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KOINONIA

Message from Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos

Happy New Year 2011!

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Community, a Happy New Year and may the New Year 2011 be fruitful, exciting, and challenging. Each New Year, brings with it hope of new beginnings. We leave the old, and look forward to the new. It is at its best a Holiday of hope, yet it passes and within a short period of time it's all too easy to find one with forgotten resolutions and unremembered hopes.

I pray that the renewal and hope of the New Year will be remembered in each moment of the coming year and in all years to come. That every day, every moment, every breath will bring to you a constantly unfolding and infinite awakening to the beauty, joy, and love that resides in your deepest heart within which is the Truth of who you are.

We can reminisce and look back in time on what happened to us in the year 2010. We can say that we made negative and positive decisions throughout the past year that we experienced. But where does that get us in today's society. If we look around us, we still have a high unemployment, higher gas prices, higher costs on food and other important necessities. And with that, we keep hearing that the Economy of this country is getting better and better. We read that Governments all over the world are borrowing from one another, and are having difficult times in the financial world. We have over 20 million people out of work looking for jobs that are not being created. When is this crisis ever going to get better? We always blame at first hand our Politicians, our Government officials and others for this tragic downfall that we are facing today. But did ever occur to blame ourselves for this outcome. I have always believed, that if a person is not ill, then we don't need a doctor to cure the illness.

We have all made mistakes in the past that has brought us to this point. I'm sure that during the Christmas Holidays we were all short of cash. We all had to make certain cuts and drawbacks in our financial situations to make do with what we were able to afford. But how do we turn things around. We have the power within ourselves to turn the struggles and pains around if we put our minds to it. I have always said, that "MIND OVER MATTER" really works. In this day and age, we face different and difficult challenges.

Many of us are busy and always in a hurry. We walk fast, we talk fast, and we eat fast. If we are to continue this routine we are all going to be sick faster. I hope that we have learned our lessons; I know I have, that we make better use of our time. In 365 days from now when this year is over will we be looking back with joy, or with regret, or looking at the future with anticipation or with dread.

I would like to quote the passage from Ephesians 5:15-17 which says, "Be very careful then, how you live not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's Will is."

You see, many of us go through life thinking that doing our own will is the best remedy, when really we can't understand what God's Will is saying to us. Our time on earth is limited. The hours, minutes, and months go by so quickly. Listen to what the Psalmist wrote: (39:4) "Show me, O Lord, my life's end & the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is, and again, the length of our days is 70 years or 80, if we have the strength... they quickly pass, & we fly away. (90:10)"

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Going back to what I said about God's Will, just imagine we have the greatest Doctors, greatest Scientists, greatest Technologies, and the greatest Institutions, but without the "SOUL" this world would be filled with emptiness. This means that we were created by God to exist for Him and not vice a versa. We are here to accomplish God's will not our own. Those of you that have been Baptized into Christ, do not belong to this world, you belong to God.

We, the Christians of today, with due respect, lack in worship, in faith and in knowledge what our forefathers and mothers went through to appreciate what we have today. Can we respect and give honor to those who fought the good fight against Satan, who faced tremendous sacrifices. Do we honor their memory by showing our examples in today's society?

How can we honor them, when we have no morals and have trespassed against God? We are slowly losing our children to the pleasures of this world. We have par-

ents today, that don't care about their children's well-fare or spiritual upbringing.

We have parents that are not willing to bring their children to church, for them to worship God and feel His Love and Blessings. We are not worshipping and glorifying God in true spirit and faith. We are going back to the times of Sodom, Gomorrah, and Noah where God punished them for their sinful acts. Are we too blind to see what is happening in this world and to our own families? Are we giving up and allowing Satan to rule and govern us. We need to put a stop to that. And the only way to defeat Satan at his game is to put the armor of Christ in our lives. If we keep doing these same acts, God will also punish our generation.

So, now is the time, to make some changes in our lives. Now is the time to come closer to God and repent for our past errors. Let's make this New Year "The Year of Christ."

May our Incarnate Lord bless and keep you healthy and wise. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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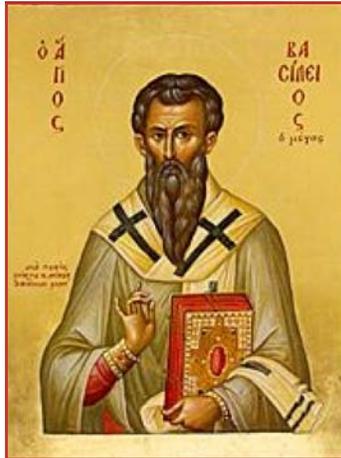
Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia

Saint Basil the Great was born about the end of the year 329 in Caesarea of Cappadocia, to a family renowned for their learning and holiness. His parents' names were Basil and Emily. His mother Emily (commemorated July 19) and his grandmother Macrina (Jan. 14) are Saints of the Church, together with all his brothers and sisters: Macrina, his elder sister (July 19), Gregory of Nyssa (Jan. 10), Peter of Sebastia (Jan. 9), and Naucratius. Basil studied in Constantinople under the sophist Libanius, then in Athens, where also he formed a friendship with the young Gregory, a fellow Cappadocian, later called "the Theologian."

Through the good influence of his sister Macrina (see July 19), he chose to embrace the ascetical life, abandoning his worldly career. He visited the monks in Egypt, in Palestine, in Syria, and in Mesopotamia, and upon returning to Caesarea, he departed to a hermitage on the Iris River in Pontus, not far from Annesi, where his mother and his sister Macrina were already treading the path of the ascetical life; here he also wrote his ascetical homilies.

About the year 370, when the bishop of his country reposed, he was elected to succeed to his throne and was entrusted with the Church of Christ, which he tended for eight years, living in voluntary poverty and strict asceticism, having no other care than to defend holy Orthodoxy as a worthy successor of the Apostles. The Emperor Valens, and Modestus, the Eparch of the East, who were of one mind with the Arians, tried with threats of exile and of torments to bend the Saint to their own confession, because he was the bastion of Orthodoxy in all Cappadocia, and preserved it from heresy when Arianism was at its strongest. But he set all their malice

at naught, and in his willingness to give himself up to every suffering for the sake of the Faith, showed himself to be a martyr by volition. Modestus, amazed at Basil's fearlessness in his presence, said that no one had ever so spoken to him. "Perhaps," answered the Saint, "you have never met a bishop before."



The Emperor Valens himself was almost won over by Basil's dignity and wisdom. When Valens' son fell gravely sick, he asked Saint Basil to pray for him. The Saint promised that his son would be restated if Valens agreed to have him baptized by the Orthodox; Valens agreed, Basil prayed, and the son was restored. But afterwards the Emperor had him baptized by Arians, and the child died soon after. Later, Valens, persuaded by his counselors, decided to send the Saint into exile because he would not accept the Arians into communion; but his pen broke when he was signing the edict of banishment. He tried a second time and a third, but the same thing happened, so that the Emperor was

filled with dread, and tore up the document, and Basil was not banished. The truly great Basil, spent with extreme ascetical practices and continual labours, at the helm of the church, departed to the Lord on the 1st of January, in 379, at the age of forty-nine.

His writings are replete with wisdom and erudition, and rich are these gifts he set forth the doctrines concerning the mysteries both of the creation (see his Hexaemeron) and of the Holy Trinity (see On the Holy Spirit). Because of the majesty and keenness of his eloquence, he is honored as "the revealer of heavenly things" and "the Great."

Saint Basil is also celebrated on January 30th with Saint Gregory the Theologian and Saint John Chrysostom.



THE BLESSING OF THE HOMES/ΑΓΙΑΣΜΟΣ ΤΩΝ ΟΙΚΙΩΝ

Οι προσευχές της Ακολουθίας των Θεοφανείων μας προτρέπουν να αγιάσουμε τα σπίτια μας, και τους αγρούς μας, με τον Μεγάλο Αγιασμό προς ένδειξιν της πίστεώς μας προς τον Πανάγαθο Θεό και των όσων αγαθών μας έχει χαρίσει και ακόμη για να έχουμε καλή και υγιή χρονιά. Παρακαλείστε όλοι να συνεχίσετε την παράδοση και να αγιάσετε τις οικίες σας με τον Μεγάλο Αγιασμό που θα λάβετε από την Εκκλησία την 5η Ιανουαρίου ή την 6η Ιανουαρίου. Παρακαλείτε λοιπόν, όποιος επιθυμεί να αγιαστεί η οικία του από τον Πατέρα Εμμανουήλ να συμπληρώσει τις κάτωθι γραμμές και να επιστρέψετε το έντυπο στο Κοινοτικό Γραφείο μέχρι τις 13 Ιανουαρίου, 2011. Σημειώστε ότι μπορεί να κάνετε αγιασμό στο σπίτι σας οποιαδήποτε μέρα του χρόνου, αφού ειδοποιήσετε τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ. Αγιασμοί δεν γίνονται μόνον κατά την Μεγάλη Σαρακοστή η πριν το Πάσχα. Σας ευχαριστώ.

The prayers of the Epiphany Service indicate to the people to bless their homes with the Holy Water as an expression of faith to God that He grants them a good and healthy New Year. Everyone is encouraged to continue this tradition and bless their home with the Holy Water that they receive from the Church on January 5th or 6th. Those parishioners who wish for Fr. Michael to visit their home so that it may be blessed are asked to fill out the lines below and return this form to the Church office, no later than January 13, 2011. Please note: A home may be blessed during any time of the year, and you may schedule that with Father Manuel by calling him at any time.

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Feast of the Holy Theophany of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ — January 6

The Feast of the Holy Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on January 6. The Feast commemorates the Baptism of Christ and the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity. At the Baptism of Christ, all three Persons of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—were made manifest. Thus, the name of the Feast is Epiphany, meaning manifestation, or Theophany, meaning manifestation of God.

Biblical Story

The Biblical story of the Baptism of Christ is recorded in all four of the Gospels: Matthew 3, Mark 1:1-9, Luke 3:21-22, and John 1:31-34.

John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus and the one chosen by God to proclaim His coming, was preaching in the wilderness and was baptizing all who would respond to his message calling for repentance. As he was doing this, John was directing the people toward the one who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11).

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. Initially, John would not do this, saying that Jesus should baptize him. Jesus said to John, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness (3:15). John consented and baptized Jesus.

When Jesus came up from the water, the heavens opened suddenly, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. The Bible records that the Spirit descended like a dove and alighted on him. When this happened, a voice came from heaven and said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” This was the voice of God the Father.

Christ’s baptism in the Jordan was “theophany,” a manifestation of God to the world, because it was the beginning of our Lord’s public ministry. It was also a “theophany” in that the world was granted a revelation of the Holy Trinity. All three Persons were made manifest together: the Father testified from on high to the divine Sonship of Jesus; the Son received His Father’s testimony; and the Spirit was seen in the form of a dove, descending from the Father and resting upon the Son.

The theme of “manifestation” or “revelation” is also expressed in Scripture with the symbolism of light. In the hymn of the Feast we sing, “Christ has appeared and enlightened the world.” Thus, January 6 is also known as the Feast of Lights. The Church celebrates on this day the illumination of the world

by the light of Christ.

Icon of the feast

The Icon of the Feast of Theophany tells the story from the Gospels in images and color. On the left side of the icon we see John the Baptist (1) who is dressed in camel’s hair and has the appearance of one who lives in the wilderness. His arms are outstretched, showing an attitude of prayer and reverence, but also directing others to Christ. With his right hand he is conducting the baptism.

In the center of the icon is Christ being baptized in the Jordan. He is standing in the water wearing a waistcloth, and with His right hand He is blessing the waters of the Jordan. Above His head is the Holy Spirit descending as a dove upon Him (2). At the top of the icon, a semicircle depicts the opening of the Heavens and the voice of the Father.

On the right side of the icon angels are shown with their heads bowed in reverence to Christ (3). They are prepared to receive Him as He comes out of the water (4).

The Orthodox Celebration of the Feast of Epiphany

The celebration of this Feast of our Lord begins on January 5, a day known as the Forefeast of Theophany. Depending on the day of the week, this could be an evening service with Vespers followed by the Liturgy of Saint Basil or a morning

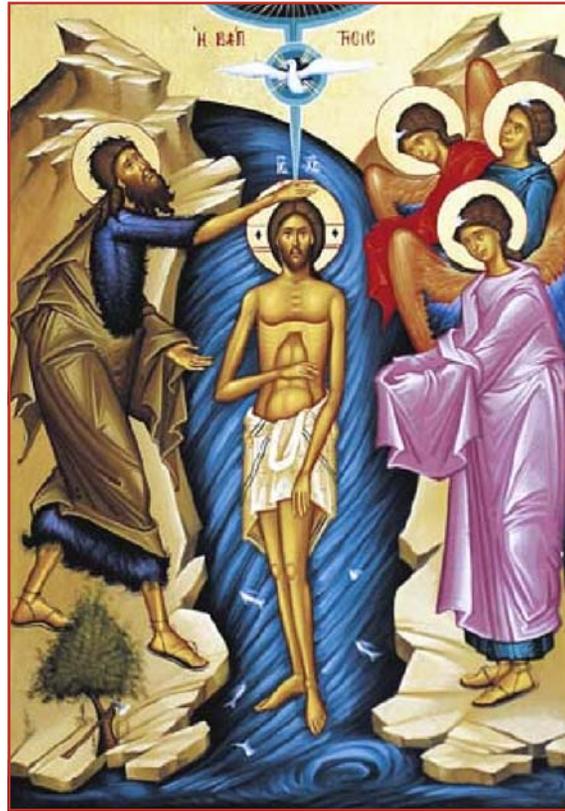
service with Matins and the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. Following the service on January 5, the service of the Blessing of the Waters is conducted. Prior to the evening or morning service the Royal Hours with the Typika are said.

On January 6, the day of the Feast, the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom is conducted preceded by Matins and followed by the second Blessing of the Waters.

The Blessing of the Waters is conducted in the church; however in many places throughout the world services are conducted near open bodies of water. As a sign of blessing as Christ blessed the Jordan, holy water is poured into the body of water. An associated tradition has been the tossing of a cross into the water to be retrieved by divers.

The holy water from the church is given to the faithful to consume and to use in blessing their homes. In the weeks following the Feast, clergy visit the homes of parishioners and conduct a service of blessing using the holy water that was blessed on the Feast of Theophany.

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COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

PHILOPTOCHOS

Χαρούμενο και Υγιές ο Καινούργιος Χρόνος.

Πρώτον ευχαριστούμε όλους και όλες που ήρθαν στον εσπερινό του Αγίου Νικολαού και έφεραν φαγητό ή γλυκό. Μέ μεγάλη χαρά είδαμε να περνάει πολύς κόσμος από την εκκλησία μας και την Παραμονή και την ημέρα του Αγίου μας.

Ευχαριστούμε όλους που έφεραν φαγητά και εδωθήκαν σε φτωχές οικογενειες της περιοχής μας την εβδομάδα των Ευχαριστιών και σε αυτούς τους πολύ λίγους που προσέφεραν είδη υγιεινής για το οικογενειακό κέντρο—Family Crisis Center.

Ευχαριστούμε όλες τις κυρίες που μας τίμησαν με την παρουσία τους στο ετήσιο Χριστουγεννιάτικο Τσαϊ μας και έφεραν γλυκά και δώρα. Εύχόμαστε να περάσατε όμορφα. Καί του Χρόνου με υγεία!

Ευχαριστούμε το ελληνικό μας σχολείο για το ωραίο σκετσάκι που μας παρουσίασε— Πάντα νοιώθουμε χαρά και υπερηφάνεια όταν βρίσκονται στις εκδηλώσεις μας. Ευχαριστούμε την Κα Ελένη Μονόπολη διευθύντρια του σχολείου μας και την Κα Νάνσυ Αναστασιάδη πρόεδρο του συλλόγου γονέων και δασκάλων.

Ευχαριστούμε επίσης την Γεωργία Ζερβού Σαλιάρη και την Ρένια Ζερβού δασκάλες στα Ελληνάκια μας για τους ωραίους χορούς που μας παρουσίασαν.

Η βραδυνή μας έξοδος που οργάνωσε η Μαρία Γιωργακη εις το εστιατοριο « Basta Pasta» είχε παρα πολυ μεγάλη επιτυχία. Ως και η δημορχος της πολης Βαλτιμόρης, Κα Stefanie Rawlings μας ετιμησε με την παρουσία της. Την ευχαριστούμε θερμώς. Ο στόχος μας είναι να έχουμε όσο πιο πολλές κυρίες ως ενεργά μέλη της Φιλοπτώχου. Η ηλικία δεν παίζει κανένα ρόλο.

Βλέποντας προς τό μέλλον—

Ιανουαρίου 3, Δευτέρα—Η γενική συνεδρίαση μας στις 6:00 μ.μ. Καί μετά θά ακολουθήσει δείπνο και ανταλλαγή δώρων—(Παρακαλούμε προσέξτε την αλλαγή της ώρας.)

Ιανουαρίου 23, Κυριακή—Bull and Oyster Roast στο UAW Hall Local 239 1010 S. Oldham Street. 2:00 M.M.-6:00 M.M. Για εισιτήρια τηλεφωνίστε στην Κα. Χριστίνα Ζερβού 410-627-0202 ή Κα. Ειρήνη Βασιλείου 410-802-8373.

Μαρτίου 5, Σάββατο—Ετήσιο Αποκριάτικο Γλέντι. Είναι πάντα μία αξέχαστη βραδυνά. Θά θέλαμε να δούμε πολλούς μεταμφιεσμένους φέτος.

Καί πάλι, ευχές σε όλους για μία καλή προοδευτική χρονιά. Ζωή Πεφδικάκη

PHILOPTOCHOS

Happy and healthy New Year to everyone!

It is my hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday season, as we are settling back into our daily routines.

I would like to thank everyone who came to St. Nicholas Vespers and graciously brought food and desserts. We had a lot of people come to church both on St. Nicholas's Eve and on the Feast day our Patron Saint.

Thank you to everyone that donated food to be distributed to the needy people of our community during the Thanksgiving Holiday. The response to our plea was enormous.

Thank you to the couple of individuals who brought health and hygiene items for the family crisis center. I am sorry to say but this year's response was very poor from our community.

Thank you also to all the ladies who came to our Christmas Tea, and brought desserts and door prizes. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Kai tou Hronou!!!

Thank you to our Greek school students who put on a little sketch for all of us to enjoy. We are grateful to Mrs. Helen Monopolis, our Greek School Principal and to Mrs. Nancy Anastasiades our PTA President.

We also extend our heartfelt thank you to Georgia Zervos Saliaris and Renia Zervos along with the dance group they instruct, the Ellinakia. It is always such a pleasure for us to watch them perform.

Our "Ladies Night Out" at Basta Pasta in Timonium was a great success!! Thank you Maria Giorgakis for organizing it. We are looking forward to more evenings like that. We want to thank the Mayor, Stephanie Rawlings-Blake who honored us with her presence.

Our aim is to get younger and more women involved in our Philoptochos. Like I have said before, there is no age limit, so all the ladies of our community should be members of the Philoptochos society.

Looking ahead on our events schedule:

January 3rd Monday our general meeting at 6:00 P.M. with our Annual Christmas Party/Gift exchange following the meeting.

January 23rd, Sunday, 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM We are having a Bull and Oyster Roast at UAW Hall, Local 239- 1010 S. Oldham Street. Tickets are \$40.00. For tickets, please call Christine Zervos at 410-627-0202 or Irene Vasilios at 410-802-8373.

More into the future:

March 5th, Sat. our annual **Apokriatiko Dinner Dance.**

This event also marks the beginning of the Easter Lent. Please mark your calendar for this event; it's always a good time. We urge everyone to dress up!

Again best wishes to everyone for a wonderful New Year!!!

Zoe Perdikakis

GREEK SCHOOL/PTA NEWS

The Greek School Parent and Teacher Association, the Greek School Committee as well as the teaching staff of St. Nicholas Greek School would like to thank the following individuals for their generous monetary donations to the Greek School:

In loving memory of Neranzoulis Koutsounouris and George Koutsounouris, a monetary donation was given by Maria Koutsounouris and Margo Koulatzos toward the future acquisition of the Promethean boards for the Greek School. Also, the Bournousouzis Family gave a monetary donation in loving memory of their daughter, Nikoletta Bournousouzi. We are sincerely grateful for these donations.

We would also like to thank the PTA Board Members and all the parents for the food donations for the Autumn Party and Christmas Program. Also, we would like to thank Peter Anastasias of Pat's Pizzeria for the donation of pizzas during the Autumn Party and George Protopapas for the donation of pizzas for the Christmas Program. Also, we would like to thank George and Despina Nistazos for the large donation of donuts and coffee and dessert for both the Autumn Party and Christmas Program.

Upcoming Greek School Events for the Month of January, 2011:

Thursday, January 6th: School Closed- Holy Theophany

Sunday, January 9th: Greek School Bake Sale after church

Monday, January 10th: Executive PTA Meeting from 7:00-8:00 p.m. and General Assembly PTA Meeting from 8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Monday, January 17th: School Closed for President's Day

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Greek School and Sunday School Students Celebrate Christmas!



**RIGHT COLUMN:
GREEK SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM –
STORY IN
PHOTOS.**

Christmas in Santorini shows the mom is baking the melomakarona (finikia) — 8th, 9th & 10 grades talked about traditions and customs in Rhodos. — Chios was the island that the 6, 7, and 8th grades presented. Especially the the decorated and lit boats that were raced to see who is the best. — Our First & Second graders talked about Epiphany and the diving for the cross in Crete. While our pre-k and Kindergarten entertained us with “The Little Drummer Boy”.

The Rhodian Society “Diagoras” Breakfast with Santa



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Mrs. Aspasia A. Johns

GUIDELINES FOR RESPECTFUL WORSHIP

Probably the most important duty that we each have as worshippers attending church services is to do all that is in our power to see that a proper decorum and atmosphere is maintained so that all of the congregation is able to pray sincerely, peacefully and meaningfully.

It is with this fact in mind that we have set forth the following guidelines:

Upon entering the Church, at all times, but especially during services an individual should remember that he or she is in the House of God. Reverence and good manners are required so as not to disturb those who are already engaged in prayer, but, even more importantly, as an expression of sincere faith and awareness of the presence of the Lord. No irrelevant conversations should take place, either in the Narthex or in any part of the Church.

According to actual church service procedures, each and every member of the congregation is required to be seated in the pews at the beginning of the service. It is only by leniency that anyone is allowed to enter the Church once the services have begun. Thus it behooves us not to take undue advantage of this leniency.

There are several parts of the service during which no one should be moving about.

Wherever a person happens to be at these moments, he or she should stop and stand reverently, until the proper time to proceed. These parts of the service are:

1. The Procession of the Priest and Altar Boys with the Gospel;
2. The reading of the Gospel;
3. The Cherubic Hymn and the Great Procession of the Priest and Altar Boys with the Holy Gifts;
4. The recitation of the Nicene Creed (in which the entire congregation should participate);
5. The prayers of offering "Take, eat..." and the prayers of the consecration of the Holy Gifts;
6. The Sermon;
7. Any special services (memorial services, processions, prayers).

One basic rule to follow is that, whenever the Priest is facing the people or outside of the altar, either with the censer or giving the blessing, everyone should stand wherever they are.

Please remember that the Parish Council members and the ushering staff are required to keep order during services, and all should follow their instructions at all times.

Thank you.

ΟΔΗΓΙΕΣ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΩΡΑΝ ΤΗΣ ΛΑΤΡΕΙΑΣ

Η ώρα της προσευχής και της λατρείας στην εκκλησία είναι το πιο σπουδαίο έργο που κάνουμε όλοι μαζί σαν Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί, επομένως οφείλουμε όλοι να κάνουμε το παν για να επικρατεί τάξη, ήσυχία και κατάνυξη κατά την ιεράν ώραν της λατρείας, προ οικοδομήν όλων των πιστών.

Προς τον σκοπόν αυτόν προσφέρουμε τις οδηγίες που ακολουθούν, με την θερμή παράκληση όπως τηρηθούν κατά το δυνατόν.

Είσοδος εις τον ναόν σημαίνει είσοδον εις τον οίκον του Θεού, και τούτο απαιτεί άσπογον εξωτερικήν συμπεριφοράν στο λόγο, στη στάση, αλλά πιο πολυ στην εσωτερικην μας κατάσταση που θα μας βοηθήσει να εισέλθουμε σε μια κατανυκτική ατμόσφαιρα και να συμβάλουμε εις την λατρείαν που καθιστά την παρουσίαν του Θεού ολο και πιο αισθητή.

Η παράδοση της Εκκλησίας απαιτεί το εκκλησίασμα να είναι παρόν απο την αρχήν της ακολουθίας. Είναι αταξία λοιπόν να μπαίνουμε στην εκκλησία μετα την έναρξη και αργά όπως επικρατει απο αρκετούς. Μόνον κατα επειείκιαν επιτρέπεται ή είσοδος μετα την έναρξη της λατρείας, και επομένως οταν μπαίνουμε αργά πρέπει να είμαστε ακόμη πιο πολύ προσεκτικοί να μην ενοχλήσουμε τους άλλους αδελφούς που ήδη είναι στη θέση τους και προσεύχονται.

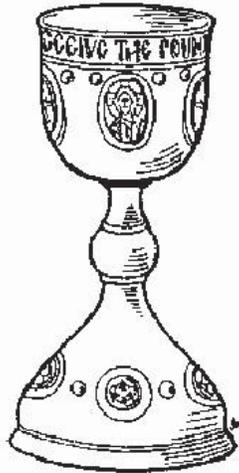
Κατα την διάρκειαν της Θείας Λειτουργίας είναι όρισμένα σημεία που δεν πρέπει να κινούμεθα. Θα σταθούμε με ευλάβεια προς στιγμήν και μετα θα πάμε στη θέση μας.

1. Στην μικρήν είσοδον του ιερέως με το Ιερόν Ευαγγέλιον
2. Κατα την ανάγνωσιν του Αποστόλου και του Ευαγγελίου
3. Στην μεγάλην είσοδον του ιερέως με τα Τίμια Δώρα
4. Στην απαγγελίαν του Πιστεύω, απο ολο το εκκλησίασμα
5. Κατα την διάρκειαν του καθαγιασμού των Τιμίων Δώρων, Λάβετε, Φάγετε ... κτλ.
6. Κατα την διάρκειαν του κηρύγματος
7. Κατα την διάρκειαν εκτάκτων ακολουθιών στο τέλος της Λειτουργίας μνημόσυνα, λιτανείες, κτλ.

Γενικά έχετε αυτόν τον κανόνα στον νούν σας. Όταν ο ιερεύς βλέπει προς τον λαόν, ευλογεί ή θυμιάζει τον λαόν όλοι οφείλουν να στέκοντε με προσοχή και ευλάβεια.

Τα μέλη του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλείου έχουν την ευθύνην της τάξεως κατα την ώραν της λατρείας. Δεχθήτε λοιπόν και ακολουθήσετε προσεκτικά οτι υποδείξεις σας κάνουν.

Σας ευχαριστούμε για την κατανόηση και την συνεργασίαν σας.



COMMUNITY NEWS - KOINOTIKA NEA

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Sunday, January 30th: Three Hierarchs Celebration in Church

DIAMOND NEWS

On Tuesday January 11th, the Diamonds will have their first meeting of the New Year and their Christmas Luncheon at 1 p.m. Seat down dinner. For more information, please call Mrs. Rose Tsakalos 410-282-2940.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

GREEKTOWN CDC

A message from John E. Gavrillis, CEO

On behalf of the Greektown CDC I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to working with the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church on community issues and events.

We have a lot of new exciting things to celebrate this year! Jason Filippou has returned as the Executive Director of the CDC. We are all very pleased to have Jason back and he is very enthusiastic about bringing new community initiatives to our neighborhood. We are pleased to announce that we have two new businesses on our Main Street, just another example of investment due to our hard work and efforts. The Kettler project, adjacent to Athena Square, is tentatively scheduled to break ground in late spring of 2011. The Greektown CDC has been working very close with Kettler on this new townhome development bringing in hundreds of luxury townhomes into the neighborhood.

We want to remind all residents to report any illegal dumping or criminal activity to 911 immediately. During these winter months we must prepare for heavy snow as we did last year. Please check on your elderly neighbors to make sure they have access to food and heat. Feel free to call Jason at 410-327-3306 if you have any concerns. We continue to look for new committee chairs and volunteers to join our organization. Stop by our office to discuss what you would like to see done in your neighborhood!

Xronia Polla! — Believe in your community.

Rhodian Society of Maryland 'Diagoras'

will hosts its

Annual Bull & Shrimp Feast

at

UAW Local 239 Hall
1010 S. Oldham Street
Baltimore, MD 21224

on

Sunday February 27, 2011

from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

There will be plenty of food, fun and music.
So join us for a great time and bring the family!

Anyone interested in purchasing a table or tickets,
please see John Fotiou or call
Maria Angelou @ 443-865-0851.

The cost is \$38.00 per person.

See you there!

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 12th of the current month for the upcoming month's issue.

Issue month: February, 2011 Deadline: January, 15th

You may drop your article to the church office or e-mail it to
Father Michael L. Pastrok at: www.stnicholasmd.org

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2011

MR/MRS AHLADIOTIS JOHN & EFFIE
MR ANDERSON EMANUEL P. JR.
MR ARGETAKIS NICHOLAS
MR BATES SAM
MR/MRS CHRIST PHILIP
MR/MRS CORNIAS MARK
MR/MRS FILIPIDIS NICHOLAS
MR/MRS GIAKOUMAKIS STELLA
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MRS HATZIKOSMAS AMALIA
MR/MRS KAIKIS ANDREW
MR/MRS KAMANOPOULO STELIOS
MR KAPETANAKOS ELIAS
MS KARAS EVELYN
MR KONSTANT ANGELO
MR/MRS KOTZIAS CHRIS
MS LAMBROW VIRGINIA
MR/MRS MACH LEON J. &
MR MAVRONIS NICHOLAS
MR/MRS MOELLER PATRICIA ZOE
MRS NOMIKOS FANNY
MR/MRS PATRAS NICK
MRS SALPEAS MARIA
DR/MRS SOPHOCLEUS GREGORY
MRS STRAKES KATHERINE
MR/MRS TAKOS STEVE
MR THEMELIS JOHN
MR/MRS TRIANTAFILLOS COSTAS
MR/MRS TSAKALAS STEVEN
MR/MRS TSAMPOS MICHAEL &
MR/MRS YIANAKIS STEVE

MR/MRS ALEVROGIANNIS GEORGE &
MR/MRS ANGELOS JOHN & IRENE
MRS ASHBY ATHELENE
MR/MRS CEDERAKIS OREANTHI
MS CHRISTAKOU STAVROULA
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MR/MRS HARRIS THEO
MRS JOHNS ASPASIA
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MRS KASTRUNES DOLORES
MR/MRS KONTLOUDIS KONSTANTINO
MR/MRS KOUKIDES HARRY
MR/MRS LERICOS PERRY AND
MR/MRS MASTROMANOLI MANUEL
MR/MRS MAYER FRANCIS &
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	PLEGGED	PAYMENTS	BALANCE
TOTALS:	\$52,436.00	\$21,621.00	\$30,815.00

Liturgical Calendar — January 2011

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1: New Years Day. The Circumcision of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.
Feast Day of St. Basil the Great.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2: Sunday before Epiphany: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

WEDN'DAY, JANUARY 5: Eve of Epiphany: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.
(Strict Fast) Blessing of the Holy Waters.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6: Holy Epiphany Day: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.
Blessing of the Great Waters.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7: Synaxis (Gathering) of St. John the Baptist: Orthros: 8:45 am.
Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12: Sunday after Epiphany: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16: 16th Sunday of Luke: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17: St. Anthony the Great: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23: 14th Sunday of Like: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30: The Three Hierarchs: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Wishing everyone in the Community, a Happy New Year, and may it be blessed with abundant health and prosperity.

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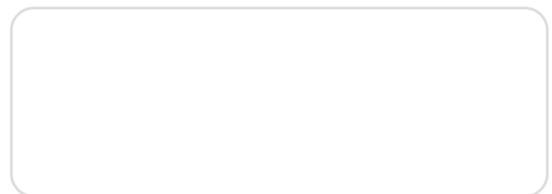
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