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ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ ΤΗΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑΣ

Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Risen!

There are numerous times when I have to take a moment to reflect on what our most important ministry is: spreading the word of God. Ministry demands reflection. It is about giving of ourselves freely to serve and allowing God to transform our lives. How do we know this? We know this by allowing God to be active in our lives. He interrupts our lives and calls us to follow him. Ask any faithful servant of the Lord and he will tell you how God interrupted his life to serve.

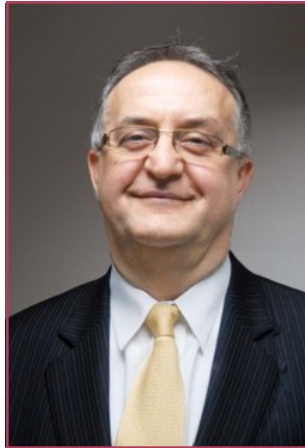
In Matthew 4:18-22, as Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. God calls the broken and makes the impossible possible. In Genesis 21:2, "So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him."

In everyday life, I have encountered many people who were broken with various addictions or other health problems, but God did the impossible and He healed them. Let God use the sandpaper of life to shape us for salvation. Our sandpaper comes in different forms. It can come as loss of a family member, or the chaos of a busy schedule, but we must not numb our pain by eating tons of ice cream or withdrawing from our friends and family.

Instead, let's face our problems head on by giving them to God, confessing our sins and healing because He can handle the sins of the world. So with the festival upon us, God will test our commitment to Him and our devotion to our church. Let's celebrate and recognize the wonders of God's work in ourselves, in our children and in our community.

Let's be there for each other for the highs and lows. Let's forgive each other for our mistakes and reach out to those in need expecting nothing in return. Can't wait for another successful festival with everyone working together as one family.

In Christ,
Demos Anastasiades, Parish Council President



Αγαπητοι Ενοριτες,

Χριστός Ανέστη!

Υπάρχουν πολλές φορές έχω αφιερώσει λίγο χρόνο για να εξετάσω ποια είναι η πιο σημαντική αποστολή μας: είναι η διάδοση του λόγου του Θεού. Η αποστολή απαιτεί εξέταση, και αντανάκλαση. Είναι η παραχώρηση του εαυτού μας ελεύθερα, εξυπηρετώντας και επιτρέποντας στο Θεό να μεταμορφώσει τη ζωή μας. Πώς το γνωρίζουμε; Το ξέρουμε αφού επιτρέπουμε στον Θεό να γίνει οδηγός της ζωής μας. Αυτός διακόπτει τη ροή της ζωής μας και μας καλεί να Τον ακολουθήσουμε. Ρωτείστε οποιονδήποτε πιστό δούλο του Θεού και θα σας διαβεβαιώσει πως ο Θεός διέκοψε τον τρόπο της ζωής του για να Τον υπηρετήσει.

Στο Κατά Ματθαίον Ευαγγέλιο 4: 18-22, αναφέρεται πως καθώς ο Ιησούς περπατούσε κατά μήκος στη Θάλασσα της Γαλιλαίας, είδε δύο αδέρφια, τον Σίμωνα ονομαζόμενο Πέτρο, και τον αδελφό του Ανδρέα. Είχαν ρίξει δίχτυα στη λίμνη, γιατί ήταν ψαράδες. «Ελάτε, ακολουθήστε Με,» είπε ο Ιησούς «και εγώ θα σας στείλω να ψαρέψετε ανθρώπους.» Αμέσως άφησαν τα δίχτυα τους και Τον ακολούθησαν.

Ο Θεός καλεί τον απελπισμένο και μετατρέπει το αδύνατο σε δυνατό. Στη Γένεση 21: 2, αναφέρεται: Έτσι η Σάρρα συνέλαβε και γέννησε τον υιό του Αβραάμ στα βαθιά του γηρατειά, τον καθορισμένο χρόνο που του είπε ο Θεός". Στην καθημερινή ζωή, έχω συναντήσει πολλούς ανθρώπους που καταστράφηκαν με διάφορες εξαρτήσεις ή άλλα προβλήματα υγείας, και που ο Θεός έκανε τα αδύνατα, δυνατά. Αυτός τους θεράπευσε.

Αφήστε το Θεό να χρησιμοποιήσει το γυαλόχαρτο της ζωής, και να μας διαμορφώσει για τη σωτηρία μας. Το γυαλόχαρτο μας έρχεται σε διάφορες μορφές. Μπορεί να έρθει ως απώλεια ενός μέλους της οικογένειας, ή το χάος κάποιας πολυάσχολης εργασίας. Τότε, δεν θα πρέπει να καταλαγιάσουμε τον πόνο μας με την κατανάλωση τόνων παγωτού ή την απομόνωσή μας από τους φίλους και την οικογένειά μας.

Αντ' αυτών, ας αντιμετωπίσουμε τα σχετικά προβλήματά μας κατά πρόσωπο, αφήνοντάς τα στο Θεό, ομολογώντας τις αμαρτίες και ζητώντας την επούλωση τους, γνωρίζοντας ότι Εκείνος μπορεί να χειριστεί τις αμαρτίες όλου του κόσμου.

Έτσι, με το Φεστιβάλ τόσο κοντά μας, μπροστά μας, θα έλεγα, ο Θεός θα δοκιμάσει τη αφοσίωσή μας προς Αυτόν και στην Εκκλησία μας. Ας γιορτάσουμε και ας αναγνωρίσουμε τα θαύματα της εργασίας του Θεού σε εμάς, στα παιδιά μας και στην Κοινότητά μας. Ας είμαστε εκεί ο ένας για τον άλλον στα καλά και στα δύσκολα.

Ας συγχωρούμε ο ένας τον άλλο για τα λάθη μας και ας βοηθούμε όσους έχουν ανάγκη, χωρίς να περιμένουμε τίποτα σε αντάλλαγμα. Περιμένο άλλο ένα επιτυχημένο Φεστιβάλ, αφού εργαστούμε όλοι μαζί σαν μια ενωμένη οικογένεια.

En Χριστώ
Δήμος Αναστασιάδης – Πρόεδρος Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου

Message from Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos, Protopresbyter

St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival is Here!

Dear Parishioners:

“Then Jesus said to his Disciples “the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few, therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

(Matthew 9:37-38)

THE TIME IS QUICKLY APPROACHING! THE FESTIVAL IS AROUND THE CORNER!

I hope that you truly read the passage that was written above about the Harvest because this is so true in real life. But can anyone tell me, why do we have to ask for volunteers in everything we try to accomplish in our parish? We must all realize that the success of our Festival is determined entirely from our caring parishioners who are willing to volunteer their precious time whether it is for 1 hour or 100 hours (as many do). Each hour that a person offers to the church is always appreciated. I remember that famous quote from one of our favorite presidents John F. Kennedy: “Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.”

There are many ways to help out for the festival, don't wait for someone to call you for your services. This is our Festival, and we must all heed the call of sacrifice and donate our time and talents. So, I am appealing this message to all our young adults who have not been active in their parish. NOW IS THE TIME! COME FORTH! . . . and take on some of the responsibilities that others have offered for years. We must be Pro-Active when it comes to helping out for the needs of our Community.

Join us as we embark together in reaching new heights and levels for our St. Nicholas Parish. Let's show our pride and enthusiasm for a successful Festival. Remember... “fasouli... me fasouli... yemizee to sakouli.” We are one bean that multiplies within the bag... We can only do this as a family. A family that works together... stays together. Hoping to see everyone at the Festival.

Don't hold back! Don't be a Spectator!

Be a D O E R!!!

*With Love in our Resurrected Lord,
Respectfully, Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos*

Μήνυμα απο τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό, Πρωτοπρεσβύτερο

Ελληνικό Λαϊκό Πανηγύρι Αγίου Νικολάου

Αγαπητά μέλη,

«Τότε λέγει τοις μαθηταίς Αυτού: Ο μεν θερισμός πολύς, οι δε εργάται ολίγοι, δεηθήτε ουν του Κυρίου του θερισμού, όπως εκβάλει εργάτας εις τον θερισμόν Αυτού.»
Μαθ. 9-37-38.

ΤΟ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ ΤΗΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑΣ ΜΑΣ ΠΛΗΣΙΑΖΕΙ!

Ελπίζω να μελετήσατε την Περικοπή που αναφέρω πιο πάνω για την συγκομιδή, η οποία ταιριάζει απόλυτα στην πραγματικότητα της ζωής.

Τώρα, μπορείτε να μου εξηγήσετε γιατί πρέπει να ζητούμε την βοήθεια εθελοντών για το κάθε τι που προσπαθούμε να κάνουμε στην Κοινότητά μας; Όλοι πρέπει να καταλάβουμε ότι η επιτυχία του Φεστιβάλ μας εξαρτάται απόλυτα από τα μέλη που ενδιαφέρονται, που είναι πρόθυμα να προσφέρουν εθελοντικά τον ανεκτίμητο χρόνο τους, είτε αυτός είναι μία (1) ώρα, ή εκατό (100) ώρες, και αυτοί είναι πολλοί. Κάθε ώρα που μπορεί να προσφέρει ο καθένας στην Εκκλησία του, εκτιμάται ιδιαίτερα.

Θυμάμαι εκείνο που κάποιος από τους καλούς μας Προέδρους κάποτε είπε: «Μην ρωτάς τι κάνει η Χώρα σου για σένα, αλλά τι κάνεις εσύ για την Χώρα σου».

Υπάρχουν πολλοί τρόποι για να βοηθήσεις στο Φεστιβάλ. Μην περιμένεις κάποιος να στο ζητήσει. Είναι το Φεστιβάλ της Κοινότητάς μας, και πρέπει όλοι να

θυσιάσουμε και να προσφέρουμε εθελοντικά το χρόνο μας και τις γνώσεις μας.

Απευθύνω λοιπόν αυτό το μήνυμα σε όλους τους νέους μας, που δεν έχουν διαθέσει το χρόνο τους μέχρι τώρα για την Εκκλησία μας. **Τώρα είναι η ώρα! Τώρα σας χρειαζόμαστε! Ελάτε!** Αναλάβετε τις ευθύνες των ηλικιωμένων που προσέφεραν τις υπηρεσίες τους εθελοντικά για πολλά χρόνια. Όλοι μας πρέπει να είμαστε πρόθυμοι και έτοιμοι να βοηθήσουμε την Κοινότητά μας. Μην αδρανείτε! Μην παριστάνετε τον θεατή! Δραστηριοποιηθείτε...

Ας ενώσουμε όλοι μαζί τις προσπάθειές μας για να επεκταθούμε σε νέους ορίζοντες και όρια, για την Εκκλησία μας του Αγίου Νικολάου. Ας δείξουμε την περηφάνεια μας και τον ενθουσιασμό μας και με αυτό το τρόπο ας συμβάλλουμε στην επιτυχία του Φεστιβάλ.

Να θυμάστε “Φασούλι το Φασούλι, Γεμίζει το Σακούλι”.

Είμαστε σαν ένα φασολάκι που πολλαπλασιάζεται μέσα στη σακούλα. Αυτό το πετυχαίνουμε μόνο όταν δουλεύουμε όλοι μαζί σαν οικογένεια. Μια οικογένεια μονιασμένη και ενωμένη που δουλεύει για τον ίδιο στόχο.

Ελπίζω να σας δω όλους στο Φεστιβάλ.

*Με αγάπη προς τον Αναστάντα Κύριο,
Με εκτίμηση, Πατήρ Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικός.*

Message from Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos, Protopresbyter

Dear faithful in the Lord:

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

With these joyous words I greet you. Our Risen Christ proved to all of us that He is not just another empty philosopher with empty promises, but He was true to His words and teachings that He would resurrect as He foretold. Last month the Church Liturgical calendar brought us from the Lord's glorious resurrection to our Lord's victorious Ascension on the 40th day, where He opened the gates of heaven, taking our very humanity to the right hand of God the Father. On Pentecost, we will receive the Holy Spirit, pouring down upon us, as it poured upon the disciples, filling them with the fiery boldness of God, and His power.

As your priest, I've encountered untold numbers of people who say "I am not in Church, but my heart is with you and the Church and if I can do anything for you just call me, because I am so busy with my work." We hear these things all the time when people try to give an excuse why they are not coming to worship their Lord in Church. I have always responded to them with these words. If your heart is in the church then your body should also be there with you. We cannot separate our faith from our body and mind. Where is our zeal and our enthusiasm to be in the presence of Christ? Are we ready to forfeit and sacrifice certain things in our lives to pay more attention to the needs of our spiritual soul? Today we are too busy doing other things that we forget our responsibilities to Christ

Let us take this month of June to reflect upon the many gifts and blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us, and where these gifts need to be applied in our Church and in our community. The summer months are an excellent time to review the many ministries of our parish, and to become a part of the planning for the upcoming New Ecclesiastical year. We have so many things planned for the month of June in our parish. We are now in the process of preparing for our Church's Festival, the Vacation Bible School, the C.Y.C. Camp and let's not forget the Liturgical calendar which is quite full during the month of June.

Year after year, we see that in all denominations of churches that the percentage of people volunteering their services for the Church is dropping. We have been blessed here at St. Nicholas because we have a community that is active; sometimes I think that it is too active.

Take a few minutes and think about what you have just read. This is the only way we can measure where our faith is with God. Yes, we all claim to be religious, live a life with outward formalities, even be on a church mailing list, or just send a check in to say that you are a mem-

ber of the church; but it all means little if we are not living a heart centered faith that bears good fruit of the Holy Spirit.

We always find ways to be with people that we love. We always find ways to do the things that we love to do. People with real faith cannot be stopped from finding a way to be with Jesus Christ. Living a sinful life is always the infection of impurity. Sin will take the innocent heart and make it a guilty heart. It will take a pure mind and make it impure. At every Divine liturgy, the priest intones the prayer, "Thine own of thine own, we offer to Thee, on behalf of all, and for all," as he raises the gifts of the people, the bread and wine, to become His Very Body and His Very Blood. This in turn extends to our offering of our time, treasure, and talents to God, for the bearing of fruit in His vineyard and the transformation of our lives. To follow Christ is not always easy. To follow Christ is to have the courage no matter how difficult the task is. "Greater love has no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends". A saint is one who has the courage to follow God.

The apostles followed Jesus. We are being recruited and are being offered the best path in life, to follow God. Just like the example of St. Peter, when Jesus asked him to go out into the deeper waters. He did that for a reason, to teach us that we as a church must be willing to make the commitment to cast our nets into deeper waters. In other words, let us not be Christians out of convenience, but out of commitment.

I hope and pray that this article has touched you in some way to get active in your church. We have a Community to run and this cannot be done by just a few parishioners. Just imagine if everyone in the community took an active role in their church how successful our community would be. We wouldn't need to beg for financial support because it would be there because of your love and commitment. We must all pitch in and help, that way we can also say that through the efforts of many, our Church and Parish has grown to what it is today; a safe haven for our children; an institution for learning; a place where we can call home and visit anytime we feel like it.

I look forward to seeing you and your families helping out at our Church Festival. I look forward to seeing you helping out in our church activities, and I look forward to seeing all of you in church more frequently in the coming months.

***May our Resurrected Lord bless all of you and
keep you on the spiritual path that leads to
the gates of Heaven.
Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!***

Μήνυμα απο τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παιρικό, Πρωτοπρεσβύτερο

Αγαπητοί εν Κυρίω πιστοί:

Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!

Σας χαιρετώ με αυτά τα χαριμόσυνα λόγια. Ο Αναστηθείς Χριστός απέδειξε σε όλους μας ότι δεν είναι απλώς άλλος ένας άδειος φιλόσοφος με κενές υποσχέσεις, αλλά, όπως προείπε, ήταν ειλικρινής στη διδασκαλία Του ότι θα αναστηθεί. Τον περασμένο μήνα, το Εκκλησιαστικό Λειτουργικό Ημερολόγιο μας παρέπεμψε από την ένδοξη Ανάσταση του Κυρίου στη νικηφόρα Ανάλυση του Κυρίου μας την 40η ημέρα, όπου άνοιξε τις πύλες του ουρανού, αναλήπτοντας την ανθρωπότητα στο δεξί χέρι του Θεού και Πατέρα. Την Πεντηκοστή, λαμβάνουμε το Άγιο Πνεύμα, που μας ευλογεί, καθώς χύνεται πάνω στους Αποστόλους, γεμίζοντάς τους με το φλογερό σθένος του Θεού και τη δύναμη Του.

Ως ιερέας σας, έχω συναντήσει ανείπωτο αριθμό ανθρώπων που λένε «δεν έρχομαι στην εκκλησία, αλλά η καρδιά μου είναι μαζί σας, στην Εκκλησία, αν μπορώ να κάνω κάτι για σας, απλά, να μου τηλεφωνήσετε, είμαι τόσο απασχολημένος με τη δουλειά μου.» Ακούμε αυτά τα πράγματα όλη την ώρα, όταν οι άνθρωποι προσπαθούν να δικαιολογηθούν γιατί δεν έρχονται να προσκυνήσουν τον Κύριό τους στην Εκκλησία. Πάντα τους απαντώ: Αν η καρδιά σας είναι στην Εκκλησία τότε θάπρεπε και το σώμα σας νάναι εκεί, μαζί σας. Δεν μπορούμε να διαχωρίζουμε την πίστη μας από το σώμα και το μυαλό μας. Πού είναι ο ζήλος μας και ο ενθουσιασμός, στην παρουσία του Χριστού; Είμαστε έτοιμοι να απορρίψουμε και να θυσιάσουμε κάποια πράγματα στη ζωή μας, με στόχο να δώσουμε μεγαλύτερη προσοχή στις πνευματικές ανάγκες της ψυχής μας. Σήμερα είμαστε πολύ απασχολημένοι με άλλα πράγματα που ξεχνάμε τις ευθύνες μας στον Χριστό.

Ας πάρουμε αυτό το μήνα, τον Ιούνιο, και ας αναλογιστούμε τα πολλά δώρα, τις επιδεξιότητες και τις ευλογίες που ο Κύριος μας έχει χαρίσει, και που πρέπει όλα αυτά να τα εφαρμόσουμε στην Εκκλησία μας και στην Κοινότητά μας. Οι καλοκαιρινοί μήνες είναι μια εξαιρετική εποχή για να επανεξετάσουμε τα πολλαπλά προγράμματα της Εκκλησίας μας, και να λάβουμε μέρος στο προγραμματισμό του νέου Εκκλησιαστικού Έτους. Στην Κοινότητά μας έχουμε προγραμματίσει τόσα πολλά πράγματα για τον μήνα Ιούνιο.

Είμαστε τώρα στη διαδικασία της προετοιμασίας του Φεστιβάλ της Εκκλησίας μας, το Καλοκαιρινό Κατηχητικό Σχολείο των Διακοπών (Vacation Bible School), την Καλοκαιρινή Κατασκήνωση του C.Y.C., και ας μην ξεχνάμε το Λειτουργικό Ημερολόγιο το οποίο είναι αρκετά γεμάτο κατά τη διάρκεια του Ιουνίου. Χρόνο με χρόνο παρατηρούμε ότι σε όλες τις δογματικές θρησκείες το ποσοστό των ανθρώπων που εθελοντικά δίνουν τις υπηρεσίες τους για την Εκκλησία συνεχώς μειώνεται. Εδώ στον Άγιο Νικόλαο είμαστε ευλογημένοι, επειδή έχουμε μια δραστήρια Κοινότητα. Μερικές φορές νομίζω ότι είναι πάρα πολύ ενεργητική. Αφιερώστε λίγα λεπτά και αναλογιστείτε τι έχετε μόλις διαβάσει. Αυτός είναι ο μόνος τρόπος που μπορούμε να μετρήσουμε πόση είναι η πίστη μας στο Θεό. Ναι, όλοι ισχυριζόμαστε ότι είμαστε θρήσκοι, και ζούμε μια ζωή με όλες τις σχετικές τυπικότητες, είμαστε γραμμένοι στο κατάλογο μελών της εκκλησίας, ή απλά στέλνουμε μια επιταγή για να λέμε ότι είμαστε μέλη της Εκκλησίας. Όλα αυτά σημαίνουν ελάχιστα, αν δεν

ζούμε χαρούμενα, με επίκεντρο την πίστη που φέρνει τους καλούς καρπούς του Αγίου Πνεύματος. Πάντα βρίσκουμε τρόπους για να είμαστε με τους ανθρώπους που αγαπάμε. Πάντα βρίσκουμε τρόπους για να κάνουμε τα πράγματα που αγαπάμε. Οι άνθρωποι με πραγματική πίστη δεν μπορούν να σταματήσουν να βρίσκουν τρόπους για να είναι με τον Ιησού Χριστό. Η αμαρτωλή ζωή είναι πάντα η μόλυνση της αγνότητας. Η αμαρτία παίρνει την αθώα καρδιά και την μετατρέπει σε ένοχη. Ένα καθαρό μυαλό το μετατρέπει σε ακάθατο. Σε κάθε Θεία Λειτουργία, ο ιερέας ψάλλει τη προσευχή, «Τα σα εκ των σων, Συ προσφέρομεν, κατά πάντα και δια πάντα», καθώς ο ίδιος υψώνει τα δώρα του λαού, τον άρτο και τον οίνο, που θα μετατραπεί στο Άγιο Σώμα και Άγιο Αίμα του Κυρίου. Αυτό επεκτείνεται με την προσφορά του χρόνου μας, της οικονομικής μας υποστήριξης, και των ταλέντων μας προς στο Θεό, για την ανάληψη των καρπών από τον αμπελώνα Του και τη μεταμόρφωση της ζωής μας.

Το να ακολουθήσουμε τον Χριστό δεν είναι πάντα εύκολο. Να ακολουθούμε τον Χριστό σημαίνει να έχουμε το θάρρος να βαδίζουμε μαζί Του, ανεξάρτητα πόσο δύσκολος είναι ο δρόμος. «Κανένας δεν έχει μεγαλύτερη αγάπη από αυτή, που θυσιάζει τη ζωή του για τους φίλους του». Άγιος είναι αυτός που έχει το θάρρος να ακολουθήσει τον Θεό.

Οι απόστολοι ακολούθησαν τον Ιησού. Καλεσθήκαμε και μας προσέφεραν την καλύτερη πορεία στη ζωή, να ακολουθήσουμε το Θεό. Ακριβώς όπως το παράδειγμα του Αγίου Πέτρου, όταν ο Ιησούς του ζήτησε να βαδίσει στα βαθύτερα νερά. Το έκανε για κάποιο λόγο, για να μας διδάξει ότι πρέπει να είμαστε, ως εκκλησία, πρόθυμοι να αναλάβουμε τη δέσμευση να ρίξουμε τα δίχτυα μας σε πιο βαθιά νερά. Με άλλα λόγια, ας μην αποκαλούμαστε Χριστιανοί από ευκολία, αλλά από αφοσίωση.

Ελπίζω και προσεύχομαι ότι αυτό το άρθρο θα σας έχει αγγίξει κατά κάποιο τρόπο και θα σας παροτρύνει να δραστηριοποιηθείτε όσον αφορά την Εκκλησία σας. Έχουμε μια Κοινότητα να φροντίσουμε, ολοκληρωτικά, και αυτό δεν μπορεί να γίνει μόνο με μερικά μέλη μας. Απλά φανταστείτε εάν ο καθένας στην Κοινότητα φρόντιζε ενεργά την εκκλησία του, πόσο πιο επιτυχημένη θα ήταν η Κοινότητά μας. Δεν θα χρειαζόταν να απαιτούμε την οικονομική στήριξη, διότι θα υπήρχε λόγω της αγάπης και της αφοσίωσής σας.

Πρέπει όλοι να συνεισφέρουμε και να βοηθούμε, με αυτόν τον τρόπο μπορούμε επίσης να πούμε ότι μέσα από τις προσπάθειες πολλών, η Εκκλησία μας και η Ενορία μας έχει εξελιχθεί σε αυτό που είναι σήμερα, ένα ασφαλές καταφύγιο για τα παιδιά μας, ένα θεσμικό όργανο για τη μάθηση, ένα μέρος όπου μπορούμε να θεωρούμε σίτι μας και να επισκεπτόμαστε οποιαδήποτε στιγμή θέλουμε.

Ανυπομονώ να δω εσάς και τις οικογένειές σας να βοηθάτε στο Φεστιβάλ της Εκκλησίας μας. Ανυπομονώ να σας δω να βοηθάτε στις δραστηριότητες της Εκκλησίας μας, και ανυπομονώ να βλέπω όλους εσάς στην Εκκλησία πιο συχνά τους προσεχείς μήνες.

Εύχομαι όπως ο Αναστάς Κύριος ευλογεί όλους εσάς και σας δώσει τη δύναμη να κρατηθείτε στο πνευματικό μονοπάτι που οδηγεί στις πύλες του Παραδείσου.

Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!

LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Sunday, June 5: SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

Thursday, June 9: HOLY ASCENSION: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Sunday, June 12: HOLY FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Saturday, June 18: SATURDAY OF THE SOULS: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 9:30 am.

Sunday, June 19: SUNDAY OF HOLY PENTECOST: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Monday, June 20: FEAST OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Holy Trinity) Orthros; 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Wednesday, June 24: NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Sunday, June 26: SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Wednesday, June 29: FEAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES STS. PETER AND PAUL; Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE

Wednesday, June 1: Hellenic Golden Coins Dance Practice.

Saturday, June 4: Hellenic Golden Coins Dance Practice.

Monday, June 6: Hellenic Golden Coins Dance Practice.

Tuesday, June 7: Hellenic Golden Coins Dance Practice.

Tuesday, June 7: Festival Set-Up.

Wednesday, June 8: Festival Set-Up.

Thursday, June 9: St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival, from 12 noon to 11 p.m.

Friday, June 10: St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival, from 12 noon to 11 p.m.

Saturday, June 11: St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival, from 12 noon to 11 p.m.

Sunday, June 12: St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival from 12 noon to 10 p.m.

Thursday, June 16: Parish Life Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. for all ministries and parish organizations.

Sunday, June 19: Father's Day.

Monday, June 20-June 22: GOYA End of Year Trip-tentative.

Sunday, June 26: General Assembly Meeting immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

Monday, June 27-Friday, July 1: St. Nicholas Vacation Bible School from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE & JULY

Monday, June 27- Friday, July 1st: St. Nicholas Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Monday, July 4: The Fourth of July Independence Day.

Sunday, July 17: The Ladies Panchian Society, Trip to Agia Markella, NY.

Sunday, July 24: The Ladies Panchian Society Honor Feast Day of Agia Markella at the Parish of Ss. Mary Magdalene and Markella Greek Orthodox Church.

Please Help Us Revive the Youth Ministries

Brothers and Sisters:

These youth ministries have been dormant for way too long. The church is seeking for two dynamic directors that are self-starters to revive these ministries. To gain a better understanding of the purpose these ministries, I encourage you to read the By-Laws. This information may be accessed through the website www.goarch.org. If you have any questions regarding the responsibilities, please contact Father Michael L. Pastrikos directly through the church office at 410-633-5020.

Thank you, Father Michael L. Pastrikos

Μήνυμα απο τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό, Πρωτοπρεσβύτερο

Ελληνικό Λαυκό Πανηγύρι Αγίου Νικολάου

Αγαπητά μέλη,

«Τότε λέγει τοις μαθηταίς Αυτού: Ο μεν θερισμός πολύς, οι δε εργάται ολίγοι, δεηθήτε ουν του Κυρίου του θερισμού, όπως εκβάλει εργάτας εις τον θερισμόν Αυτού.» Μαθθ.9-37-38

ΤΟ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ ΤΗΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑΣ ΜΑΣ ΠΛΗΣΙΑΖΕΙ!

Ελπίζω να μελετήσατε την Περικοπή που αναφέρω πιο πάνω για την συγκομιδή, η οποία ταιριάζει απόλυτα στην πραγματικότητα της ζωής.

Τότε, μπορείτε να μου εξηγήσετε γιατί πρέπει να ζητήσουμε την βοήθεια εθελοντών για το κάθε τι, που προσπαθούμε να κάνουμε στην Κοινότητά μας; Όλοι πρέπει να καταλάβουμε ότι η επιτυχία του Φεστιβάλ μας εξαρτάται απόλυτα από τα μέλη που ενδιαφέρονται, που είναι πρόθυμα να προσφέρουν εθελοντικά τον ανεκτίμητο χρόνο τους, είτε αυτός είναι μία (1) ώρα, ή εκατό (100) ώρες, και αυτοί είναι πολλοί. Κάθε ώρα που μπορεί να προσφέρει ο καθένας στην Εκκλησία του, εκτιμάται ιδιαίτερα.

Θυμάμαι εκείνο που κάποιος από τους καλούς μας Προέδρους κάποτε είπε: «**Μην ρωτάς τι κάνει η Χώρα σου για σένα, αλλά τι θάκανες εσύ για την χώρα σου.**»

Υπάρχουν πολλοί τρόποι για να βοηθήσεις στο Φεστιβάλ. Μην περιμένετε κάποιος να σας το ζητήσει.

Είναι το Φεστιβάλ της Κοινότητάς μας και πρέπει όλοι να θυσιάσουμε και να προσφέρουμε εθελοντικά το χρόνο μας και το ταλέντο μας.

Έτσι, απευθύνω αυτό το μήνυμα σε όλους τους νέους μας που δεν έχουν προσφέρει καθόλου το χρόνο τους στην Κοινότητά μας. Τώρα σας χρειαζόμαστε! Ελάτε! Αναλάβετε ευθύνες άλλων, που τις προσφέρουν για χρόνια. Πρέπει να είμαστε έτοιμοι να δουλέψουμε όταν πρόκειται να βοηθήσουμε την Κοινότητά μας. Μην αδρανείτε. Μην παριστάνετε τον θεατή! Νάστε δραστήριοι!

Ελάτε και σεις να ενώσουμε τις προσπάθειές μας, να επεκταθούμε σε νέους ορίζοντες και όρια για την Κοινότητά μας του Αγίου Νικολάου. Ας δείξουμε την περηφάνεια μας και τον ενθουσιασμό μας για να έχει και πάλι επιτυχία το Φεστιβάλ.

Να θυμάστε: «**ΦΑΣΟΥΛΙ με ΦΑΣΟΥΛΙ Γεμίζει το Σακούλι.**»

Όλοι μας είμαστε ένα φασιλάκι που πολλαπλασιάζεται μέσα στη σακούλα. Μπορούμε να το επιτύχουμε μόνον όταν δουλεύουμε σαν οικογένεια. Μια οικογένεια που εργάζεται ομαδικά και μένει ενωμένη.

Ελπίζω να σας δω όλους στο Φεστιβάλ.

**Με αγάπη προς τον Αναστάντα Κύριο,
Με εκτίμηση, Πατήρ Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικός**

PROTOPRESBYTER FR. MICHAEL PASTRIKOS, PASTOR

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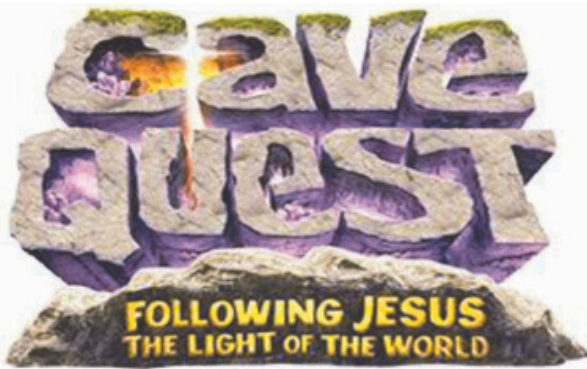
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JOIN US

Vacation Bible School

June 27nd to July 1st
9:00am to 12:30pm

Registration Fee: \$50.00, includes t-shirt, snacks and lunch.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We want to inform the members of St. Nicholas that we decided to revive the Dance Group of Pan HELLENIC. In this Group, which was founded by our unforgettable and dear friend, Lela Angelou. To this end, Ms. Efi Karabelas along with myself, Anastasia -Stasa Hatziefthimiou, urge both, the founding and subsequent members of the Group to honor us with their presence and their registration, too. We intend to meet every Thursday at 7:00 pm here in the Community Hall of Saint Nicholas. For more information you can call 443-845-8903.

ΑΝΑΚΟΙΝΩΣΗ

Θέλουμε να ενημερώσουμε τα μέλη του Αγίου Νικολάου ότι αποφασίσαμε να αναβιώσουμε το Χορευτικό Όμιλο Pan HELLENIC. Τον Όμιλο αυτό, που είχε ιδρύσει η αξέχαστη και αγαπημένη μας φίλη, Λέλα Αγγέλου, Προς το σκοπό αυτό η κ. Έφη Καράμπελα και εγώ η Αναστασία - Στάσα Χατζηνευθιμίου, καλούμε τόσο τα ιδρυτικά όσο και τα μετέπειτα μέλη του Ομίλου να μας τιμήσουν με την παρουσία τους και την εγγραφή τους. Σκοπεύουμε να συναντιώμαστε κάθε Πέμπτη στις 7:00 μ.μ. εδώ, στην Κοινοτική αίθουσα του Αγίου Νικολάου. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες μπορείτε να τηλεφωνήσετε στο 443-845-8903.

Αναστασία - Στάσα Χατζηνευθιμίου

CYC Summer Camp



Now Camp Good Shepherd
Chesapeake Bay

"This is the way,
let us walk in it".
Isaiah 30:21

WHEN: July 18-22, 2016

WHERE: Rocks State Park, Harford County at
Camp Wo Me To: 1200 Knopp Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084

Spend a week having fun in the sun making friends and learning about your orthodox faith.

Camp theme:

"This is the way, let us walk in it." Isaiah 30:21

Early Bird

Special:

\$525 by June 1, 2016

After June 1 pay \$595.

Day campers \$75 on
Thursday July 21
(for our little ones
5-7years old)

Daily activities include swimming, crafts, athletics, the world's greatest slip n' slide, scavenger hunt and great race!!!

You will also spend time learning about your orthodox faith during church services and clergy led discussions.

Registration coming soon online!!!

www.goannun.org

Like CYC Summer Camp on facebook to receive updates and to see past camp pictures!

Camp Co-Directors: Father Dean Moralis and Father Lou Noplos

Questions? Contact assistant directors:

Kate Cocoros at painterKateart@gmail.com

Trina Kalathas Madani at madani.medical.coding@gmail.com

CYC Summer Camp Now Camp Good Shepherd Chesapeake Bay



Would you like to volunteer?

We'd love to have you!

Currently we need assistance in:

- * Overnight staff
- * Athletics
- * Music
- * Activities
- * Crafts

When: July 17-22, 2016

Where: Camp Wo Me To in Rocks State Park: 1200 Knopp Road
Jarrettsville, MD 21084

Camp Theme: "This is the way, let us walk in it" Isaiah 13:21

No experience necessary, all training provided. Join us for a day or stay the week! Bring a friend!

Please email your interest or questions to cycvolunteer@gmail.com

SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, BALTIMORE-MARYLAND

NOTICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016

June 1, 2016

Pursuant to the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the date for the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church's General Assembly meeting has been scheduled for **Sunday, June 26, 2016, immediately after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.**

According to Uniform Parish Regulations those persons wishing to participate and vote must pay their Stewardship up to the date of the Assembly. A regular member of the Parish who is already enrolled in the Parish register but has neglected to pay his/her stewardship may pay the same day and before the beginning of the Assembly in order to participate and vote.

AGENDA

1. Invocation by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Michael L. Pastrokos
2. Call to order by the Parish Council President Mr. Demos Anastasiades
3. Election of Chairman and Secretary for the Assembly
4. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting.
5. Parish Council President's report
6. Treasurer's financial report on the 2015 Budget verse Actual Figures.
7. Treasurer's Preliminary Festival Financial, 2016 Report.
8. Priest's report.
9. Greektown Square and Event Center Report.
10. Formation of Nomination Committee for new Parish Council candidates for 2017.
11. Old business
12. New Business
13. Benediction

All members of the Community are urged to attend this Parish General Assembly meeting so to be informed of the matters involving the church's financial and spiritual health. It is also our duty as members of the Community of Saint Nicholas to come and offer our support for the progress of the community. Your presence is mandatory to establish a quorum. PLEASE ATTEND.

From the Priest and Parish Council of Saint Nicholas

ΠΡΟΣΚΛΗΣΗ ΓΕΝΙΚΗΣ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗΣ

ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ ΜΕΛΩΝ, ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 22 ΙΟΥΝΙΟΥ, 2016

1η Ιουνίου, 2016

Σύμφωνα με τους Ομοιομόρφους Κανονισμούς των Κοινοτήτων της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής, και τους Εσωτερικούς Κανονισμούς της Κοινοτήτάς μας, καλούμε Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών, **την Κυριακή, 26 Ιουνίου, 2016, αμέσως μετά το πέρας της Θείας Λειτουργίας.**

Σύμφωνα με τους Εσωτερικούς Κανονισμούς της Κοινότητας, όσοι επιθυμούν να συμμετέχουν και να ψηφίσουν στην Συνέλευση, οφείλουν να έχουν εκπληρώσει τις προς την Κοινότητα οικονομικές τους υποχρεώσεις, Εθελοντική Προσφορά, μέχρι και την ημέρα της Συνέλευσης. Κανονικό μέλος της Κοινότητας που ήδη έχει εγγραφεί στο Κατάλογο των μελών αλλά δεν έχει εκπληρώσει τις οικονομικές του υποχρεώσεις μπορεί να πληρώσει την ίδια ημέρα της Συνέλευσης και πριν την έναρξή της, για να συμμετέχει και να ψηφίσει.

ΗΜΕΡΗΣΙΑ ΔΙΑΤΑΞΗ

1. Προσευχή από τον Ιερέα, Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό.
2. Έναρξη της Συνέλευσης από τον Πρόεδρο της Κοινότητας κ Δήμο Αναστασιάδη.
3. Εκλογή Προέδρου και Γραμματέα της παρούσας Γενικής Συνέλευσης.
4. Ανάγνωση και επικύρωση των πρακτικών της προηγούμενης Γενικής Συνέλευσης.
5. Έκθεση από τον Πρόεδρο της Κοινότητας.
6. Έκθεση από την Ταμία της Κοινότητας.
7. Προϋπολογισμός 2017 έναντι πραγματικών στοιχείων.
8. Έκθεση από τον Ιερέα
9. Έκθεση Εξελεγκτικής Επιτροπής
10. Οικονομική έκθεση της Επιτροπής της ΠΛΑΤΕΙΑΣ
11. Έκθεση από την Επιτροπή Έκθεση ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ, 2016.
12. Σχηματισμός Επιτροπής για την ανάδειξη υποψηφίων του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου
13. Παλαιές Υποθέσεις.
14. Νέες Υποθέσεις
15. Λήξη της Συνέλευσης και προσευχή.

Όλα τα μέλη της Κοινότητας προτρέπονται να να λάβουν μέρος στη Συνέλευση, διότι θα συζητηθούν θέματα σοβαρά. Επίσης σαν μέλη της Κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου, είναι καθήκον μας να συμμετέχουμε στις Συνελεύσεις και να εκφράζουμε την υποστήριξή μας και την γνώμη μας, για το καλό και την πρόοδο της Κοινότητας. ΠΑΡΑΚΑΛΕΙΣΤΕ ΝΑ ΣΥΜΜΕΤΕΧΕΤΕ.

Από τον Ιερέα και το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο.



REMEMBERING AND HONORING OUR DECEASED AT OAKLAWN CEMETERY

On Memorial Day, the Saint Nicholas Community honored the memory of those who died while serving in the Armed Forces, and those of loved ones who have departed this life.

May their Memory be Eternal.





The Sunday School Celebrated a Year of Learning!

The Sunday School celebrated a year of learning about God with an end of year party and acknowledgment of their accomplishments before the congregation. We congratulate the students and their families for their devotion to the St. Nicholas Sunday School Program.

Awards, Diplomas and a Family Picnic Caps the Greek School Year

On Wednesday, May 25th, the Greek School students, parents and staff celebrated a year of learning with a family style picnic at the Greektown Square and Event Center. The students performed skits, poems and showed off their Greek dancing skills for family and friends. The evening ended with everyone enjoying hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries and dessert under warm summer sky. A big thank you to all the PTA Board Members for arranging the family style picnic. Congratulations to the Greek School sixth grade graduates and best wishes to all the Greek School students, parents and staff for a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We look to seeing everyone again in September, 2016.





THE KOUTSONOURIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



Left to right: Antonios Araviakis, Father Michael L. Pastrok and Parish Council member and Scholarship Committee member, Mrs. Mary Serafis.

The Koutsonouris Memorial Scholarship Awarded. This year the scholarship committee of the St. Nicholas Church for the Koutsonouris Memorial Scholarship Program had six applicants which were all well qualified. Consequently it was very difficult to select the recipient being only one individual may be selected. After much deliberation Antonios Araviakis was chosen for the 2016 Koutsonouris Memorial Scholarship. Antonios is the son of Mr. Fotis and Mrs. Ekaterini Araviakis of Timonium, MD and grandson of Mr. Anastasios and Christina Rologas of Baltimore, Md and Mrs. Maria Araviakis and the late Antonios Araviakis of Crete.

Antonios has been attending St. Paul's School since 2012 and is graduating 80th in his class on June 4, 2016. He has been in GOYA, served as an altar boy, and is affiliated as Evzones who marched in our Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade. He has received honors as an Eagle Scout, Spanish National Honor Society, and Spirit Award for lacrosse and basketball. Antonios will be attending Albright College in Reading Pennsylvania and majoring in biology and then applying for graduate school to become a physical therapist. We wish Antonios the best.

**St. Nicholas Scholarship Committee,
Mrs. Mary Serafis and Ms. Argie Maurakis**

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

CHRIST HAS RISEN!

Every year Philoptochos acknowledges mothers from our community. Of course we are in no position to select one mother over the other as all mothers are deserving. Whether they worked in the community or simply stayed home to devote their lives to their family and raising their children to be active members of their church. The three ladies this year were Mrs. Clara Cornias, Mrs. Popi Fantis and Mrs. Despina Glykiades. We wish them many years of health and happiness.

The Mother's Day Tea was an afternoon of fellowship. Thank you to those that supported by attending or by donating!

Congratulations to all our community graduates. We wish them continued success in their endeavors! Scholarships were awarded on Sunday, May 15th to the following students: Thomas Lambros Memorial Scholarship to Konstantinos Loukas. Philoptochos Scholarship to Foula Paragios, Philoptochos Schol-

SAINT NICHOLAS DIAMONDS

TRIP TO MILLENIUM THEATRE SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2016

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arship in memory of Vasilius Tsambikos, Chrysa Minadakis, George Koutsonouris, Nicoletta Bournousouzi, George Stakias, Meropi Sofokleous, Antonios Nicolaidis, Despina Siskos, Michael Kolivas, Bill Diakokominos, and Nicholas Kamos.

As of May 14th our chapter has met their obligation of \$8,800 to the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine in New York.

Thank you to all our members for their donations and to those that supported the marked fundraisers.

The last General Meeting was on May 23rd. Rest assured that Philoptochos will continue its Philanthropic missions throughout the summer months. In August we will be mailing our 2016-2017 calendar.

We wish everyone a very healthy and safe summer. Hope to see everyone at our Festival!

Donations Philoptochos

Nancy Pappas, Debbie Nistazos, Anastasia Vasilakopoulos and the Taratsides Family.

Donations Philoxenia House, Inc.

The Taratsides Family and Mrs. Eleni Pikounis in memory of Emanuel Pikounis.

NEA ΤΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

Κάθε χρόνο η Φιλόπτωχος αναγνωρίζει μητέρες από την κοινότητά μας. Φυσικά δεν είμαστε σε θέση να επιλέξουμε μία μητέρα καλύτερη κάποια άλλη, για το λόγο και μόνο ότι όλες οι μητέρες αξίζουν. Είτε εργάζονται στην Κοινότητα ή γιατί μένουν στο σπίτι, αφιερώνουν τη ζωή τους στην οικογένειά τους και την ανατροφή των παιδιών τους και αδυνατούν να είναι ενεργά μέλη της εκκλησίας τους. Οι τρεις κυρίες φέτος είναι η κυρία Κλάρα Κόρνια, η κυρία Πόπη Φάντη και η κυρία Δέσποινα Γλυκιάδου. Τους ευχόμαστε πολλά χρόνια υγείας και ευτυχίας.

Το Τσάϊ μας για την Ημέρα της Μητέρας ήταν μια χαρούμενη συγκέντρωση.

COMMUNITY NEWS ✦ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

Class of 2016



Antonios Arzavakis
St. Paul's School

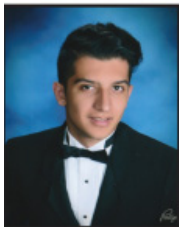
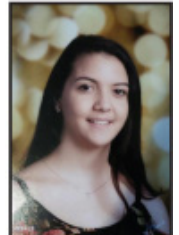


Elaii Picoanis
Eastern High School



Niko Arzetakis
Eastern Technical High School

Marina Protopapas
Baltimore School for the Arts



Kosta Atsidis
Archbishop Curley High School



Dimitri Rotos
Patterson Mill High School



Katerina Terzomanalos
Kenwood High School

You will be Missed...

“Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 31:6)



Nick Kardas
Chesapeake High School



Anastasia Barnes
Patterson Mill High School



Foula Paragios
Eastern Technical High School



Kalliopi Conias
Eastern Technical High School



George Topouzoglou
Eastern Technical High School



Ariadne Ldziera
Perry Hall High School



Arkadiusz Gluszczyk
Perry Hall High School



St. Nicholas G.O.Y.A. Tournament

Aces Home Tournament

The St. Nicholas GOYA held their annual basketball tournament on May 7th and May 8th. The St. Nicholas GOYAs hosted several local and out of town churches that weekend. The St. Nicholas Boys A team won the championship and the MVP was Antonio Araviakis and the All-Star was Niko Argetakis. The Boys B Team also won their championship game and the MVP was Kosta Stavrakis and the All-Star was Mike Argetakis. The Girls A team won second place and the All-Star was Sia Barnes. The tournament was a huge success due to all the parents, advisors, score keepers, parishioners and GOYAs working together for the betterment of the GOYA ministry. Thank you to every-

one who helped at the tournament that weekend and special thank you to the new parents for helping all weekend long. We could not have pulled it off without all of the help and support of all the great St. Nicholas' families. Also, a big thank you to Father Michael for his constant support. All of our GOYAs represented St. Nicholas Church with respect and pride. This year with great sadness, the GOYA ministry bids farewell to two amazing coaches, Ms. Sophia Gerapetritis and Ms. Despina Monioidis. These two individuals have dedicated themselves to the GOYA ministry unselfishly and have been a constant positive influence in the lives of many GOYAs over the years. They will be truly missed. Also, GOYA Tournament Advisor, Ms.



St. Nicholas G.O.Y.A. Tournament

Becky Rossis-Barnes, who has dedicated the past ten years to ensuring the success of each GOYA tournament, will be retiring from her post. Her energy, enthusiasm and love for the GOYA ministry will be truly missed. As Ms. Becky says, she will always bleed green and gold. And lastly, Ms. Kelly Argetakis, the Head GOYA advisor, will be handing off the reins at the end of this school year to the other GOYA advisors. Kelly's warm smile, caring and loving attitude will be missed by everyone. June is also the time that we bid farewell to our seniors. It has been amazing to watch them grow as 7th graders to young adults. Best wishes to all our seniors in their future endeavors. God speed!





TOWARDS THE HOLY AND GREAT COUNCIL: A Comprehensive Timeline

For the first time in 1200 years, the fourteen autocephalous Orthodox Churches will meet, with a common desire to reinforce their relations and address contemporary spiritual and social challenges in the world.

1961 Sept. 24 - Oct.1

First Pan-Orthodox Conference, Rhodes

1962 Sept 26-29

Second Pan-Orthodox Conference, Rhodes

1963 Nov 1-15

Third Pan-Orthodox Conference, Rhodes

1968 June 8-15

Fourth Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

1971 July 15-28

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission, Chambésy



1976 Nov. 21-28

First Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

- Methodology and themes for the Holy and Great Council
- The Orthodox Church's relations with other Christian churches
- Discussion on the common celebration of Easter by all Christians

1977 June 28 - July 3

Congress on the Common Celebration of the Easter by all Christians on a Fixed Sunday

1982 Sept 3-12

Second Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

- Impediments to marriage
- Adaptation of the ordinances regarding fasting

1986 Feb 15-23

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission, Chambésy

HE CALLED ALL TO UNITY

1986 Oct 28 - Nov 6

Third Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

- Adaptation of ordinances for fasting
- The mission of the Orthodox Church in the world

1990 Nov 10-17

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission, Chambésy

- Orthodox Diaspora

1992

First Synaxis of Primates, Istanbul



1993 Nov 7-13

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission, Chambésy

- Autocephaly

1995 April 10-13

Canon Law Congress on Regulation for Episcopal Assemblies, Chambésy

1995

Second Synaxis of Primates, Patmos

2000

Third Synaxis of Primates, Jerusalem/Bethlehem and Istanbul/Nicaea

2008

Fourth Synaxis of Primates, Istanbul

2009 June 8-12

Fourth Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

- Episcopal Assemblies

2009 Dec. 10-17

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission, Chambésy

- Autocephaly and Autonomy
- Diptychs

2014

Fifth Synaxis of Primates, Istanbul

2015 Oct. 10-17

Fifth Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

2016 Jan. 21-28

Sixth Synaxis of Primates, Chambésy

2016 June 16-27

The Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church, Crete



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1200 YEARS...



Photos courtesy Archon Dimitrios Panagiotis and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.



Official channels of communications

The Holy and Great Council will be held June 16-27 in Crete. For the first time in 1200 years, the primates of all 14 Orthodox autocephalous (or self-governed) Churches, along with more than 300 bishops and others, will meet to pray and discuss issues of common concern. Keep up-to-date by visiting www.orthodoxcouncil.org for daily briefings, and by using the communication channels of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

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The Holy and Great Council PENTECOST 2016

"He called all to unity"

History of the Holy and Great Council

By Rev. Dr. John Chrysavgis, Archdeacon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

The Orthodox Church is the church of the apostles, the church of the martyrs, the church of the fathers, the church of the councils. Through the centuries, the Orthodox Church convened local and regional, great and greater, as well as universal or ecumenical councils. Just as every celebration of the holy Eucharist is a confirmation of the communion between each person with his or her community, and that local community with the universal Church,



His All-Holiness Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch. Photo: Nikolaos Manginas

so too, every council is a reaffirmation of the unity between each local and self-governing Orthodox church with the universal Church. In fact, St. John Chrysostom – the renowned fourth-century archbishop of Constantinople – boldly states that "council" is another name for "church."

In this spirit and from its responsibility and privilege to ensure inter-Orthodox unity and facilitate inter-Orthodox cooperation, the Ecumenical Patriarchate has tirelessly labored to convene a Pan-Orthodox Council since the early 1900s.

Preparations for this council began in earnest in 1961 and continued through the 1960s, while pre-conciliar conferences, tasked with forming the council's agenda and its rules of operation, met in 1976 through 1986. After a long hiatus created by immense political and ideological changes, as well as the unprecedented social and religious challenges resulting from the collapse of the Iron Curtain, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew revived the process in 2008.



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So, after almost a century, the agenda was finalized, the documents were edited, and the process was completed in January 2016.



The Holy and Great Council is assembling on the feast of Pentecost.

Never before in the history of the Orthodox Church have so many Orthodox churches – fourteen from around the world – assembled in one and the same place.

Yet, despite hesitation and apprehension, despite reservation and even resistance, the Holy and Great Council is being convened at the Orthodox Academy of Crete—steps from a ninth-century Monastery of the Virgin Mary—from June 16 to June 27, 2016.

He called all to unity. May we respond with charity and generosity.

We fervently ask the plenitude of the Church – clergy and laity, men and women, old and young – to pray for this unique and historical event. We especially ask that you implore God to strengthen and inspire the leaders of the Church to manifest their unity in a world afflicted by conflict and division.

May God bless the Holy and Great Council. And May His abundant grace be with all of you.

- His All-Holiness Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch



PLEDGES FOR 2016 ✦ ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑ 2016

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 MR/MRS KASTANAKIS MICHAEL
 MR/MRS KATSAS STAVROS
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The Saint Nicholas Bilingual Early Education Center operates from

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Monday through Friday**

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New Years Eve and New Years Day, Labor Day, Orthodox Good Friday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and the day after, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

Financial Information

There is a \$65.00 non-refundable registration fee. A tuition deposit equivalent to one week's tuition is due at the time of registration.

Tuition is due the Friday before the first day of service each week. Payments may be made by credit card, cash or check. Auto-payment options available. Tuition charges are due even when you are unable to use the center due to snow closings, holidays, sickness, or any other circumstances.

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Infants: 6 weeks - 12 months

Our infant teachers will spent most of their day providing a loving, nurturing atmosphere, taking special care of the needs of each infant. Each infant is on an individual schedule, depending on the infant needs and the parent's desires.

Toddlers: 12 months - 23 months

The toddler students learn mainly through play. In this classroom we introduce a more structured day with Circle Time, Music, Story Time, Art, and Free Time. Teachers will nurture and care while they teach sharing as the toddlers interact with their peers.

Two's:

Our two year olds are given the opportunity to learn and grow independently. Recognizing the importance of play, our teachers weekly and or monthly themes will consist around activities such as Group Play, Art, Music, Circle Time and much more.

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Tuition

Infants & Toddlers

5 days - \$265 per Week

Part-time not available for Infants and Toddlers

2 Year Olds

3 days - \$210 per Week

4 days - \$220 per Week

5 days - \$235 per Week

3-4 Year Olds

3 days - \$185 per Week

4 days - \$200 per Week

5 days - \$215 per Week

(Prices are subject to change at any time)

Meals

Breakfast, lunch and two snacks per day are provided along with milk, juice and water during mealtimes.

Breakfast will be served until 8:30 a.m. Children arriving after breakfast should have eaten prior to entering the center.

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The Plateia Committee is pleased to report that we are making great progress. We continue to make improvements to the facility to generate more business. A Marketing Committee has been established and we are working on outreach efforts to get greater community involvement. The launch of our website is happening. We will keep you posted on our progress. Thank you for your continued faith and support.

Calendar of events

Special events

June 3, 2016 – Experience Corps Luncheon
 June 9 – 12, 2016 Greek Folk Festival
 June 11, 2016 – Giorgos Tsalikis

Private events

June 5, 2016 – Christening
 June 25, 2016 – Wedding/Christening
 June 25, 2016 Christening