηχανημάτων για τις ανάγκες του Ελληνικού Σχολείου (προτζέκτορας). Την ερχόμενη χρονιά το νέο ηλεκτρονικό σύστημα, το λεγόμενο "Προμηθέας" θα εγκατασταθεί στις δύο σχολικές αίθουσες. Εγκαταστήσαμε ασύρματο διαδίκτυο Κομκαστ. Οι σχολικές αίθουσες είναι εξοπλισμένες με υπολογιστές και τυπωτές. Το πιο σημαντικό ίσως από όλα είναι το γεγονός ότι η Κοινότητά μας έχει τη δική της ηλεκτρονική σελίδα την οποία μπορεί κανείς να επισκεφτεί και να πληροφορηθεί για τα γινόμενα στην Κοινότητά μας.

Ήταν μια ευλογημένη για μας χρονιά. Εχαριστίες πολλές σε όλους όσοι συνέβαλαν στις επιτυχίες και τα επιτεύγματα αυτού του χρόνου, και σε όσους γενναϊόδωρα προσέφεραν τις δωρεές του εις μνήμη ή υπέρ υγείας αγαπημένων τους προσώπων.

Ξαν Πρόεδρος της Κοινότητας ταπεινά, ας μου επιτραπεί να πω ότι νιώθω ιδιαίτερη περηφάνεια και μεγάλη τιμή για την Κοινότητα στην οποία ανήκω και στην οποία Προεδρεύω.

**Εύχομαι ολόψυχα ΚΑΛΗ ΕΠΙΤΥΧΙΑ στο Φεστιβάλ μας,
υγεία και χαρά σε όλους.**

*Με εκτίμηση,
Τάκης Παπαδόπουλος, Πρόεδρος*

Honoring “Mothers of the Year” in Our Parish

MRS. ANNA POLITAKIS

Anna Politakis was born in the Island of Chios. At the tender age of 12 she and her family moved to Constantinople where she lived for the next 45 years. In 1968 she moved to the USA. She has traveled many times to Greece the last one being in 2007. Mrs. Politakis has two children; Katina who lives in Philadelphia and Nicholas who has volunteered for St. Nicholas for a long time and who lives in Baltimore. She has 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

MRS. EVRITHIKI KOUTELI

Mrs. Kouteli moved from Chios to the USA in 1968 with her husband Antony and their two children, Anna and Diamanti. They had a hard time not knowing the language but found a lot of support from the St. Nicholas Community. They worked hard and even though they knew no English they prospered and raised their children with all the Greek customs and ideals. Her children married in the St. Nicholas church, and they also christened their children there. Her wish is to see all of the 6 grandchildren marry in St. Nicholas and have their children christened there also.

MRS. KOULA PROAKIS

Koula Proakis was born in a small town in Pennsylvania in 1928. Her parents and older brother immigrated from Greece to the United States by way of Ellis Island. She was the middle child of three sisters and 1 brother.

Raised in a small town, her family was united with many other families that also immigrated from Greece. She married a local Greek boy, Nick, and together they kept close contact with friends and family throughout their travels. Eventually they moved to Baltimore where their search ended and a family was found. They adopted my brother Jim in 1957 and me in 1961 and our family was complete.

My mother has close ties with the Saint Nicholas Community as she and my father were active members since their arrival to Baltimore. The Greek Orthodox faith is very prevalent in our lives and this we attribute to our parents, especially my mother.

When her first grandson was born, she retired from her job to spend quality “yiayia” time and has been there for all 4 of her grandchildren. My children’s earliest memories include staying at yiayia’s house and helping her roll dough for koulourakia. She has and will remain a very important part in our lives as we honor her today and every day.

Κα. ΑΘΗΝΑ ΤΑΡΑΤΣΙΔΟΥ

Μητέρα!

Δέν υπάρχει πιο γλυκιά, πιο τρυφερή, πιο έντονη ονομασία στον κόσμο. Της μητέρας μας το πρόσωπο ήταν το πρώτο που γνωρίσαμε, η φωνή της η πρώτη που μας νανούρισε, το χάδι της το πρώτο που μας καθισούχασε, και η συμβουλή της η πρώτη που μας ενθάρρυνε να ολοκληρώσουμε τα όνειρά μας. Η αγάπη και αφοσίωση προς την οικογένεια της είναι απόλυτη και ανεπιφύλακτη.

Το ΠΙΣΤΕΥΩ της είναι σύγχρονο απλά και βασικά—Η ύπαρξη της, η ζωή της είναι ουσιαστικά για τα παιδιά της και τα εγγόνια της. Μετανάστευσε στην Βαλτιμόρη με τον άνδρα της και τα δυό της παιδιά. Δούλεψε σκληρά και ακούραστα δίπλα στον αγαπημένο της σύζυγο για πολλά χρόνια. Και οι δυό πάντα μαζί και αχώριστοι, χάρισαν στα παιδιά τους τα πιο πολύτιμα δωρά: μια ζεστή, χαρούμενη και αγαπημένη οικογένεια, και μια ακαδημαϊκή αλλά πιο σημαντικά, μια κοινωνική μόρφωση.

Η αγάπη και αφοσίωση της προς την εκκλησία του Αγ. Νικολάου, ήταν και είναι αναμφισβήτητη. Είναι απο αυτές τις γυναίκες που ποτέ δεν αναζητούν δόξα η το προσωπικό τους όφελος. Είναι απο αυτές που δουλεύουν πίσω απο την κουρτίνα της σκηνής, απο αυτές που η έκφραση «δεν μπορώ!», ποτέ δεν ίσχυε. Όλα που πρόσφερε στην οικογένειά της, στους συγγενείς, στους φίλους και στην εκκλησία της, τα πρόσφερε χωρίς διαταγμό, παράπονο, η όρους. Έχασε τον πολυαγαπημένο της σύζυγο πριν μερικά χρόνια και παρόλο τον δικό της πόνο, η πρώτη της σκέψη ήταν να καλμάρι των παιδιών και τον εγγονιών της, την απώλεια.

Είμαστε ευγνώμονοι για την διαλογή σας, και αν η μητέρα μας σας φανεί κάπως αμήχανη καθώς αναγγίλετε το όνομα της, είναι διότι ποτέ δεν έχει απειθήσει ενα ευχαριστώ, συγχαρητήρια η κάποια τιμή για τα όσα έχει κάνει. Μέσα σ’αυτην την γενναία της ανεπιφύλακτης αυτοθυσίας μεγαλώσαμε εγώ, ο αδερφός μου, ο άνδρας μου και τα παιδιά μου και για αυτό πάντα ευχαριστούμε τον Θεό αλλά σήμερα ιδιαίτερα, ευχαριστούμε την μητέρα μας.

Για μας, είναι η βάση μας, η πέτρα πάνω στην οποία ξεκουραζώμαστε και ανακουφίζώμαστε, και το καταφύγιο μας απο της καταγίδες της ζωής.

Σ’ευχαριστούμε Μαμά!

Η Μητέρα μας — Αθηνά Ταρτσίδου

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Νέα του Ελληνικού Σχολείου — Greek School News



Greek School Teachers and students dressed in historical costumes in front of the Embassy of Greece.

Πολλά και ευχάριστα είναι τα νέα του μηνός Μαΐου 2011!

Αρχίζουμε από το **Σάββατο, 7 Μαΐου 2011**. Για πρώτη φορά το σχολείο μας έλαβε πρόσκληση από την Ελληνική Πρεσβεία της Ουάσιγκτων να συμμετάσχει στον εορτασμό των Πρεσβειών μελών κρατών της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης. Οι εκδηλώσεις έγιναν το Σάββατο, 7 Μαΐου. Ο Σύλλογος Γονέων και Δασκάλων φρόντισε για μεταφορικό μέσο. Τα παιδιά του σχολείου μας: Αγγελή Ειρήνη, Αγγελής Μιχαήλ, Αναστασιάδη Χριστίνα, Αναστασιάδης Στέλιος, Γιακουμάκη Φλώρα, Ιερομόναχου Κατερίνα και Πρωτόπαπα Μαρίνα ντυμένα με τις εθνικές στολές τους ενθουσίασαν με την παρουσία τους και εντυπωσίασαν με τους χορούς και το τραγούδι τους Αμερικανούς, ξένους, ελληνοαμερικανούς και προσωπικό της Πρεσβείας. Δεχθήκαμε πολλές ευχαριστίες και συγχαρητήρια από το Σχολικό Σύμβουλο, κ. Μαρμαρινό, και από την Πολιτιστική Σύμβουλο της Πρεσβείας, κ. Ζωή Κοσμίδου. Τα παιδιά μας χόρεψαν τέσσερις χορούς και η μαθήτρια Χριστίνα Αναστασιάδη, μέλος της παιδικής χορωδίας του Μαϊρούλαντ, τραγούδησε για τους παρευρισκόμενους το “Γη της λεμονιάς, της ελιάς”. Οι φωτογραφίες και τα



Principal and teacher Mrs. Monopolis and the 6th grade graduates of St. Nicholas Greek School.



Pictured from left to right is Greek School teacher Ms. Vicky Kalograni, Deputy Counselor of Education, Dr. Antonios Marmarinos, students: George Topouzoglou, Constantine Atsidis and Katerina Ieromonahos.

φλας σταμάτησαν όταν τελικά φύγαμε. Όλοι ζητούσαν να πάρουν φωτογραφία μαζί τους. Η Ολυμπιακή φλόγα ήταν εκεί. Ο υπεύθυνος για τον πυρσό ζήτησε και όλα τα παιδιά κράτησαν και φωτογραφήθηκαν κρατώντας τον. Μετά την ελληνική Πρεσβεία ο επόμενος σταθμός μας ήταν η Πρεσβεία της Κύπρου όπου και εκεί επαναλήφθηκε η θερμή υποδοχή και ο θαυμασμός όλων για την “παράσταση” των παιδιών του Ελληνικού μας Σχολείου.

Θα ήθελα από τη στήλη αυτή να ευχαριστήσω τους γονείς και τα παιδιά που συμμετείχαν στην εκδήλωση καθώς και το Σύλλογο Γονέων και Δασκάλων για το μεταφορικό μέσο που μας εξασφάλισε. Πολλά συγχαρητήρια στα παιδιά του Σχολείου μας! Δασκάλες και γονείς νοιώσαμε θαυμασμό και περηφάνεια για τον τρόπο με τον οποίο εκπροσώπησαν το Ελληνικό Σχολείο του Αγίου Νικολάου της Βαλτιμόρης!

Την Τρίτη, 10 Μαΐου 2011 οι: Ατσίδης Κωνσταντίνος, Ιερομόναχου Κατερίνα και Τοπούζογλου Γεώργιος, (μαθητές και μαθήτρια της Εβδομης τάξης) πήραν μέρος σε διαγωνισμό για πιστοποίηση Ελληνομάθειας. Οι εξετάσεις αυτές γίνονται στην Αγία Αικατερίνη της Βιργίνιας με την εποπτεία του Γραφείου Συμβούλου Εκπαίδευσης της Ελληνικής Πρεσβείας. Το τμήμα Ελληνικών σπουδών του Πανεπιστημίου Θεσσαλονίκης είναι υπεύθυνο για τα διαγωνίσματα αυτά και την απονομή των πιστοποιητικών.

Στις 19 Μαΐου 2011 ο Σύλλογος Γονέων και Δασκάλων τίμησε με δείπνο τους αποφοιτούντες του Ελληνικού μας Σχολείου που είναι οι: Αγγελή Ειρήνη, Αγγελής Μιχαήλ, Γιακουμάκη Φλώρα, Καρελλάς Νικόλαος, Μάστορας Γεώργιος, Πάλλας Κωνσταντίνος και Πρωτόπαπα Μαρίνα. Ευχόμαστε στα παιδιά μας

Καλή πρόοδο και καλή τύχη στη ζωή τους!

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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, we are counting on everyone to volunteer at least 3-5 hours a day in either a booth, in the large social hall or the outside tent helping to prepare and serve food.

The Festival experience is fun and full of laughs. Enjoy being with your fellow parishioners and make lasting friendships. Please contact Festival Chairman, Frank Mitsos at 410-294-1253 to help out or call Maria Salpeas, Church Secretary at 410-633-5020. Remember St. Nicholas Church is depending on all of us!

Frank Mitsos, Festival Chairman

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Our last meeting/elections took place on May 4, 2011. I would like to thank all of the ladies on the board for their help during this past year. The newly elected board member are: Zoe Perdikakis, Nora Kefalas, Stella Koukides, Patty Orfanos, Christine Zervos, Irene Vasilios, Renee Themelis, Eva Nychis, Evangelis Saliaris, Maria Giorgakis and Maria Koutsouris.

On May 7th we had our annual Mother's Day Tea. Thank you to the Ellinakia for entertaining us. Thank you to the mothers for bringing them, and thank you to their teachers, Renia Zervos and Georgia Zervos Saliaris. Also, thank you to Mrs. Elpidia Birch for the two poems that she dedicated to us. One for "Mother" and one for "Philoptochos." Thank you to everyone for bringing sweets and door prizes and to Mrs. Eugenia Kalis for helping in serving the coffee and tea along with myself. Also, that afternoon, we honored Mrs. Amalia Hatzikosma as being the lady with the most respectful age and Mrs. Maria Mavroulis-Phillipou for being the youngest mother attending.

On May 8th, Mother's Day, the following ladies of our St. Nicholas Family were honored after the Divine Liturgy: Mrs. Athena Taratsidou, Mrs. Koula Prokis, Mrs. Evrithiki Kouteli and Mrs. Anna Politaki. We wish them health, happiness and a long life.

On May 15th was scholarship Sunday in our church. Our best wishes to the following young men and women who received scholarships: Nicholette Hatzigiannis received the Savvas Georgas scholarship, Penelope Fantis received the Philoptochos scholarship, Emmanouel Giorgakis received the memorial scholarship for Evangelos and Sophia Orfanos, Irene Phillipou, Dimitra Mitsos, and Mary Kamos received the Thomas Lambros scholarship, and Evan Tassis received the scholarship that Philoptochos awards in memory of the following six young men and women that left us at the peak of their youth: Michael Kolivas, Chrysa Minadakis, Nicoletta Bournousouzi, Meropi Sofokleous, George P. Stakias and Antonios Nicolaidis. In this manner, we keep their memory alive among us and within our hearts.

I would also like to thank Stanley Cavouras and Deepak for helping us through this past year. Whether it was setting up, tearing down, cleaning or just staying late to lock the church's doors. Also, thank you to the Halkian Society for their kind donation to the food bank account. Also, to Mrs. Maria Karagiannis and Nick Politakis for their kind donations. Lastly, a big thank you goes to Manuel and Joy Betinis for their extraordinary help to the Philoptochos, especially when cooking the chickens. We wish them all the best things life has to offer as they are relocating to Chicago. We will miss them!!!!

Philoptochos does not close its doors because it's summer. We still feed the poor, received guests at the Philoxenia house; help the needy when we are called upon to do so.

We invite all the young ladies and men to become members of Philoptochos. We meet on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7:00 PM. Join us and get into the spirit of volunteerism.

We hope that you have a restful and fun filled summer!!

Zoe Perdikakis/President

NEA ΤΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

Η τελευταία συνεδρίαση/ελλογές της εκ-κλησιαστικής χρονιάς ήταν στις 4 Μαΐου, 2011. Θά ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω τό συμβούλιο της Φιλοπτώχου γιά τήν βοήθειά τους όλη τήν χρονιά. Τά ακόλουθα άτομα αποτελούν το καινούργιο συμβούλιο τής Φιλοπτώχου: Ζωή Περδικάκη, Νόρα Κεφάλια, Στέλλα Κουκίδη, Παναγιώτα Ορφανού, Χριστίνα Ζερβού, Ειρήνη Βασιλείου, Ρενέ Θέμελη, Εβα Νύχη, Ευαγγελία Σαλιάρη, Μαρία Γιωργάκη, και Μαρία Κουτσούρη.

Στίς 7 Μαΐου είχαμε τό ετησιο τσάι μας πρός τιμή όλων τών μητέρων. Περάσαμε ένα πολύ όμορφο απόγευμα απολαμβάνοντας τα "Ελληνάκια" της παροικίας μας. Αυτή την στιγμή θέλουμε να ευχαριστήσουμε τα παιδιά, τίς μητέρες τους και τίς δασκάλες τους, Ρένια Ζερβού και Γεωργία Ζερβού Σαλιάρη. Ευχαριστούμε και τήν Κα Ελπίδα Μπέρτζ που έγραψε ένα συγκινητικό ποίημα γιά τήν Μάννα και ένα ακόμη ποίημα αφιερωμένο στην Φιλόπτοχο.

Επίσης ευχαριστούμε την Κα Ευγενία Καλή πού σέρβιρε μαζί μου τόν καφέ και τό τσάι. Το Συμβούλιο τής Φιλοπτώχου πού δώρησαν τά λουλούδια γιά όλα τά τραπέζια, έφεραν δώρα και γλυκά. Και όλες τίς κυρίες που μας τήμησαν φέροντας γλυκά και δώρα εισόδου.

Το ίδιο απόγευμα τιμήσαμε την Κα Αμαλία Χατζικοσμά ως έχων την πιό σεβαστή ηλικία ,καθώς και την Μαρία Μανρούλη-Φιλίππου ως τήν πιό νεαρή ηλικίας μητέρα.

Στίς 8 Μαΐου Κυριακή, ημέρα τής Μητέρας, τιμήθηκαν στην εκκλησία μας η Κα Αθηνά Ταρτσίδου, η Κα Κούλα Προάκη, η Κα Ευριδίχη Κουτελή και η Κα Άννα Πολιτάκη Ευχόμεστε σε όλες υγεία, ευτυχία και μακροημέρευση.

Στίς 15 Μαΐου Κυριακή έγινε η απονομή 7 υποτροφιών. Τα νέα παιδιά τής παροικίας μας που τίς έλαβαν ήταν, Νικολλέτα Χατζιγιάννη υποτροφία εις μνήμη του Σάββα Γεωργά, Πηνελόπη Φάντη υποτροφία της Φιλοπτώχου, Εμμανουήλ Γιωργάκης υποτροφία εις μνήμη του Ευαγγέλου και Σοφίας Ορφανού, Ειρήνη Φιλίππου, Δημήτρα Μητσός και Μαίρη Κάμος—ο καθένος πήρε υποτροφία του Θωμά Λάμπρου. Ο Ενάγγελος Τάσσης έλαβε την υποτροφία που δίνει η Φιλόπτοχος εις μνήμη έξη νεαρών παιδιών που έφυγαν από κοντά μας στό άνθος τής ζωής τους—Μιχαήλ Κολίβας, Χρύσα Μηναδάκη, Νικολέττα Μπουρνούσουζη, Μερόπη Σοφοκλέους, Γεώργιος Π. Στακιάς, και Αντώνιος Νικολαΐδης. Μέ αυτή τήν υποτρόφια τους κρατάμε ζωντανούς ανάμεσά μας. Αιωνία τους η μνήμη.

Ευχόμεστε και εις ανώτερα σε όλα τα παιδιά. Θέλω να ευχαριστήσω τόν Στυλιανό Κάβουρα και τόν Ντήπακ που πάντα μας βοηθούν μέ τά τραπέζια, τόν καθαρισμό και πολλές φορές μας περιμένουν ώσπου να τελειώσουμε γιά να κλειδώσουν τήν Εκκλησία. Ευχαριστούμε την Χαλκίτιχη αδελφότητα γιά την δωρεά τής εις τό ταμείο γιά την σίτιση τών φτωχών.

Επίσης ευχαριστούμε την κα. Μαρία Καραγιάννη και Νικόλαο Πολιτάκη γιά τίς δωρεές τους. Ενα μεγάλο ευχαριστώ πρός τόν κο. και κα. Μανώλη Μπετινή γιά όλη τήν βοήθεια τους όλο τό χρόνο και τούς ευχόμεστε να είναι πάντα καλά και καλή τύχη στή νέα τους ζωή στό Σικάγο. Θά μας λείψουν πραγματικά!!

Η Φιλόπτοχος δέν έχει καλοκαιρινές διακοπές—μαγειρεύουμε γιά τους φτωχούς, δεχόμεστε άτομα στό σπίτι της Φιλοξενίας, βοηθούμε τους απόρους ότι ώρα και να πάρουν τηλέφωνο.

Ελάτε όλες οι κυρίες στην πρώτη συνεδρίαση τού εκκλησιαστικού χρόνου πού θά είναι Σεπτεμβρίου 7 στις 7 μ.μ. Γίνετε ενεργά μέλη και μπείτε στό Πνεύμα του εθελοντισμού.

*Εύχομαι να περάσετε ένα ξεκούραστο καλοκαίρι.
Ζωή Περδικάκη — Πρόεδρος*

G.O.Y.A. NEWS

Another GOYA year has come to an end. We would like to thank all our Goyans and families for a great year. Thank you to the

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community for all your support throughout the year.

Congratulations to all our seniors who are leaving us this year. Good luck in the future!!

The Goyans ended the year with a fantastic field trip to Ellis Island of New York and a day of fun at Six Flags of America in New Jersey. Our End of Year dinner was held at Michael's Steak and Lobster House for all the Goyans and their families to enjoy. Again, thank you to the community and everyone for your generous support this year.

The GOYA Advisors

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is back and will be held St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church during the week of June 27th through July 1st from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Enroll your children ages 4-12 in the enjoyable, spiritual program we have prepared; where they will be learning more about our Orthodox faith in the loving atmosphere of our church. Cost for the week's activities is \$40.00 per child. Please do not delay, enroll your child by Sunday, June 19, 2011. Also, if you are interested in being an adult volunteer, please contact the church office at 410-633-5020.

ΚΑΛΟΚΑΙΡΙΝΟ

ΚΑΤΗΧΗΤΙΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

Το Καλοκαιρινό Κατηχητικό Πρόγραμμα της Ενορίας μας, της Ενορίας του Αγίου Νικολάου θα αρχίσει στις 27 Ιουνίου και θα διαρκέσει μέχρι και την 1η Ιουλίου, 2011, από τις 9:00 το πρωί μέχρι τις 12:00 το μεσημέρι. Στο διασκεδαστικό, εκπαιδευτικό και πνευματικό αυτό πρόγραμμα μπορούν να εγγραφούν παιδιά ηλικίας από 4 ετών μέχρι 12 ετών. Το πρόγραμμα έχει στόχο του να διευρύνει τις γνώσεις των παιδιών στο τομέα της Ορθόδοξης Θρησκείας μας στην πιο κατάλληλη ατμόσφαιρα, στην Εκκλησία μας. Το κόστος για τα έξοδα του προγράμματος για όλη την εβδομάδα είναι \$ 40.00 για το κάθε παιδί. Μην περιμένετε την τελευταία στιγμή. Γράψτε τα παιδιά σας εγκαίρως. Τελευταία ημέρα εγγραφής είναι η Κυριακή 19 Ιουνίου, 2011. Αν θέλετε να βοηθήσετε, μπορείτε να γραφτείτε στην λίστα των εθελοντών του προγράμματος, τηλεφωνώντας στο Κοινοτικό Γραφείο, 410-633-5020.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Another Sunday School year came to an 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.

On March 12, the Sunday School held its Annual St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. We had 9 students who participated from the elementary division up to the Senior division. We congratulate them all for a job well done and we look forward to having more of our students participate next year. Our top finalists in the Junior and Senior Division went on to represent our church at the District Oratorical Festival that was held at St. Demetrios Church in April. They were Irene Giorgakis and Lizeta Argiropoulos in the Junior Division. The Senior Division was represented by Aliko Argiropoulos. Our three finalists were also awarded Scholarship monies on May 15th at the Sunday School graduation ceremonies.

At this time, we would like to say Thank you to all of our students and to their parents who understand the importance of bringing their sons and daughters to church and Sunday school every Sunday throughout the school year.

With that, we the Sunday school staff would like to congratulate our students and to our 10th Grade graduates, we extend God's blessings and look forward to having you return to help out in Sunday school this coming September.



The participants at the parish level of the St. John Chrysostom Parish Oratorical Festival. They did such a great job. To all of you — *Ke is Anotera.*



The three young ladies who represented St. Nicholas Church at the District Oratorical Festival are left to right, Lizeta Argiropoulos, Irene Giorgakis and Aliko Argiropoulos.



Fr. Michael shown with all of the participants, judges, and Sunday School staff at the parish Oratorical Festival.



Congratulations to our young ladies who graduated 10th grade this year. They are: left to right: Sophia Atsidis, Rose Kostakis, Katerina Stavrakis, and Aliko Argiropoulos. Back row: Fr. Michael Pastrokos, Sophia Gerapetritis and Emily Cossis.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2011

MR/MRS ADAMS MICHAEL
MR/MRS AHLADIOTIS JOHN & EFFIE
MRS AMARANTIDIS PARTHENA
MRS ANASTASIA FOTINI
MR/MRS ANGELOS JOHN & IRENE
MRS APESOS ANTIGONE
MR/MRS ARCHER ANDREW &
MR/MRS ARGIRAKIS PANTELIS &
MR/MRS ATHOS JANET
MRS BALOMAS PATRICIA
MR/MRS BIRCH PETER
MR/MRS BOULOUBASSIS NICHOLAS
MRS CARDIGES ANN
MS CHAGETAS ANGELA
MR/MRS CHRISOMALLIS EPAMINONDAS
MR/MRS CHRIST TRACY &
DR/MRS COLLECTOR DAN &
MR CORNIAS NICHOLAS
MR/MRS CORNIAS GEORGE M.
MISS COSSIS CHRISANTHY
MR/MRS DEMETRIOS LOUIZOS &
MR/MRS DIACOLOUKAS PETER
DR/MRS DIMITRI GEORGE N. &
MR/MRS ECONOMIDES MANUEL &
MR/MRS FAKAS JAMES
MRS FILIPPOU IRENE
MR/MRS FORAKIS MICHAEL
MR FOUKAS VASILIOS
MRS FRAPAS HELEN
MR/MRS GAVRILIS JOHN &
MRS GEORGAS MARIA
MR/MRS GIAKOU MAKIS STELLA
MRS GIANNAROS ANNA
MRS GLAVA KIKI
MR GLYKIADIS KONSTANTINO
MR/MRS HARRIS SPYROS
MR HATZIGEORGALI ANTONIOS
MR/MRS HIGGS MATTHEW
MS JOHNS HELEN
MR/MRS KAIKIS ANDREW
MS KALIS EUGENIA
MRS KAPETANAKOS SOULA
MRS KAPOUDAS MARIA
MR/MRS KARABELAS IOANNA
MRS KARAGIANNIS HARRIET
MR/MRS KARAHALIS GEORGE &
MRS KARAMIHALIS ELEFThERIA
MS KARIZOS FILLIA
MR/MRS KATAXENOS EVGENIOS
MR/MRS KEFALAS MIKE & NORA
MR/MRS KEVAS JOHN & MARIA
MR/MRS KLOSTERIDES MICHAEL &
MR/MRS KOLIADIS EMMANUEL &
MR/MRS KORNIAS GEORGE
MR/MRS KOSMAS SAM
MR/MRS KOTZIAS CHRIS
MR/MRS KOUKOULIS KOSMAS
MR/MRS KOURTESIS CONSTANTINE
MR/MRS KOUTSANTONIS JOHN
MR/MRS KOVIOS STEVE
MS LAMBROW VIRGINIA
MR/MRS LEWIS HOWARD E.
MR/MRS MAGI LEON J. &
MR/MRS MARVELIS VASILIOS
MRS MATTHEWS ANN
MR MAVRONIS NICHOLAS
MR/MRS MAYER FRANCIS &
MR/MRS MELLO ALEX &
MR/MRS MILLON EDWARD &
MR MINAS IOANNIS
MISS MONIODIS PANAGIOTA
MR/MRS MYARIS JOHN & SOFIA
MR NICOLARAKIS MICHAEL
MRS ORFANOS MARIA
MR/MRS PALAS JOHN
MR/MRS PAPADIMITRIOU EMMANUEL &
MR/MRS PAPATHAKIS MATTHEW
MRS PAROS MARY
MR/MRS PATRAS LEONARD N.
MRS PELTSEMES IRENE
MR/MRS PIKOUNIS JAMES
MRS POLITES DESPINA
MRS PROAKIS KOULA

MR/MRS AGAPIOS NICHOLAS &
MR/MRS AKALESTOS EMMANUEL
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MR/MRS ARGEROPOULOS TED &
MR/MRS ARGIROPOULOS WILLIAM
MR/MRS ATSALIS GUS
MR BATES SAM
MR BISBIKIS PETE
MRS BOURNIAS LAMBRINI
MR CAVOURAS STANLEY
MR/MRS CHALCOUSSIS ANTONIOS
MR/MRS CHRISOMALLIS METAXIA
MS CHRISTAKOU STAVROULA
MRS CONWAY ROSE
MRS CORNIAS CALLIOPH
MRS CORNIAS DESPINA
MR/MRS COZMO THEODORE
MRS DENDRINOS EVANGELIA
MR/MRS DIACOLOUKAS NICEIOLAS
MR/MRS DIMITRIADES NIKOLAOS &
MR/MRS EFTHIMIOU SPIROS &
MRS FANTIS PENELOPE
MR/MRS FILIPPOU EMMANUEL
MR/MRS FORAKIS NICHOLAS
MR/MRS FOUKAS PAVLOS &
GDCD GREEKTOWN
MR/MRS GAZONAS-ZIKOU GEORGE
MS GEORGAS ANTHIE
MR/MRS GIAKOU MAKIS NICK
MR/MRS GIANNAS STYLIANOS
MR/MRS GLAVAS SOCRATES
MRS GOVASTES CLEOPATRA
MR/MRS HARTOFILIS NICK & SYLVIA
MRS HATZIKOSMAS AMALIA
MR/MRS EIOFFERBERT JOHN
MR/MRS JONES KENNY &
MRS KAFTIS DESPINA
MR/MRS KAMBANOPOULO STELIOS
MR KAPETANAKOS FANOURIOS
MR/MRS KAPUTSOS MARSHALL
MR/MRS KARAGIANNIS DEMETRIOS &
MS KARAGIANNIS KERRY
MR/MRS KARAIIS KONSTANTINO
MR KARAMIHALIS GEORGE
MR/MRS KAROUSOS GEORGE &
MR/MRS KATSAROS MICHAEL
MRS KELEPESIS EUGENIA
MR/MRS KILLIAS SAVVAS &
MRS KLOSTERIDES- VASILIKI
MRS KOLOTOS DORA
MR/MRS KOROLOGOS JOHN &
MRS KOSMAS MARITSA
MR/MRS KOUKJDES HARRY
MRS KOULATSOS ANASTASIA
MR/MRS KOUTELIS ADAMANTIOS
MRS KOUTSOURIS MARIA
MR/MRS KOVIOS PETE
MS LAMBROW STEPHANIE
MR/MRS LIKAKIS GEORGE &
MR MAKE DIMITRUS
MR/MRS MASTROMANOLI MANUEL
MISS MAVRELOS ANNA
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	PLEDGED	PAYMENTS	BALANCE
TOTALS:	\$156,381.00	\$144,347.00	\$12,034.00

Saint Nicholas Church Profit & Loss January through April 2011

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	Jan - Apr 11
Expense	
CAPITAL COSTS	
Capital Improvements	5,000.00
Plateia Expenses	2,847.52
Total CAPITAL COSTS	7,847.52
EMPLOYEE COSTS	
Health Insurance	14,942.06
housing	10,713.99
Organist	1,750.00
6560 · Payroll Expenses	58,860.48
Payroll taxes	4,502.83
Pension	1,500.00
6050 · Automobile Expense	4,000.00
EMPLOYEE COSTS - Other	14,760.32
Total EMPLOYEE COSTS	111,029.68
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	
Advertising	4,097.25
6060 · Bank & Credit Card Svc Charges	597.32
Church Supplies	7,749.92
Clergy Laity Congress	1,147.64
Flower Donations	1,475.00
Fair Share	6,000.00
6260 · Gifts	500.00
Insurance - General	9,433.90
6530 · Miscellaneous	3,302.30
Office Expense	6,008.13
6610 · Postage and Delivery	185.00
Professional Fees	4,000.00
Telephone	1,347.48
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION - Other	1,079.00
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	46,922.94
OCCUPANCY COSTS	
Mainten · Building Maintenance	27,774.80
Janitor's Supplies	733.60
6940 · Utilities	10,578.19
Total OCCUPANCY COSTS	39,086.59
YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	132.88
Total Expense	205,019.61
Net Ordinary Income	70,426.96
Net Income	70,426.96

	Jan - Apr 11
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Candles	42,941.26
Dances	
Special events	(129.60)
Dances - Other	3,398.00
Total Dances	3,268.40
Donations	
Other Donations	38,753.71
Flowers Income	2,510.00
Donations - General	69,155.94
Donations - Memorial	7,675.00
Donations - Other	(175.00)
Total Donations	117,919.65
Greek school registration	840.00
Stewardship	100,526.00
Trays	10,555.00
Total Income	276,050.31
Cost of Goods Sold	
Dance Expense	300.24
6250 · Flowers	303.50
Total COGS	603.74
Gross Profit	275,446.57

FESTIVAL RAFFLE REMINDER
 2 months ago we sent you the Festival Raffle Tickets. In order to have the same success as every year, please buy or sell the tickets, and bring or mail the stubs with the money to the Church Office, on or before Sunday June 5th, 2011.

*Thank you, Maria Salpeas,
Raffle 2011, Chairperson*

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FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2011
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A PASTORAL MESSAGE

The Holy Spirit — True Inspiration

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this inspired observation: “No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except in the Holy Spirit. There are different gifts but the same Spirit; there are different works but the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone. To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good” (1 Cor.12:4-7). There are different gifts, to be sure. In terms of talent and ability no two persons are exactly alike. But there is one great gift we all have received in common. In Genesis we read, “The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being”.

The very Breath of God brings us into existence as living beings.

Life itself is the gift of the Spirit. And each individual life is given, in God’s plan, to serve the common good. We are one creation, one people of God, one human race. We share a common destiny and consequently, a common mission. The goal we share is the promised Kingdom of God among all people, in which all God’s children will be reconciled in peace and brotherhood, and love will reign eternal. The mission we share is to prepare the way for the Lord’s coming through our works of peace and brotherhood and reconciliation.

“Then He breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’ “Receive the Holy Spirit and discover that this Gift will not come and go in the manner of the popular trends of our times. Receive the Holy Spirit and discover that God’s gifts of love, mercy and forgiveness are never withdrawn. “Receive the Holy Spirit . . . Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations!” Accept this as your inspiration for life and your life will be an inspiration for those around you.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2011

- Thursday, June 2:** Holy Ascension of our Lord: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.
- Sunday, June 5:** Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council: Orthros: 8:45 am.;
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.
- Sunday, June 12:** Sunday of Holy Pentecost: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.
- Monday, June 13:** Day of the Holy Spirit: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.
- Sunday, June 19:** Sunday of All Saints: (Father's Day) Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.
- Monday, June 20:** Begins the Apostles Fast: From June 20th till June 30th. Fish is permitted on all days of the fast.
- Friday, June 24:** The Nativity of John the Baptist: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.
- Sunday, June 26:** The Second Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.
- Wednesday, June 29:** Holy Apostles Peter and Paul: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.
- Thursday, June 30:** Synaxis (Gathering) of the Apostles: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Calendar of Community Events

June 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th: St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival.

June 20th: St. Nicholas General Assembly Meeting at 7:00 pm in the large social hall.

June 21st: Diamonds sponsored trip Boat Ride at the Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

June 27th to July 1st: Vacation Bible School at St. Nicholas.

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Issue month: July/August, 2011

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You may drop your article to the church office or e-mail it to Father Michael L. Pastrikos, at:

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