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# KOINONIA

## Message from Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos

### Becoming a Member of Christ's Body: Church Membership & Stewardship

#### QUESTION: ARE THESE TWO TOPICS ON THE RISE OR ARE THEY DECLINING?

I realize that these two topics that I chose to write about are subjects that to some are unfamiliar, controversial and last on peoples wish lists. But in any case we need to understand how important these topics are not only to the Church, but to all of us.

First topic is Church Membership. How does one become a "Member" or "Steward" of the Church? In order to become a part of the Body of Christ, you must be first Baptized in the Orthodox faith. This is the first sign of membership with Christ. Membership with Christ and His Church is a lifetime contract. Some people think that by filling out a Pledge Card that it automatically makes them members of the Body of Christ. Here are a few Bible verses concerning the topic of Church Membership. In Romans 12:5 it states: "In Christ we who are many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." In 1 Corinthians 6:15: "Do you not know that our bodies are members of Christ Himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a harlot. Never."

I hope that by reading these two verses, you at least get a picture of what true membership is all about. It's about your personal commitment to Christ... Everyone plays an important role within the church. From the beginning, Jesus associated His disciples with His own life, revealed the mystery of the Kingdom to them and gave them a share in His mission, joy and sufferings.

Jesus spoke of a still more intimate communion between Him and those who would follow Him. He said, "Abide in Me, and I in you, I am the Vine, you are the branches." Being a member of Christ's Body is signifying that we accept Christ as our Savior. We must fulfill the obligations and responsibilities that come with that. We all know that the head of the Church is Christ, and that we as members of the church make up His Body. All men are called to belong to the new people of God so that, in Christ "men may form one family and one people of God."

So, Church membership means that we are all one family through Baptism and faith. The St. Nicholas Community has come a long way since 1954 when the first cement block was formed and called it the Church of St. Nicholas. A lot of sweat and tears went into establishing our parish here in Greek Town.

During the 1950s, 60s, & 70s the St. Nicholas Community, went through some financial hardships but through those struggles the people came together as one family and brought the church to where it is today. I think that we owe a debt of gratitude to our forefathers and mothers who came as immigrants to this

country and with hard work established our churches and communities. These accomplishments were done by hard work, true faith, and commitment to Christ. But now I ask you, "WHAT WILL BE THE FUTURE OF ST. NICHOLAS FOR THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS?"

We have all witnessed for ourselves how Greek Town has changed, from what it was to what it is today. The Church along with the Community is evolving daily. What Greek Town was 20 or 30 years ago, is not what it is today. Sixty years ago we had one Church, the Annunciation Cathedral. Today we have four Communities. We realize the needs of the Parish are many and the programs and ministries continue to grow, and I hope and pray that we see in the future continued growth and stability. But in order to accomplish the many tasks of the future, we have to realize that we are living in the present. As far as the present status of the Community is concerned, we are holding our own.

As "Stewards" or "Members" of the Church we have a responsibility to uphold and support our church, our faith, our traditions, and our culture. But I have a question for everyone. "How are we going to uphold all these things that we are obligated through our Christian faith, when we do not participate, either in church attendance, or stewardship? How can our church continue to grow when our Young Adults are nonexistent?" We continuously hear that our "YOUTH" are the future of our church.

What kind of future will there be for our churches if young people and our married couples do not attend church, and do not participate in the programs, and especially in the "STEWARDSHIP" program of the church. We have many families in the church who have never signed a Pledge Card, nor do they help their community financially. They have time for other things, but "NO TIME FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH."

Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. It allows us to participate in the work of Lord.

In the Archdiocese "U.P.R." Uniform Parish Regulations, it states: Every person who is baptized and chrismated according to the rites of the Orthodox Church is a parishioner. The religious, moral and social duties of a parishioner are to apply the tenets of the Orthodox Faith to his/her life and to: adhere to and live according to the tenets of the Orthodox faith, faithfully attend the Divine Liturgy and other worship services; participate regularly in the holy sacraments; respect all ecclesiastical authority and all governing bodies of the Church; be obedient in matters of the Faith, practice and ecclesiastical order; contribute towards the progress of the Church's sacred mission; and be effective witness

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# Μήνυμα από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Παστρικό

## ΠΩΣ ΝΑ ΓΙΝΕΤΕ ΜΕΛΟΣ ΣΤΟ «ΣΧΗΜΑ» ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ ΜΕΛΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΣ & ΤΗΣ ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ

**ΕΡΩΤΗΣΗ: ΑΥΤΑ ΤΑ ΔΥΟ ΘΕΜΑΤΑ ΒΡΙΣΚΟΝΤΑΙ ΣΕ ΑΝΟΔΟ Ή ΣΕ ΥΦΕΣΗ;**

Καταλαβαίνω ότι αυτά τα δύο θέματα που επέλεξα να αναπτύξω, είναι θέματα που για κάποιους είναι άγνωστα, αμφιλεγόμενα, και τελευταία στο κατάλογο των ενδιαφερόντων τους. Αλλά σε κάθε περίπτωση, πρέπει να καταλάβουμε πόσο σημαντικά είναι, όχι μόνο για την Εκκλησία, αλλά για όλους μας.

Πρώτο θέμα είναι Μέλος της Εκκλησίας. Πως μπορεί κάποιος να γίνει «μέλος» ή «Οικονόμος» της Εκκλησίας; Προκειμένου να γίνει μέλος του Τάγματος του Χριστού, θα πρέπει πρώτα να βαπτιστεί στην Ορθόδοξη Πίστη. Αυτό είναι το πρώτο σημάδι της ιδιότητας του μέλους με τον Χριστό. Μέλος με τον Χριστό και την Εκκλησία Του είναι ένα σύμβολο ζωής. Μερικοί άνθρωποι πιστεύουν ότι με τη συμπλήρωση μιας κάρας υπόσχησης γίνονται αυτόματα και μέλη του Τάγματος του Χριστού. Παραθέτω μερικούς στίχους από το Ευαγγέλιο σχετικά με το θέμα μέλους της Εκκλησίας. Στην Επιστολή προς Ρωμαίους 12:15 αναφέρει τα εξής: «Ούτως οι πολλοί εν σώμα έσμεν εν Χριστώ, ο δε καθείς αλλήλων μέλη.» Στην 1η προς Κορινθίους 6:15: «Ουκ οίδατε ότι τα σώματα υμών μέλη Χριστού εστί; άρας ούν τα μέλη του Χριστού, ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη; μή γένοιτο.»

Ελπίζω ότι με την ανάγνωση αυτών των δύο στίχων, μπορείτε τουλάχιστον να πάρετε μια εικόνα του τι είναι η πραγματική σημασία του μέλους. Έχει να κάνει με την προσωπική δέσμευσή σας στον Χριστό ... Ο καθένας παίζει έναν σημαντικό ρόλο μέσα στην Εκκλησία. Από την αρχή, ο Ιησούς συσχέτισε τους μαθητές Του με τη ζωή Του, τους αποκάλυψε το μυστήριο της Βασιλείας,

και μοιράστηκε μαζί τους, την αποστολή Του, τη χαρά και τα πάθη Του.

Ο Ιησούς μίλησε για μια ακόμα πιο στενή επικοινωνία ανάμεσα σ'Αυτόν και αυτούς που θα τον ακολουθήσουν. Είπε, «κατοικείστε μέσα μου και εγώ σε σας, είμαι η άμπελος, εσείς τα κλήματα.» Μέλος του Σχήματος του Χριστού σημαίνει ότι δεχόμαστε τον Χριστό ως Σωτήρα μας. Θα πρέπει να εκπληρώσουμε τις υποχρεώσεις και τις ευθύνες που έρχονται με αυτό. Όλοι γνωρίζουμε ότι η κεφαλή της Εκκλησίας είναι ο Χριστός, και ότι εμείς ως μέλη της εκκλησίας αποτελούμε το Σχήμα Του. Όλος ο κόσμος καλείται να ανήκει στο νέο λαό του Θεού, στο Χριστό «Όλος ο κόσμος μπορεί να σχηματίσει μια οικογένεια και ένα λαό, το λαό του Θεού.»

Έτσι, Μέλος της Εκκλησίας σημαίνει ότι είμαστε όλοι μια οικογένεια δια του Βαπτίσματος και της Πίστης. Η Κοινότητα Αγίου Νικολάου, έχει θεμελιωθεί από το 1954 όταν μπήκε ο πρώτος τοιμεντόλιθος, και ονομάστηκε Εκκλησία του Αγίου Νικολάου. Χύθηκαν πολλά δάκρυα και ιδρώτας για την ίδρυση της ενορίας μας, εδώ στην ελληνική παροικία.

Κατά τη διάρκεια των δεκαετιών του 1950, 60, & 70, η Κοινότητα του Αγίου Νικολάου, πέρασε από κάποιες οικονομικές δυσκολίες, αλλά μέσω αυτών των αγώνων οι άνθρωποι ενώθηκαν σαν μια οικογένεια και έφεραν την εκκλησία εκεί που βρισόμαστε σήμερα. Νομίζω ότι οφείλουμε ένα χρέος ευγνωμοσύνης προς τους προπάτορές μας και τις μητέρες μας που ήρθαν ως μετανάστες στη χώρα αυτή και με σκληρή δουλειά

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# THE AGAPE LUNCHEON

**By Eve Lallas**

Our St. Nicholas Community personifies the meaning of Christian Love. When individuals of our Church became aware that financial aid was needed by our Christian sister Vivian who had come from Greece to receive medical treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital, they took the "bull by the horns."

Spearheaded by The St. Nicholas Board, The Pan Chian Society, and The Rhodian Society "Diagoras", the Agape Luncheon (Luncheon of Love) was held on September 25th. The luncheon was organized and preparations were made by those individuals who shall not be named, whom we know to be the backbone of numerous community and philanthropic events. They are the ones who can be counted on to take action without much ado and fanfare; who do not seek praise.

The success of the Agape Luncheon can be attributed to the many parishioners, in spite of conflicting obligations, who attended and supported this worthwhile cause. Although the hospital bills remain enormous this event has helped in a small way. \*(Anyone wishing to make a contribution to defray the medical costs can contact our church office, 410-633-5020)

This undying love of our parishioners has been in addition to opening their hearts and offering moral support to our sister Vivian while she underwent treatment at Hopkins. Her gentle and pleasant demeanor made her beloved by all who met her as she lived among us. She is presently continuing the prescribed treatments in Greece.

May God bestow good health to her and to all of us as we continue to pray for our dear Vivian.

We thank each of you.

## ΧΡΙΣΤΙΑΝΙΚΗ ΑΓΑΠΗ ΣΕ ΟΛΟ ΤΗΣ ΤΟ ΜΕΓΑΛΕΙΟ

**Από την Ευαγγελία Λαλά**

Η Κοινότητα μας του Αγίου Νικολάου ενσάρκωσε την έννοια της χριστιανικής αγάπης. Όταν άτομα της Εκκλησίας μας συνειδητοποίησαν ότι η εν Χριστώ αδελφή μας, που είχε έλθει από την Ελλάδα για ιατρική περίθαλψη στο νοσοκομείο Johns Hopkins, χρειαζόταν οικονομική ενίσχυση, έπιασαν το «ταύρο από τα κέρατα», όπως αναφέρει η λαϊκή μας παροιμία.

Με επικεφαλής την Κοινότητα του Αγίου Νικολάου, τον Πανχιακό Σύλλογο, και τον Παν-Ροδιακό Σύλλογο «ΔΙΑΓΟΡΑ», οργανώθηκε και πραγματοποιήθηκε το ΓΕΥΜΑ ΑΓΑΠΗΣ στις 25 Σεπτεμβρίου. Το γεύμα διοργανώθηκε και προετοιμάστηκε και δωρήθηκε από άτομα που δεν θέλουν να ανακοινωθεί το όνομά τους. Μα που όλοι γνωρίζουμε ότι είναι η σπονδυλική στήλη πολλών Κοινοτικών και φιλανθρωπικών εκδηλώσεων. Είναι αυτοί που μπορούμε να στηριχθούμε και που αναλαμβάνουν δράση χωρίς πολλή φασαρία και τυμπανοκρουσίες. Είναι εκείνοι που δεν θέλουν επαίνους.

Η επιτυχία του Γεύματος Αγάπης αποδείχεται σε πολλούς

ενορίτες μας, που παρά τις αντικρουόμενες υποχρεώσεις τους, παραυρέθηκαν και υποστήριξαν αυτήν την σημαντική πράξη αγάπης. Παρά το γεγονός ότι ο λογαριασμός του νοσοκομείου είναι τεράστιος, το Γεύμα Αγάπης θα βοηθήσει κατά κάποιον τρόπο. \*(Οποιος επιθυμεί να συνεισφέρει για την κάλυψη των ιατρικών εξόδων μπορεί να επικοινωνήσει με το γραφείο της εκκλησίας μας 410-633-5020.)

Αυτή η αστήρευτη αγάπη των ενοριτών μας, εκτός από το άνοιγμα της καρδιάς τους, πρόσφερε ηθική στήριξη στην αδελφή μας Βίβιαν, όταν υποβλήθηκε σε θεραπεία στο Hopkins. Η απαλή και ευχάριστη συμπεριφορά της, την έκανε αγαπητή σε όλους όσοι τη συνάντησαν, όταν έζησε ανάμεσά μας. Εκείνη συνεχίζει σήμερα τις προβλεπόμενες θεραπείες της στην Ελλάδα.

Παρακαλούμε το Θεό να χαρίσει υγεία σ' εκείνη και σε όλους μας, και εμείς θα συνεχίσουμε να προσευχόμαστε για την αγαπητή αδελφή μας Βίβιαν.

Θέλουμε να σας ευχαριστήσουμε όλους, και τον καθένα χωριστά.



## POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

**Please donate Poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas. The cost is \$20.00 per plant. Also, if you wish to have your family's name printed in the Community Christmas Card the cost is \$20.00.**

**Please specify your choice (below) and fill out the form by checking the box of your choice and please enclose your donation. Thank you. Deadline: December 1st.**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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**POINSETTIAS (# \_\_\_\_\_) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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# COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Our chapter has been busy preparing an array of activities for the Fall!

**Wednesday, October 5:** General meeting at 7:00 pm. "Pita Night" Bring a friend!

**Monday, October 17:** "Ladies Night Out at the Bluestone of Timonium" 11 W. Aylesbury Road, Timonium, MD, at 6:30 pm. \$35 donation to benefit the Needy Fund (Aporon). For tickets, please call Maria Georgakis at 443-413-2657.

**November 1-15:** Thanksgiving Food Drive.

**Thursday, November 3:** Meeting and Dinner at 6:00 pm. in honor of our Patron Saints, Kosmas and Damian. All members are welcome. (Please note the day and time changes)

**Sunday, November 6:** Artoclasia in honor of our Patron Saints, Kosmas and Damian, and a special tray to benefit the Ecumenical Patriarchate's programs and charities.

**Sunday, November 13:** Annual Bull/Oyster Roast at the UAW Hall, 1010 Oldham Street from 2 pm to 6 pm to benefit the scholarship fund. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$25 for Goyans. Please call Irene Vasiliou at 410-687-3978 or Christine Zervos at 410-627-0202 for tickets.

We would like to thank the following for their donations to our chapter: Maria Nicolaidis, Arhontoula Karanikola, Halkian Society, Nina Tripolitis, Grammatiki Georgalas, Irene Lericos, Thoula Souranis, Evelyn Karas, Sophie Agelopoulos, Mary Serafis, Mary Tsakiris and Helen Treantafellow.

We would also like to thank the following who donated in memory of:

**Crisanthe Kefalas:** Joan K. Greenwood, Zoe and George Perdikakis, Evagelia and Pete Saliaris, Patricia and Ralph Ronocchia, Sandra and Val Dzwonczyk, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zimmerer, Fannie Angelos, Mr. and Mrs. George Voxakis, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Yiannakis.

**Voula Stamatopoulos:** Bertha and James Galanakis

**Maria Apostolou:** Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stamatakis

**Procopius (Pete) Sophocleus:** a donation was made to the Philoxenia House by Christine Seniuk.

May their memory be eternal.

**Philoxenia House News:** During its 10 years of operation, the Philoxenia House has received 92 families from around the world. Recently, a young woman came to Baltimore to receive medical treatment from a local medical institution and stayed at our Philoxenia House. This young lady won the hearts of many people in our community and received love and support from many individuals and organizations, one of which was the Philoptochos along with its Philoxenia Committee. Our Philoptochos wishes her many years of health and is ready and willing to assist her if the need arises again.

**Upcoming event:** The Philoptochos and Philoxenia Committee are planning to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the Philoxenia House. More details coming soon.

Please don't forget your 2011-2012 dues and for those not members, come and join us in fulfilling God's call to provide assistance to the poor and the needy by supporting our philanthropic fundraising projects.

## NEA ΤΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

Η Φιλόπτωχος μας είναι πολύ απησχολημένη ετοιμάζοντας μία σειρά από διάφορες δραστηριότητες για το Φθινόπωρο.

**Τετάρτη, 5 Οκτωβρίου:** Γενική Συνεδρίαση, 7 μ.μ. Pita Night. Ελάτε με τις φίλες σας!

**Δευτέρα, 17 Οκτωβρίου:** Έξοδος των Κυριών στο εστιατόριο Bluestone of Timonium, 11 W. Aylesbury Road, Timonium, MD 6 μ.μ. Εισητήριο \$35 πρὸς ὄφελος στο ταμείο (λογαριασμός τών ἀπόρων.) Διὰ εισητήρια τηλεφωνήστε στὴν Μαρία Γεωργάκη 443-413-2657.

**Νοεμβρίου 1-15:** Συλλογή τροφίμων διὰ τὴν Ἡμέρα τών Ευχαριστιών.

**Πέμπτη, 3 Νοεμβρίου:** Συνεδρίασις καὶ δείπνο στις 6 μ.μ. Πρὸς τιμὴν τών Προσάτων τῶν οργανώσεώς μας, Αγ. Αναργήρων Κοσμά και Δαμιανού. Καλοῦντε ὅλα τα μέλη. Παρακαλοῦμε να σημειώσετε τὴν ἀλλαγὴ ἡμέρας καὶ ὥρας.

**Κυριακή, 6 Νοεμβρίου:** Αρτοκλάσια πρὸς τιμὴ τών προσάτων τῆς Φιλοπτώχου Κοσμά και Δαμιανού, και περιφορὰ δίσκου πρὸς ἐνίσχυση τών προγραμμάτων και φιλανθρωπικῶν ἔργων τών Οικομενικῶν Πατριαρχιῶν.

**Κυριακή, 13 Νοεμβρίου:** Το Ετήσιο Bull/Oyster Roast, εἰς το UAW Hall, 1010 Oldham Street, Baltimore, 2 μ.μ. - 6 μ.μ. Πρὸς ἐνίσχυση τού ταμείου τών υποτροφιών. Εισητήρια \$40 διὰ ἐνηλίκους και \$25 διὰ τα μέλη τῆς GOYA. Παρακαλείσθε ὅπως τηλεφωνήσετε στὴν Ειρήνη Βασιλείου στο 410-687-3978 ἢ εἰς τὴν Χρῆστῖνα Ζερβὸς στο 410-627-0202.

Επιθυμοῦμε ὅπως ευχαριστήσωμε τούς κάτωθεν διὰ τῆς δωρεῆς τούς πρὸς τὴν Φιλόπτωχό μας: Maria Nicolaidis, Arhontoula Karanikola, Halkian Society, Nina Tripolitis, Grammatiki Georgalas, Irene Lericos, Thoula Souranis, Evelyn Karas, Sophie Agelopoulos, Mary Serafis, Mary Tsakiris and Helen Treantafellow.

Επίσης ευχαριστοῦμε ὅσοι ἐπρόσφεραν δωρεῆς εἰς μνήμην: **Χρυσάνθης Κεφάλας:** Joan K. Greenwood, Zoe and George Perdikakis, Evagelia and Pete Saliaris, Patricia and Ralph Ronocchia, Sandra and Val Dzwonczyk, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zimmerer, Fannie Angelos, Mr. and Mrs. George Voxakis, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Yiannakis.

**Βούλα Σταματόπουλος:** Bertha and James Galanakis

**Μαρία Αποστόλου:** Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stamatakis

**Προκόπη Σοφοκλέους:** Δωρεὰ εἰς τὸ Οἶκῆμα Φιλοξενίας ἀπὸ Christine Seniuk.

Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη τούς να εἶναι αἰωνία.

**Νέα τού Οἰκῆματος Φιλοξενίας:** Κατὰ τὴν διάρκειαν τών 10 χρόνων λειτουργίας τού, τού Οἴκῆμα τῆς Φιλοξενίας ἔχει ἀγαλιάσει 92 οικογένειες ἀπὸ πολλὰ μέρη τού κόσμου. Τελευταίως μία νέα κοπέλα ἦρθε στὴν Βαλτιμόρη διὰ ἰατρικὴ θεραπεία σέ'ένα νοσοκομείο και ἔμεινε στο σπίτι τῆς Φιλοξενίας. Αὐτὴ ἡ νεῶρη κοπέλα ἐκέρδισε τῆς καρδιές πολλῶν ἀτόμων στὴ κοινότητά μας και ἔλαβε υποστήριξη ἀπὸ πολλούς καθὼς και διάφορες οργανώσεις μία ἐκ τών οποίων ἦτο ἡ Φιλόπτωχος μας μαζί και ἡ ἴδια ἡ ἐπιτροπὴ τού σπιτιού τῆς Φιλοξενίας. Ἡ Φιλόπτωχος μας τῆς εὐχεται πάντοτινη υγεία και εἶναι πάντα ἔτοιμη και με πρόθεση να τῆς προσφέρῃ τὴν βοήθεια τούς ὅποτε χροιαστὴ τὴν ἀνάγκη τῆς.

**Προσεχείς Εκδηλώσεις:** Ἡ Φιλόπτωχος και ἡ ἐπιτροπὴ τῆς Φιλοξενίας πρόκειται να εορτάσουν τὴν 10ῃν ἐπέτειο ἀπὸ τὸ ἀνοίγμα λειτουργίας τού οἰκῆματος. Περισσότερες λεπτομέρειες μελλοντικώς.

Σας παρακαλοῦμε μὴ ξεχάσετε τὴν συνδρομὴ σας διὰ τὸ 2011-2012 και γιὰ ὅσους δεν εἶναι ἀκόμα μέλη, σας προσκαλοῦμε να γίνετε, και ὅλοι μαζί να ἐκτελέσωμε τὸ κάλεσμα τού Θεοῦ δίνοντας βοήθεια στους φτωχούς και ὅσοι ἔχουν ἀνάγκη, με τὸ να υποστηρίζετε ὅλα τα φιλανθρωπικὰ μας προγράμματα.

## SAINT NICHOLAS "DIAMONDS"

Welcome Parishioners to another wonderful year of joy and fellowship.

The Diamonds and our friends are back from our wonderful trip to Niagara Falls. Words alone cannot express the fantastic time everyone had. We started off with a beautiful day with our great bus driver, Sam Snacks. Laughter was the menu for the trip down. Upon arriving in Niagara Falls, we spent the next four days touring the most scenic areas of Niagara Falls and Toronto. We discovered several small towns within the area filled with beautiful flowers that lined their historical streets. Our evenings were filled with luxury as we dined at a different restaurant each evening. Every evening our tour guide, Jim, recommended different historical sites for us to view. The area was beautiful and breathtaking.

With such a successful trip behind us, everyone is now asking when is our next trip? Our next trip is schedule for November 17, 2011 to Lancaster, Pennsylvania for the Sight and Sound performance of a Miracle at Christmas. For ticket information, please contact Mrs. Rose Tsakalos, President of the Saint Nicholas Diamonds. She may be reached at 410-282-2940. To view our calendar of events, visit the St. Nicholas website atstnicholasmd.org and click on "Calendar" on the home page. Once the Calendar page opens, click on "View All Events" to find out about our monthly activities.

# COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

## TAKE A LOOK AT ST. NICHOLAS NEW WEBSITE: WWW.STNICHOLASMD.ORG

Welcome to St. Nicholas New Website!! We have updated the look and have included numerous information regarding the parish organizations. The website will be used to better communicate ministry events and church organization information with all our parishioners and community members. The first phase includes the following features:

- **Calendar:** Click on the website for update information regarding the Liturgical calendar as well meetings and events organized by Parish organizations.
- **Stewardship:** Pay your stewardship dues and donate online through PayPal.
- **Newsletters:** Read the current Koinonia issue and archived issues of the Pharos from 2005- 2007.
- **Parish Organizations:** Find out how to join a parish organization and get involved.
- **Photo Gallery:** View videos and pictures of the parish events.
- **Links:** Connect to everything Greek.

Take a moment to view the website at [www.stnicholasmd.org](http://www.stnicholasmd.org). Further enhancements are being developed such as the posting of the weekly bulletin, ability to poll members, members-only message/discussion boards, and enhancements to a photo gallery where members can post photos of community interest. We are excited about the new launch and are currently working on additional features and would welcome your suggestions; please email us at [demos@comcast.net](mailto:demos@comcast.net) and tell us what you would like to see on this website.

Thank you.

*Demos Anastasiades,  
Chairman of Technology Committee*

## PLC NEWS

The next Parish Life Committee (PLC) meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 pm in the boardroom. All meetings are the first Thursday of the month. All church organizations are asked to attend and submit their events calendars.

Please help us prevent any scheduling conflicts by attending the meeting and submitting your organization's calendar of dates. Any questions can be directed to Father Michael, Chairman at 410-633-5020 or Kelly Angelos, Secretary at [greekgirl1018@verizon.net](mailto:greekgirl1018@verizon.net). Thank you.

## SAVE THE DATE: GREEK FOLK FESTIVAL SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS

The 2012 Greek Folk Festival will be the 50th anniversary of the festival. We want to make the program booklet the best it has ever been. We are looking for new volunteers with design experience and desk-top publishing experience to help us create the best program booklet.

Please attend our first kick-off meeting on Thursday, October 27th at 7:30 p.m. We will meet in the St. Nicholas boardroom.

Thank you.

*Frank Mitsos, Festival Chairman*

## ΣΗΜΕΙΩΣΤΕ ΤΗΝ ΗΜΕΡΟΜΗΝΙΑ: ΤΟ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΛΑΪΚΟ ΧΡΕΙΑΖΕΤΑΙ ΝΕΟΥΣ ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΕΣ

Το 2012 είναι η 50η επέτειος του Φεστιβάλ του Αγίου Νικολάου. Θα θέλαμε το Διαφημιστικό Άλμπουμ να είναι ό,τι καλλίτερο. Θέλουμε νέους εθελοντές με εμπειρία στο σχέδιο και στη δημοσιογραφία ούτως ώστε να μας βοηθήσουν στη σύνθεση του Άλμπουμ.

Η πρώτη συνεδρίαση θα γίνει Πέμπτη, 27 Οκτωβρίου στις 7:30 μ.μ. Θα συναντηθούμε στην αίθουσα συνεδριάσεων του Αγίου Νικολάου.

## GREEKTOWN CDC

*A message from John E. Gavrilis, CEO*

The Greektown CDC has been working very close with Greektown landlords, the State's Attorney's office, the Southeast-

ern Police District, City Council and Housing Code Enforcement to ensure problem properties are immediately addressed. Thanks to residents reaching out to our office, we have successfully evicted problem tenants on Rappolla Street. We strongly encourage landlords to call our office for assistance on rental issues. We are working to establish a program that will streamline our efforts in improving conditions of non-owner occupied homes. Call our office at 410-327-3306 for more information.

The Greektown CDC Staff and Board of Directors are proud to announce Dr. Kostas Lyketos as a new Board Member! Dr. Lyketos, Chair of Psychiatry at John Hopkins Bayview, will bring his vast knowledge on community health and sincere passion of Greektown to our community. We are always reminded by city officials that Greektown is a community known for people who strongly care about their neighborhood. We, as an organization, are only as strong as the amount of volunteers and partners that support our efforts. We have various committees to focus on different facets of community development, we welcome any and all of your ideas and opinions. Special thanks to our Green Committee for a successful clean-up last month and our Citizens on Patrol Chair for our bi-weekly neighborhood walks! Consider joining one of our committees and help make our neighborhood as best as it can be.

We stress that all residents call 911 immediately when witnessing any criminal activity including illegal dumping. You may always choose to remain anonymous and decline to leave your name and phone number. Please dial 311 for all non emergency related City complaints. Please be cautious of con-artists that pose as government officials, make sure you always verify the legitimacy of the office before giving out any information or allowing them into your home. The Greektown CDC is a non-profit organization that can accept charitable donations. Please consider a financial donation to support our efforts.

**Believe in your community!**

*John E. Gavrilis, Chief Executive Officer*

## Autumn Party

Is brewing for St. Nicholas Greek School  
Young and old, you're invited  
Don't miss this party because we want you there  
There will be lots of food, no light faire  
Stop on by for a trick or treat  
Eyeballs and worms, plenty to eat

Double double toil and trouble,  
Fires burn and caldrons bubble.  
Calling all children and young adults  
Greek School, Sunday School, Joy,  
YAL, Goya, Choir, Dance, etc  
Bring your friends from other churches  
The St. Nicholas Greek School will be your hostess.

Dance to the music of DJ George Tsakiris  
His music is fantastic and muy loco  
You'll meet new friends and dance alright  
This Greek night will sure be a sight!

The fun begins on

Saturday, October 29th  
at 7:00 pm to 11:00pm  
St. Nicholas Social Hall

Admission is \$15.00 per person  
\$10.00 for children 10 and under

Free admission to all St. Nicholas Greek School Students  
And children under the age of 2

# Νέα του Ελληνικού Σχολείου – Greek School News

## PTA BRINGING LATEST TECHNOLOGY TO THE GREEK SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners:

The St. Nicholas Greek School year is off to a fantastic start with the success of our summer Greek School camp thrusting us forward. We had 10 wonderful children this summer who enjoyed learning the Greek language and making new friends. Greek School teacher, Vasiliki Kalograni and her two student assistants, Foula Paragios and Katerina Ieromonahos, worked very hard to teach the students the Greek language in a fun, playful environment. The children learned Greek songs, played games and made crafts all while learning together.

With the success of the summer camp program springing us forward, the new year has seen the installation of two document cameras, also known as Elmo's, into the classrooms. Also, the school has installed two white boards and two screen projectors for use in the classrooms. The teachers are now able to utilize more effectively classroom material to teach the Greek language in a more fun and interactive method. As the teachers become more versatile with the new equipment, additional programs will be added as the school year progresses.

How may our parishioners help defray the cost of these vital improvements? Simple. Apply for our Greek School Credit Card. How? Follow these simple steps:

- Visit [www.cardlabconnect.com/StNicholasGreekSchoolVisa](http://www.cardlabconnect.com/StNicholasGreekSchoolVisa)
- Pick your card design.
- Apply for the credit card.
- Receive your credit card in the mail, and start using.
- The Greek School receives \$50.00 on your first purchase.
- The Greek School receives 2% donation on gas and grocery purchases
- 1% donation on all other purchases
- Up to 10% donation of purchases made at select merchants!

It is an easy way to help the Greek School flourish.  
Thank you.

*The St. Nicholas Greek School PTA Board*

## BLESSING OF THE GREEK SCHOOL



Ceremony of Blessing of the Greek School for a wonderful, new school year. Pictured from left to right is student Katerina Ieromonahou, Principal Mrs. Eleni Louvrou- Monopolis, teacher, Vasiliki Kalograni and student, George Topouzoglou.

## ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP



Greek School Teacher Vasiliki Kalograni with her students

## FAMILY BINGO

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 6:00 P.M.**

Saint Nicholas Social Hall  
520 S. Ponca Street

**DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.**

**Bingo 6:00 p.m. — 11:00 p.m.**

- Prizes • Pizza
- Refreshments will be sold
- Donation \$10.00 per person

To buy your tickets please call  
the Church Office: 410-633-5020  
Rose Cornias: 410-633-2805,  
Kelly Papadopoulos: 410-967-0940,  
or Kiki Vavakas: 410-633-6482

*All proceeds will be used for the purchase  
of new stoves for the church kitchen.*

**Come, Bring your family members  
and friends! Have an enjoyable evening!**

*Mark Your Calendars for*

**THE UNITED CHIOS SOCIETY'S**

## Dinner Dance

*on*

**Saturday, November 5, 2011**

**Starting at 8 pm**

**St. Nicholas Large Social Hall**

**Entertainment by  
Lefteris Bournias**

*Tickets \$45 adults; children and students \$25  
For more information and to buy your tickets,  
please contact Mr. Vasilis Skordalos at 410-599-6522  
or Kiki Stroumbis 410-952-3679.*

# ST. NICHOLAS NAME DAY DANCE

DECEMBER 10, 2011

520 PONCA STREET  
BALTIMORE, MD 21224  
9PM TILL 2AM

**FEATURING:**

**YIANNIS LIGNOS**



\$50 ADULTS, \$30 UNDER 12  
MEZEDAKIA, COFFEE, DESSERT  
CASH BAR

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:  
FRANK MITSOS: 410-294-1253  
MARIA SALPEAS: 410-633-5020

SPECIAL ROOM RATES AVAILABLE

**DIRECTLY FROM CHIOS GREECE:**

**YIANNIS LIGNOS AND HIS ORCHESTRA**

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE ST. NICHOLAS PLATEIA PROJECT



# STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2011

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 MR/MRS AHLADIOTIS JOHN & EFFIE  
 MRS ALEVROGIANNIS ARGIE  
 MR ANAGONS CONSTANTINE  
 MRS ANDREWS MARIA  
 MR ANGELOU MICHAEL  
 MR/MRS ARAVIDES ANTONIOS  
 MR/MRS ARGEROPOULOS TED &  
 MR/MRS ARGIROPOULOS WILLIAM  
 MR/MRS ATHANASAKOS ANTONIOS  
 MR/MRS AVGERINOS VASILIOS  
 MR BATES SAM  
 MR BISBIKIS PETE  
 MRS BOURNIAS LAMBRINI  
 MR CAVOURAS STANLEY  
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 MRS ELIOPOULOS ANNA  
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 MS FILIPPOU IRENE  
 MR FORAKIS GEORGE  
 MR/MRS FOTIOU JOHN  
 MS FRANGAKIS IRENE  
 G.C.D.C. GREEKTOWN  
 MR/MRS GAVRILIS JOHN &  
 MR/MRS GEORGALAS MICHAEL &  
 MR/MRS GEORGAS GEORGE &  
 MR/MRS GEORGAPALIS IOANNIS &  
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 MRS HATZIDAKIS ANGELIKI  
 MR/MRS HATZILIERIS NIKOLAOS &  
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 MR/MRS KAMBAANOPOULOU STELIOS  
 MR KAPETANAKOS FANOUIROS  
 MR/MRS KAPUTSOS MARSHALL  
 MISS KARABETIS KALIOPI  
 MRS KARAGIANNIS HARRIET  
 MR/MRS KARAGIANNOPOU GUS & SUE  
 MR KARAMANLIDES ANTONIOS  
 MR/MRS KARANIKOLIS NIKOS  
 MR/MRS KARLOS PETER  
 MR/MRS KATAXENOS EVGENIOS  
 MR/MRS KATSAROS STELIOS  
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 MR/MRS KILLIAS SAVVAS &  
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 MISS KOSTALAS CHRISOULA  
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 MR/MRS KOURTESIS KONSTANTINE  
 MR/MRS KOUTSANTONIS JOHN  
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 MR/MRS PALAS JOHN  
 MR/MRS PAPADIMITRIOU EMMANUEL &  
 MR/MRS PAPAGEORGIOU CAREY  
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 MRS PROAKIS HELEN  
 MR/MRS RAFAILIDES THOMAS &  
 MR/MRS RIZAS PAUL  
 MR ROROS PETE JOHN  
 MR/MRS ROSSIS GEORGE  
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 MR/MRS SALIARIS ANASTASIOS  
 MRS SARANTINOS SANDY  
 MR/MRS SARIOGLOU ATHANASIOS  
 MRS SERAFIS MARY  
 MR/MRS SIGAMBRIS JOHN &  
 MR/MRS SKANDALIS GEORGE  
 DR/MRS SOPHOCLEUS GREGORY  
 MR/MRS SOURANIS MICHAEL &  
 MR/MRS SPENCER ERIC AND  
 MRS STAMATHIS KIKI  
 MRS STAMIDES SOFIA

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 MR KARAMANLIDES KYRIAKOS  
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 MRS TSAMBIKOS IRENE  
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 MR/MRS ZOULIS JOHN &

	<b>PLEGGED</b>	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$384,046.00</b>	<b>\$168,097.00</b>	<b>\$215,949.00</b>

## ✠ DONATIONS IN MEMORIAM ✠

**IN MEMORY OF DESPINA SISKOS**  
 Stefanos & Konstantina Siskos

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**IN MEMORY OF JOHN HATZIKOSMAS**

The Amalia Hatzikosmas Family

## Plateia Progress: Work has Begun



Work has begun on completing the interior of the Plateia. For more updates, view the website at [www.stnicholasmd.org](http://www.stnicholasmd.org).



Frank Mitsos at work in Plateia

# St. Nicholas “Diamonds” Trip to Niagara Falls



St. Nicholas Diamond Members enjoying the sights of Niagara Falls, Canada.



St. Nicholas Diamond Members standing in front of the Falls.

## Saint Nicholas Church Profit & Loss January through August 2011

<b>Expense</b>	
<b>CAPITAL COSTS</b>	
Capital Improvements	5,000.00
Plateia Expenses	69,504.33
<b>Total CAPITAL COSTS</b>	<b>74,504.33</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>	
Health Insurance	29,956.28
housing	14,285.32
Organist	6,071.33
6560 · Payroll Expenses	114,138.60
Payroll taxes	8,731.63
Pension	4,000.00
6050 · Automobile Expense	8,000.00
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS - Other</b>	<b>44,401.51</b>
<b>Total EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>	<b>229,584.67</b>
<b>GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATION</b>	
Advertising	6,973.25
6060 · Bank & Credit Card Svc Charges	3,758.69
Church Supplies	10,561.23
Clergy Laity Congress	1,952.32
Flower Donations	1,576.90
Fair Share	18,000.00
6260 · Gifts	5,400.00
Insurance - General	16,217.50
6530 · Miscellaneous	5,081.39
Office Expense	16,708.58
6610 · Postage and Delivery	2,701.95
Professional Fees	5,500.00
Telephone	3,198.99
<b>GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATION - Other</b>	<b>1,079.00</b>
<b>Total GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>98,709.80</b>
New Equipment	2,400.00
<b>OCCUPANCY COSTS</b>	
Mainten · Building Maintenance	46,814.11
Ground Rent	30.00
Janitor's Supplies	4,067.23
6940 · Utilities	26,185.53
<b>Total OCCUPANCY COSTS</b>	<b>77,096.87</b>
<b>YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL</b>	
	873.41
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>483,169.08</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(112,748.00)</b>
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## Saint Nicholas Church Profit & Loss January through August 2011

<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Candles	60,049.26
Dances	
Special events	(129.60)
Dances - Other	3,398.00
<b>Total Dances</b>	<b>3,268.40</b>
<b>Donations</b>	
Other Donations	43,476.11
Flowers Income	2,510.00
Donations - General	8,841.36
Donations - Memorial	17,570.00
Donations - Other	(175.00)
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>72,222.47</b>
Greek Festival	75,000.00
Greek school registration	3,890.00
Interest Income	1,282.69
Stewardship	141,128.00
Trays	14,184.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>371,024.82</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
Dance Expense	300.24
6250 · Flowers	303.50
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>603.74</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>370,421.08</b>

### **KOINONIA DEADLINE**

To all of our readers and organizations, please submit your article(s) to the Koinonia staff before the deadline so we can include your news for your upcoming event. All articles or posters are due by the 15th of the current month for the upcoming month's issue.

**Issue month: November, 2011**

**Deadline: October, 20th**

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

# Message from Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos

## Pastoral Message Continued from Page 1

and example of the Orthodox Faith and Traditions to all people.

A parishioner in good standing practices all the religious and moral duties, as described in Section 1. At a minimum, a parishioner in good standing must be 18 years of age or over; be current in his/her Stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish, abide by all the regulations herein stated and the Parish Bylaws; and cooperate in every way towards the welfare and well being of the Parish.

“Stewardship” is recommended to be ten percent (10%) of one’s annual income as stated in Holy Scripture to help meet the financial obligations of the Parish, the Metropolis and Archdiocese.

So, from what we read above, Church Membership, and Stewardship, is a vital part of the growth of a Parish. If we as Orthodox Christians do not participate in those programs, then we will all face a dra-

matic decline in Church attendance, Membership, Stewardship, and financial devastation. So, in reading this article, if you are a parishioner who is not a member of the church, and has not turned in a Stewardship Pledge card for the year 2011, then you fall into the category of a parishioner who is not in good standing with the church. If you are in that category then you need to take care of your spiritual responsibilities.

Please take the time to make your offering today and enable our Church to continue to enhance the spiritual growth of the Orthodox Christians entrusted to our care.

May our Lord richly bless you in all things.

*In His Service,  
Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos  
Protopresbyter*

## Μήνυμα από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Παστρικό

### Συνέχεια από την σελίδα 2

έφτιαξαν τις εκκλησίες και τις κοινότητές μας. Αυτά τα επιτεύγματα έγιναν με σκληρή δουλειά, με αληθινή πίστη, και με τη δέσμευση στον Χριστό. Αλλά τώρα σας ερωτώ, «ΠΟΙΟ ΘΑ ΕΙΝΑΙ ΤΟ ΜΕΛΛΟΝ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ ΓΙΑ ΤΑ ΕΠΟΜΕΝΑ ΕΙΚΟΣΙ ΧΡΟΝΙΑ;»

Όλοι έχουμε δει με τα ίδια μας τα μάτια πως έχει αλλάξει, η ελληνική μας παροικία, από τι ήταν και πως είναι σήμερα. Η Εκκλησία μαζί με την Κοινότητα εξελίσσεται καθημερινά. Η ελληνική γειτονιά σήμερα, δεν είναι το ίδιο όπως ήταν 20 ή 30 χρόνια πριν. Πριν από εξήντα χρόνια είχαμε μία Εκκλησία, τον Καθηδρικό Ναό του Ευαγγελισμού της Θεοτόκου. Σήμερα έχουμε τέσσερις Κοινότητες. Αντιλαμβανόμαστε ότι οι ανάγκες της Ενορίας είναι πολλές και τα προγράμματα και οι αποστολές συνεχίζουν να αυξάνονται. Ελπίζω και προσεύχομαι ότι θα δούμε στο μέλλον συνεχή ανάπτυξη και σταθερότητα. Αλλά προκειμένου να εκπληρώσουμε τα αμέτρητα έργα για το μέλλον πρέπει να συνειδητοποιήσουμε ότι ζούμε στο παρόν, να ενδιαφερόμαστε για τη σημερινή κατάσταση της Κοινότητας.

Ως «Οικονόμοι» ή «μέλη» της Εκκλησίας έχουμε την ευθύνη να διατηρήσουμε και να υποστηρίξουμε την εκκλησία μας, την πίστη μας, τις παραδόσεις μας και τον πολιτισμό μας. Αλλά σας ερωτώ όλους; «Πώς θα τα διατηρήσουμε όλα αυτά όταν, αν και είμαστε υποχρεωμένοι σύμφωνα με την χριστιανική πίστη μας, δεν συμμετέχουμε ούτε σε εκκλησιασμό, ή εθελοντική προσφορά; Πώς μπορεί η Εκκλησία μας να συνεχίζει να προσδίδει όταν οι εφηβίοι μας δεν παρουσιάζονται;» Ακούμε συνεχώς ότι η «ΝΕΟΛΑΙΑ» μας είναι το μέλλον της Εκκλησίας μας. Τι είδους μέλλον θα υπάρξει για τις εκκλησίες μας, αν οι νέοι και τα παντρεμένα ζευγάρια μας δεν παρευρίσκονται στην εκκλησία, και δεν συμμετέχουν στα προγράμματα, και ιδιαίτερα στο πρόγραμμα της Εκκλησίας μας, της «Εθελοντικής Προσφοράς.» Έχουμε πολλές οικογένειες στην εκκλησία που δεν έχουν υπογράψει μια κάρτα Υπόσχεσης, ούτε βοηθούν την Κοινότητά τους οικονομικά. Έχουν χρόνο για άλλα πράγματα, αλλά δεν έχουν χρόνο ΓΙΑ ΤΟ ΧΡΙΣΤΟ ΚΑΙ ΤΗΝ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΤΟΥ. Η Εθελοντική Προσφορά είναι μια ευκαιρία για να εξετάσουμε τις προτεραιότητες και τις αξίες μας, να εκφράσουμε την ευγνωμοσύνη μας, να προσφέρουμε τις επιτηδειότητές μας για να αναπτυχθεί η Εκκλησία μας. Μας επιτρέπει να συμμετάσχουμε στις εργασίες του Κυρίου.

Στις ενιαίες διατάξεις των Κοινοτήτων της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής αναφέρεται: Κάθε άτομο που έχει βαπτιστεί και χριστεί σύμφωνα με τις διατάξεις της Ορθόδοξης Εκκλησίας είναι ενορίτης. Οι θρησκευτικές, ηθικές και κοινωνικές υποχρεώσεις ενός ενορίτη είναι τα δόγματα της Ορθόδοξης Πίστεως στην ζωή του / της, να επιλέγουν και να ζουν σύμφωνα με τα δόγματα της Ορθόδοξης πίστεως: να παρακολουθούν πιστά τη Θεία Λειτουργία και όλες τις άλλες υπηρεσίες λατρείας: να συμμετέχουν τακτικά στα ιερά μυστήρια: να σέβονται τις εκκλησιαστικές και τις διοικητικές αρχές, να υπακούουν στα θέματα της Πίστεως, να συμβάλουν στην πρόοδο της ιερής αποστολής της Εκκλησίας: και να είναι απόλυτος μάρτυρας και το παράδειγμα της Ορθόδοξης πίστεως και των παραδόσεων, σε όλους τους ανθρώπους.

Ένας εν τάξει ενορίτης ασκεί όλες τις θρησκευτικές και ηθικές

υποχρεώσεις, όπως περιγράφονται στο παρόν τμήμα 1. Ένας εν τάξει ενορίτης πρέπει να είναι 18 ετών και άνω, να εκτελεί τις οικονομικές του υποχρεώσεις προς την Ενορία, να συμμερφώνεται με όλους τους κανονισμούς που αναφέρονται στο παρόν και στους Εσωτερικούς Κοινοτικούς Κανονισμούς. Να συμμετέχει με κάθε τρόπο και σε κάθε έργο, με στόχο την ευημερία της Ενορίας.

Η «Εθελοντική Προσφορά» προτείνεται να είναι δέκα τοις εκατό (10%) του ετήσιου εισοδήματός του, όπως αναφέρεται στην Αγία Γραφή, για να βοηθήσει στην κάλυψη των οικονομικών υποχρεώσεων της Ενορίας, της Μητρόπολης και της Αρχιεπισκοπής.

Έτσι, από ό, τι διαβάζουμε παραπάνω, τα Μέλη της Εκκλησίας, και η Εθελοντική Προσφορά, είναι ζωτικά μέρη της ανάπτυξης μιας Κοινότητας. Αν εμείς ως Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί δεν συμμετέχουμε στα προγράμματα αυτά, τότε θα αντιμετωπίσουμε όλοι μια δραματική μείωση της συμμετοχής στον εκκλησιασμό, στα μέλη της εκκλησίας, στην Εθελοντική Προσφορά και θα οδηγηθούμε στην οικονομική καταστροφή. Έτσι, διαβάζοντας αυτό το άρθρο, εάν είστε ενορίτης που δεν έχετε στείλει την κάρτα της Εθελοντικής Προσφοράς για το τρέχον έτος 2011, τότε ανήκετε στην κατηγορία των ενοριτών που δεν είναι εν τάξει με την εκκλησία. Αν είστε σε αυτή την κατηγορία τότε θα πρέπει να εκπληρώσετε τις πνευματικές σας ευθύνες.

Παρακαλώ διαθέστε λίγο από το χρόνο σας να κάνετε την προσφορά σας σήμερα για να δυναθεί η Εκκλησία μας να συνεχίσει την πνευματική ανάπτυξη των Ορθόδοξων Χριστιανών που έχει αναλάβει.

Ο Κύριος να είναι μαζί σας.

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**Deepak and Ankita Rana's newborn son, Adesh Rana. He was born on August 26, 2011. The parents are grateful for the outpour of love from St. Nicholas church members.**

# LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2011

**Sunday, October 2: Second Sunday of Luke.** Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

**Sunday, October 9: Third Sunday of Luke.** Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

**Sunday, October 16: Sunday of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council.** Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

**Tuesday, October 18: St. Luke the Evangelist.** Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

**Sunday, October 23: Sixth Sunday of Luke.** Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

**Tuesday, October 25: Vespers at St. Demetrios:** 7:00 pm.

**Wednesday, October 26: St. Demetrios the Myrrhbearer:** Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30. This service will be held at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

**Friday, October 28: Holy Protection of the Theotokos. "OXI DAY"** Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am. Doxology will follow.

**Sunday, October 30: Fifth Sunday of Luke.** Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, October 1:** Goya Reunion Pizza Party: 8pm, Large Social Hall.

**Monday, October 3:** Goya Meeting: 7 pm, Large Social Hall.

**Wednesday, October 5:** Philoptochos Meeting: 7 pm, Small Social Hall.

**Thursday, October 6:** PLC Meeting: 7 pm, Board Room.

**Monday, October 10:** Greek School Executive PTA Board Meeting: 6:30 pm, Board Room.

**Tuesday, October 11:** Diamonds Meeting: 1 pm.

**Friday, October 14:** Family Bingo Night: 6 pm, Large Social Hall.

**Sunday, October 16:** Greek School Fundraiser after church services.

**Saturday, October 22-24:** Goya Basketball Tournament, St. Sophia.

**Sunday, October 23:** Greek School Celebration: OXI Day Program after church services.

**Saturday, October 29:** Greek School Autumn Party: 7 - 11 pm.

**Sunday, October 30:** Ta Ellinakia: Mum Sale after church services.

## UPCOMING EVENTS: NOVEMBER

**Thursday, November 3:** PLC Meeting: 7 pm, Board Room. Philoptochos Meeting: 7 pm, Small Social Hall.

**Saturday, November 5:** The United Chios Society's Dinner Dance starting at 8pm to be held at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

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