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### **Fr. Michael's Pastoral Message**

## **Fasting – The Preparation for Great Lent**

*By Rev. Father Michael L. Pastrikos*

In a few weeks the Orthodox Church will be preparing once again for the “Feast of all Feasts”: PASCHA. The center of our Liturgical year in the Orthodox Church is Pascha, the celebration of Christ’s Resurrection. But before we reach that point, we have to start from somewhere. Just as your own Mother laboriously prepares each dish for Sunday’s meal, she does not simply wave her magic wand over the food until the meal is ready. But instead, with care and love, she continues her preparation to produce that delicious and tasty meal.

With care and love, Great Lent is also our time for preparation before PASCHA. Such preparation begins 3 weeks earlier with the Sundays of the Publican and Pharisee on Sunday, February 24th, the Prodigal Son on Sunday, March 3rd and on the Last Judgment, Meatfare Sunday, March 10th. Since we are not fasting now, we tend to pay less attention to these Sundays, than to the Sunday’s of Great Lent, and yet these Sundays are very important, as they give us a map, and a destination for our journey through Lent.

This year the Great Lenten Period arrives later in the month of March. If we take the Gospel reading of Zacchaeus, “the chief among all Publicans” it gives us the true example of a person who despises man. He was a hard man, thinking only of how he could cheat and mistreat people. But, his spiritual transformation did come from the wave of a magic wand, but through Jesus Christ. As we read in the Gospel, Jesus Christ was to pass by the area of this chief tax-collector Zacchaeus. Upon hearing that Jesus Christ would be coming, the tax-collector Zacchaeus climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to catch sight of Him over the crowd.

But why? Why was Zacchaeus compelled

to see the Lord when he had so much material wealth in his life? He was tired of people hating him, he was tired of people making fun of him, and last he wanted to change his life because he felt empty. Any self consciousness or concern that he held as a public figure was overwhelmed by his intense desire to see the Lord, and his desire to seek help in order to set his life right. And what happened? Jesus Christ not only acknowledged him, but he came to his house. Zacchaeus’ heart expanded in the presence of this love, and he resolved to make amends to the people that he wronged. In a word, he was on his way to a new life. Just imagine if we had the opportunity to meet Christ; what would be our response?

As we approach the fast, we must have this same desire, the same state of mind as Zacchaeus. If we truly desire to catch sight of the Lord amidst the worldly vanities, God will visit us. In order for this to happen though, we must have the desire to receive Him in the home of our heart. As our Lenten journey begins, we must start planning now so that we can take advantage of all that the season has to offer. Clear your schedules and make every effort to attend the all the Divine Liturgy services of the Great Lenten period. Partake in the COMPLINE SERVICES, PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGIES, THE AKATHIST HYMN, SATURDAY OF THE SOULS, HOLY UNCTION SERVICE, AND MORE.

Great Lent is an incredible opportunity that only comes once a year. And it’s not only about our spiritual growth, it’s about the transformation and sanctification of the entire world.

So please start making your plans now and please know that I am looking forward to serving with you and working alongside of you during this wonderful Lenten journey.

**KOINONIA**

## Μήνυμα απο τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ

### ΟΤΑΝ ΝΗΣΤΕΥΟΥΜΕ ΟΛΟ ΤΟ ΧΡΟΝΟ, ΤΗΝ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ ΚΑΙ ΤΗΝ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ, ΓΙΑΤΙ ΠΡΕΠΕΙ ΝΑ ΠΡΟΕΤΟΙΜΑΣΤΟΥΜΕ ΓΙΑ ΤΗ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΣΣΑΡΑΚΟΣΤΗ;

**Υπό του Αιδ. Πατρός Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικού.**

Σε λίγες εβδομάδες η Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία μας για μια φορά ακόμη θα προετοιμάζεται για την “Εορτή των Εορτών” το ΠΑΣΧΑ.

Το Πάσχα είναι το κέντρο του Εκκλησιαστικού έτους στην Ορθόδοξη Πίστη μας, η εορτή της Ανάστασης του Χριστού. Αλλά πριν φτάσουμε σ’ αυτό το σημείο, θα πρέπει να ξεκινήσουμε από κάπου. Όπως, όταν η μητέρα σας βάζει τα υλικά στη κατσαρόλα για να φτιάξει το Κυριακάτικο γεύμα, δεν κουνά το μαγικό ραβδάκι της πάνω από το φαγητό και αυτόματα γίνεται. Πάντα υπάρχει δουλειά και προετοιμασία για να γίνει ένα νόστιμο και γευστικό γεύμα.

Έτσι, υπάρχει η προετοιμασία για την Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή που αρχίζει τρεις εβδομάδες ενωρίτερα, ξεκινώντας με τις Κυριακές του Τελώνου και του Φαρισαίου (Κυριακή 24 Φεβρουαρίου) του Ασώτου Υιού (Κυριακή 3 Μαρτίου) και την Κυριακή της Απόκριω, (Κυριακή 10 Μαρτίου). Επειδή ακόμη δεν έχει αρχίσει η νηστεία δεν δίνουμε μεγάλη προσοχή σ’ αυτές τις Κυριακές, από όση δίνουμε στις Κυριακές της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής, που είναι ακόμη πολύ πιο σημαντικές για το λόγο ότι μας παρέχουν το χάριτι του προορισμού του ταξιδιού μας, δια μέσου της νηστείας.

Εφέτος η Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή έρχεται αργότερα, το Μάρτιο. Αν πάρουμε την περικοπή του Ευαγγελίου, του Ζακχαίου, “του αρχηγού όλων των τελώνων», μας δίνει το αληθινό παράδειγμα ενός ατόμου που δεν αγαπούσε τους ανθρώπους. Ήταν ένας σκληρός άνθρωπος, το μόνο που σκεφτόταν ήταν πώς να εξαπατήσει και να κακομεταχειριστεί τους ανθρώπους, ούτως ώστε να αποκτήσει αυτό που επιθυμούσε. Ας μην ξεχνάμε ότι αυτός ο άνθρωπος ήταν ένας πλούσιος φοροεισπράκτορας που οι άνθρωποι τον περιφρονούσαν για τις απίστευτες πράξεις

του. Ομως η φωνή της συνειδήσής του δεν είχε καταπνιγεί εντελώς, κάποτε ήρθε η στιγμή που συνειδητοποίησε ότι είχε πάρει λάθος δρόμο στη ζωή. Αλλά πώς το κατάλαβε;

Δεν υπάρχει μαγικό ραβδί σ’ αυτό το συμπέρασμα. Σίγουρα δεν αλλάξε αυτός ο ίδιος τους τρόπους του. Αν διαβάσουμε την Ευαγγελική περικοπή θα δούμε ότι ο Ιησούς Χριστός επρόκειτο να περάσει από εκεί. Όταν το άκουσε αυτό ο επικεφαλής φοροεισπράκτορας “Ζακχαίος” ότι ο Ιησούς επρόκειτο να περάσει από εκεί, ανέβηκε σ’ ένα πλάτανο, προκειμένου να Τον δει πάνω από το πλήθος. Αλλά γιατί ο Ζακχαίος έπρεπε να δει τον Κύριο; είχε ότι ήθελε στη ζωή. Είχε μια μεγάλη θέση στην κυβέρνηση, είχε ένα τεράστιο σπίτι, χρήματα στην τράπεζα, τότε γιατί έψαχνε να βρει το Χριστό στη ζωή του; Διότι τον είχε κουράσει το μίσος του κόσμου, είχε κουραστεί από τον εμπαιγμό των ανθρώπων, και το τελευταίο που επιθυμούσε ήταν να αλλάξει τη ζωή του, γιατί η ζωή του ήταν εντελώς άδεια.

Πως ένα πρόσωπο με τη δική του δημόσια ακτινοβολία, είχε έντονη την επιθυμία να δει τον Κύριο αλλά και την επιθυμία Εκείνος να τον βοηθήσει να ρυθμίσει σωστά τη ζωή του. Και τι έγινε; Ο Ιησούς Χριστός όχι μόνο τον αναγνώρισε, αλλά ήρθε και στο σπίτι του. Η καρδιά του Ζακχαίου πήγε να σπάσει από την παρουσία αυτής της απέραντης αγάπης, αποφάσισε λοιπόν να επανορθώσει ότι είχε κάνει στους ανθρώπους που είχε αδικήσει. Με μια λέξη, αποφάσισε να ακολουθήσει τη γραμμή μιας νέας ζωής. Απλά φανταστείτε αν είχαμε την ευκαιρία να συναντηθούμε με τον Χριστό, ποια θα ήταν η αντίδρασή μας.

Καθώς πλησιάζουμε τη περίοδο της νηστείας, πρέπει να έχουμε την ίδια επιθυμία, την ίδια σκέψη με τον Ζακχαίο. Αν πραγματικά επιθυμούμε να δούμε τον Κύριο μέσα από

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# Stewardship – Fellowship and Enrichment Through Our Lord, Jesus Christ

*Dear Parents,*

At our most recent Stewardship luncheon, we talked about Time, Talent and Treasure. As the new year begins, we have decided to start implementing our new Stewardship program and we hope that you and your family are willing to make the journey with us. As we discussed, Stewardship is so much more than giving an annual donation to the church. It is about fellowship and learning to enrich our lives through our Lord, Jesus Christ. On a monthly basis, we will be offering spiritual messages to all our parishioners and some simple ways of managing your family at home to bring you closer to God and your family.

When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

—**John 16:21**

Children are our most precious treasure and we should make every effort to set aside an evening, as “family time” and to share a special meal with our children and family. The Stewardship Committee asks everyone to take a moment to choose a night today. During that time, it would be a great opportunity to introduce to your family the concept of a “family meeting”.

A family meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting of all family members who want to attend. The purpose is to make plans for family chores and family fun, to express positive feelings, to express complaints, to resolve conflicts and to make other sorts of decisions. It is vehicle to establish family rules with your children’s buy-in before a crisis occurs and provides a positive time for open communication. Attached are guidelines to start your “family meeting”. Remember, no first meeting will be perfect and no one is searching for perfection. Instead, search for love, understanding and open communication with each other.

Another part of Stewardship, is teaching our children to give back to the church and the community. During the Christmas Holidays, we all received so much love, joy and presents from our family, and friends. However, there’s another positive aspect to the season as well. It’s an opportunity to give back to our communities and start building a foundation for our children to join in.

As parents, we have an obligation to use special occasions such as Christmas, Valentine’s Day, and Easter to instill the importance of giving in our children, and then support them in those projects. It is a value

that we can instill year round by showing our children how even little contributions can make a difference. By doing so, we help more than the world. We help our own offspring. Charitable involvement has been shown to help raise self-esteem, develop social skills, foster an introduction to the greater world and encourage kids to appreciate their own lifestyle. So how do you start them on the right path? First, we are going to start simply.

A more realistic approach is to show them that the little things they already do *are* acts of giving. Smiling at someone on the street, sending a card to a friend and keeping a lonely relative company are all ways that they can help others. Another tip is to go through a simple closet cleanup. Helping your child gather a bag of clothes or toys they’ve outgrown for charity not only serves multiple purposes, but it’s an easy way to give back. The key is to take your child with you to drop off the clothes or to remind your child these clothes are helping children who are less fortunate.

Second, we are sending home a collection box that your child may place found pennies. On a monthly basis, we will ask the students to bring their collection boxes to Sunday School. The Stewardship Committee will tally all the pennies collected and 5% of that money will be donated to UNICEF and the remaining amount donated to the church or an item purchased from a list generated by the students. Accurate records will be kept and posted monthly in the Koinonia and on the Sunday School bulletin board. At end of the year, the Stewardship Committee will throw a pizza party for the children who participated in the program and celebrate their success.

Our goal is to help you as parents raise value center children where God and fellowman is in the forefront of their minds.

*Thank you. The Stewardship Committee*

## ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑ

Στο πρόσφατο γεύμα μας, της Κυριακής της Εθελοντικής Προσφοράς, μιλήσαμε για την προσφορά χρόνου, ταλέντου και οικονομικής υποστήριξης. Καθώς ξεκινά η νέα χρονιά αποφασίσαμε να εφαρμόσουμε το νέο πρόγραμμα της Εθελοντικής Προσφοράς, και ευελπιστούμε ότι εσείς και η οικογένειά σας είστε πρόθυμοι να προχωρήσετε χέρι-χέρι μαζί μας.

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## ATTENTION: NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

*Saint Nicholas Parishioners:*

The purpose of this article is to inform you that elections will be held for (4) four positions on the Parish Council. The term of office for the new Parish Council members will be for three years, 2013, 2014, 2015. This election is extremely important as we are striving to improve the financial condition of the parish and bring volunteerism to a new level.

The elections will be held on Sunday, February 17, 2013 in the Philoptochos Room. The elections will begin immediately following the Divine Liturgy and will conclude at 2:00 p.m.

*The nominees are as follows in alphabetical order:*

- **Stamatia Jeromonahos**
- **Socrates “Sam” Glavas**
- **Maria Mimaros**
- **Katina Palas**
- **Popi Paragios**
- **Stanley Souranis**

All members in good standing are urged to come and vote. The Uniform Parish Regulations of the Archdiocese and the Parish By-Laws note the following:

1. In order to vote, a member must pay in full his/her Stewardship commitment for 2012 before he/she casts their vote, and make a stewardship pledge for 2013.
2. In order to vote, a new member must be a registered member of the Parish for at least three (3) months prior to the elections.
3. A voter must be baptized or chrismated in the Greek Orthodox Faith.

Absentee ballots can be requested through the Church Office and must be received either by mail or by hand prior to the commencing of the elections on Sunday, February 17, 2013.

**EVERYONE IS URGED TO VOTE.**

Rev. Fr. Michael L. Pstrikos, Parish Priest and The Elections Committee Members, Roza Cornias, Nancy Anastasiades, Patricia

Topouzoglou, Efthimia Atsidis and Tina Harris.

## ΕΙΔΟΠΟΙΗΣΗ ΕΚΛΟΓΩΝ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΑΝΑΔΕΙΞΗ ΝΕΩΝ ΜΕΛΩΝ ΣΤΟ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΤΙΚΟ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟ

*Αγαπητά μέλη,*

Σκοπός αυτού του άρθρου είναι να σας ενημερώσουμε ότι θα διεξαχθούν εκλογές για να καλυφθούν 4 θέσεις του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου. Η θητεία των νοεκληγόντων μελών θα είναι (3) τριετής, ήτι 2013, 2014, 2015. Οι εκλογές εφέτος είναι εξαιρετικά σημαντικές διότι προσπαθούμε να βελτιώσουμε την οικονομική κατάσταση της Κοινότητας, και να ανεβάσουμε το επίπεδο του εθελοντισμού.

Οι εκλογές θα διεξαχθούν την Κυριακή, 17 Φεβρουαρίου, 2013 στη αίθουσα συνεδριάσεων της

Φιλοπτώχου. Οι εκλογές θα αρχίσουν μετά τη Θεία Λειτουργία, και θα ολοκληρωθούν στις 2:00 μ.μ.

Οι υποψήφιοι είναι οι εξής κατά αλφαβητική σειρά:

- **Σταματία Ιερομονάχου**
- **Σωκράτης “Sam” Γκλαβά**
- **Μαρία Μιμάρου**
- **Κατίνα Πάλα**
- **Πόπη Παγαγιού**
- **Στέλιος Σουράνης**

Όλα τα οικονομικά εν τάξει προς την Κοινότητα μέλη καλούνται να έρθουν και να ψηφίσουν. Σύμφωνα με τους τους Ενιαίους Κανονισμούς των Κοινοτήτων της Αρχιεπισκοπής και τους Εσωτερικούς Κανονισμούς της Κοινότητας, πρέπει :

1. Για να ψηφίσει ένα μέλος πρέπει να καταβάλλει στο αμέριστο την Υπόσχεσή του της Εθελοντικής Προσφοράς για το 2012 πριν αυτός / αυτή ψηφίσει, και να παραδώσει συμπληρωμένη την κάρτα

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# COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

## ***In Loving Memory,***

Prevsytera Dimitra joins me and our family members, in extending our love and gratitude to all the wonderful people who upon learning of the death of our father, "Lazaros Pastrokos, who passed and fell asleep in the Lord on Christmas Eve. As Orthodox Christians, we believe that everyone who dies in the Lord will enjoy their eternal rest and take up their eternal residence in the bosom of Abraham. We know that my father Lazaros is with the Lord enjoying and basking in the splendor of the shadow of our Creator. We really appreciated every ones wishes and prayers during these trying times.

We would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions that were given to the Church in memory of my father Lazaros. May the Lord multiply your years upon the earth with a joyous and happy life.

## **GOYA NEWS**

On Saturday, January 12, 2013, we had the opportunity to participate in the Feed the Epiphany Celebration with Diving for the Cross and Retreat at Saint George Greek Orthodox Church in Ocean City, MD. Our GOYAnS that were able to attend this event were very proud in representing St. Nicholas Church on this special day. We had quite a few of our youths dive for the cross and our very own Argiri Stakias was blessed to have found the cross this year for the Boys Division!! Congratulations and many blessings to Argiri Stakias and his family. Thank you to the parents that volunteered to chaperone on this day. God willing, next year we will be able to take an even bigger group and show our St. Nicholas pride! We thank the St. George Greek Orthodox Parish for inviting us and hosting the event.

We are in the planning stages of our biggest GOYA event – our Annual Basketball Tournament. It will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the MD Juniors Sports Center, 8221 Preston Court, Jessup, MD 20794. We will be hosting 10 local and out of state Parishes. This will be a big event for us and we ENCOURAGE you to come out and support our GOYAnS by cheering them on or even donating your time to help!! We are calling on all our GOYA Alumni to come out and support the kids! We are extremely excited about this winning event!! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

***Yours in Christ, Becky Rossis-Barnes, GOYA Advisor***

## **USHERS NEEDED IN THE CHURCH**

St. Nicholas is developing a ministry of a regular rotation of ushers, who will serve on a recurring basis.

Primary duties will be to greet, manage candles, manage the lines during Holy Communion, and other services, and ushering people to their pews. A parish Council member will also be on duty to lock or unlock, and to handle other issues that may arise. If you are willing to be a part of this indispensable ushering ministry, please contact, Mrs. Nancy Anastasiades at nanastasi@comcast.net. Thank you for your interest.

## **THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

Happy New Year! Just a friendly reminder that our Philoptochos will be having the annual Apokreatiko Glendi on

Friday, March 8, 2013 at the St. Nicholas Social Hall. The music will be by "Zephyros".

The dinner is from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and dancing from 9:00 p.m to 1:00 p.m. Donation is \$25.00 per person and children 10 years old and under is \$5.00. There will be a cash bar. All proceeds to benefit the "Philoxenia House". Please note that the children from our community will also perform.

Please come and support the Saint Nicholas Philoptochos. We promise a great night for all! If you would like to purchase tickets, you may contact any one of our Philoptochos board members or email Nora Kefalas at norakefalas@gmail.com

***Thank you for your continued support, Nora Kefalas***

## **ΝΕΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΑ «ΔΙΑΜΑΝΤΙΑ» ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ**

Οφείλουμε ένα μεγάλο «ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΩ» σε όλους που τίμησαν με την παρουσία τους το Εορταστικό Χριστουγεννιάτικο/Πρωτοχρονιάτικο Γεύμα μας που έγινε στην «Πλατεία» μας, στις 12 Ιανουαρίου, 2013. Οι συμμετέχοντες, 70 άτομα, πέρασαν υπέροχα. Τους ευχαριστούμε και πάλι για την υποστήριξή τους. Ευχόμαστε να τους δούμε και στην επόμενη εκδήλωσή μας. Θα σας ενημερώσουμε και θα σας δώσουμε περισσότερες πληροφορίες σύντομα.

## **FESTIVAL COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

On Monday, February 11th, an organizational meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Plateia. All chairpersons must attend this meeting as well as anyone looking to take an active role in the Festival and its management. Please come prepared to discuss new ideas on making the Festival more profitable and utilizing the Plateia to maximize results.

***Thank you. Frank Mitsos, Festival Chairman***

## **THE MARYLAND GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE COMMITTEE...**

... will hold its Annual Dance on Saturday on 3/2/13, at St. Nicholas Church Social Hall from 8 pm - 2 am. Rena Tsapelas and Orchestra from NY will perform. Ticket prices are \$35.00 per adult, children under 10 are free. Food is included. Cash bar. For tickets, reservations or more information, please contact Manoli Theoharis, 410-790-7542 or Georgia Vavas, 410-583-0068, gvavas@comcast.net.

## **Η ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗ ΤΗΣ ΠΑΡΕΛΑΣΗΣ – ΗΜΕΡΑ ΤΗΣ ΑΝΕΞΑΡΤΗΣΙΑΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΑΣ.....**

..... θα έχει την Χοροεσπερίδα της το Σάββατο 2 Μαρτίου, 2013, στη Κοινοτική Αίθουσα του Αγίου Νικολάου από τις 8:00 μ.μ. έως τις 2:00 το πρωί. Τραγούδι από την Ρένα Τσάπελα και Ορχήστρα από την Νέα Υόρκη. Είσοδος \$35.00 το άτομο για μεγάλους και δωρεάν τα παιδιά κάτω των 10 ετών. Στη τιμή συμπεριλαμβάνεται το φαγητό. Πληρώνετε το ποτό σας. Για να κλείσετε θέσεις ή για περισσότερες πληροφορίες παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με τον Μανώλη Θεοχάρη στο τηλέφωνο 410-790-7542 ή την Γιωργία Βάβα 410-583-0068 ή στο e-mail gvavas@comcast.net

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# COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

## **GREEKTOWN CDC**

### *A Message from Colonel John E. Gavrillis, CEO*

Our board continues to monitor and represent the community in the Redline Transit Project. Currently, The RedLine Art in Transit Program - aims to enhance the stations and the environment along the corridor in order to make the Red Line more welcoming to riders, integrate it into communities, and to reflect the unique characters and histories of each community it will travel through. Artists will gather with communities to understand their perspectives and vision for art. We will be proposing to the committee a theme representative of our community's identity. More information will be made available to the community in the near future.

The Greektown CDC hosted a meeting in December 2012 with community leaders and Councilman Jim Kraft. The meeting focused on increasing police presence in our community and to develop a strategy towards some of our nuisance bars. Councilman Kraft noted he will take our concerns to the Police Commissioner in hopes of obtaining a commitment from him. More information will follow after we meet again with Councilman Kraft. As winter time continues, we urge all to check in on our elderly neighbors to ensure they are safe. In times of snow storms, an offer to shovel their walk or pick up groceries would be appreciated. An act of kindness goes a long way. Please remember to call **911** for all crime related issues and emergencies (this includes illegal trash dumping, drug dealing and loitering). Call **311** for non emergencies and to request City Services.

**Believe in your community!**

## **SAINT NICHOLAS DIAMONDS NEWS**

A big "thank you" to everyone who attended our Holiday Party on January 12, 2013. Seventy (70) people participated and everyone has a great time. We thank you again for all of your support. Hope to see you at our next adventure. Details to come at a later date.

*Members of the  
Diamonds Enjoying a  
New Year's Luncheon.*



## **THE ST. NICHOLAS SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*Invites You  
To their Annual*



## **SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON**

**Sunday, February 24**

*On*

**Godparents  
Sunday**

***IN THE LARGE HALL  
AFTER CHURCH SERVICES***

**Donation for Luncheon**

**Adults: \$10.00**

**Children 12 and under: \$5.00**

# TA ELLINAKIA NEWS

Registration for the 2013 Ellinakia dance group will begin on Wednesday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. At this time, we will be distributing the 2013 calendar and registering previous members and new members! The Ellinakia dance group participated for the fourth time this past weekend, January 20-21, 2013, at the Metropolis of New Jersey Folk Dance Festival. We are so very proud of the St. Nicholas Ellinakia dance group for their wonderful performance. Each child worked tirelessly during the weeks before the competition; each child danced from his/her heart and each child means so much to both of us. Also, we want to thank the Ellinakia parents for all of their support.

There are so many options available to the parents of these very talented children and we are truly honored that they have chosen our church, our group and our community for their children. We would also like to thank our mother for all of her hard work and support. She has kept our group looking its best! Through the years, Ta Ellinakia has been awarded numerous metals and awards including Best Costume and Second Place in the Metropolis of New Jersey Folk Festival for the years 2010, 2011, and 2012. Thank you again to everyone for your continued support.

*Georgia & Renia Zervos, Ta Ellinakia Dance Directors*



## Participants:

### 2013 Junior

Joanna Komninos  
Lambroula Komninos  
Giorgia Alevrogiannis  
Marianna Alevrogiannis  
Anezina Palas  
Maria Patiniotis  
Spiro Vasilakopoulos  
Manoli Forakis  
Dimitri Stavlas  
Louie Bouziannis  
George Mimaros  
Antoni Palas  
Dimitri Ahladiotis  
George Forakis

### Non-Competitive

Elisavet Filippou  
Eva Archer  
Antonia Patiniotis  
Maria Stavlas  
Michael Ahladiotis  
Eliana Paragios

### 2012 Junior

Chrysoula Vasilakopoulos  
Spiro Vasilakopoulos  
Nick Argetakis  
Irene Angelos  
Dean Palas  
Despina Giannas  
Pete Karamihalis  
George Forakis  
Athena Komninos  
Katerina Ieromonahos  
Metaxia Bouziannis  
Maria Patiniotis  
Foula Paragios

### Primary

Dimitri Ahladiotis  
Markella Pearce  
Michael Angelos  
Lambroula Komninos  
Louie Bouziannis  
Nikoletta Pearce  
Antoni Palas  
Anezina Palas  
Dimitri Stavlas  
Penelope Argetakis  
Nick Argetakis  
Yianni Giannas  
Joanna Komninos  
Manoli Forakis

### Non-Competitive

Antonia Patiniotis  
Maria Stavlas

Michael Ahladiotis  
Eliana Paragios  
Rafaila Protopapas  
Sophia Protopapas  
Barbara Karamihalis

### 2011 Primary

Markella Cornias  
Kaliopie Cornias  
Eleni Pikounis  
Foula Paragios  
Irene Angelos  
Katerina Ieromonahos  
Chrysoula Vasilakopoulos  
Despina Giannas  
Maria Patiniotis  
Sia Barnes  
Foula Protopapas  
Athena Komninos  
Kosta Stavrakis  
Mihali Argetakis

### Dean Palas

Nick Argetakis  
George Forakis  
Spiro Vasilakopoulos  
Nick Karelis  
Dimitri Ahladiotis  
Dimitri Stavlas

### 2010 Primary

Nick Karelis  
Nick Argetakis  
George Forakis  
Kosta Stavrakis  
Spiro Vasilakopoulos  
Chrysoula Vasilakopoulos  
Kaliopie Cornias  
Maria Patiniotis  
Sia Barnes  
Despina Giannas  
Eleni Pikounis  
Foula Paragios  
Katerina Ieromonahos  
Irene Angelos  
Dean Palas  
Marina Protopapas



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

## ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

Our Sunday school is preparing to host the Parish Oratorical Festival in March. The topics have been distributed to the students in order to give them plenty of time to select and prepare their papers. We look forward to having all of our students participate in this program. Scholarship money at our local parish level will be awarded to the top 2 students in the Junior and Senior Divisions who advance and participate at the district level.

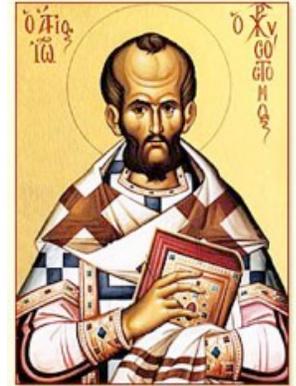
What is the Oratorical Festival about? Introduced in 1983, the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival provides Greek Orthodox teenagers the opportunity to write and talk about their faith. The Oratorical Festival Program begins at the parish level and is divided into three divisions:

- \* **Elementary Division (local festival only) for students in grades 4–6**
- \* **Junior Division for students in grades 7–9**
- \* **Senior Division for student in grades 10–12.**

The top speakers in the Junior and Senior Divisions advance to the district level. Two finalists in each district division represent the district at the Metropolis Oratorical Festival. The top speaker in each metropolis division is then selected to participate in the Archdiocese Finals, which is hosted by a different metropolis each year.

If any of our own students advance and become one of the eighteen finalists at the Archdiocese Finals, they will participate in a weekend of activities, the highlight of which is the delivery of their speeches on Saturday morning. The Oratorical Festival Scholarship Foundation provides college scholarships in the amount of \$2,000.00, \$1,500.00, and \$1,000.00 to the top three speakers in each division. In addition, those finalists who receive a rank of Honorable Mention are awarded a \$500.00 U.S. Savings Bond.

Please read the March Koinonia for the actual date of our parish Oratorical Festival. We encourage not only our Sunday school students but also our Goyans who are still in high school to participate in this event. For copies of the topics and additional information, please stop by the Sunday school office.



## GODPARENTS SUNDAY IS ON SUNDAY, FEB. 24<sup>TH</sup>

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who continue to bring their children and grandchildren to church and to Sunday school. We are all needed in some way to keep St. Nicholas going. By attending church and by attending Sunday school, we are all here to worship and be active participants in the Divine Liturgy.

By helping out in Sunday school, we are also offering our time and God inspired talent to continue to teach our young students about who God was and is in our lives.

Again, we remind our teachers and aides and students to please be in church by 10 am. This way, when Father Michael finishes reading the Bible and giving the sermon, we can leave the church to attend to our lessons.

### Godparents Sunday is on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please plan on bringing your child to church and prepare them to take Holy Communion with their Godparent. We remind the Godparents to please plan on being in church so you can join your Godchild as you go together to receive Holy Communion. We as teachers hear and see our students looking around hoping to see their Godfather or Godmother there so they can go with them to take communion.

After church services, the Sunday school staff invites everyone downstairs to the Large Social Hall to participate in the Annual Spaghetti Luncheon. The cost is still reasonable. It is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under.

**Won't you please join us.**

**(SEE INVITATION AD ON PAGE 5)**

MARYLAND GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2013



PARADE  
*Dance*

RENATSAPFELAS - SINGER   MYRIAM - SINGER  
 LEFTERIS TSILIMOS - BOUZOUKIA   GIANNIRIS PANAGIOTIS - CLARINET

TIME: 8 PM - 2 AM

PRICE: \$35, CASH BAR  
Children 10 & Under FREE

ST. NICHOLAS  
CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

520 S. PONCA ST, BALTIMORE MD 21224

FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT

Georgia Vavas, 410-583-0068,  
gvavas@comcast.net,  
Manoli Theoharris, 410-790-7542  
Additional info: Info@Greekparade.com

Come  
and  
have a  
party!!

## ESSENTIALS OF FAMILY MEETINGS

The family meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting of all family members who want to attend. The purpose is to make plans for family chores and family fun, to express complaints and positive feelings, to resolve conflicts, and to make other sorts of decisions.

### Guidelines for Family Meetings

1. Meet at a regular scheduled time. Have a special meal and dessert meetings.
2. Treat all members as equals. Let everyone be heard.
3. Remember to talk about the good things going on in the family
4. Agree upon length of the meeting, such as 20 minutes and use a timer to track the time. End the meeting in a special way, such as a prayer.
5. Pinpoint the real issues.
6. Post the plans and decisions made.

### Pitfalls to Avoid

1. Meet only to deal with crises, skip
2. One person talks too much.
3. Deal with only complains and criticisms.
4. Ignore establish time.
5. Deal with symptoms like bickering or name-calling rather than real problems.
6. Fail to put agreements into action.



2:00 PM  
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2013  
ON EASTERN AVE. IN BALTIMORE'S GREEKTOWN

# GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

HONORING OUR ANCESTORS' SACRIFICES TO PRESERVE THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY

**FOR INFORMATION**  
PARADE HOTLINE: 443-267-4735

<http://www.greekparade.com>  
2013 Parade Committee  
Chairman: George A. Stakias  
Officers: Dino Frangos, Pitsa Balomas, Metaxia Kardiasmenos, Emily Liadakis, Voula Liadakis, Manolis Theoharis



COME JOIN THE

## Rhodian Society of Maryland

AT OUR ANNUAL

# BULL & SHRIMP FEAST

TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**Friday, February 15, 2013**

from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

UAW Hall Local 239  
1010 S. Oldham Street

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Come join us for a good time, plenty of food, good friends, games, Chinese raffle and music!

**Menu:** All you can eat Steamed Shrimp, Pit Beef, Pit Ham, Greek Salad, Corn Pudding, Shrimp soup, Beer, soft drinks & much more included!! (menu subject to change)

**Adults: \$40.00/pp & kids 12 & under \$30.00**

Interested in tickets or a table please contact:

Maria Angelou @ 443-865-0851 or see Mr. John Fotiou visit us on facebook or our website at [www.diagorasmd.org](http://www.diagorasmd.org)

# J.O.Y.

*God is very important to us. JOY helps to explain to our children how important God is in our lives.*

*The activities we will be enjoying:*

**A Bible Study Lesson  
Arts & Crafts Snacks**

## CALENDAR

(Saturdays between 12 noon & 2:00pm)

January 12, 2013—February 2, 2013  
March 9, 2013—April 13, 2013—May 11, 2013  
(Ages 4 to 12 years old)

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE, God Bless!**

**SPREAD THE WORD!!**

ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT  
POPI PARAGIOS AT (410) 960-3379 or  
PPARAGIOS@HOTMAIL.COM

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church  
520 South Ponca Street, Baltimore, MD 21224

**410-633-5020**  
[www.stnicholasmd.org](http://www.stnicholasmd.org)

# St. Nicholas Profit & Loss January-December, 2012

## ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE

### Income

|                                                    |                      |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Other Donations .....                              | \$ 6,636.00          |
| 4000 • Stewardship .....                           | \$ 238,860.20        |
| 4010 • Greek School/Summer Camp Registration ..... | \$ 30,920.00         |
| 4020 • Sales, Candles .....                        | \$ 79,535.30         |
| 4030 • Sales, Flowers .....                        | \$ 1,530.00          |
| 4040 • Sales, Dances .....                         | \$ 46,135.63         |
| 4050 • Donations- Church .....                     | \$ 72,224.54         |
| 4060 • Donations—Trays .....                       | \$ 18,083.00         |
| 4070 • Donations—Church Hall .....                 | \$ 8,245.00          |
| 4080 • Donations—Memorial .....                    | \$ 17,845.00         |
| 4100 • Donations—Christmas Card .....              | \$ 1,600.00          |
| 4110 • Greek Festival Income* .....                | \$ 25,320.00         |
| 4030 • Interest Income .....                       | \$ 6.31              |
| 4140 • Building Fund Tray Income .....             | \$ 10,477.00         |
| 4150 • Youth Income .....                          | \$ 2,185.72          |
| <b>Total Income .....</b>                          | <b>\$ 559,603.70</b> |

### Cost of Goods Sold

|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 5000 • Candle Expense .....         | \$ 14,645.00        |
| 5010 • Flower Expense .....         | \$ 4,777.50         |
| 5015 • Christmas Card Expense ..... | \$ 510.50           |
| 5020 • Dance Expense .....          | \$ 15,179.63        |
| 5030 • Greek Festival Expense ..... | \$ 1,595.45         |
| 5040 • Hall Cleaning Expense .....  | \$ 1,400.00         |
| <b>Total COGS .....</b>             | <b>\$ 38,108.08</b> |

**Gross Profit .....** \$ 521,495.62

## EXPENSE

### CAPITAL COSTS

|                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 6420 • Capital Improvements .....     | \$ 474.19           |
| 6430 • Plateia Expenses .....         | \$ 72,394.67        |
| 6431 • Plateia Utilities, BG&E .....  | \$ 11,238.36        |
| 6432 • Plateia Water and Sewer .....  | \$ 940.00           |
| 6433 • Plateia Verizon Wireless ..... | \$ 1,191.89         |
| <b>Total CAPITAL COSTS .....</b>      | <b>\$ 86,239.11</b> |

### GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION

|                                                  |              |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Church Supplies .....                            | \$ 2,837.85  |
| 6100 • Accounting .....                          | \$ 6,250.00  |
| 6110 • Advertising—Yellow Pages & Koinonia ..... | \$ 10,319.25 |
| 6130 • Auto Repair .....                         | \$ 4,644.60  |

|                                                       |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 6140 • Bank Fees .....                                | \$ 4,364.87         |
| 6160 • Clergy Laity Congress .....                    | \$ 7,827.81         |
| 6200 • Equipment Rental .....                         | \$ 1,918.08         |
| 6210 • Fair Share (Archdiocese) .....                 | \$ 24,500.00        |
| 6250 • Insurance—General Liability .....              | \$ 15,102.56        |
| 6260 • Insurance—Worker's Compensation .....          | \$ 2,120.00         |
| 6270 • Interest Expense .....                         | \$ 80.61            |
| 6300 • Office Expense .....                           | \$ 1,580.00         |
| 6320 • Postage and Delivery .....                     | \$ 3,574.94         |
| 6330 • Professional Fees—Subcontract .....            | \$ 1,660.00         |
| 6340 • Printing Expense .....                         | \$ 2,157.30         |
| 6360 • Telephone .....                                | \$ 2,669.94         |
| 6530 • Miscellaneous .....                            | \$ 170.00           |
| <b>Total General &amp; Administration Costs .....</b> | <b>\$ 91,777.81</b> |

### OCCUPANCY COSTS

|                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 6120 • Alarm Monitoring .....        | \$ 838.92           |
| 6150 • Building Maintenance .....    | \$ 15,581.80        |
| 6230 • Ground Rent .....             | \$ 905.00           |
| 6280 • Janitor's Supplies .....      | \$ 5,174.79         |
| 6310 • Permits & Licenses .....      | \$ 1,544.60         |
| 6365 • Security .....                | \$ 784.00           |
| 6370 • Trash Removal .....           | \$ 3,202.01         |
| 6390 • Utilities .....               | \$ 29,435.03        |
| 6400 • Water and Sewer .....         | \$ 5,083.78         |
| <b>OCCUPANCY COSTS — Other .....</b> | <b>\$ 62,549.93</b> |

### PAYROLL EXPENSES

|                                            |                      |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 6000 • Church Personnel Payroll .....      | \$ 115,073.82        |
| 6010 • Priest Payroll .....                | \$ 85,720.92         |
| 6020 • Greek School Teachers Payroll ..... | \$ 46,925.02         |
| 6030 • Choir Leader Payroll .....          | \$ 17,134.91         |
| 6031 • Temporary Clergy Services .....     | \$ 6,000.00          |
| 6040 • Organist Payroll .....              | \$ 4,000.00          |
| 6050 • Payroll Taxes .....                 | \$ 14,946.03         |
| 6060 • Pension .....                       | \$ 6,000.00          |
| 6070 • Employee Benefit (Health) .....     | \$ 48,431.52         |
| 6080 • Auto/Health Allowance .....         | \$ 12,000.00         |
| 6090 • Mileage Reimbursement .....         | \$ 23.10             |
| <b>Total Payroll Expenses .....</b>        | <b>\$ 356,255.32</b> |

### YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL

|                                             |                    |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 6190 • Books and CD's .....                 | \$ 418.90          |
| 6355 • Educational and Youth Expenses ..... | \$ 2,251.66        |
| <b>Total YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL .....</b>    | <b>\$ 2,670.56</b> |

**TOTAL EXPENSE .....** \$ 599,492.73

**Net Ordinary Income (Net Income) .....** \$ (-77,997.11)

**Net Income .....** \$ (-77,997.11)

## ✠ DONATIONS IN MEMORIAM ✠

### IN MEMORY OF ERMA TSOTTLES

James & Karen Tsouvalos  
Mrs. Mary Serafis  
Saint Nicholas DIAMONDS  
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Mr. Nicholas Filippou

## Νέα του Ελληνικού Σχολείου Greek School News

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΑΠΟΓΕΥΜΑΤΙΝΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ  
ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ, ΒΑΛΤΙΜΟΡΗΣ

### ΚΑΛΟΚΑΙΡΙΝΗ ΚΑΤΑΣΚΗΝΩΣΗ

(24 Ιουνίου μέχρι και 19 Ιουλίου 2013)

Στη Κοινότητά μας θα λειτουργήσει και πάλι φέτος από 24 Ιουνίου μέχρι και 19 Ιουλίου 2013 η «Καλοκαιρινή Κατασκήνωση του Ελληνικού μας Σχολείου». Το πρόγραμμα απευθύνεται σε παιδιά ηλικίας 4 μέχρι 5 ετών.

Ώρες λειτουργίας: 9:00 π.μ.—12:00 μεσημέρι  
(Δευτέρα μέχρι και Παρασκευή)  
Δίδακτρα: \$350.00 για το κάθε παιδί.  
Διδάσκουσα: κ. Βίκυ Καλογράνη  
Εγγραφές: Μέχρι και 30 Απριλίου 2013  
Προκαταβολή: \$100.00 (πληρωτέα μέχρι και τις 30 Απριλίου 2013)

Ανώτατος αριθμός παιδιών: Δέκα (10) παιδιά.

Όσοι γονείς ενδιαφέρονται, παρακαλούνται να εγγραφούν τα παιδιά τους έγκαιρα. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες, τηλεφωνήστε στην κ. Ελένη Μονόπωλη, τηλέφωνο, 410-633-5020, Δευτέρα μέχρι και Παρασκευή, 3:30 μ.μ - 4:20 μ.μ.

Δημήτριος Στακιάς, Πρόεδρος Σχολικής Επιτροπής;

Ελένη Α. Μονόπωλη, Διευθύντρια;

Πρεσβ. Μιχαήλ Παστρικός, Ιερατικός Προϊστάμενος;

Τάκης Παπαδόπουλος, Πρόεδρος Κοινότητας

### SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK AFTERNOON SCHOOL, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND GREEK SUMMER CAMP

(June 24th to July 19, 2013)

Our Greek School is offering again this year the "Summer Camp of our Greek School" to children ages four (4) and five (5).

TIME: Monday thru Friday,  
from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
TUITION: \$350.00 per child  
TEACHER: Ms. Vicki Kalograni  
REGISTRATION  
DUE DATE: April 30, 2013  
DEPOSIT: \$100.00 (due at time of  
registration)

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS: Ten (10)

For more information, please call Mrs. Monopolis at 410-633-5020, Monday thru Friday from 3:30 - 4:20 p.m.

Dimitrios Stakias, Chairman, Greek School Committee;  
Eleni L. Monopolis, Principal; Fr. Michael Pastrikos  
Takis Papadopoulos, President

## CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT ST. NICHOLAS GREEK SCHOOL

Mr. John Sfakianoudis, a member of the Parish Council, and for many years the Chairman of the Greek School Committee, has decided not to seek re-election to the Parish Council board.

We would like to thank and congratulate Mr. Sfakianoudis for his many years of service. We acknowledge his tireless work and his invaluable contribution towards the development of new school programs and the progress of our Greek School.

We thank him for his stewardship over the St. Nicholas Greek School and for providing invaluable guidance. He has contributed greatly to the St. Nicholas Greek School and to our Community. We wish him and his family good health, joy and happiness.

Mr. Demetrios Stakias, a member of the Parish Council, was appointed as the new Chairman of the St. Nicholas Greek School Committee. We would like to wish Mr. Stakias all the best in his new position. The Principal, the teaching personnel and the Parents Teachers Association of our School would like to welcome him and let him know that he has our full support and cooperation.

*Eleni Louvrou-Monopolis, Principal*

Ο κ. Γιάννης Σφακιανούδης, μέλος του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου και για πολλά χρόνια Πρόεδρος της Σχολικής Επιτροπής, αποφάσισε φέτος να παραδώσει τη σκυτάλη.

Από τη στήλη αυτή θέλουμε να συγχαρούμε τον κ. Σφακιανούδη για την πολυετή και ευδόκιμη υπηρεσία του. Αναγνωρίζουμε το έργο του και την ανεκτίμητη συμβολή του στη δημιουργία νέων προγραμμάτων και την πρόοδο του Ελληνικού μας Σχολείου. Τον ευχαριστούμε για όλα όσα προσέφερε στο Σχολείο μας και την Κοινότητά μας γενικότερα. Του ευχόμαστε υγεία, χαρά και κάθε προσωπική και οικογενειακή ευτυχία και πρόοδο.

Τα καθήκοντα του Προέδρου της Σχολικής Επιτροπής, με απόφαση του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου, αναλαμβάνει ο κ. Δημήτριος Στακιάς.

Στον κ. Στακιά ευχόμαστε καλή δύναμη και επιτυχία στο έργο που αναλαμβάνει. Από τη Διευθύντρια του Σχολείου, το διδακτικό προσωπικό, το Σύλλογο Γονέων και Δασκάλων έχει όλη την υποστήριξη και συνεργασία μας.

*Ελένη Λούβρου-Μονόπωλη,  
Διευθύντρια Ελληνικού Σχολείου*

## ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑ

*Συνέχεια από την σελίδα 3*

Ένα μέρος της Εθελοντικής Προσφοράς διδάσκει τα παιδιά μας να ανταποδώσουν στην εκκλησία και την κοινότητα. Γι' αυτό, στέλνουμε στο σπίτι ένα κουμπαρά (κουτί) που το παιδί σας μπορεί να ρίξει μέσα όσα «πένια» βρει τριγύρω. Θέλουμε τα παιδιά του Κατηχητικού Σχολείου κάθε μήνα να φέρνουν τους κουμπαράδες τους πίσω στην Εκκλησία. Η Επιτροπή της Εθελοντικής Προσφοράς θα μαζεύει όλα τα «πένια» που θα έχουν συλλεχθεί και το 5% από αυτά τα χρήματα θα διατίθενται για το UNICEF, το υπόλοιπο ποσό είτε θα δωρίζεται στην εκκλησία ή θα αγοράζεται κάποιο αντικείμενο που θα βρίσκεται στη λίστα την οποία θα έχουν συντάξει οι μαθητές. Θα τηρείται ακριβής οικονομική έκθεση, που θα δημοσιεύεται κάθε μήνα στη ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑ και στο πίνακα ανακοινώσεων του Κατηχητικού Σχολείου.

Στο τέλος του έτους, η Επιτροπή Εθελοντικής Προσφοράς θα

διοργανώσει για τα παιδιά που συμμετείχαν στο Πρόγραμμα, πίτσα-πάστ, για να γιορτάσουν την επιτυχία τους. Σας προσκαλούμε σε αυτή την υπέροχη υποστήριξη του προγράμματος. Ευχαριστούμε.

*Επιτροπή της Εθελοντικής Προσφοράς*

## 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 14th of the current month for the upcoming month's issue.

**ISSUE MONTH: MARCH, 2013**

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 18TH**

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)

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**PLEGDED**  
TOTALS: \$96,515.00

**PAYMENTS**  
\$64,345.00

**BALANCE**  
\$32,170.00

## Μήνυμα απο τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ

### Συνέχεια απο την σελίδα 2

τη ματαιότητα αυτού του κόσμου, ο Θεός θα μας επισκεφθεί. Για να συμβεί όμως αυτό, πρέπει πρώτα να έχουμε την επιθυμία να Τον υποδεχθούμε στο σπίτι της καρδιάς μας.

Δεδομένου ότι αρχίζει το ταξίδι της Σαρακοστής, θα πρέπει να αρχίσουμε να σκεφτόμαστε και να προγραμματίζουμε από τώρα, για να επωφεληθούμε από όλα όσα έχει να μας προσφέρει η περίοδος αυτή. Πρέπει να γνωρίζουμε ότι κατά τη διάρκεια της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής, έχουμε την ευκαιρία να συμμετέχουμε σε πολλές Ακολουθίες. Έχουμε ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ ΑΠΟΔΕΙΠΝΩΝ, ΠΡΟΗΓΙΑΣΜΕΝΩΝ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΩΝ, ΤΟΥΣ ΧΑΙΡΕΤΙΣΜΟΥΣ, ΤΟΝ ΑΚΑΘΙΣΤΟ ΥΜΝΟ, ΤΑ ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΑ, ΤΗΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΕΥΧΕΛΑΙΟΥ, και πολλά άλλα.

Η Μεγάλη Σαρακοστή είναι μια απίστευτη ευκαιρία που έρχεται μόνο μια φορά το χρόνο. Και δεν είναι μόνο για την πνευματική μας ανάπτυξη, είναι και για τη μετατροπή και τον καθαγιασμό ολόκληρου του κόσμου.

Σας παρακαλώ λοιπόν να ξεκινήσετε τα σχέδιά σας από τώρα, πρέπει επίσης να γνωρίζετε ότι επιθυμώ να βρισκόμαι κοντά σας και να συνεργάζομαι μαζί σας όσο διαρκεί αυτό το

υπέροχο ταξίδι της Σαρακοστής.

## ΕΙΔΟΠΟΙΗΣΗ ΕΚΛΟΓΩΝ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΑΝΑΔΕΙΞΗ ΝΕΩΝ ΜΕΛΩΝ ΣΤΟ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΤΙΚΟ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟ

### Συνέχεια απο την σελίδα 2

υπόσχεσης της Εθελοντικής του Προσφοράς για το 2013.

2. Για να ψηφίσει ένα νέο μέλος θα πρέπει να είναι εγγεγραμμένο μέλος της Κοινότητας για τουλάχιστον τρεις (3) μήνες πριν από την εκλογή.

3. Ο ψηφοφόρος πρέπει να έχει βαφτιστεί ή χριστεί στην Ελληνική Ορθόδοξη Πίστη.

Ψηφοδέλτια Απόντων μπορείτε να ζητήσετε από το Γραφείο της Εκκλησίας τα οποία πρέπει να ταχυδρομηθούν και παραληφθούν από την Εφορευτική Επιτροπή πριν την 17η Φεβρουαρίου, 2013, ή να παραδοθούν προσωπικά πριν την έναρξη των εκλογών.

**Παρακαλείστε να έλθετε να ψηφίσετε.**

**Σας ευχαριστούμε.**

Αιδ. Μιχαήλ Λ. Παστρικός, Ιερέυς και τα Μέλη της Επιτροπής Εκλογών, Ρόζα Κόρνια, Νάνσυ Αναστασιάδη, Παρασκευή Τοπούζογλου, Ευθυμία Ατσίδα και Αθηνά Χαρχαρίδη.

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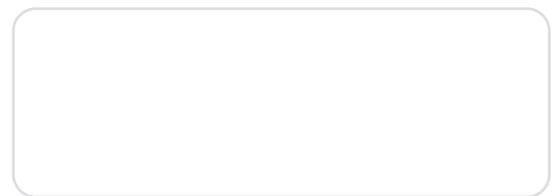
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## LITURGICAL PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY, 2013

**Saturday, February 2:** Presentation of our Lord:  
Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am  
**Sunday, February 3:** 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew: (Young  
Lawyer) Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am  
Sunday, February 10: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew: (Talent  
Sunday) Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.  
**Sunday, February 17:** 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew: (Canaanite  
Woman). Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am  
**Sunday, February 24:** 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke: (Publican and  
Pharisee) Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am  
*JUST TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY  
24 BEGINS THE TRIODION. THIS IS A FREE FAST WEEK.*

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, February 2:** J.O.Y. Program from  
12 noon to 2 p.m. at St. Nicholas Church.  
**Sunday, February 3:** Superbowl XLVII Party at the Plateia,  
Ravens vs. San Francisco 49'ers, festivities begin at 5 p.m.  
**Sunday, February 3:** Godparents' Sunday at Saints Mary  
Magdalene & Markella Greek Orthodox Church.  
**Monday, February 4:** GOYA meeting starting at 7 p.m.  
**Saturday-Sunday, February 9 & 10:** GOYA Sponsored  
Basketball Tournament at the Maryland Junior Sports Center,  
starting at 8 a.m. GOYA Sponsored dance at 8 p.m. at St.  
Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.  
**Sunday, February 10:** Godparents' Sunday at the Greek  
Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation.  
**Tuesday, February 12:** The Diamonds Monthly Luncheon

Meeting at 1 p.m.  
**Wednesday, February 13:** Ta Ellinakia New Member  
Registration Begins at 6:30 p.m.  
**Friday, February 15:** The Rhodian Society of Maryland Annual  
Bull & Shrimp Feast from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
**Saturday, February 16:** Plaka Productions Presents: Greek  
Night Live from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Plateia.  
**Saturday, February 16:** GOYA Basketball tournament at Holy  
Trinity in Wilmington, Delaware.  
**Sunday, February 17:** Parish Council Elections; Godparents'  
Sunday at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church.  
**Monday, February 18:** Greek School closed for President's Day.  
**Sunday, February 24:** Godparents' Sunday at St. Nicholas.  
Attend church with your godchild this Sunday.  
**Sunday, February 24:** Spaghetti Luncheon sponsored by the  
Sunday School, immediately after the Divine Liturgy.  
**Thursday, February 28:** Parish Life Committee Meeting: 7 p.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, March 2:** The Maryland Independence Day Parade  
Dance from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
**Wednesday, March 6:** The Ladies Philoptochos monthly  
meeting starting at 7 p.m.  
**Friday, March 8:** The Ladies Philoptochos Apokreatiko Glendi  
starting at 8 p.m.  
**Saturday, March 9:** The Ladies Panchian Society meeting  
starting at 1 p.m.  
**Tuesday, March 12:** The Diamonds monthly luncheon meeting  
starting at 1 p.m.