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Fr. Michael's Pastoral Message

Your Stewardship pledge will keep the doors open!

The month of September brings to my attention a topic that really is close to my heart. The topic is Stewardship and its true meaning. Our Church of St. Nicholas is going through some rough financial times. As you know one of the most critical and awkward topics of any Church is "Stewardship".

Conveying to you the power and importance of dedicating your time, talents, and financial gifts to the service of one another is a spiritual and financial necessity. But creating a spirit of true giving here at St. Nicholas has never been easy. I have now reached the five year mark in serving this community as your parish priest. And I have witnessed that we here at St. Nicholas have a difficulty in understanding what Stewardship represents.

The Stewardship program of any Church is the backbone of the Community. Without a strong Stewardship program churches and communities like ours will not survive to see a future. I know that some of you might say, "This is the house of the Lord. How can this happen?" Look around you; how many Inner City and Rural churches have closed their doors forever because of lack of funds? This means that the parishioners of these churches failed to do their part in securing the future of their parishes. This also means that their Stewardship program failed and who is to blame? The parishioners themselves.

Today we also have that problem in some of our Orthodox parishes. Some people say that Festivals, Dances, Dinners, Bake sales, and other events are the answers to the financial problems of all churches. Those are not solutions; they are mere bandages to camouflage the real problems that parishes are facing today. The answer is very simple. If everyone in the parish supported the Stewardship program, parishes today would not have to go through that pain and suffering. If we all pitched in and did our duty as Christians, Churches today would not be in this mess.

I hate to use examples of our own parishioners, but we have hundreds of families who have never signed a Pledge card or supported

their church. Take most of our young people in the parish for starters.

Some are married with children. They have been in the parish for years and have never supported their church through the Stewardship program. We have single people who are over the age of 21, out of college and working who have never supported the church through the Stewardship program. We have families that use the church only for their own personal satisfaction, but never supported the Stewardship program. We have so called members who come to church only once a year and most of them are not pledge members of the church. So what kind of example are we giving to our God, our Church, to our children, and to our Community? Let's not forget that everything we have comes from God; at any moment He can take these treasures away from us.

As Parishioners of St. Nicholas, we need to strongly focus on the needs of our Church, and the needs of our Parishioners. We need to understand that we need to support our church on a yearly basis, and not once in a blue moon, when we need the Church for a Marriage, Baptism, Chrismation, or Funeral.

Our St. Nicholas Church is open all day long, from morning to night. It is a place where you can worship, a place to find fellowship, a place of Community gathering and recreation. Our Church provides an oasis for those who seek refuge, and for those who want to be close to God. A place where we marry our children, a place where we baptize our children. A resting place for those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. It is a place where we educate our children to learn about their Greek heritage and their faith in God. Just imagine if our Church and Community tomorrow closed her doors forever and the reason why? Because of the lack of participation by its parishioners. How would you feel?

Listen up young people of the parish, married or single. If you want St. Nicholas to provide a good spiritual future for you and your children and generations thereof, then we need

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KOINONIA

Μήνυμα απο τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ

Η Εθελοντική Προσφορά σας θα βοηθήσει να συνεχίσουμε!

Το μήνα Σεπτέμβριο η προσοχή μου συγκεντρώνεται σε ένα θέμα που πραγματικά αγγίζει την καρδιά μου. Το θέμα της ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ, και η πραγματική του σημασία. Η Εκκλησία μας του Αγίου Νικολάου περνάει δύσκολα οικονομικά προβλήματα. Όπως γνωρίζετε ένα από τα πιο κρίσιμα θέματα κάθε Εκκλησίας είναι αυτό της «ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ». Σας μεταφέρω ότι η δύναμη και η σημασία του χρόνου που προσφέρετε, του ταλέντου σας, και των χρηματικών δωρεών σας, στην υπηρεσία του ενός προς τον άλλο, είναι πνευματική και οικονομική αναγκαιότητα. Όμως, το να δημιουργήσεις και να καλιεργήσεις το πνεύμα της πραγματικής «δωρεάς» στην Κοινότητα του Αγίου Νικολάου, ποτέ δεν ήταν εύκολη υπόθεση. Υπηρετώ ήδη την Κοινότητα, ως Ιερέας της Ενορίας σας, πέντε χρόνια. Έχω λοιπόν προσωπική εμπειρία ότι εμείς, εδώ στην περιοχή του Αγίου Νικολάου, έχουμε μια δυσκολία να κατανοήσουμε τι αντιπροσωπεύει η ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑ.

Το πρόγραμμα της Εθελοντικής Προσφοράς της κάθε Εκκλησίας είναι τη σπονδυλική στήλη ή αν θέλετε ο Κεντρικός Άξονας της Κοινότητας. Χωρίς ένα ισχυρό πρόγραμμα ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ, εκκλησίες και κοινότητες όπως η δική μας, δεν θα επιβιώσουν για να δουν το μέλλον της. Ξέρω ότι κάποιος από εσάς θα πείτε, “Αυτό είναι το σπίτι του Κυρίου. Πώς μπορεί αυτό να συμβεί “Κοιτάξτε γύρω σας. Πόσες εκκλησίες στο κέντρο της πόλης και της υπαίθρου έχουν κλείσει τις πόρτες τους, πάντα εξαιτίας έλλειψης οικονομικών. Αυτό σημαίνει ότι οι ενορίτες των εκκλησιών αυτών απέτυχαν να κάνουν το καθήκον τους για να διασφαλίσουν το μέλλον των κοινοτήτων τους. Αυτό σημαίνει επίσης ότι το πρόγραμμα ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ τους απέτυχε, και ποιος φταίει; Οι ενορίτες τους. Σήμερα, αντιμετωπίζουν το ίδιο πρόβλημα, ορισμένες από τις ορθόδοξες ενορίες μας. Μερικοί άνθρωποι πιστεύουν ότι Φεστιβάλ, Χοροί, Δείπνα, πωλήσεις γλυκών, και άλλες εκδηλώσεις είναι οι απαντήσεις στα οικονομικά προβλήματα όλων των εκκλησιών. Αυτές

δεν είναι λύσεις. Είναι απλοί επίδεσμοι για να συγκαλύψουν τα πραγματικά προβλήματα που αντιμετωπίζουν οι κοινότητες σήμερα. Η απάντηση είναι πολύ απλή. Αν ο καθένας στην ενορία υποστήριζε το πρόγραμμα της ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ, οι ενορίες, σήμερα δεν θα βρισκόνταν σε καμία δύσκολη οικονομική κατάσταση. Αν όλοι μας συνεισφέραμε και κάναμε το καθήκον μας ως Χριστιανοί, οι Εκκλησίες σήμερα δεν θα ήταν σε αυτό το χάλι.

Δεν μου αρέσει να χρησιμοποιώ σαν παράδειγμα τους δικούς μας ενορίτες, αλλά έχουμε εκατοντάδες οικογένειες που δεν έχουν υπογράψει την κάρτα της ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ, ή δεν έχουν υποστηρίξει την εκκλησία τους με άλλο τρόπο. Ας ξεκινήσουμε από τους νέους της ενορίας μας. Κάποιοι είναι παντρεμένοι με παιδιά. Είναι στην ενορία για χρόνια και ποτέ δεν την υποστήριξαν, μέσω του προγράμματος της ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ. Έχουμε ανύπαντρα άτομα που είναι άνω των 21 ετών, έχουν τελειώσει τις Κολλεγιακές τους σπουδές, εργάζονται, και ποτέ δεν έχουν υποστηρίξει την εκκλησία μέσω του προγράμματος της ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ.

Έχουμε οικογένειες που χρησιμοποιούν την εκκλησία μόνο για τη δική τους προσωπική ανάγκη, αλλά ποτέ δεν υποστήριξαν το πρόγραμμα της ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ. Έχουμε πράγματι μέλη που έρχονται στην εκκλησία μόνο μια φορά το χρόνο, και οι περισσότεροι από αυτούς δεν είναι μέλη της εκκλησίας. Τι είδους παράδειγμα δίνουμε στον Θεό μας, στην Εκκλησία μας, στα παιδιά μας, και στην Κοινότητά μας; Ας μην ξεχνάμε ότι όλα όσα έχουμε προέρχονται από τον Θεό. Ανά πάσα στιγμή μπορεί να πάρει πίσω όλα αυτά που μας έχει χαρίσει.

Σαν ενορίτες του Αγίου Νικολάου, ας ασχοληθούμε εντατικά με τις ανάγκες της Εκκλησίας μας, και τις ανάγκες των ενοριτών μας. Πρέπει να καταλάβουμε ότι πρέπει να υποστηρίξουμε την εκκλησία μας σε ετήσια βάση, και όχι

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 9th, 2012

Pursuant to the regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the By-Laws of the Greek Orthodox Community, Saint Nicholas, Baltimore, Maryland, a Special General Assembly meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, September 9th, 2012, promptly after the Divine Liturgy.

According to the Church By-Laws, 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.

AGENDA

1. Invocation by the Priest, Rev. Michael L. Pastrokos.

ΠΡΟΣΚΛΗΣΗ ΕΚΤΑΚΤΗΣ ΓΕΝΙΚΗΣ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗΣ ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ 9, 2012

Σύμφωνα με τους κανονισμούς των Κοινοτήτων της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής, και τους Εσωτερικούς Κανονισμούς της Κοινότητάς μας, καλούμε Έκτακτη Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών, την Κυριακή, 9 Σεπτεμβρίου, 2012, αμέσως μετά το πέρας της Θείας Λειτουργίας.

Σύμφωνα με τους Κανονισμούς, όσοι επιθυμούν να συμμετέχουν στην Συνέλευση, οφείλουν να έχουν εκπληρώσει τις προς την Κοινότητα οικονομικές τους υποχρεώσεις μέχρι και την ημέρα της Συνέλευσης και πριν την έναρξή της.

ΗΜΕΡΗΣΙΑ ΔΙΑΤΑΞΗ

1. Προσευχή από τον Ιερέα, Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό.
2. Έναρξη της Συνέλευσης από τον Πρόεδρο της Κοινότητας κ. Ευστάθιο Παπαδόπουλο.

2. Call to order by parish President, Mr. Efstathios Papadopoulos.
3. Election of Chairman & Secretary for the Assembly.
4. Parish President's Report. Church's Financial crisis.
5. Treasurer's Financial Report. Liquidation of Church's CD.
6. Adjournment and closing Prayer.

All members of the Community are urged to attend this Parish Assembly Meeting, because of its importance. 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. **From the Parish Council**

3. Εκλογή Προέδρου και Γραμματέα της παρούσας Γενικής Συνέλευσης.
4. Έκθεση από τον Πρόεδρο της Κοινότητας. Οικονομική Κατάσταση της Ενορίας.
5. Έκθεση από τον Ταμία της Κοινότητας. Ρευστοποίηση του κλειστού Λογαριασμού.
6. Λήξη της Συνέλευσης και προσευχή.

Όλα τα μέλη της Κοινότητας προτρέπονται να παρουσιαστούν και 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 για το καλό της Κοινότητας.

Εκ του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου

St. Nicholas Church Finance Committee Report

Dear Parishioners,

This coming Sunday, September 9th directly after the Divine Liturgy, the Parish Council will be holding a Special General Assembly Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the liquidation of the church's last Certificate of Deposit to cover operating expenses and liabilities. As the Treasurer, I, and Assistant Treasurer, Emanuel Diacogiannis, along with a few board members and parishioners formed a finance committee to take the mystery out of the church's operating expenses. Together, we discovered several expenses that have grown tremendously and not maintainable within the church's current budget. Therefore, after conducting hour's worth of research, we were able to make the following reforms:

- 1) reduction of health insurance benefits for full-time employees.
- 2) elimination of health insurance benefits for part-time employees.
- 3) reduction in the utility rate for all church owned properties.
- 4) reduction in the cost of worker's compensation insurance.
- 5) better clarification of capital improvement costs.
- 6) research into the growing cost of maintaining church owned properties.
- 7) first draft of an employee handbook.
- 8) research into other income generating programs, such as a learning center using existing facilities.

The finance committee still has a lot of work ahead of us, we are seeking volunteers to take on a budget item, analysis it and come up with cost saving initiatives.

We truly believe that if we put the "Church First", together we can turn the Plateia and the Church's facilities into a profit center which will allow us all to return our focus to God's work of strengthening our ministries.

Please join us on Sunday, September 9th at approximately 12:00

noon for the Special General Assembly Meeting. A complete financial report will be given to all parishioners in attendance.

Finance Committee

Αγαπητά μέλη,

Την Κυριακή 9 Σεπτεμβρίου αμέσως μετά τη Θεία Λειτουργία, το Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο θα καλέσει Έκτακτη Γενική Συνέλευση. Ο σκοπός της συνάντησης είναι να εγκριθεί η εκκαθάριση του τελευταίου κλειστού λογαριασμού των καταθέσεων της Εκκλησίας, για την κάλυψη των λειτουργικών εξόδων και υποχρεώσεων της. Ως ταμίας, εγώ, και Βοηθός Ταμία, Μανώλης Διακογιάννης, μαζί με μερικά μέλη του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου και ενορίτες, έχουμε σχηματίσει την Επιτροπή Οικονομικών, για να εξηγήσουμε στα μέλη το μυστήριο των εκτάκτων εξόδων, από τα λειτουργικά έξοδα της Εκκλησίας. Μαζί, ανακαλύψαμε πολλές δαπάνες που έχουν αυξηθεί σημαντικά και δεν συμπεριλαμβάνονται στο τρέχοντα προϋπολογισμό της Εκκλησίας μας. Ως εκ τούτου, μετά τη σημαντική διεξαγωγή επίπονης έρευνας, ήμαστε σε θέση να κάνουμε τις ακόλουθες μεταρρυθμίσεις:

- 1) μείωση των ασφαλιστικών παροχών υγείας για εργαζόμενους πλήρους απασχόλησης.
- 2) εξάλειψη των ασφαλιστικών παροχών υγείας για τους εργαζόμενους μερικώς απασχόλησης.
- 3) Μείωση χρήσης ηλεκτρισμού, νερού κ.λ.π. όλων των κτιριακών εγκαταστάσεων της Κοινότητας..
- 4) Μείωση του κόστους της ασφάλισης αποζημίωσης των εργαζομένων (workers compensation insurance)

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COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

STOP STANDING ON THE SIDELINES – GET INVOLVED AND MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN!

The Plateia Committee: Seeking Volunteers with strong experience in the following:

Public Relations: to write press releases to promote events at the Plateia.

Event Coordinators: to generate and execute ideas for events to be held at the Plateia

Sponsorship: Seeking an individual with a strong background to obtain paid Sponsorships for the Plateia and events.

Graphic Artist: To design a brochure and publicity ads for the Plateia.

Photographer: To take appealing pictures of the Plateia for promotional purposes.

Grant Writer: To secure necessary funding for the Plateia

Decorating Coordinator: Seeking a volunteer/coordinator to set-up the Plateia Hall for a simulated banquet for publicity photos. The photos will be featured on the Church's website and a promotional brochure. Coordinator will select the color-scheme, plates, glassware, etc. for the photo shoot. Looking to have this accomplished by September 15th. 8-12 Hours required. Looking for a fresh, classic look.

Volunteers to work with the Decorating Coordinator on a designated day to set-up the Plateia Hall to simulate a banquet for publicity photos. The photos will be featured on the website and a brochure. Approximately 5-8 hours required.

Fellowship/Welcoming Committee: Work with Stewardship Committee:

Chairperson: Seeking an individual to head-up the Fellowship/Welcoming Committee. This person will work with the Stewardship Committee to breathe life into the meaning of Stewardship. Establish written guidelines, and work with the Stewardship Committee to solicit volunteers. Hours required 10-20 for initial set-up. Monthly thereafter, about 5 hours.

Finance Committee: Looking for volunteers to be a part of a budget committee working in concert with the current Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer of the Parish Council to control costs and find ways of reducing expenses by seeking out complete bids. Will be assigned a particular area of the budget to analyze and make recommendations. Hours will vary 5- 10 hours depending on area and 2-4 hours monthly.

Historian: Seeking a volunteer to bring the Church's history up-to-date since the 50th anniversary. Will work closely with Father Michael in order to gather information; must be an independent worker. Hours required 40-50 hours spread over several months to a year. May work hours into your own schedule.

Church Coordinator for the Military Display Case: Seeking a volunteer to maintain the display case of military personnel in the Church's Atrium. Volunteers would be responsible for making the information is correct and the pictures are up-to-date and to add any new individuals to the display case. The volunteer would work with the families of the military personnel to bring in the required information. 5-10 Hours on a yearly basis.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Demos Anastasiades at demos@comcast.net or call Maria Salpeas, Church Secretary at 410-633-5020.

Thank you.

P.L.C. NEWS

Welcome Back! The first Parish Life Committee (PLC) meeting for Ecclesiastical new year is scheduled for Thursday, September 6th at 7 pm. All ministries and organization heads or representatives must be present in order to have their events and activities placed on the church calendar. Each organization will be limited to 3-4 fundraiser activities within the church. The church organizations may hold fundraisers outside the church as much as they are able. But, we have received numerous complaints from parishioners about the church being overrun each year by church organizations trying to raise funds from the same parishioners attending

the Divine Liturgy on Sunday.

Please select your fundraising activities carefully. Again, a representative from each ministry and organization must attend the Thursday, September 6th meeting at 7 p.m. Otherwise, your event will not be placed on the church calendar regardless of how many years your organization has held the event in previous year. No exceptions. Thank you. The P.L.C. Committee

HELLENIC GOLDEN COINS NEWS

It's that time of the year again! The Hellenic Golden Coins are looking for dancers. If you or your child is between the ages of 13-25, we are seeking committed individuals that want to learn new challenging dances from all regions of Greece. The Hellenic Golden Coins have been performing together for more than 30 years! Join our legacy, meet new friends, and have fun! Practices will be held on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy.

Registration will begin Sunday, September 9, 2012 and closes on Sunday, September 30th. You may register at the church office. Contact Maria Kaimakis at 410-627-0800 or e-mail: maria@cypriana.com if you have any questions.

Thank you, Maria Kaimakis

GOYA NEWS

Greetings to everyone! G.O.Y.A. is the umbrella organization for all of our teen youth programs. GOYA builds the Orthodox Lifestyle through the ministry of fellowship. Becoming active in GOYA will establish new and lifelong friendships. It will develop your individual uniqueness and it will give you a stronger understanding of your faith. Typical activities or events include athletic activities such as basketball and soccer, lock-in spiritual retreats, volunteerism at homeless shelters, community service events, Palm making, fundraisers just to name a few. Through these wonderful experiences, you will learn and grow in your Orthodox faith and build relationships that will last a lifetime.

GOYA meets once a month. Our 1st meeting will be held on Monday, September 10, 2012 at 7pm in the Church Large Hall. Registration dues are \$20.00 per child and are due at the 1st meeting. Ages are 12-18 and you must have turned 12 years old by September 1st, 2012, no exceptions.

We look forward to having our prior members return as well as open our arms and ENCOURAGE the new members to join! We are also looking for parents to volunteer and assist the advisors and coaches with various committees and events. If you have any questions please email stnicholasgoya1@gmail.com.

THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Είναι πολύ δύσκολο να πιστέψει κανείς ότι φτάσαμε κιόλας στο τέλος του καλοκαιριού.

Ελπίζω να είστε όλοι ξεκούραστοι και αναζωογονημένοι για την εκκλησιαστική χρονιά που αρχίζει.

Με την υποστήριξη όλων εσάς και έχοντας στο νου μας πάντα το καλό και τα θεάρεστα έργα της Φιλοπτώχου, σας προσκαλούμε όλους στην πρώτη συνεδρίαση της χρονιάς που θα γίνει στις 5 Σεπτεμβρίου, ημέρα Τετάρτη στις 7 ΜΜ.

Ελάτε και γίνετε ενεργά μέλη σε μια αδελφότητα που μοναδικός σκοπός της είναι η βοήθεια προς τον συνάνθρωπο μας.

*Ευχομαι σε όλους μια καλή και προοδευτική χρονιά.
Ζωή Περγδικάκη, Πρόεδρος*

Hard to believe another summer is coming to an end, and that we are ready to begin another ecclesiastical year. Hope everyone is well rested and rejuvenated for a new year full of exciting events. With your support and with Philoptochos' best interest in mind we look forward to our first meeting which will take place, Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 7:00 P.M

We invite everyone to come, and to become members. Please bring your friends and your ideas.

The last week of August we sent out our mass mailing which

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COMMUNITY NEWS - KOINOTIKA NEA

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consisted of our event schedule for the year 2011-2012, the names and phone numbers of the 11 member board, and also the schedule of all the meetings for the year through May 2012.

Wishing everyone a blessed year and we are looking forward to seeing all of you September 5th.

Zoe Perdikakis, President

SAINT NICHOLAS "DIAMONDS"

Dear Parishioners,

The Diamonds organization was formed to bring together all Greek Orthodox Christians who are 55 years or older. Our main purpose is to provide education, fellowship and opportunities for lots of laughs and fun along the way. Consider being a part of this wonderful group by joining us on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Saint Nicholas Social Hall for our first meeting, and luncheon.

I look forward to seeing all of you and hearing about your experiences over the SUMMER holidays.

Again, please bring a friend, and be ready to re-commit yourselves. Looking forward to seeing all of our current and new members.

All the best, Rose Tsakalos, President

J.O.Y. NEWS

JOY is a wonderful program for all the community children. Its name is very appropriate to describe the spirit that radiates from the children who attend the gatherings. It has proven to be both popular and very successful in achieving the goals of the church ministry for children; to lead children to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The JOY ministry program provides wholesome and fun activities to its participants while supporting the efforts of the family to impart a positive value system to its children. JOY meetings are an opportunity to participate in wholesome fellowship with peers and adult advisors who offer friendship and emotional support.

Meetings are conducted in an informal, relaxed atmosphere that provides balance to the more formal experience of the worship services and religious education classes. The discussion segment of the JOY ministry program focuses on the practical understanding and application of the Church's formal teachings. Songs, games, craft projects, and other activities reflect and enhance this spoken message in a developmentally appropriate manner for the community children.

Please join us on Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in the small social hall. Registration will begin on Sunday, September 16th and may be completed at the church office during regular church hours.

Thank you.

JOY Advisors, Popi Paragios and Nancy Anastasiades

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Registration for the 2012-2013 Sunday School year will begin on Sunday, September 16th in the Small Hall after church services. On Sunday, September 16th after registration, all Sunday school teachers and aides are asked to stay for a brief meeting. Class assignments, schedules and programs will be distributed at the meeting. **Sunday school classes for the coming school year will start on Sunday, September 23rd.**

All teachers, aides and students must be in church by 10:00 am or earlier and attend Divine Liturgy through the reading of the Gospel. After Fr. Michael's sermon, all students along with the teachers will exit the church and go to their respective classrooms. If you are interested in helping in the Sunday school as a teacher, teacher's aide or office aide, please stop by the Small Hall on Sunday, Sept. 16th or stop by the Sunday school office on any Sunday and fill out a Volunteer form. Teachers must be at least 20 years of age. Aides must be a Sunday school graduate in good standing. If

an aide is under 20, they must be approved by the Sunday school directors. Won't you dedicate some of your time on Sundays to volunteer in the Sunday school program and help spread the word of God to our young students!

Did you know that there are only 33 Sundays out of 52 Sundays in a calendar year to conduct classes in Sunday school? Even those Sunday's are interrupted because of youth programs that take our young students away from the classroom and sometimes church. Every year at the beginning of the school year, we enroll over 100 + students. But by the end and sometimes the middle of the school year, attendance drops to maybe half of our enrollment. There are Sunday's when we have more teachers and aides than students. But come May and graduation time, we as parents want to hear our son's or daughter's name called for perfect attendance or for being one of the top students.

You can help your son or daughter achieve that honor if you as parents bring your children to church on at least those 33 Sundays out of the year. You must know that all kids like to copy what their parents do. You, the parents are the first role model. You are the spiritual chain, the one link that depends upon another. Prayer depends on love, love depends on joy, joy upon mildness, mildness upon humility, humility upon service, service upon hope and hope depends upon faith. As parents, you must do your part to develop that faith. We as Sunday school teachers will do our part to make your children more knowledgeable about their Orthodox faith and their role in the church.

May God Bless you and your family... as we welcome all of you back to church and to another Sunday school year. Again, Sunday school classes will begin on **September 23rd.**

ALTAR BOYS NEEDED

To all our young men in the parish age 10 and over, you are needed to come and serve God by serving as an Altar boy. What an honor it is for you and your family to help out this way. Please contact the church office and leave your name and phone number with the church secretary, Ms. Maria so someone can contact you about the first Altar Boys meeting.

Flu Shots Available at St. Nicholas Church

On Sunday, September 23, 2012, the Rite Aid pharmacy will be offering flu shots immediately after the Divine Liturgy at Saint Nicholas Church. Rite Aid accepts most health insurance plans and all Medicare B insured receive the flu shots free. A licensed pharmacist will be available that day. Come, join us and stay healthy this autumn and winter season.

GREEKTOWN CDC

A message from Colonel John E. Gavrilis,
Chief Executive Officer

Our Strategic Mission ahead! The Greektown CDC is proud to announce it is redirecting its attention on Development. Our primary focus will be on organizational, economic and business development. Over the past decade our effort has been on quality of life issues and community organizing. A great foundation has been established by us for other Greektown community associations and churches to continue in this effort. Our development corporation will now concentrate on its core mission of development.

In the past, we campaigned on a Crime and Grime mission with the hiring of off duty police officers for nearly a decade, organizing community events and hosting monthly community cleanups; the Greektown CDC's response to quality of life issues will be secondary to its development mission. However, our Board Liaison will ensure the good work of our committee chairs will carry on.

We will continue to assist in our inter Government relations for those groups and be an advocate for their causes. As we did for the August 7, 2012 National Night Out, it was a huge success with many neighbors and police joining hands in solidarity to make a

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Announcing the Opening of The St. Nicholas Plateia !

With great pride, the St. Nicholas community is announcing the official opening of its Plateia. After years of hard work, we have successfully converted a partially completed, empty building on which we owed approximately \$850,000, to an income producing facility as well as reduced our debt significantly to approximately \$500,000.00. Congratulation to everyone in the community!!!

Today, the Plateia has a beautifully decorated first floor, bar area, kitchen, and field-site. The first floor seating capacity is +/-175 and standing capacity is +/-300. The field capacity is well over 1000 people. At this time, the food menu will be custom tailored and priced to suit individual requests. In time, however, we hope to have a list of standard menu items and pricing structure. We assure you that menus will be very competitively priced. Please call the church office at 410-633-5020 to book affairs.

Now, it is the time to get the Plateia fully operational so that we can pay-off the remaining debt as soon as possible. As in the past, the success of the Plateia continues to depend on volunteers who are willing to give of their valuable time and talents. That's where you come in! The Church is soliciting volunteers to be on an Operating Committee to address all the logistics consistent with opening a new business. You do not need business experience to sit on this committee, but rather, the willingness to help St. Nicholas with your ideas for events, menu items, marketing strategies and the giving of your time for a variety of tasks. GOYA aged, older children and young adults are also encouraged to participate as we hope they can help generate appropriate event ideas for the younger set. Thus far, volunteers include Frank Mitsos, Demos Anastasiades, John Eleftheriou, Frank Vasilios, John Korologos, Costas Triandafilo and Zoe Perdikakis, John Chrisomalis and Jason Filippou. Nine of us is far short of what is needed, so please consider helping us. Just call Maria Salpeas, the Church Secretary at 410-633-5020 and let her know you want to help. Also, we have placed a sign-up sheet in the Atrium.

Mr. John Korologos has generously offered to provide chicken and avgolemono soup for a monthly brunch. Brunch sponsors are being sought to supplement the soup with anything else they'd like to provide. Please respond below if you wish to sponsor a brunch. Brunch sponsors will be announced in the Sunday bulletins.

We have also begun compiling a "Wish List". We understand that although many of you want to volunteer your time, it is difficult to do so with your busy schedules. If it is easier for you to help financially, please consider the following:

1. **Outdoor Movie Projector and Screen—**
Estimated Cost: **\$1,598.00**
2. **30x60 Tent—Estimated Cost: \$1,800.00**
3. **One or Two Elevators—Estimated Cost:**
\$48,000.00 (For Both)
4. **Tables/Chairs—Estimated Cost: \$77.00 and**
\$18.00 per table and chair
5. **Security Cameras—Estimated Cost: \$5,000.00**
6. **Audio/Video Equipment: Estimated Cost \$5,000.00**
7. **Glassware, Barware or Silverware for 300-400 people—**
Estimated Cost \$4,500.00, \$4,000.00, \$7,000.00
8. **Outdoor Charcoal Pit and Concrete Slab—**
Estimated Cost: \$6,000.00

Do you have a great idea for a new name for the Plateia? If so, please enter our "Plateia New Name Contest". Look for a suggestion box in the church Atrium or send in the attached form below. A prize will be awarded to the winner. The only name that has been suggested thus far is "St. Nicholas Square".

Thank you,

The Plateia Operating Committee Members



On August 18th and 19th, a festival was held at the Plateia to celebrate the Panigyri of Panagia.

Plateia's New Name Contest

I suggest the following new name:

Submitted by:

Phone number: -----

Brunch Sponsor

I, _____ wish to sponsor an after church brunch. I may be reached at _____ to select the date.

CUT OUT ENTRY AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. ✂

Current Schedule of Events

August 26—Last Sunday of Each Month

Reserved for Mnimosina

September 2—First Sunday of Each Month—

Free Brunch After Church

September 22—Catered Affair Booked- Engagement Party

September 29—Tentative date—Thank You Party

For All Parishioners

October 6—Tentative Event—Battle of the Bands

American Music

October 14—Catered Affair Booked—Christening

November 18—Philoptohos Bull Roast

Proposed Events To Be Scheduled

Greek Night for Adults (Specify Ages)

Greek Night for Young Adults (Specify Ages)

Greek Night for Children (Specify Ages)

Outdoor Movie Night(s)

Community Yard Sale

Health Fair

Planned Outreach Efforts by Baltimore City

Athena Square Developer Ryan Homes

Hopkins/Bayview

All Church Groups (in September)

All Ethnic Societies

Parishioner's daughter competes in upcoming Miss Maryland USA Pageant

Penelope Fantis, the daughter of parishioners Stergos and Kalliopi Fantis, will be competing in the Miss Maryland USA pageant in a three-day event and will be held November 2-4, 2012, North Bethesda, Maryland.

The program places an emphasis on excellence, achievement and personal growth. Ms. Fantis was chosen from over a 1000 participants to compete in the Miss Maryland USA pageant. Ms. Fantis will compete in three equal phases of competition: Interview, Swimsuit and Evening Gown. The winner will represent Maryland throughout the state, as well as, nationally and internationally.

The pageant will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center and tickets are available for purchase.

We congratulate Ms. Fantis on this accomplishment and wish her success in the upcoming Miss Maryland USA pageant.



Saint Nicholas Church Profit & Loss January - July 31, 2012

EXPENSES

GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION

Church Supplies	\$ 3,328.23
Flower Donations	\$ 3,506.50
Accounting/Professional Services	\$ 4,060.00
Advertising-Yellow Pages & Koinonia	\$ 6,495.50
Auto Repair	\$ 1,000.00
Bank Fees	\$ 390.52
Clergy Laity Congress	\$ 4,476.26
Fair Share (Archdiocese)	\$ 18,000.00
Insurance-General Liability	\$ 10,659.83
Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$ 804.00
Office Expense	\$ 4,788.25
Telephone & Internet Costs	\$ 2,418.47
Postage and Delivery	\$ 2,090.00
Total General & Administration Costs:	\$ 62,017.56

OCCUPANCY COSTS

Alarm Monitoring	\$ 838.92
Building Maintenance	\$ 11,691.23
Janitor's Supplies	\$ 2,612.94
Utilities	\$ 19,837.39
Water and Sewer	\$ 2,446.95
Cleaning Halls	\$ 600.00
Ground Rent	\$ 60.00
Other Occupancy Costs	\$ 1,160.00
Permits	\$ 20.00
Total Occupancy Costs	\$ 39,267.43

PAYROLL EXPENSES

Temporary Chanter Services	\$ 3,000.00
Church Personal Payroll	\$ 68,437.18
Church Administrator Pension	\$ 2,500.00
Priest's Housing and Salary	\$ 49,998.62
Priest's Auto Allowance	\$ 7,000.00
Organist Payroll	\$ 2,500.00
Greek School Payroll	\$ 31,942.56
Substitute Teacher (\$)	\$ 75.00
Choir Leader Payroll	\$ 9,858.38
Payroll Taxes	\$ 8,219.03
Employee Health Insurance Costs	\$ 28,252.09
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 23.10
Total Payroll Expenses	\$ 211,805.96

YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL

Youth and Educational	\$ 2,378.52
Scholarship	\$ 0.00
Total Youth and Educational Costs	\$ 2,378.52

CAPITAL COSTS

Capital Improvements to the Church	\$ 5,175.92
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PLATEIA EXPENSES

Verizon Wireless	\$ 1,064.27
Utilities BG&E	\$ 8,499.31
Water and Sewer	\$ 1,277.86
Plateia Construction Costs Paid from Church funds	\$ 41,899.47
Total Plateia Expenses	\$ 52,740.91
Total Capital Improvement Costs	\$ 57,916.83

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 373,386.30

ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE

Income	
Other Donations	\$ 6,636.00
Stewardship	\$ 147,386.20
Greek School /Summer Camp Registration	\$ 5,590.00
Sales, Candles	\$ 53,835.00
Sales, Dances	\$ 20,985.63
Donations-Church	\$ 14,158.99
Donations Trays	\$ 10,607.00
Donations—Church Hall	\$ 5,425.00

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Saint Nicholas Church Vacation Bible School, 2012



Michelle Kaminaris is leading a group of children through the day's opening at St. Nicholas Vacation Bible School held this past June, 2012.

Donations—Memorial	\$ 6,970.00
Donations—Flowers	\$ 2,340.00
Donations—Christmas Card	\$ 40.00
Greek Festival Income	\$ 25,320.00*
*(\$100,000 was paid directly out of the Greek Festival Bank Acct. to cover an invoice from the General Contractor in June, 2012.)	
Plateia Income	\$ 17,449.00
Youth Income	\$ 2,185.72
Total Income	\$ 318,928.54
Cost of Goods Sold	
Dance Expense	\$ 5,385.02
Candle Expense	\$ 8,435.00
Total COGS	\$ 13,767.82
Gross Profit:	\$ 305,160.72
Expenses:	\$ 373,386.30
Net Loss	\$ -68,225.58

OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES AS OF JULY 31, 2012

Delinquent Fair Share to the Metropolis, 2011	\$ 17,643.00
Delinquent Fair Share to the Metropolis, 2012	\$ 65,625.00
M & T Mortgage Balance on the Plateia	\$ 479,128.32
Wells Fargo Equity Line of Credit Balance	\$ 50,000.00
Funds Still Owed to Contractors on Plateia	\$ 69,153.66

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES

\$ 691,549.98

BALANCE SHEET AS OF JULY 31, 2012

Checking/Savings	
Wells Fargo- Checking Acct.	\$ 10,434.66
Wells Fargo- Payroll Acct.	\$ -604.45
Wells Fargo- Building Fund Acct.	\$ 3,495.33
Wells Fargo- Greek School Registration Fees	\$ 1,206.93
Wells Fargo- Festival Checking Acct.	\$ 2,450.00
Wells Fargo- Plateia Fund Acct.	\$ 99.93
Assets: Bank of America CD	\$ 124,196.53
TOTAL CHECKING/SAVINGS	\$ 141,274.93

SCHOOLS ARE OPEN!

Everyone's safety is very important!

Watch out for children crossing.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2012

MR/MRS AGAPIOS NICHOLAS	MRS AGELOPAS SOPHIE	MR/MRS AHLADIOTIS JOHN & EFFIE	MR/MRS ALAFASSOS SPYROS
MR/MRS ALEVROGIANNIS GEORGE	MS ALEVROGIANNIS ARGIE	MS ALOURDAS KIRIAKI	MRS AMARANTIDIS PARTHENA
MR/MRS AMARANTIDIS HARRY AND	MRS ANAN ELIZABETH	MR/MRS ANASTASIADES DEMOS	MRS ANASTASIS FOTINI
MR/MRS ANASTASIS NIKITAS	MR/MRS ANDERSON EMANUEL P. JR.	MRS ANDREWS MARIA	MR ANGELOPOULOS CHRIS
MR/MRS ANGELOS JOHN & IRENE	MR/MRS ANGELOS MARK	MR/MRS ANGELOU MICHAEL	MR ANGELOU EVANGELOS E.
MS ANGELOU MARIA	MR/MRS ANTONAS NICK	MRS APESOS ANTIGONE	MR/MRS ARAVIDES NICHOLAS
MRS ARAVIDES ANNA	MR/MRS ARA VIDES ANTONIOS	MR/MRS ARGEROPOULOS TED	MR ARGETAKIS NICHOLAS
MR/MRS ARGETAKIS GEORGE	MR/MRS ARGIRAKIS PANTELIS	MR/MRS ARGIROPOULOS WILLIAM	MRS ARGYRAKIS DESPINA
MRS ASHBY ATHELENE	MR/MRS ATHANASAKOS ANTONIOS	MS ATHOS JANET	MR/MRS ATSALIS GUS
MR/MRS ATSIDIS IOANNIS	MR/MRS AVGERINOS VASILIOS	MR/MRS BAHN DANIEL	MR/MRS BAKAS MIKE
MS BALOMAS PATRICIA	MR/MRS BARKAS HARALAMBOS	MR/MRS BATES SAM	MRS BILIS AMALIA
MR/MRS BIRCH PETER	MR BISBIKIS PETE	MR/MRS BISBIKIS HELEN	MRS BOUDOURIS ASIMINA
MR/MRS BOUYOUKAS EFSTRATIOS	MR/MRS BOUYOUKAS JOHN & FOTINI	MR/MRS CAUSEY WILLIAM	MR CAVOURAS STANLEY
MR/MRS CEDERAKIS OREANTHI	MR/MRS CEJPEK PETER	MR/MRS CHAGETAS ANGELA	MR/MRS CHARALAMBOPO CHARALAMBO
MR/MRS CHRISOVERGIS GEORGE	MR/MRS CHRISOVERGIS NICHOLAS	MRS CHRISOUMALLIS SOPHIE	MRS CHRISOUMALLIS METAXIA
MR/MRS CHRIST PHILIP	MRS CHRIST STASA	MS CHRISTAKOU STAVROULA	MR/MRS CHRISTESSON STAVROULA
MS CHUVALAS DIMITRA	DR/MRS COLLECTOR DAN	MRS CONWAY ROSE	MR/MRS CORNIAS MARK
MR/MRS CORNIAS MICHAEL C.	MR/MRS CORNIAS LARRY	MR/MRS CORNIAS GEORGE C.	MR/MRS CORNIAS NICHOLAS
MRS CORNIAS CALLIOPI	MRS CORNIAS DESPINA	MRS CORNIAS KALLIOPI T.	MR/MRS CORNIAS TONY N.
MR/MRS COSSIS MILTON	MR CURTIS JOHN	MR DAKOS PETE	MRS DAKOS KYRIAKI
MRS DARDAMANIS EVA	MR DARDAMANIS GEORGE	MR/MRS DEMETRIDES SPERO	MRS DENDRINOS EVANGELIA
DR/MRS DIACOLOUKAS PETER	MR/MRS DIACOLOUKAS GUS & MARY	MR/MRS DIAKOKOMNINOS KOSMAS	MR/MRS DIMITRI GEORGE N.
MR/MRS DIMITRIADES NIKOLAOS	MR/MRS DOUKELIS GEORGE	MRS DOUSKAS VASILIKI	MR/MRS ECONOMIDES CHRIS
MR/MRS ECONOMIDES MANUELMRS	MR/MRS EFTHIM IOU SPJROS	MR/MRS ELEFThERIOU JOHN	MR ELIADES STEVE
ELIPOULOS ANNA	MR/MRS ELIOU ERNEST	MR/MRS FAKAS JAMES	MRS FAKAS ZENOVIA
MR/MRS FAKAS VASILIOS	MRS FANTIS PENELOPE	MR/MRS FILIPIDIS NICHOLAS	MS FILIPPOU IRENE
MS FLEZANIS KATHERINE	MS FLEZANIS KATHERINE	MR/MRS FORAKIS MICHAEL	MR FORAKIS GEORGE
MR FOTIADIS NIOIOLAS	MR/MRS FOTINOS JAMES	MR/MRS FOTIOU JOHN	MR FOTIS KONSTANT
MS FOTPOULOS GEORGIA	MR/MRS FOUKAS PAVLOS	MR/MRS FOURTINAKIS EMANUEL	MRS FRANGAKIS SOFOULA
MR/MRS FRANGOS MICHAEL	MR/MRS FRANGOS JOHN	MR/MRS FRANGOS CONSTANTINE	MR/MRS GALIATSATOS GERASIMOS
MR/MRS GARCIA LUNA JUSTO-YOTA	MR/MRS GA VRILIS JOHN	MR/MRS GAZONAS-ZIKOU GEORGE	MR/MRS GEDEON EMANOUEL
MR/MRS GEORGALAS NICHOLAS	MR/MRS GEORGALAS MICHAEL	MRS GEORGALAS GRAMMATIKI	MS GEORGAS ANTHIE
MR/MRS GEORGAS GEORGE	MR GEORGE ANTHONY M.	MR/MRS GEORGIOU JOHN	MISS GEORGOPALIS AUGUSTINA
MR/MRS GEORGOPALIS IOANNIS	MS GERAPETRITES PANAGIOTA	MRS GERAPETRITES FOTINI	MR/MRS GERAPETRITES TOMMY
MS GERAPETRITES SOFIA	MR/MRS GJAKOUMAKIS NICK	MR/MRS GIALAMAS ANDREAS	MRS GIANNAKOULIAS DIONISIA
MR/MRS GIANNAKOULIAS GEORGE	MR/MRS GIANNAS STYLIANOS	MR/MRS GIANNAS APOSTOLOS	MRS GLAVA KIKI
MR/MRS GLYKIADIS JOHN	MR GLYKJADIS KONSTANTINO	MRS GOVASTES CLEOPATRA	MR/MRS GREEKTOWN
MR/MRS HADJIPANTELIS NIKOLAOS	MR HAJIMIHALIS ELIAS	HALKIAN "SAINT NICHOLAS"	MR HANDAKAS PAUL
MR/MRS HARLESS STEVEN	MR/MRS HARRIS SPYROS	MR/MRS HARRIS THEO	MR/MRS HARTOFLIS NICK & SYLVIA
MRS HATZIDAKIS ANGELIKI	MR/MRS HATZIDAKIS KONSTANTINO	MS HATZIEFTHIMIO ANASTASIA	MR HATZIGEORGALI ANTONIOS
MR/MRS HATZIGEORGALI ELEFThERIOS	MRS HATZIKOSMAS AMALIA	MR/MRS HATZILERIS NIKOLAOS	MRS HAZARIDES MELLI
MR/MRS HESTNES DAG	MR/MRS HIGGS MATTHEW	MR/MRS HINELINE BRUCE	MR/MRS HOFFERBERT JOHN
MISS HONDRELLIS ARGIRO	MR/MRS HONDROULIS ANDREANOS	MR/MRS HOUVARDAS MINAS& FOTINI	MR/MRS HUEBSCHMAN CHARLES
MR/MRS IEROMONAHOS PANTELIS	MR IEROMONAHOS DIMITRIOS	MR/MRS JANKOWIAK DAVID & MARY	MRS JOHNS ASPASIA
MS JOHNS HELEN	MR/MRS JONES KENNY	MR/MRS KAIKIS CLEMIS	MR/MRS KAIKIS ANDREW
MRS KAITIS ANGELA MARY	MRS KAITIS DESPINA	MR/MRS KAKAROLIS NIKOLAOS	MR/MRS KALAMBHIS ALEXANDROS
MRS KALIAKLOUDAS SOFIA	MR/MRS KALIS EUGENIA	MS KALOGRANI VASILIKI	MR/MRS KAMBANOPOULOU STELIOS
MRS KAMBOURIS MARIA	MRS KAMINARIS BARBARA	MR/MRS KANELLOPOULOS JOHN	MRS KAPETANAKOS SOULA
MR/MRS KAPETANAKOS ELIAS & STE	MR KAPETANAKOS FANOURIOS	MRS KAPOUDAS MARIA	MR KAPOUDAS DIMITRIOS
MR/MRS KAPUTSOS MARSHALL	MS KAPUTSOS SYLVIA	MR/MRS KARABELAS PANAGIOTIS	MR/MRS KARAGIANNIS HARRIET
MS KARAGIANNIS SHOSHANA	MR/MRS KARAGIANNIS DEMETRIOS	MR/MRS KARAGIANNIS PAVLOS & JO	MS KARAGIANNIS MARIA
MR/MRS KARAGIANNIPOU GUS & SUE	MR/MRS KARAMANLIDES KYRIAKOS	MR/MRS KARAMANLIDES ANTONIOS	MR KARAMIHALIS GEORGE
MRS KARAMIHALIS ELEFThERIA	MS KARAS EVELYN	MRS KARDIASMENOS METAXIA	MS KARELLAS EUGENIA M.
MR/MRS KARLOS PETER	MR/MRS KAROUTSOS GEORGE	MR/MRS KAROUTSOS NIKITAS	MISS KASTANAKIS ANGELIKI
MR/MRS KASTELLORIZIOS KONSTANTINO	MRS KASTRUNES DOLORES	MR/MRS KATRIS ANTONIOS	MR/MRS KATSAROS MICHAEL
MR/MRS KATSAROS EMMANUEL	MR/MRS KATSAS STAVROS&	MR/MRS KATSIKIDES TOM & NICOLE	MR/MRS KATSOU LIS ATHANASIOS
MR/MRS KAZAMIAS GUS	MR/MRS KEF ALAS MIKE & NORA	MRS KELIS TSAMBIKA	MR/MRS KELLEY-CHRIST SHAWN
MRS KEPREOS GEORGIA	MR/MRS KEVAS GEORGE	MR/MRS KEVAS JOHN & MARIA	MR/MRS KIMOS JAMES
MR/MRS KLOSTERIDES SPIROS	MR/MRS KLOSTERIDES NIKOLAOS M.MR/	MR/MRS KLOSTERIDES MICHAEL	MRS KLOSTERIDES VASILIKI
MR/MRS KOLENDRIANOS JOHN	MRS KOLIADIS EMMANUEL	MR/MRS KOLIOFOTIS EVANGELOS	MR KOLIOFOTIS DEMETRIOS
MRS KOLKAS EUGENIA	MRS KOLOTOS DORA	MRS KONDYLAS DESPINA	MR/MRS KONDYLAS MIKE & DONNA
MR/MRS KONSTANT ANGELO	MR KONSTANTINOU JOHN	MR/MRS KONTOUDIS KONSTANTINO	MR/MRS KORNIAIS GEORGE
MR/MRS KOROLOGOS SPIROS	MR/MRS KOROLOGOS LOUIS	MR/MRS KOSTALAS CHRISOULA	MR/MRS KOROLOGOS TOM
MR KOSMOS GEORGE	MR/MRS KOSTAKIS GEORGE	DR/MRS KOTZIAS CHRIS	MR/MRS KOSTALAS PANTELIS
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MR/MRS LAZAROU TED & MARY	MR/MRS LENTIS LEWIS IRENE MINAS-	MR/MRS LERICOS PERRY AND	MR/MRS LESSIS IOANNIS
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MR/MRS MOELLER PATRICIA ZOE	MISS MONIODIS PANAGIOTA	MR/MRS MONIODIS MICHAEL	MR/MRS MONIODIS MICHAEL
MISS MONIODIS CYNTHIA	MR/MRS MONOPOLIS SPYROS	MS MOREKAS NITSA	MRS MOSKONAS VASILIKI
MR/MRS MYARIS JOHN & SOFIA	MRS NEOFITOU ATHINA	MR/MRS NEZIS NICHOLAS	MS NICOLAIDIS VIRGINIA
MR/MRS NICOLAIDIS VASILIOS	MR NICOLARAKIS MICHAEL	MR/MRS NISTAZOS NICKOLAS Z.	MR/MRS NISTAZOS GEORGE &

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2012

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MRS ORFANOS MARIA	MR/MRS ORFANOS MICHAEL	MR/MRS ORFANOS ANTONIOS	MR/MRS ORFANOS EMMANUEL
MR/MRS OTTO TERRY	MR/MRS PADOUSIS JOHN E.	MR/MRS PALAS JOHN	MR PANAGIOTOLI GEORGE
MR/MRS PANCHIAN CHIOS	MR/MRS PANTAZONIS MARY	MR/MRS PANTELIDES GABRIEL	MR/MRS PANTOULIS NICK
MRS PAPADEMETRIOU POLYXENI	MR/MRS PAPADIMITRIOU NICHOLAS	MR/MRS PAPADIMITRIOU EMMANUEL	MR/MRS PAPADOPOULOS EFSTATHIOS
MR/MRS PAPAGEORGIOU SOCRATES	MISS PAPAMANOLIS ATHENA	MR/MRS PAPAMANOLIS MIKE & ANNA	MR/MRS PAPAMINAS ANDREW
MR/MRS PAPATHAKIS MATTHEW	MR/MRS PAPAVASILIOU THARRENOS	MRS PAPPAS IRENE	MR/MRS PARAGIOS IOANNIS
MR/MRS PARALIS KONSTANTINO	MS PAROS SOPHIA	MR PAROS MARY	MS PAROS SOPHIA
MRS PASSAS CHRISAVGI	REV/MRS PASTRIKOS MICHAEL	MISS PASTRIKOS NOMIKI	MR/MRS PATERAKIS CHARLES
MR/MRS PATINIOTIS PANAGIOTIS	MR/MRS PATRAS LEONARD N.	MR/MRS PATRAS NICK	MR/MRS PATRAS PETE
MR PAVLAVLAS JOHN	MR/MRS PEARCE ANTHONY	MRS PELTSEMES IRENE	MR/MRS PERDIKAKIS GEORGE
MR/MRS PHILIPPOU POPI	MR/MRS PIGIADITIS STILIANOS	MR/MRS PIKOUNIS EMMANUEL	MR/MRS PIKOUNIS JAMES
MR/MRS PIKOUNIS GEORGE E.	MR/MRS PIKOUNIS JOHN & DEBBIE	MR POLITAKIS NICHOLAS	MRS POLITES DESPINA
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MR/MRS PROTOPAPAS VASILIS	MS RAJER ELENI NICOLE	MR/MRS REPPAS SOTERIOS	MR/MRS REPPAS IRODOTOS
MR ROLOGAS STAVROS	MR/MRS ROLOGAS ANASTASIOS	MRS ROROS EUGENIA	MR ROROS PETE JOHN
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MR/MRS ROLIFAS VASILIS	MR/MRS ROUSSOS ANTHONY	MR/MRS ROUTSIS SOTIRIOS	MR/MRS ROUTSIS-AYALA OURANIAMR/
MR/MRS ROXANIS DEAN & SOULA	MR/MRS SAKELAKIS JOHN	MR/MRS SAKPAZIS IOANNIS	MRS SALARIS STEPHEN
MRS SALIARIS ANASTASIOS	MR/MRS SALIARIS PANAGIOTIS	MS SALPEAS MARIA	MR/MRS SALPEAS EMMANUEL D.
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MR/MRS SKANDALIS GEORGE	MR/MRS SKORDALOS VASILIOS	MR/MRS SOLLON NICK	MR SOLLON JAMES
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MR/MRS SOURANIS PARASKEVI	MR/MRS SOURANIS NICHOLAS	MR/MRS SOURANIS STANLEY	MR/MRS SOURANIS MICHAEL&
MRS SOURANIS ANNETEMR/MRS STAKIAS	MRS SPANOS AMELLA	MR/MRS SPENCER ERIC AND	MR/MRS STAKIAS MICHAEL
DIMITRIOS	MR/MRS STAKIAS GEORGE	MR/MRS STAMATHIS KIKI	MR/MRS STAMATIADIS NIKITAS
MR STAMATOPOULOU JOHN	MR STAMATOPOULOU NICK	MRS STAMIDES SOFIA	MR/MRS STAMIDIS ANASTASIOS
MS STAMIDIS CHRISOULA	MR/MRS STAMOULIS KYRIAKOS	MR/MRS STAMOULIS GEORGE	MR/MRS STAVLAS NIKOLAOS
MR/MRS STAVLAS MICHAEL	MR/MRS STAVRAKIS JIMMY	MRS STAVRAKIS MARIA	MR/MRS STEFANOI/STAK MICHAEL
MR/MRS STEWART JOHN	MRS STRAKES KATHERINE	MR/MRS STRATAKOS LEONIDAS	MR/MRS SVINGOS JAMES JOHN
MR/MRS SYROPOULOS NIOIOLAS	MR/MRS SZULIMOWSKI HENRY	MRS TAGLIAMBURIS KATERINA	MRS TAHINOS STEPHANIE
MR/MRS TAKOS STEVE	MR TARATSIDES GEORGE	MRS TARATSIDES ATHENA	MR/MRS TASKER-GIOKA DAMIANOS
MR/MRS TASSIS PETER	MR/MRS TAYLOR KEVIN & ELENI	MR/MRS TETTERIS STEVE	MR/MRS THEMELIS JOHN & RENEE
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VASILAKOPOULOU PARASKEVI	MR/MRS VASIUOS FRANK	MS VATAKIS TESSIE	MRS VATAKIS ARGYRO
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MR/MRS VOXAKIS JOHN & IRENE	MS VOXAKIS SAMANTHA	MR/MRS VOXAKIS GEORGE	MR/MRS WOODS VICTOR
MR/MRS YIANAKIS STEVE	MR/MRS ZERVAS HELEN	MR/MRS ZISSIMOS GUS PETE	MR/MRS ZOULIS JOHN

PLEGDED
TOTALS: \$197,779.00

PAYMENTS
\$184,436.62

BALANCE
\$13,342.38

DONATIONS IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL ARGYRAKIS

Mrs. Despina Argyrakis

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE KATSAROS, ANEZOULA

MASTROVASILIS, PAVLOS MATSOS, DEMETRA

PANTELOUKAS WILLIAMS, STEVE MARKAS,

KOSTAS KARAS

Ms. Eugenia Kalis

IN MEMORY OF ANAZOULA MASTROVASILIS

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Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas

Diakokomninos

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Mr. Andrew Levy

IN MEMORY OF ATHENA KLOSTERIDES &

EVANGELINE FRANGOS

John, Eve Lallas

KOINONIA DEADLINE

To all of our readers and organizations, submit your article(s) to the Koinonia staff by the deadline stated below. If your article is not received by that time, it will not be included in upcoming Koinonia. All articles or posters are due by the 12th of the current month for the upcoming month's issue.

ISSUE MONTH: OCTOBER, 2012

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 12TH

You may drop your article to the church office or e-mail it to Mr. Demos Anastasiades at: demos@comcast.net

COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

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statement against crime in our community and recently worked with the Transportation Authority to have the overgrown grass along 895 trimmed. A recent study by Johns Hopkins University noted that Greektown is one of the most resilient communities in the City during these tough economic times. This is because of Greektown CDC's efforts in economic development. To maintain this momentum and for the long term sustainability of our community we must focus our mission on economic development.

The Greektown CDC has been successful in the rehabilitation of numerous homes and the beautification of several businesses thru facades grants, this effort began the renaissance of our community and

opened the path for others to build on. We cultivated the opportunity for the new home developments on Oldham Street and were instrumental in the completion of the Eastern Avenue Streetscape project. We are currently facilitating three facade grants in Greektown: Ikaros, Acropolis and 4707 Eastern Avenue. There is much work to be done with several parcels of properties that have development potential that will impact our community for generations to come, such as The Red Line Light Rail project, PEMCO, Crown Cork and Seal, MTA bus division proposed use, and other land parcels. Through the expertise of our Board of Directors and other partners we will succeed. I invite you to obtain a copy of our current strategic plan for more information on your community's future.

Believe in your community!

St. Nicholas Church Finance Committee Report

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5) Καλύτερη διευκρίνιση των εξόδων.

6) Έρευνα για την αύξηση των εξόδων διατήρησης της Εκκλησιαστικών εγκαταστάσεων.

7) Προσχέδιο υποχρεώσεων ενός εκάστου (ανάλογα με την θέση του) του Προσωπικού της Κοινότητας.

8) Έρευνα για άλλα προγράμματα παραγωγής εισοδήματος, όπως «Παιδικό Σταθμό» με τη χρήση των εγκαταστάσεων που υπάρχουν.

Σαν Επιτροπή Οικονομικών έχουμε ακόμη πολλή δουλειά μπροστά μας, ζητάμε εθελοντές για να αναλάβουν κάποιο από τα οικονομικά θέματα του προϋπολογισμού, και να το

αναλύσουν, για να καταλήξουμε στην μείωση των εξόδων.

Πιστεύουμε πραγματικά ότι αν βάλουμε ως προτεραιότητα την «Εκκλησία», μαζί μπορούμε να μετατρέψουμε την Πλατεία και τις εγκαταστάσεις της Εκκλησίας σε κέντρο παραγωγής εισοδημάτων, που θα επιτρέπει σε όλους μας να επικεντρώσουμε το ενδιαφέρον μας στο έργο του Θεού και την ενίσχυση των προγραμμάτων της.

Παρακαλείσθε να συμμετέχετε την Κυριακή 9 Σεπτεμβρίου, περίπου στις 12:00 το μεσημέρι στην Έκτακτη Γενική Συνέλευση. Θα δοθεί σε όλους τους παρευρισκόμενους πλήρης οικονομική έκθεση.

Από την Επιτροπή Οικονομικών

Fr. Michael's Pastoral Message

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to seriously take part in our Community, and not wait for others to do the work for you. We all need to roll up our sleeves and be proud of what our mothers and fathers, and grandparents, who dedicated their lives and their time and talents to make St. Nicholas what it is today (A BEACON IN BALTIMORE). Please don't let your Church down.

Make sure that when you make this donation, it is a yearly contribution to the church. Remember the famous words:

Fasouli, fasouli, gemezi to sakouli. It is true, that if we can come together as a family, and focus on the needs of our Church and Community, WE CAN ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

May the Lord our God continue to bless all of our Parishioners here at St. Nicholas, and may this New Ecclesiastical Year bring peace, love, and harmony.

**With love and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ,
Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos**

Μήνυμα απο τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ

Συνέχεια απο την σελίδα 2

μόνο μια φορά όποτε μας κατέβει, όταν χρειαζόμαστε την Εκκλησία για γάμο, Βάπτισμα, Χρίσμα, ή κηδεία. Η Εκκλησία μας του Αγίου Νικολάου είναι ανοικτή όλη μέρα, από το πρωί ως το βράδυ. Είναι τόπος λατρείας του Θεού, τόπος συγκέντρωσης, ένας τόπος συγκέντρωσης και αναψυχής της Κοινότητας.

Η Εκκλησία μας παρέχει μια όαση για όσους αναζητούν καταφύγιο, και για εκείνους που θέλουν να είναι κοντά στο Θεό. Είναι ο τόπος όπου θα παντρευτούν τα παιδιά μας, ένα μέρος που θα βαπτιστούν τα παιδιά μας. Ένας τόπος ανάπαυσης για όσους έχουν κοιμηθεί εν Κυρίω. Είναι ένας τόπος όπου εκπαιδεύονται τα παιδιά μας και μαθαίνουν την ελληνική κληρονομιά τους και την πίστη τους στο Θεό. Απλά φανταστείτε εάν η Εκκλησία και η Κοινότητά μας αύριο κλείσει τις πόρτες της για πάντα και ο λόγος; Λόγω της έλλειψης συμμετοχής από τους ενορίτες της. Πώς θα αισθανόσαστε;

Ακούστε ΝΕΟΙ της ενορίας, παντρεμένοι ή ελεύθεροι. Αν θέλετε ο Άγιος Νικόλαος να παρέχει ένα καλό πνευματικό μέλλον για εσάς και τα παιδιά σας και τις μελλοντικές γενιές τους, τότε πρέπει να συμμετέχουμε σοβαρά στην Κοινότητά

μας, και όχι να περιμένουμε τους άλλους να κάνουν τη δουλειά για μας. Θα πρέπει όλοι μας να σηκώσουμε τα μανίκια μας και να είμαστε υπερήφανοι για ό, τι οι μητέρες και οι πατέρες μας, και οι παππούδες μας αφιέρωσαν τη ζωή τους και το χρόνο τους και το ταλέντο τους, για να κάνουν αυτό που είναι ο Άγιος Νικόλαος σήμερα (ΦΑΡΟΣ στη Βαλτιμόρη). Σας παρακαλώ μην αφήσετε την Εκκλησία σας να πάρει το κάτω δρόμο της αποτυχίας.

Να έχετε κατά νου ότι η δωρεά που θα κάνετε είναι η ετήσια συνδρομή σας προς την Εκκλησία. Θυμηθείτε την περιφνημη φράση: «Φασούλι, φασούλι, γεμίζει το σακούλι». Πράγματι αν κατορθώσουμε να δουλέψουμε όλοι μαζί σαν οικογένεια, και επικεντρωθεί η προσοχή μας στις ανάγκες της Εκκλησίας και της Κοινότητας μας, τότε μπορούμε να ΚΑΝΟΥΜΕ ΤΗ ΔΙΑΦΟΡΑ

Είθε ο Κύριος και Θεός μας συνεχίσει να ευλογεί όλους τους ενορίτες μας, εδώ στην ενορία του Αγίου Νικολάου, και είθε τούτο το Νέο Εκκλησιαστικό Έτος να φέρει την ειρήνη, αγάπη και αρμονία στην Κοινότητά μας.

**Με αγάπη και πίστη στον Κύριο μας Ιησού Χριστό,
Πατήρ Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικός**

IMPORTANT GREEK SCHOOL NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Greek School students and teachers wish everyone a wonderful and relaxing summer.

We would like to inform you of the following:

1. REGISTRATION: You may register your child/children any time at the Church office. Registration forms are available at the church office, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. , Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. , Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or on-line at www.stnicholasmd.org. In order to register, kindly pay : a) your stewardship, b) the tuition and complete the registration form in full.
2. Parents who are members of another Greek Orthodox Church and wish to enroll their child/children to the St Nicholas Greek School DO NOT HAVE TO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES to the St. Nicholas Parish. All they need to do is bring a statement from their Parish indicating that they are members in good standing. They would have to pay ONLY the tuition for their child/children.
3. TUITION: \$ 550.00 per child
4. BLESSING: Friday, September 14, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.
5. FIRST DAY OF CLASSES: Monday, September 17, 2012

We would like to remind you that our Greek School offers:

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| a) Pre-K (ages 4-5) | b) Kindergarten (ages 5-6) |
| c) First grade | d) Second grade |
| e) Third grade | f) Fifth grade |
| g) Sixth grade | h) Ellinomathia class |
| I) Adult class | |

The students are instructed in the following academic areas:

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| a) the Greek language | b) the Greek history |
| c) prayers, hymns of our Greek Orthodox Church | |
| d) Greek songs | e) Greek folk dances |

The students present programs to commemorate the following historic and religious holidays:

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| a) 28th of October 1940 | b) Christmas | c) The Three Hierarchs |
| d) 25th of March 1821 | e) End of the school year (Exetasis) | |

Our Greek School students dance every year during the St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival during the second weekend of the month June.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2012-2013 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Pre-K:	Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30-5:55 p.m.
Kindergarten:	Tuesday and Thursday, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
First grade:	Monday, 6:00-6:25 p.m. (dance) 6:30-8:00 p.m. (language) Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 p.m. (language)
Second grade:	Monday 4:30-5:55 p.m. (language) 6:00-6:25 p.m. (dance) Wednesday, 4:30-5:55 p.m. (language)
Third grade:	Tuesday, 6:00-6:25 p.m. (dance) 6:30-8:00 p.m. (language) Thursday, 6:00 -7:30 p.m.(language)
Fourth grade:	Monday, 4:30-5:55 p.m. (language) Wednesday, 4:30-5:55 p.m. (language) 6:00-6:25 p.m. (dance)
Fifth grade:	Tuesday, 4:30-5:55 p.m. (language) 6:00-6:25 p.m. (dance) Thursday, 4:30 - 5:55 p.m. (dance)
Sixth grade:	Monday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, 6:00 -6:25 p.m. 6:25 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Ellinomatheia:	Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. (language)

Thank you, Helen Louvrou-Monopolis, Principal

ΝΕΑ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟΥ

Μαθητές, μαθήτριες και διδακτικό προσωπικό ευχόμεστε να περνάτε όλοι σας ευχάριστα και ξεκούραστα τις καλοκαιρινές διακοπές.

Θα θέλαμε να σας ενημερώσουμε για τα εξής θέματα:

1. ΕΓΓΡΑΦΕΣ: Οι γονείς που ενδιαφέρονται να εγγράψουν το/τα παιδιά τους στο Ελληνικό Σχολείο μπορούν να περάσουν από το γραφείο της Κοινότητας, τις ώρες και μέρες λειτουργίας του, να πληρώσουν: α) τη συνδρομή τους στην εκκλησία και β) τα δίδακτρα. Θα πρέπει επίσης να συμπληρώσουν το έντυπο εγγραφής με όλες τις πληροφορίες που ζητούνται.
2. Γονείς, που είναι μέλη άλλης Ελληνικής Ορθόδοξης Κοινότητας, και που θέλουν να εγγράψουν το/τα παιδιά τους στο Ελληνικό Σχολείο του Αγίου Νικολάου, ΔΕΝ ΠΡΕΠΕΙ ΝΑ ΠΛΗΡΩΣΟΥΝ ΣΥΝΔΡΟΜΗ και στην Κοινότητα του Αγίου Νικολάου. Χρειάζεται όμως να φέρουν έγγραφο, από τη δική τους Κοινότητα, το οποίο να βεβαιώνει ότι είναι μέλη αυτής της Κοινότητας. Το ΜΟΝΟ που θα πρέπει να πληρώσουν είναι τα δίδακτρα για το/τα παιδιά τους.
3. ΔΙΔΑΚΤΡΑ: Με απόφαση της Σχολικής Επιτροπής και του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου τα δίδακτρα για το κάθε παιδί είναι \$550.00, πληρωτέα την ημέρα εγγραφής.
4. ΑΓΙΑΣΜΟΣ: Ο καθιερωμένος, πριν από την έναρξη της σχολικής χρονιάς, Αγιασμός θα γίνει την Παρασκευή, 14 Σεπτεμβρίου 2012, ώρα 6:00 μ.μ.
5. ΕΝΑΡΞΗ ΜΑΘΗΜΑΤΩΝ: Τα μαθήματα θα αρχίσουν τη Δευτέρα, 17 Σεπτεμβρίου 2012

Θα θέλαμε επίσης να σας υπενθυμίσουμε ότι το Ελληνικό Σχολείο προσφέρει:

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| α. Τάξη για προνήπια (ηλικία 4 - 5 χρονών) | γ. Πρώτη τάξη |
| β. Τάξη για νήπια (ηλικία 5 - 6 χρονών) | δ. Δευτέρα τάξη |
| ε. Τρίτη τάξη | στ. Τετάρτη τάξη |
| ζ. Πέμπτη τάξη | η. Έκτη τάξη |
| θ. Τάξη προετοιμασίας για τις εξετάσεις Ελληνομάθειας | |
| ι. Τάξη διδασκαλίας ενηλίκων | |

Στο Σχολείο μας τα παιδιά διδάσκονται:

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| α. την ελληνική γλώσσα | β. την ελληνική ιστορία |
| γ. προσευχές, ύμνους, τροπάκια της Ορθόδοξης Εκκλησίας | |
| δ. ελληνικά τραγούδια | ε. ελληνικούς χορούς |

Οι μαθητές/μαθήτριες παρουσιάζουν εορταστικά προγράμματα σχετικά με:

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| 1. 28η Οκτωβρίου 1940 | 2. Χριστούγεννα | 5. Εξετάσεις |
| 3. Γιορτή Τριών Ιεραρχών | 4. 25η Μαρτίου 1821 | |
- Επίσης οι μαθητές και μαθήτριες μας χορεύουν τις τέσσερις ημέρες που διαρκεί το Φεστιβάλ της Κοινότητάς μας, που γίνεται κάθε χρόνο το δεύτερο Σαββατοκύριακο του Ιουνίου.

ΤΟ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΙΑΙΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΓΙΑ ΤΟ ΣΧΟΛΙΚΟ ΕΤΟΣ 2012-2013 ΕΙΝΑΙ:

Νηπιαγωγείο:	Τρίτη: 4:30- 5:55 μ.μ. Πέμπτη: 4:30-5:55 μ.μ.
Προκαταρκτική:	Τρίτη: 6:05- 7:30 μ.μ. Πέμπτη: 6:05-7:30 μ.μ.
Α' Τάξη:	6:00 μ.μ.-6:25 (χορός) Δευτέρα: 6:30- 8:00 μ.μ. Τετάρτη:6:00-7:30 μ.μ.
Β' Τάξη:	Δευτέρα: 4:30- 5:55 μ.μ. 6:00 μ.μ.-6:25 (χορός) Τετάρτη:4:30-5:55 μ.μ.
Γ' Τάξη:	6:00 μ.μ.-6:25 (χορός) Τρίτη: 6:00- 8:00 μ.μ. Πέμπτη: 6:00-7:30 μ.μ.
Δ' Τάξη:	Δευτέρα:4:30- 5:55 μ.μ. Τετάρτη: 4:30- 5:55 μ.μ. 6:00 μ.μ.-6:25 (χορός)
Ε' Τάξη:	Τρίτη: 4:30- 5:55 μ.μ. 6:00 μ.μ.-6:25 (χορός) Πέμπτη: 4:30-5:55 μ.μ.
ΣΤ' Τάξη:	Δευτέρα:6:30- 8:00 μ.μ. Τετάρτη: 6:00 μ.μ.-6:25 (χορός) Τετάρτη: 6:25- 8:00 μ.μ.
Ελληνομάθεια:	Τρίτη: 7:30- 8:30 μ.μ. Πέμπτη: 7:30-8:30 μ.μ.

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LITURGICAL PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER, 2012

Saturday, September 1: Beginning of the New Ecclesiastical Year: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Sunday, September 2: 13th Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Monday, September 3: HAPPY LABOR DAY: THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.

Saturday, September 8: The Birth of our Virgin Mary: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am

Sunday, September 9: Sunday before the feast of the Holy Cross of our Lord: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Thursday, September 13: Great Vesper Service: Forefeast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross. Vespers will begin at 7:00 pm.

Friday, September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross of our Lord: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Sunday, September 16: Sunday after the Holy Cross: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Sunday, September 23: First Sunday of Luke: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Sunday, September 30: Second Sunday of Luke: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, September 5: The Ladies Philoptochos Monthly Meeting at 7 pm.

Thursday September 6: P.L.C. Meeting, 7 pm.

Sunday, September 9: SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY (12:00 NOON)- NO OTHER MEETINGS ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE PLACE AT THIS TIME. ALL PARISHIONERS MUST ATTEND THIS CRITICAL MEETING.

Sunday, September 9: New member registration for Hellenic Golden Coins. SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING.

Monday, September 10: GOYA Registration Meeting at 7 pm.

Tuesday, September 11: Diamonds Monthly Meeting at 1 pm.

Friday, September 14: The Blessing of the Greek School at 6 pm. in church.

Sunday, September 16: Sunday School and J.O.Y. Registration Begins.

Monday, September 17: The First Day of Greek School Classes

Saturday, September 22nd: J.O.Y – First Monthly Meeting from 12:15 pm. to 2:00 pm.

Sunday, September 23rd: Sunday School begins at 10:00 am.