JUNE/ ΙΟΥΝΙΟΣ 2015

# Message from Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos, Protopresbyter

# Parents today have so many issues to deal with . . .

It is sometimes difficult to realize how busy and preoccupied we are with the basic reality of living. The months of April, and May were busy months in our Parish. So many events and activities went through these months. We had the Great Lenten Period, Holy Week, and we just finished with the Feast of Ascension. Parents today have so many issues to deal with in a day just to get by. Work, School, Spouse, Children, Food, Mail, Shopping, Laundry, Bills, Doctors, it just seems like we don't get a break. Usually after Pascha, things start to slow down for the summer months.

Here at St. Nicholas at the moment, I haven't seen a slow down day yet. We are always moving and doing something good for our Community. And yet it is precisely at this time when our lives seem overrun by things of the world, that the Church encourages us to step back from all these distractions and to concentrate on the one thing is necessary- our relationship with God.

Do not let anything become more important that the Christ and His Church. How great it was to see all of you this Pascha. How wonderful to see the Church attended especially by those who come

less often. Even at the eleventh hour, all are welcome as much as those who came in the first hour. Remember YOU ARE THE CHURCH. When you picture the image of the Church in your mind, picture the whole history of salvation. St. Cyprian said, Do not think that you maintain the true Gospel of Christ, if you separate yourselves from the flock of Christ.

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 souls? Today we are too busy doing other things that we forget our responsibilities to Christ. We just celebrated the Feast of Ascension.

What does this Feast teach us? If we go back to the beginning of Creation, continue on with the Prophets, then the Birth and Baptism of Christ, the healing Ministry and teachings of our Lord, the twelve Apostles, the raising of Lazarus, the entrance into Jerusalem(Palm Sunday), the Crucifixion, the death and entombment of the Lord, the Resurrection, and the Ascension. This brings alive the writings of the Old and New Testament, and brings the life of Christ into reality.

Bring Your Family and Your Friends at the Greek Folk Festival: June 11, 12, 13 & 14

# MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRESIDENT

Dear Parishioners,

As the end of school year approaches, I'd like to turn your attention to the summer learning opportunities offered by our parish. As the final weeks of school unfolds, many parents will begin to wonder how they will fill the days of their child's sum-

mer vacation. Below are the programs we are working on that will enhance your child's love for God and Greek heritage.

The first program is the Vacation Bible School's Everest program (VBS) which is being offered the week of June 22 through the 26th. The volunteer staff of VBS will teach our children how to rely on God's mighty power as a source of faith when confronted with a challenge in everyday life. VBS is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn more about God and how to



strengthen their connection with Him. We are also calling on our older children entering the 7th grade or older on a wonderful opportunity to serve as VBS counselors and share their faith with younger students. We also looking for adult volunteers to lead learning stations and prepare lunch for the children. Please contact Mrs. Phaedra Avgerinos at Phaedra79@msn.com.

Another great program offered this summer at St. Nicholas is the Greek School Summer Camp which is being held from June 29th through August 7th. The summer camp is being taught by Mrs. Chara Rontouli-Bacher. This program is a wonderful opportunity for your child to receive re-enforcement in his/her studies over the summertime in a fun way. Mrs. Chara Rontouli-Bacher would be happy to discuss the program with any parent and may be reached by email at c.rontoul.bacher@gmail.com.

We are also in the final stages of completing the Learning Center, and we hope that the parents of our parish consider enrolling their children in this wonderful program. More details will be forthcoming.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival on June 11, 2015 through June 14, 2015. Mark the festival on your calendar and enjoy the festivies with your fellow parishioners.

In Christ, Demos Anastasiades, Parish Council President

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# ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ ΤΗΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑΣ

Αγαπητοί Ενωρήτες,

Καθώς πλησιάζει το τέλος του σχολικού έτους, θάθελα να στρέψω την προσοχή σας στις καλοκαιρινές ευκαιρίες μάθησης της ελληνικής γλώσσας που προσφέρει η Κοινότητά μας. Σε μερικές εβδομάδες το σχολείο θα κλείσει, και πολλοί γονείς θα αναρωντιούνται πως θα γεμίζουν τις ημέρες τους τα παιδιά τους στις καλοκαιρινές διακοπές τους. Σας παραθέτουμε παρακάτω τα προγράμματα που προσφέρει η Κοινότητά μας, τα οποία συνδυάζουν την αγάπη του παιδιού σας για τον Θεό και την ελληνική τους κληρονομιά.

Το πρώτο πρόγραμμα είναι το VACASION BIBLE SCHOOL – με θέμα το EBEPEST. Το πρόγραμμα προσφέρεται για την εβδομάδα από 22 Ιουνίου μέχρι 26 Ιουνίου. Το εθελοντικό διδακτικό προσωπικό του προγράμματος θα διδάξει τα παιδιά μας πώς να βασίζονται στη πανίσχυρη δύναμη του Θεού ως πηγή της πίστης, όταν έρχονται αντιμέτωποι με μια πρόκληση στην καθημερινή ζωή. Το πρόγραμμα αυτό είναι μια θαυμάσια ευκαιρία για τα παιδιά να μάθουν περισσότερα για τον Θεό και πώς να ενισχύσουν τη σχέση τους με Αυτόν.

Καλούμε επίσης τα μεγαλύτερα παιδιά μας, που θα πάνε στην 7η τάξη και άνω, γι αυτά είναι μια θαυμάσια ευκαιρία να υπηρετήσουν ως σύμβουλοι του προγράμματος VBS και να μοιραστούν την πίστη τους με τους νεότερους μαθητές. Χρειαζόμαστε επίσης ενήλικες εθελοντές να βοηθήσουν στις τάξεις και στην προετοιμασία του γεύματος των μαθητών. Για περισσότερες λεπτομέρειες, σας παρακαλούμε να επικοινωνήστε με την κα Φαίδρα Αυγερινού στην ημεκτρονική της διεύθυνση Phaedra 79@msn.com.

Το άλλο σημαντικό πρόγραμμα που προσφέρεται το καλοκαίρι στον Άγιο Νικόλαο είναι το Καλοκαιρινό Πρόγραμμα Ελληνικής Γλώσσας, Summer Camp, που θα λάβει χώρα από τις 29 Ιουνίου μέχρι τις 7 Αυγούστου. Το θερινό αυτό πρόγραμμα διδάσκεται από την κα Χαρά Rontouli-Bacher. Είναι μια θαυμάσια ευκαιρία για το παιδί σας να ενισχύσει τα ελληνικά του/της κατά τη διάρκεια του καλοκαιριού με διασκεδαστικό τρόπο. Η κα Χαρά Rontouli-Bacher θα είναι στην ευχάριστη θέση να συζητήσει και να αναλύσει το πρόγραμμα με κάθε γονέα επικοινωνώντας μαζί της μέσω email στο c.rontoul.bacher@gmail.com.

Βοισκόμαστε επίσης, στο τελικό στάδιο ολοκλήφωσης του Κέντρου Εκμάθησης, και ελπίζουμε ότι οι γονείς της Κοινότητάς μας θα γράψουν τα παιδιά τους σε αυτό το θαυμάσιο πρόγραμμα. Περισσότερες λεπτομέρειες θα σας δοθούν σύντομα.

Ευελπιστούντες να σας δούμε όλους στο Φεστιβάλ/ Ελληνικό Λαϊκό Πανηγύρι του Αγίου Νικολάου, στις 11 Ιουνίου 2015 έως 14 Ιουνίου 2015. Σημειώστε την ημερομηνία του ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ στο ημερολόγιό σας. Ελάτε με φίλους, γνωστούς και συγγενείς να απολαύσετε τις εορταστικές εκδηλώσεις που έχεουμε ετοιμάσει για σας!!!

Εν Χοιστώ, Δήμος Αναστασιάδης Πρόεδρος Διοικητικού Συνμβουλίου

# Μήνυμα απο τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Λ. Παστρικό, Πρωτοπρεσβύτερο

# Οι Γονείς Σήμερα Ασχολούνται με Τόσα Πολλά Θέματα . . .

Μερικές φορές είναι δύσκολο να συνειδητοποιήσουμε το πόσο πολυάσχολοι και απασχολημένοι είμαστε με την καθημερινή ρουτίνα της ζωής. Τους μήνες Απρίλιο και Μάιο είχαμε μεγάλη κίνηση στη Κοινότητα μας. Είχαμε πολλές εκδηλώσεις και δραστηριότητες. Είχαμε τη Περίοδο της Μεγάλης Τεσσαροκοστής, την Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα, και μόλις που εορτάσαμε την Ανάληψη του Κυρίου. Οι γονείς σήμερα ασχολούνται με τόσα πολλά θέματα σε ημερήσια βάση, μόνο και μόνο για να τα βγάλουν πέρα. Εργασία, σχολείο, σύζυγος, παιδιά, φαγητό, ταχυδρομείο, ψώνια, πλύσιμο ρούχων, λογαριασμοί, γιατροί και πάει λέγοντας.

Συνήθως μετά το Πάσχα, τα πράγματα αρχίζουν να καταλαγιάζουν για τους καλοκαιρινούς μήνες. Στην περιοχή του Αγίου Νικολάου προς το παρόν, δεν έχω δει ακόμη καμιά επιβράδυνση. Είμαστε πάντα σε κίνηση για να κάνουμε κάτι καλό για την Κοινότητά μας. Παρόλα αυτά, όταν ακριβώς αυτή την εποχή η ζωή μας κατακλύζεται από τα γεγονότα ανά τον κόσμο, η Εκκλησία μας ενθαρρύνει να κάνουμε ένα βήμα πίσω από όλους αυτούς τους περισπασμούς και να επικεντρωθούμε σε ένα σημαντικό θέμα -- τη σχέση μας με τον Θεό.

Μην επιτρέψετε κανένα και τίποτα να γίνει πιο σημαντικό από το Χριστό και την Εκκλησία Του. Πόσο όμορφο ήταν να δούμε όλους σας το Πάσχα που πέρασε. Πόσο υπέροχο είναι να βλέπουμε να εκκλησιάζονται ειδικά εκείνοι που δεν εκκλησιάζονται

συχνά. Ακόμη και κατά την ενδεκάτη ώρα, όλοι είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι όσο και εκείνοι που ήρθαν την πρώτη ώρα. Να θυμάστε ότι ΕΣΕΙΣ ΕΙΣΤΕ Η ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ. Όταν φέρετε με τη φαντασία σας την εικόνα της Εκκλησίας στο μυαλό σας, φανταστείτε όλη την ιστορία της Σωτηρίας. Ο Άγιος Κυπριανός είπε, "Μην νομίζετε ότι μπορείτε να διατηρείσετε το αληθινό Ευαγγέλιο του Χριστού, αν εσείς οι ίδιοι αποχωρηστείτε από το ποίμνιο του Χριστού.

Που είναι ο ζήλος μας και ο ενθουσιασμός μας για την ύπαρξη του Χριστού; Είμαστε έτοιμοι να χάσουμε και να θυσιάσουμε κάποια πράγματα στη ζωή μας, για να δώσουμε μεγαλύτερη προσοχή στις πνευματικές ανάγκες της ψυχής μας; Σήμερα είμαστε πολύ απασχολημένοι με άλλα πράγματα και ξεχνάμε τις ευθύνες μας στον Χριστό.

Μόλις γιορτάσαμε τη γιορτή της Αναλήψεως. Τι σημαίνει αυτή η γιορτή, τι μας διδάσκει; Αν πάμε πίσω στην αρχή της Δημιουργίας, συνεχίσουμε με τους Προφήτες, με τη γέννηση και την Βάπτιση του Χριστού, τα θαύματα και τις διδασκαλίες του Κυρίου μας, τους δώδεκα Αποστόλους, την Ανάσταση του Λαζάρου, την είσοδο στα Ιεροσόλυμα (Κυριακή των Βαΐων), τη Σταύρωση, το θάνατο και τη ταφή του Κυρίου, την Ανάσταση και την Ανάληψη, θα δούμε ότι όλα αυτά ζωντανεύουν τις γραφές της Παλαιάς και Καινής Διαθήκης, και ακόμη ότι η ζωή του Χριστού ήταν πραγματική.

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# Holy Icon from Rhodes to Visit St. Nicholas

At the request and with the blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey, the St. Nicholas parish will be hosting the Holy Icon of the Panagia Ipseni, which is coming to the United States June 4–6, 2015. His Eminence cordially invites all the clergy and faithful



from throughout the metropolis to participate in this spiritual event.

This icon of the Panagia is very historic; it was painted by an unknown Iconographer sometime between the end of the fifteenth century and the start of the sixteenth. The Holy Monastery of Panagia Ipseni is located in Lardos on the Island of Rhodes, Greece. This icon, the monastery's great pride, was found by St. Meletios of Rhodes, the monastery's founder. Many believers pray to her and seek healing from serious illnesses and diseases.

The holy icon will arrive at St. Nicholas on Thursday June 4 at 5:00 pm and will remain in the church until Saturday June 6. In order to accommodate all the faithful who will be arriving to venerate the Holy Icon of the Panagia, His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos has approved the following liturgical program:

# **Thursday June 4**

Veneration of the faithful 6:00–7:00 pm Vespers 7:00 pm Paraklesis 8:30 pm Veneration of the faithful (Open)

# Friday June 5

Orthros 8:45, am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Light lunch after church Veneration of the faithful (Open) Paraklesis 3:00 pm Veneration of the faithful 4:00-8:00 pm Vespers 8:00 pm
Break for coffee & refreshments
Paraklesis 9:00 pm
Great Compline & Salutations 10:00 pm
Orthros 11:00 pm
Divine Liturgy 12:00 Midnight

# Saturday June 6

Continental breakfast 8:00-9:00 am Veneration of the faithful (Open) Lunch

Icon's departure 1:00 pm

# LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Monday, June 1: Feast of the Holy Trinity: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

HOLY ICON OF PANAGIA IPSENI FROM LARDOS RHODES, GREECE WILL VISIT OUR PARISH OF ST. NICHOLAS ON JUNE 4, 5, 6. At the request and blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey, the St. Nicholas Parish of Baltimore, Maryland will be hosting the Holy Icon of the Panagia Ipseni.

### LITURGICAL PROGRAM:

Thursday, June 4: Venertion of the Faithfull: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Vespers Service: 7:00 p.m. Paraklesis Service: 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 5: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.-Light Lunch after Church Veneration of the Faithful (Open) Paraklesis: 3:00 p.m. Veneration of the Faithful: 4:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. Vesper Service: 8:00 p.m. Break for Coffee & Refreshments: Paraklesis: 9:00 p.m. Great Compline & Salutations 10:00 p.m. Orthros 11:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy: 12:00 Midnight

Saturday, June 6: Continental Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Veneration of the Faithful: (Open) Lunch, Holy Icon departure 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 7: All Saints Sunday: Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 8: The Apostles Fast Begins: From the 8th of June to the 29th of June Fish is not allowed on Wednesday's and Friday's throughout the fasting period. On the other days of the month Fish is permitted.

Sunday, June 14: Second Sunday of St. Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 21: Third Sunday of St. Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 24: Nativity of John the Baptist: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 28: Fourth Sunday of St. Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 29: The Holy Gathering of the Apostles: Orthros: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday June 3: Greek School end-of-year program 5:30–8:00 pm. No regular classes.

Tuesday–Wednesday June 9–10: Festival set-up. CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Thursday June 11–Sunday June 14: St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival

Monday June 22-Friday June 26: Vacation Bible School 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Monday June 29: Greek School Summer Camp begins.



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The following donations have been received. Our prayers are with the families of those who have gone before us. May their memory be eternal.

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### SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK FOLK FESTIVAL

Yes!!!!! It's finally here...... The Greek Folk Festival you've been waiting for since last year.

Join us for the authentic taste of Greece. Feast on homemade foods, from spinach pies to baklava and loukoumades. Attend cooking demonstrations and enjoy delicious dishes at our new VEGETERIAN kitchen, as you travel to Greece via videos. Kick up your heels and dance to lively Greek music. Be sure to bring the children for Carnival rides and activities.

We welcome you to come eat, drink and dance like a Greek. Be Greek for a fun-filled extended weekend June 11 to June 14

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### EAAHNIKO AAIKO IIANHIYPI AI'OY NIKOAAOY

ΝΑΙ... Επιτέλους έφθασε.. Το Ελληνικό Λαϊκό Πανηγύοι που το αναμέναμε με ανυπομονησία από πέρυσι!

Σας περιμένουμε, ελάτε να απολαύσετε τη γεύση της αυθεντικής ελληνικής κουζίνας. Τα σπιτικά φαγητά μας, από σπανακόπιτες μέχρι μπακλαβά και λουκουμάδες. Να παρακολουθήσετε επίδειξη μαγειρικής και να γευθείτε τα νοστιμότατα πιάτα μας από την νέα μας κουζίνα με συνταγές για χορτοφάγους, ταξιδεύντας στην πανέμορφη ΕΛΛΑΔΑ με τις επιλεγμένες μας βιντεοκασέττες.

Ετοιμαστείτε να χορέψετε με την ζωντανή ελληνική μας μουσική. Μην αμελήσετε να φέρετε τα παιδιά σας, έχουμε ειδικό Καρναβάλι με κούνιες και άλλες δραστηριότητες για παιδιά. Είστε ευπρόσδεκτοι, σας καλωσορίζουμε να φάτε, να πιείτε και να χορέψετε σαν ΕΛΛΗΝΕΣ. Γίνετε Έλληνες για ένα παρατετταμένο και διασκεδαστικό Σαββατοκύριακο,

11, 12, 13 και 14 Ιουνίου, 2015. ΟΠΑ.... ΥΕΙΑ ΣΑΣ...

### PHILOPTOCHOS ARTICLE

This year we honored Four Mothers from our community on Mothers Day. Mrs. Zinovia Fakas, Mrs. Flora Karais, Mrs. Maritsa Hatzikosmas and Mrs. Anastasia Tsakiris. God grant them continued good health.

Thank you to the Ellinakia, Hellenic Golden Coins and The Saint Nicholas Greek School for preforming at our Mother's Day Tea. To those that brought desserts or door prizes they were greatly appreciated. It was an afternoon enjoyed by all!

Scholarships were presented on Sunday, May 24th. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our graduates and wish them success in their future. Thank you to The Diakokomninos, Georgas and Lambros Families for the Memorial Scholarships established for their loved ones. May their memory be eternal!

Philoptochos will once again prepare and donate the dolmathes for our communities festival. preparations will be on Tuesday, May 26th at 4:00 p.m. And Wednesday, May 27th at 9:00 a.m at the church. Everyone is welcomed to join us and bring a friend.

At this time we would like to thank everyone for your donations and continued support throughout the year. We wish everyone a very safe and healthy summer.

Donations: Correction Daily Bread for the month of May in Memory of Vasili Diakokominos the Families of Kosmas and Foula Diakokomninos. Fontas and Irene Mariano's and Foula Gianopoulos.

Hariklia Stakias in memory of Elpida Harris. Also, a monetary donation was offered by the Nikolaos & Archodoula Kakarolis in memory of Vasii Diakokomninos. May their memory be eternal.

### PHILOXENIA HOUSE, INC.

We would like to thank Tony and Maria Piearce, Maria Georgakis and her family and Christine Zervos and her family and the many volunteers who worked tirelessly in making both concerts a success! Success is not only measured in funds, but in raising awareness of the homes existence and operation.

Most of all we are extremely grateful to all the sponsors and those that supported with their presence. May God continue to bless your families.

### ΝΕΑ ΤΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

Φέτος τιμήσαμε τέσσερις μητέρες της Κοινότητάς μας για την Ημέρα της Μητέρας. Τη κα Ζηνοβία Φάκα, κα Φλώρα Καράη, κα Μαρίτσα Χατζηκοσμά και τη κα Αναστασία Τσακίρη. Ο Θεός να τους χαρίζει παντοτινή υγεία. Ευχαριστούμε τους Χορευτικούς Ομίλους της Κοινοτητάς μας, τα Ελληνικό χρυσά Φλουριά και τα παιδιά του Ελληνικού Σχολείου του Αγίου Νικολάου, που συμμετείχαν στο τσάϊ μας την Ημέρα της Μητέρας. Ευχαριστούμε επίσης όλες τις κυρίες που έφεραν γλυκά ή door prizes. Ήταν ένα απόγευμα που όλοι απολαύσαμε.

Οι Υποτροφίες του Οργανισμού μας απονεμείθηκαν την Κυριακή, 24 Μαΐου. Θα θέλαμε να επωφεληθούμε αυτής της ευκαιρίας για να συγχαρούμε όλους τους αποφοίτους μας και να τους ευχηθούμε κάθε επιτυχία στους μελλοντικούς τους στόχους. Ευχαριστούμε τις οικογένειες Διακοκομνηνού, Γεωργά και Λάμπρου για την χρηματοδότηση των υποτροφιών εις μνήμη των αγαπημένων τους προσώπων . Αιωνία τους η μνήμη.

Η Φιλόπτωχος θα ετοιμάσει για άλλη μια φορά και θα δωρίσει τους ντολμάδες για το φεστιβάλ της Κοιονότητάς μας. Η προετοιμασία θα είναι την Τρίτη 26 Μαΐου στις 4:00 το απόγευμα. Και την Τετάρτη 27η Μαΐου στις 9:00 το πρωΐ στην Εκκλησία. Όλοι είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι να δώσουν ένα χέρι βοηθείας, και να φέρουν κάποιο φίλο. Προς το παρόν θα θέλαμε να σας ευχαριστήσουμε όλους για τις δωρεές σας και τη συνεχή σας υποστήριξη κατά τη διάρκεια του έτους. Ευχόμαστε σε όλους ένα ασφαλές και υγιές καλοκαίρι.

Δωρεές: Διόρθωση, Το φαγητό στο Daily Bread για το μήνα Μάτο εδωρήθη στη Μνήμη του Βασίλη Διαποπομνηνού από τις οιπογένειες των Κοσμά παι Φούλας Διαποπομνηνού, Φώντα παι Ειρήνης Μαριάνου, παι Φούλα Γιαννοπούλου. Επίσης, λάβαμε δωρεά εις μνήμη του Βασίλη Διαποπομνηνού από την οιπογένεια του Νιπολάου παι της Αρχοντούλας Καπαρόλη. Εις μνήμη της Ελπίδας Χαρχαρίδη (Harris) από την πα. Χαρίπλεια Σταπιά. Αιωνία τους η μνήμη.

### ΤΟ ΣΠΙΤΙ ΤΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΞΕΝΙΑΣ ...

Θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε τον Αντώνη και την Μαρία Πης, την Μαρία Γιωργάκη και την οικογένειά της, και την Χριστίνα Ζερβού και την οικογένειά της καθώς και τους αμέτρητους εθελοντές που εργάστηκαν ακούραστα για την

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παραγωγή και την μεγάλη επιτυχία και των δύο Συναυλιών. Η επιτυχία δεν μετριέται μόνο σε χρήματα, αλλά στην ευαισθητοποίηση σχετικά με την ύπαρξη σπιτιών Φιλοξενίας και της καλής λειτουργίας τους. Πάνω απ'όλα είμαστε εξαιρετικά ευγνώμονες προς όλους τους χορηγούς και εκείνους που τις στήριξαν με την παρουσία τους. Σας ευχόμαστε ο Θεός να συνεχίσει να ευλογεί τις οικογένειές σας.

### SAINT NICHOLAS «DIAMONDS»

We don't believe that the Summer Vacation is around the corner, as our Annual Greek Folk Festival is, too. The DIAMONDS help anyway and anywhere is needed. Please come forward to give us a helping hand. One hour more or less it will be greatly appreciated.

We plan to have a day trip to Saint Michael's island on July 1, 2015. If you would like to participate and need more information, please contact the president of the organization, Mrs. Rose Tsakalos, 410-282-2940.

Hoping to see everybody back in September, we wish everyone a happy and safe Summer.

### «AIAMANTIA» AFIOY NIKOAAOY

Δεν το πιστεύουμε ότι έφθασαν οι καλοκαιρινές διακοπές,

όπως έφθασε και το Ελληνικό Λαικό Πανηγύρι του Αγίου Νικολάου. Τα «Διαμάντια» βοηθούν όπως και όπου χρειάζεται βοήθεια. Ελάτε και σεις να δώσετε ένα χέρι βοηθειας. Μία ώρα μπορείτε περισσόερο, λιγότετο, οποιαδήποτε, θα εκτιμηθεί ιδιαίτερα.

Σχεδιάζουμε ημερήσια εκδοομή στο Saint Michael's Island, στις 11 Ιουλίου, 2015. Αν ενδιαφέρεστε παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με την Πρόεδρο του Οργανισμού μας, κ. Ρόζα Τσακάλου, 410-282-2940.

Ευχόμαστε να σας δούμ ε όλους ξανά το Σεπτέμβοιο, ως τότε να έχετε ένα καλό και ασφαλές καλοκαίοι.

### EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE . . .

. . . with Greek Language Tutoring this Summer. St. Nicholas Greek School is offering tutoring services over the summer for any youth or adult, who would like to continue or reinforce their Greek language skills. Our Greek School teachers will be available for private tutoring lessons. Please contact the Greek School teachers directly about your child's tutoring needs this summer and any recommendations for reinforcing your child language skills. Have Blessed Summer. The St. Nicholas Greek School Committee.

### **GREEK SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP**

Dates: June 29th- Aug 7th

Camp Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Camp Fee for Monday-Friday: \$100 per week

Extended Day Package for Monday-Friday Camp Hours 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Camp Fee for Extended Day Package for Monday-Friday \$175 per week

Early bird price: Register by June 3<sup>rd</sup> and get a \$50 discount for a 4 week+ program!

Tuition fee is per Child for Church members. Payment options: cash, check, credit card or Paypal.

For more information, please call the church office 410-633-5020 or Mrs. Stamatia leromonahos 443-742-2424.





St. Nicholas Greek School 520 Ponca Street, Baltimore, Md. 21224

SUMMER CAMP

For Children Ages 4-5 & 6-7 years old

Registration Due date: 6/22/15 Deposit: \$100.00 Due at time of regstration



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# The Koutsounouris Memorial Scholarship Awarded

The Scholarship Committee of St. Nicholas Church is pleased to announce the recipient of the Koutsounouris Memorial Scholarship to a young man of our community, George Giakoumakis, son of Mr. Tsambikos Giakoumakis and Mrs. Stella Karais. The scholarship award was presented on Sunday, May 17, 2015

George attended the St. Nicholas Greek School for seven (7) years. He has also served as an altar boy. George has volunteered for many years at the St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival as well as being a counselor for the St. Nicholas Vacation Bible School Camp and the CYC Camp.

George graduated 53rd out of his class of 357 students from the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute on May 31, 2015 where he has been a honor student. He plans to pursue his studies in Computer Engineering and Robotics at Capital Technologies University.

The Scholarship Committee was very touched by George's essay, "Challenges I've Overcome" and were impressed by his grades, letters of recommendation from his teachers and his accomplishments to date.

We wish him the best, St. Nicholas Scholarship Committee Members
Mrs. Mary Serafis and Mr. Constantine Frangos



Vacation Bible School Is Back!

Monday, June 22nd- Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

\$50.00 per child for St. Nicholas Members/ \$65.00 for Non-members

Includes Lunch, Snack and Refreshments

To register, or be a student volunteer, contact the church office at 410-633-5020

# St. Nicholas GOYA Crabfeast A Successful Event











The St. Nicholas GOYA held their 2nd annual crab feast at the Captain James Landing Restaurant to support its ministry of educating our youth of the importance of service, fellowship, worship and being a witness to their faith in God. The GOYA advisers thank everyone who came out to support this worthwhile ministry.







# Mother's Day, Sunday School Scholarship Awards



Mother of the year, from left to right: Mrs. Flora Karais, Mrs. Anastasia Tsakiris, and Mrs. Zenovia Fakas.



Sunday School Scholarship Presentation for St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival FinalistsThe Sunday School presented scholarships to our three (3) finalists who participated in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival at our church. These three (3) finalists represented St. Nicholas Church at the District Festival held in April, 2015. Our Senior finalists were Flora Giakoumakis and Kristina Anastasiades. Our Junior finalist was Christos Vasilarakis. Congratulations to all finalists.



Scholarship Awards:
Pictured from left to right:
Scholarship Recipient,
George Giakoumakis,
Parish Council Member,
Mrs. Mary Serafis and
Father Michael L. Pastrikos.

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# **Helping Hellenic HEROes**

(Hellenic Emergency Response Officers)



As proud Greek-Americans, we have joined together to support Greek Police Officers and Firefighters from Greece to participate in the <u>Fairfax 2015 World Police & Fire Games</u>. Truly the games of heroes, 12,000+ athletic competitors will compete in 1,600 medal events from June 26-July 5. To participate, athletes must be public safety first responders, professional police officers and firefighters. The World Police & Fire Games are held every other year and this summer, Fairfax County, VA, and the National Capital Region are expecting athletes from almost 80 countries to compete in 62 different sports at 54 different venues. The Greek firefighters and police officers need our help in order to participate.

You may feel the same as I, as a fellow Greek-American that the Olympic competitive spirit is in our blood, inherited from our ancestors. Unfortunately, with the Greek economic crisis, the Greek teams are unable to participate w/out financial assistance and estimate they need about \$125,000 to have 50-75 athletes represent Greece in nine sports, five for which they have received medals, including basketball, where they won gold in both 2011 and in 2013 in Belfast. It would be a true pity if they can't compete and personally, I would feel as if I failed to help my compatriots. No matter your political leanings, supporting police officers and firefighters in Greece is not a political issue.

It would be phenomenal to let the world see the Greek competitive spirit, burning like the Olympic flame, and support Greece on the international stage especially now with the economic crisis, while bolstering the morale of a nation! I am very optimistic that as a community, we can be heroes ourselves and step forward together to help these first responder athletes. An online charitable campaign will be started this week with Cake Cause Marketing (www.cakecausemarketing.com). In one week, more than 12 companies, restaurants, media partners and Greek societies have joined to create and support Helping Hellenic HEROes. Please contact Dianne Katsakis Quebral at <a href="mailto:DKQuebral@gmail.com">DKQuebral@gmail.com</a> to pledge your sponsorship, either through financial with monetary donation or perhaps in-kind or pro bono support. Your company's donation will be listed along with the donation amount on the Cake Cause Marketing crowd funding platform, which launches this week.

All funds raised will support the athlete's expenses for travel, transportation, lodging and meals. Any excess funds will be donated back to support the purchase of new public safety equipment for Greek first responders. This is truly an underdog story, but with the power and strength of the Greek-American diaspora, we can soon make this a Hellenic victory with a happy ending!

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Please note these campaign sites are under development, expected to launch by April 10<sup>th</sup>.