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## **Pastoral Message from Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos**

### **St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival**

*Dear Parishioners:*

“Then Jesus said to his Disciples the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few, therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” (Matthew 9:37-38)

**THE TIME IS QUICKLY  
APPROACHING!**

**THE FESTIVAL IS AROUND  
THE CORNER!**

I hope that you truly read the passage that was written above about the Harvest because this is so true in real life.

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

There are many ways to help out for the festival, don't wait for someone to call you for your services. This is our Festival, and we must all heed the call of sacrifice and donate our time and talents.

So, I am appealing this message to all our young adults who have not been active in their parish. **NOW IS THE TIME !!! COME FORTH !!!** ...And take on some of the responsibilities that others have offered for years. We must be Pro-Active when it comes to helping out for the needs of our Community. Don't hold back! Don't be a Spectator! Be a D O E R !!!

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



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# Μήνυμα από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικό

## Ελληνικό Λαϊκό Πανηγύρι Αγίου Νικολάου

### Αγαπητά μέλη,

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

### ΤΟ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ ΤΗΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑΣ ΜΑΣ ΠΛΗΣΙΑΖΕΙ!

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

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

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

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

θυσιάσουμε και να προσφέρουμε εθελοντικά το χρόνο μας και το ταλέντο μας.

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

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

Να θυμάστε “ΦΑΣΟΥΛΙ με ΦΑΣΟΥΛΙ γεμίζει το σακούλι.”

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

**Ελπίζω να σας δω όλους στο Φεστιβάλ.**

**Με αγάπη προς τον Αναστάντα Κύριο,**

**Με εκτίμηση, Πατήρ Μιχαήλ Α. Παστρικός**

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## Message From Fr. Michael

## Μήνυμα από τον Πατ. Μιχαήλ

*Dear Faithful in the Lord:*

**Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!  
Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!**

“Christ is Risen from the dead,  
Trampling down death by death, and  
Upon those in the tombs, bestowing life.”

With these joyous words I greet you. Our Risen Christ proved to all of us that He is not just another empty philosopher with empty promises, but he was true to His words and teachings that He would resurrect as He has foretold.

He defeated death, the devil and sin, and He calls us to be His victorious followers. I pray that with the true outcome of Christ's Resurrection, we may be able to overcome our passions, our disappointments, or differences, our desires, our sinful ways, our vices, and that with the Gospel we will be able to lead our lives from now on with spiritual goals and accomplishments.

I can't begin to tell you how spiritually uplifted I felt during the services of Holy Week. Seeing so many of you. Thousands of people attended during the Great Lenten and Holy Week period. Throughout the entire week, I felt that there was so much energy within the church. As the last service ended which was the Agape Vespers of Love, I wished that the love, which emanated throughout the entire week would never end...but last forever.

My prayer for everyone is that through His glorious Resurrection, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ blesses you with His unconditional love to continue being a light to those around us so that they may know Him as intimate as we do.

*Christ is Risen!*

**Αγαπητοί Χριστιανοί, Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!**

«Χριστός Ανέστη εκ νεκρών, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας και τοις εν τοις μνήμασι, ζωή χαρισάμενος»

Σας χαιρετώ όλους με το χαριμόσυνο αυτό μήνυμα. Ο Αναστάς Κύριος απέδειξε σε όλους μας ότι δεν ήταν απλά ένας «κενός» φιλόσοφος με «κενές» υποσχέσεις, αλλά ήταν πέρα για πέρα αληθινός στα όσα είχε πει στις διδασκαλίες Του, ότι δηλαδή, καθώς προείπε, θα αναστηθεί.

Ενίκησε τον θάνατο, τον σατανά και την αμαρτία, και μας προσκαλεί να γίνουμε οι οπαδοί της νίκης Του.

Προσεύχομαι όπως με το αληθινό μήνυμα της Ανάστασης του Κυρίου μπορέσουμε να ξεπεράσουμε τα πάθη μας, τις απογοητεύσεις μας, τις διαφορές μας, τις επιθυμίες μας, τις αμαρτωλές μας σκέψεις, τις κακίες μας, και με οδηγό το ευαγγέλιο μπορέσουμε να ζήσουμε από τώρα και μπρος με πνευματικούς στόχους και αξίες.

Δεν μπορώ να σας περιγράψω πόσο κοντά στο Θεό αισθάνθηκα κατά τη διάρκεια των Ιερών Ακολουθιών της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδος. Να βλέπω τόσο πολύ κόσμο. Χιλιάδες κόσμοι παρηκολούθησαν τις Ακολουθίες της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής και της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδος. Όλη την Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα αισθάνθηκα ότι υπήρχε μεγάλη ενεργητικότητα στην Εκκλησία. Όταν τελείωσε και τη τελευταία Ακολουθία, η Ακολουθία της Αγάπης, ευχήθηκα όπως η πηγαία αγάπη που επικράτησε καθ' όλη την εβδομάδα να μην τελειώσει ποτέ, αλλά να διαρκέσει για πάντα.

Η προσευχή μου για όλους σας είναι όπως η ένδοξη Ανάσταση του Κυρίου και Σωτήρα μας Ιησού Χριστού, σας ευλογεί με την άνευ όρων αγάπη Του, και να συνεχίσει να είναι το φως εκείνων που μας περιβάλλουν, ούτως ώστε να μπορέσουν να Τον θεωρήσουν δικό τους όπως τον θεωρούμε και εμείς.

*Χριστός Ανέστη!*

## Ο Αναστάς Κύριος να Ευλογεί Όλους σας. Χριστός Ανέστη!

*Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ*

Εκ μέρους του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου, του υποφαινομένου και ολοκλήρου του προσωπικού της Εκκλησίας μας, θέλω να σας ευχαριστήσω που παρακολουθήσατε τις Ακολουθίες της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδος. Σε τι θαυμάσια εμπειρία συμμετείχαμε, όλοι μαζί, την Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα! Αμέτρητα πλήθη κόσμοι πέρασαν από την Εκκλησία μας τις Άγιες αυτές ημέρες. Ελπίζω ότι οι Ακολουθίες σας ενέπνευσαν και σας βοήθησαν να αντιληφθείτε περισσότερο και να πιστέψετε περισσότερο στην Αγία Ανάσταση του Κυρίου.

Εκφράζω την αμέριστη εκτίμηση και ενγνωμοσύνη μου μαζί με τις εγκάρδιες ευχαρησιές μου προς όλους εκείνους που εβοήθησαν και προς όλους εκείνους που προσέφεραν δωρεές στον αγαπημένο μας Άγιο Νικόλαο, κατά τη διάρκεια της Μεγάλης Σαρακοστής, της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας και του Πάσχα.

Και συνεχίζω τις ευχαρησιές μου με προτεραιότητα στο κατάλογό μου, τα μέλη του Διοικητικού μας Συμβουλίου, τα οποία εθελοντικά προσέφεραν το χρόνο τους και τις επιτηδιότητές τους για να βεβαιωθούν ότι όλα λειτουργούσαν σωστά, και τα εκκλησιαστικά κτίρια διατηρούνταν σε καλή κατάσταση, κατά τη διάρκεια των 40 Αγίων ημερών.

Δεύτερο ένα μεγάλο ευχαριστώ σε όλους τους ψάλτες μας, τον Γιώργο Ρώσση, τον Γιώργο Χρυσοβέργη, τον Στέλιο Μαυρούλη, τον Βασίλη Πούλο, και τον χειριστή του εκκλησιαστικού οργάνου Παναγιώτη Μπισμπίκη, για την συμμετοχή τους και την αφοσίωσή τους, χωρίς τους ψάλτες μας οι Ακολουθίες θάταν πολύ δύσκολο να εκτελεστούν.

Στα μέλη της Εκκλησιαστικής Χορωδίας του Αγίου Νικολάου, ευχαριστώ για τις αμέτρητες ώρες που υπηρέτησαν δοξάζοντας τον Κύριο κατά την Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή, και ειδικότερα κατά την Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα. Εύχομαι ο Κύριος να συνεχίσει να τους χαρίζει τις ωραιότερες φωνές τους για να συνεχίσουν να ευχαριστούν τον Θεό κατά την Θεία Λειτουργία και κατά τις

υπόλοιπες Ακολουθίες.

Άπειρα ευχαριστώ στους συνεργάτες μου - τον ιερατικό βοηθό μου, Βασίλη Πούλο, και τον Νεοκόρο μου, Στέλιο Κάβουρα, που πιστά υπηρέτησαν στο Ιερό αφιερώνοντας ακούραστα τις ώρες τους στον Θεό και την Εκκλησία. Ειλικρινά, δεν ξέρω αν η Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα θάχε τόση επιτυχία χωρίς την βοήθεια αυτού του “ντουέτου”. Δεν υπάρχουν λόγια να τους ευχαριστήσω όσο πρέπει.

Ευχαριστώ τους ιεροπαίδες που υπηρέτησαν στο Ιερό καθ' όλη την Εβδομάδα με πίστη και ευλάβεια. Εύχομαι ο Κύριος να συνεχίσει να τους χαρίζει υγεία.

Ευχαριστώ πολύ τις Μυροφόρες που έδωσαν μεγαλύτερη σημασία στις Ακολουθίες της Κυριακής των Βαΐων το βράδυ και το βράδυ της Μεγάλης Παρασκευής. Επίσης στους νεαρούς που σήκωσαν τον Επιτάφιο κατά την Περιφορά την Μεγάλη Παρασκευή το βράδυ, τους εύχομαι υγεία και παν εκ Θεού αγαθό.

Ευχαριστώ τους κυρίους, τις κυρίες και τα παιδιά που βοήθησαν και φτιάξαμε τους σταυρούς για την Κυριακή των Βαΐων.

Προσωπικά ευχαριστώ την Επιτροπή διακόσμησης της Εκκλησίας μας, την Τίνα Χαρχαριδη και την Ρόζα Κόρνια για την διακόσμηση του Εικονοστασίου και του εν γένει εσωτερικού χώρου της Εκκλησίας μας, καθ' όλη την εβδομάδα.

Τις κυρίες της Φιλοπτώχου μας που εβοήθησαν στην διακόσμηση του Επιταφίου, πάντοτε τις ευχαριστούμε για την συνεχή αγάπη και υποστήριξη που δείχνουν προς την Εκκλησία και την Κοινότητά τους.

Τέλος προς όλους εσάς, τους καλούς και πιστούς χριστιανούς χρωστάμε την απόλυτη επιτυχία.

Είθε ο Αναστάς Κύριος ευλογεί όλους και το καθένα σας ξεχωριστά με υγεία και ευημερία.

# Volunteerism; Our Obligation

By **EVE LALAS**

Several weeks ago the nation celebrated National Volunteer Week to honor and show appreciation to the thousands of volunteers who willingly give their time and know-how for the benefit of others; thus illuminating the American spirit.

Throughout the history of our beloved St. Nicholas Church, we enjoyed the efforts of thousands of volunteers beginning prior to the groundbreaking of our edifice. In fact, this is true in all parishes because the founders are inspired to work in unison in order to see the vision for their community come to fruition: to plant the seed of Christianity, in our case Orthodoxy, in the far reaches of the world.

For the Greeks of the Diaspora, it was vitally important to them to transplant the roots of their faith wherever their fate took them whether it was Asia Minor, Australia, Canada, Europe, North or South America, etc. They were successful in realizing their mission of spreading the Word of God by building churches and church schools in their new homelands against all odds, enduring hardships, and with limited economic resources because their faith NEVER wavered. Unlike the Orthodox Church of Greece, our parishes have been established and maintained by the efforts and donations of devout volunteers—without government support. Let us ask ourselves, if our forefathers could accomplish so much as strangers in new lands, how high will we set our goals to perpetrate and expand their vision of glorifying God and spreading His Word? Do we not owe it to their memory to do so?

We are quite fortunate at St. Nicholas to have many dedicated volunteers serving its various ministries without reservation; they are responsible for the very existence of our church community. These individuals continue their service and by example involve their children serving the church, for they find fulfillment in glorifying and thanking God by using the talents, which He much has bestowed upon them. They know that giving is much more rewarding than receiving. They forego the notion of earning extra money at a job and give their time/funds to their church. In so doing, as Christians they are practicing the values of our Judeo-Christian faith: loving and helping our neighbors, thus coming closer to God. It is amazing how some persons who are full-time employees and heads of households still find time to be very active volunteers; thus giving credence to the saying, "Ask a busy person to complete a task and it will surely get done."

Once again, it was rewarding to see more than forty GOYANS and others pleasantly interacting as they prepared the Crosses for Palm Sunday. Likewise, it is heart warming as they present us with the day's bulletin (or present each lady with a carnation on Mother's Day!) These traditions can only be perpetrated by the efforts of caring advisors, who although have other family obligations give priority to their children's involvement in the church.

As we welcome the month of June, St. Nicholas offers us a host of opportunities for which to volunteer. You need only to let us know when and how you can assist your church. The help of

young and old, able-bodied and shut-ins is needed in preparing for, setting-up, working during our annual festival, cleanup, or making phone calls. Be assured that we value your time and efforts whether for one hour or longer. Furthermore, you will find sharing fellowship with fellow-volunteers to be quite rewarding. In recent years we have seen some dedicated families enthusiastically working during the entire festival, from "sunup to sundown" and can only conclude that the parents are setting the example of volunteerism for their children. These same families are commended because they are among the first to volunteer in various activities throughout the year.

From Monday, June 16 - Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> St. Nicholas will host the Vacation Bible School for our youngsters during which time your involvement will be greatly appreciated.

We foresee more active participation in the events of our community and new traditions being initiated by our energetic and innovative Father Michael. We commit ourselves to their accomplishments. Let us know that you, too, will be a vital part of our team!

We have been made aware through the teachings of our church of all that Jesus Christ our Savior has voluntarily done for us; so now we must answer, "What can I do for Jesus through our Church?"



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...**

**...classes will be held at Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church from June 16 to June 20. Registration deadline: June 10th.**

**Be sure to sign up your youngster as early as possible. For details call the church office at 410-633-5020.**

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS*****Christians represent Jesus Christ to the world.***

On Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, we saw the conclusion of another Sunday School year. This year, the staff would like to thank every parent who brought their child/children to church every Sunday. You are setting the "good" example that a child emulates. Because if the parents are not attending church regularly, then neither are the children. And the cycle continues.

The Sunday school staff and administration would like to congratulate this year's graduates for making the effort to attend church and Sunday school every Sunday and for completing their 10 years of religious studies. A special thank you goes out to the 3 students who decided to come back to Sunday school and complete their religious studies and earn their certificate. We hope that everyone continues to attend church every Sunday and they will also offer to serve in the church in one way or another. *Ke is Anotera...*

This is our last article written and presented by our junior finalist, Angelica Sfakianoudis a ninth grader in our Sunday school. She was one of the Junior Finalists at the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival this past March.

Topic 3 Angelica's choice was about the following: The Lord said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16) In what sense is a Christian the light of the world today? In what sense do good works constitute a light to the world? How do the good works of a Christian become a reason for the people who see him or her to glorify God?

Angelica writes: "Have you ever felt frightened, confused, in need of help or in the dark? Did you feel at times that you were alone when all of a sudden a light shined brightly? Did a stranger or someone you know offer to give you advice or lend you a hand without even asking him or her for help? At that moment did you find yourself praising the Father who is in heaven?"

According to the Gospel of Matthew (5:14-16), the Lord said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

What kind of message did Jesus want to get across to his disciples when he was teaching them about living as the light of the world? I believe that Jesus was saying that every Christian should live by a higher standard because Christians represent Jesus Christ to the world. When living by this higher standard, whatever one does should be good enough for everyone to see and make others want to thank the Heavenly Father for them. The light tells us how to live and how not to live. It tells us what is right and what is wrong when we are making our decisions. After all, a light can be seen at all times and we as Chris-

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*Angelica Sfakianoudis*

tians represent the Heavenly Father so our actions and decisions should be virtuous ones. God has chosen this path for us. However, it can be hard to shine in an unbelieving world and find people who live as the light of the world. In today's world, we are faced with tragedies, gang violence, drugs and even terrorism. Although, I believe that if you look hard enough, even in the darkest of times you will find the light of knowledge of God that shines so brightly.

On September 11, 2001, tragedy occurred right at our doorstep. Some people had done the unthinkable and took the lives of so many innocent people. All we could see were the ones that did this terrible thing to us. Everything seemed disastrous with no hope. However, the light was shining around us even in that darkest time. For example, there was the stranger who helped a handicapped person to safety. Do you think at that time the handicapped person praised the Father who is in heaven for that hero? There were the priests who came out to pray at the site and there were our own parish priests that said we should forgive and pray for those who did harm to us. These people had brought the light to us and reminded us that sinners will only be helped when we as Christians live as the light of the world. The good words and actions of these people were the light that Matthews wrote about. They did not do these good deeds just for everyone to see but they could not hide them because as Matthew said in his gospel, "A city on a hill cannot be hid." We looked to all these people for comfort and listened to their words. We gave glory to the Heavenly Father for those that shined so brightly and made the situation a little bit more bearable.

My fellow Christians, the Gospel of Matthew reminds us that those who have chosen to embrace Jesus have decided to live by a higher standard. We should look to Jesus everyday so that his light reflects from us. While it may be a difficult task in the world we live in today, we have many reminders through our Orthodox faith. If we live everyday by the Christian teachings and by following the Ten Commandments then being the light that will open the eyes of the blind will be easily done.

***Thank you,  
Angelica Sfakianoudis,  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Student***

# COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

## **SAINT NICHOLAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

On behalf of the parish Council and Fr. Michael, we would like to inform everyone that we will be scheduling a General Assembly on Monday, June 16, 2008 at 7 pm. The General Assembly will take place downstairs in the Church Hall.

## **ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ ΤΗΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑΣ**

Την Δευτέρα, 16 Ιουνίου, 2008, στις 7 το βράδυ, θα γίνει η της Ανοίξεως Γενική Συνέλευση της Κοινότητας, στη Μεγάλη Κοινοτική Αίθουσα.

## **PHILOTOCHOS NEWS**

We want to thank all of the ladies who attended our Mother's Day tea. We also want to thank everyone who brought a pastry and/or donated a door prize. Mrs. Dora Patras and Mrs. Angelopas made the favors for the Tea. Our beautiful centerpiece was donated by "A Touch of Heart Florist"...Thank you very much. A big...big thank you goes out to the dance groups that entertained us. We always love watching our wonderful dancers.

Congratulations to the two mothers that were honored on the day of the tea. They were Mrs. Arhondoula Karanikola as the oldest mother, and Mrs. Kelly Argetakis as the youngest.

On Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, two other mothers were honored in church. They were, Mrs. Maria Georgas and Mrs. Anna Melingakos. Congratulations....and may you have many more Mother's Days to celebrate!

Also on Mother's Day, the Ladies Philoptochos Scholarships were awarded to the following students: Elizabet Tassis, George Charalambopoulos, Krystala Skordalos, Stavros Halkias, Emmanuel Vasilarakis and Eleftheria Sarioglou. Congratulations and "Eis Anotera"!!

The Philoptochos Society is taking the summer off – but we will look forward to seeing you at the festival. Remember it is on June 5,6,7 & 8<sup>th</sup>. Our first meeting in the fall is tentatively set for Wednesday, September 10, 2008.

May you have a restful and safe summer.

## **THE ST. NICHOLAS DIAMONDS**

The St. Nicholas Diamonds will hold a yard sale on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> on the church parking lot from 8 am to 12 noon. Useable donations for the sale are welcomed.

## **ΔΙΑΜΑΝΤΙΑ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ**

Τα ΔΙΑΜΑΝΤΙΑ του Αγίου Νικολάου θα πουλούν παλιά αντικείμενα στο Πάρκιν απέναντι από το Εκκλησιαστικό κτίριο, το Σάββατο 13 Σεπτεμβρίου,

2008 από τις 8 το πρωί έως το μεσημέρι. Αν θέλετε να δωρήσετε κάτι για αυτό το σκοπό, παρακαλείστε η δωρεά σας να είναι σε καλή κατάσταση, και να μπορεί να χρησιμοποιηθεί.

## **COLLEGE STUDENT-OUTREACH**

Please inform the church office of the mailing address of your college student who is studying out of town and would like to receive the monthly *Koinonia* publication.

## **ΤΕΛΕΙΟΦΟΙΤΟΙ ΓΥΜΝΑΣΙΩΝ & ΠΑΝΕΠΗΣΤΗΜΙΩΝ**

Για να αναγνωρίσουμε και να τιμήσουμε στην καλοκαιρινή έκδοση της ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑΣ, τα παιδιά της Κοινότητας που τελειώνουν εφέτος το Γυμνάσιο ή το Πανεπιστήμιο, παρακαλούμε τους γονείς των ή τα ίδια τα παιδιά να επικοινωνήσουν με το Κοινοτικό Γραφείο 410-633-5020, και να δηλώσουν το όνομα του παιδιού τους.

## **GOYA NEWS**

The last GOYA meeting of the 2007-2008 year was held on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. However, this does not mean that the fun, the fellowship and attending church is ending for our GOYANS.

Here are some dates to look forward to:

**May 30-June 1st**—Upper Darby tournament. Parents are encouraged to come and watch the kids play!!

**June 21st**—End of the Year Party for GOYANS and their families at St. Nicholas church.

**June 25th -30th**—Universal Studios Florida Trip. Anyone still interested in going, please contact us.

**August 2nd**—Hershey Park trip contact Angela at sfak4@yahoo.com or 410-812-3287.

Elections were also held at our last meeting. We would like to say Thank you to our current board members for a job well done!! The new GOYA board for the 2008-2009 year are: President - George Theoharis; Vice President- Penelope Fantis; Treasurer - Nick Halkias; Corresponding Secretary - Angelica Sfakianoudis; Recording Secretary - Katerina Stavrakis; Historian - Gia Stavrakis

**Congratulations!**

Father Michael asked the GOYANS to reflect on this past GOYA year. Each child took a turn. There were many positives comments made by our kids. Some talked about coming closer to the church, being one big family, and being proud!!! It truly was amazing to hear the comments of our youth.

Father Michael also asked that each GOYAN get a notepad and keep a log. Each day they should write one

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positive or good deed that they have done. Everyone will share at our end of the year party on June 21st.

A Talent Show is being planned for sometime in September. Everyone should start thinking of what they would like to do. We will be selling tickets for our whole community to come and enjoy.

The Advisors of GOYA would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Summer. We will see everyone at our 1st GOYA meeting of 2008-2009 on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Nicholas Church large hall. Registration is \$20.00. Everyone between the ages of 12-17 is welcome and encouraged to come and be a part of GOYA.

## **BUS TRIPS**

A trip to New York City will take place on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> sponsored by the Ladies' Pan Chian Society. A future trip to Chicago is being planned for August or September. Call 410-327-8234.

## **ΕΚΔΡΟΜΕΣ**

Οι κυρίες του Παν-Χιακού Συλλόγου προγραμματίζουν εκδρομή για την Νέα Υόρκη, το Σάββατο, 21 Ιουνίου, 2008. Επίσης ταξίδι στο Σικάγο προγραμματίζεται για τον Αύγουστο ή Σεπτέμβριο.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες παρακαλείστε να τηλεφωνήσετε στο 410-327-8234.

## **GRADUATES**

Please let us know the names of your 2008 high school and/or college graduates so that they can be recognized in our summer issue of the *Koinonia*.

Include the name of the school they are graduating from and (for high school students) the name of the college they are planning to attend. This information must be submitted to Maria no later than June 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **GREEK INDEPENDENCE PARADE COMMITTEE DANCE/CRUISE**

Show your support for the Greek Independence Day Mid-Atlantic Parade on July 4, 2008. A Dinner Dance Cruise on the Black Eyed Susan will take place from 7 pm to 10:30 pm. The Odyssey Band will provide live music.

Limited tickets are available at \$75 per person. Boarding will be at Broadway Pier in Historic Fells Point at 6:30 pm. Discounted parking will be available at PMI (1530 Thames Street) and PMS Garage (830 Caroline St). Dress is comfortable casual...and flat soled shoes are highly recommended.

What a way to enjoy the July 4th fireworks and a great Glendi cruising aboard the Black Eyed Susan.

Hope to see you there.

Please reserve your seats with Anna Halikias by calling: 410-493-3399.

## **ΧΟΡΟΕΣΠΕΡΙΔΑ/ΚΡΟΥΑΖΙΕΡΑ**

### **ΤΗΣ ΠΑΡΕΛΑΣΗΣ 25ης ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ**

Στις 4 Ιουλίου, 2008, δείξτε την υποστήριξή σας για την ετήσια Παρέλαση της 25ης Μαρτίου, συμμετέχοντας στην χοροεσπερίδα/κρουαζιέρα που οργανώνει η Επιτροπή της Παρέλασης. Η κρουαζιέρα θα γίνει με το κρουαζιερόπλοιο Black Eyed Susan, από τις 7:00 έως τις 10:30 μ.μ. Για την διασκέδασή σας θα παίζει η Ορχήστρα Odyssey.

Ο αριθμός των εισητηρίων είναι περιορισμένος γι' αυτό πρέπει να κλείσετε τις θέσεις σας εγκαίρως. Η τιμή είναι \$75.00 το άτομο. Θα επιβιβαστούμε από την προβλήτα του Broadway, στο ιστορικό Fells Point, στις 6:30 μ.μ. Θα υπάρχει πάρκινγκ με μειωμένη τιμή, στο Γκαράζ PMA (1530 Thames Street) και στο Γκαράζ PMS (830 Caroline Street). Προτείνουμε ανάλαφρο ντύσιμο και ίσια και άνετα παπούτσια.

Ελάτε να γιορτάσουμε όλοι μαζί την 4η Ιουλίου, να θαυμάσουμε τα πυροτεχνήματα και να διασκεδάσουμε με ζωντανή Ελληνική μουσική πάνω στο πολυτελές κρουαζιερόπλοιο Black Eyed Susan. Ελπίζουμε να σας δούμε όλους εκεί. Για να κλείσετε θέσεις παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με την δίδα Άννα Χαλίγια, 410-493-3399.

## **GREEKTOWN CDC**

A message from John E. Gavrilis - Chief Executive Officer

The Greektown CDC has made major progress in advocating for Streetscape improvements. Over the past few months we have seen the construction of flag poles to include a Greek Flag at the Eastern Avenue Underpass, a Greektown welcome sign, a Greek Key brick design on the corners of our business district, new sidewalks, pedestrian lights, bump out curbs - to slow down the traffic, and an open view of the Ponca and Eastern Avenue parking lot.

As we see the City investing millions of dollars into our streets, the Greektown CDC has been working diligently with the Greektown Business Alliance, which represents over 60 businesses in the community. The Greektown Business Alliance has already begun discussing façade improvements and grant possibilities that will compliment all of the current beautification we are experiencing. We expect to see more significant changes over the next few years that will not only make a huge

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# Heartfelt Thanks, Appreciation and Gratitude to All

On behalf of the Parish Council, the church staff, and myself I would like to thank everyone for attending the Holy Week services. What a beautiful experience we all shared during Holy Week. Record crowds passed the church during these Holy days. I hope that the services were all inspirational and helpful to all in gaining a greater faith of the Holy Resurrection.

Appreciation and gratitude along with our heartfelt thanks is expressed to all who gave of themselves and for the many offering and donations that our beloved St. Nicholas church received from its faithful during the whole Great Lenten period and including Holy Week.

But to continue my "Thank you's"...the first on the list are the members of our Parish Council who volunteered their time and talents to make sure that everything was conducted and maintained properly throughout the 40 days of worship and services.

Second. A special Thank you to all of our chanters – George Rossis, George Chrisovergis, Stelios Mavroutlis and Bill Poulos for their outstanding participation and dedication. Without our chanters, the services would have been difficult to perform.

To the members of our St. Nicholas Choir...Thank you for the endless hours that you served praising the Lord throughout the Great Lenten program especially Holy Week. May the Lord continue to bless their wonderful voices so they can continue to praise God in the Divine Liturgy and all the other services.

Many thanks to my comrades-in-arms..my Pastoral assistant, Bill Poulos and our Sexton, Stanley Cavouras, who faithfully served the altar by dedicating tireless hours of devoted work towards God and the Church. I really don't know if Holy Week would have been so successful without the help of our "Mighty Duo". I can't thank them enough.

To my young Acolytes who faithfully served in the Altar throughout the week. May the Lord continue to bless you. Many thanks to the Myrrhbearers who made Sunday's (the Nymphios) and Good Friday night services so meaningful and so exciting.

To the young adults who helped carry the Epitaphio around the church on Good Friday night...a special thank you with God's blessings.

Many thanks to all the men and women and children for preparing the crosses for Palm Sunday. I would like to personally thank our Altar Committee, Tina Harris and Rosa Cornias for drapping the Icons and decorating the church throughout the week.

To our Ladies Philoptochos Society who helped decorate the church and Epitaphio. We are always thankful for the continued love and support that they offer their Church and community.

To all of you...I say.."Well Done", Good and faithful servants.

May our Risen Lord Bless each and everyone of you with the good things that life provides.

## SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH PROFIT & LOSS April 2008

	April, 08
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Candles	23,136.00
Dances	
Special Events	665.00
<b>Total Dances</b>	<b>665.00</b>
Donations	
Other Donations	2,477.78
Flowers Income	200.00
Donations - General	4,529.50
Donations - Hall	500.00
Donations - Memorial	2,180.00
Donations - Other	195.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>10,082.28</b>
Greek School Registration	1,050.00
Stewardship	25,781.10
Trays	4,623.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>65,337.38</b>
Cost of Goods Sold	
Dance Expense	426.68
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>426.68</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>64,920.70</b>

## SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH PROFIT & LOSS April 2008

	April, 2008
Expense	
EMPLOYEE COSTS	
Health Insurance	4,216.00
Organist	400.00
6560 • Payroll Expenses	12,554.36
Payroll taxes	960.41
Pension	500.00
6050 • Automobile Expense	500.00
EMPLOYEE COSTS—Other	6,726.00
<b>Total EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>	<b>25,856.77</b>
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	
Advertising	41.00
6560 • Bank Service Charges	1,585.32
Church Supplies	836.84
Clegry Laity Congress	750.00
Fair Share	3,000.00
6530 • Miscellaneous	1,469.85
Office Expense	765.77
Professional Fees	1,500.00
Telephone	354.06
<b>Total GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>10,302.84</b>
OCCUPANCY COSTS	
Mainten • Building Maintenance	8,308.63
Janitor's Supplies	698.17
6940 • Utilities	3,840.82
<b>Total OCCUPANCY COSTS</b>	<b>12,847.62</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>49,007.23</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>15,903.47</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>15,903.47</b>

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visual improvement in Greektown but promote serious investment in our community.

Although Greektown is improving the business district dramatically, we must still focus our efforts on Sanitation and Crime deterrence. We have recently hosted a very successful community clean up in which 30 volunteers swept and cleaned neglected alleys and sidewalks. We have also formed a new Sanitation Committee that will keep tabs on the neighborhood's cleanliness. The CDC also continues to facilitate Dumpster

Days, which will occur on June 21st, July 12th and August 9th in the 700 blocks of Quail Street.

We also continue to partner with the Southeastern Police District to conduct Citizens on Patrol. Please meet the CDC at the Wachovia parking lot at 6pm, on June 4th and June 18th.

Please feel free to contact John E. Gavriliis or Jason Filippou at 410-327-3306 if you would like to get involved in any of our efforts.

**Believe in your community!**

**John E. Gavriliis**  
*Chief Executive Officer,*  
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May 14, 2008

Father Michael Pastrikos  
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church  
520 S. Ponca Street  
Baltimore, MD 21224

Dear Father Michael:

I wanted to tell you how deeply grateful I am for the warm welcome that you and the members of St. Nicholas Church extended to Mrs. Perroti last week. She was absolutely thrilled seeing the church, meeting you, seeing the children in their classes, and visiting the "Friend Of The Poor" house. She has called me several times since last week to say that she had never been so honored in all her life!

Thank you, Father, for making her feel so welcomed in her "home away from home".

Sincerely,

*David*

You Are Invited  
To Start Your Summer Off Right  
With Your Friends At St. Nicks!



### Vacation Bible School

Where: Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

When: June 16<sup>th</sup> - June 20<sup>th</sup>

For: Ages 3-11

Time: 9:00am - 12:30pm

Cost: \$20.00 (includes lunch daily)

### Hey Kids!!

Grab your gear and join Friendship Trek, an amazing hike through the Bible to meet Jesus, our Forever Friend. You will find fun, faith, and friends at Friendship Trek. You will also experience Jesus' friendship, enjoy meeting old and new friends, and learn to care for each other.

*To be assured that your child will be included,  
Please register by Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.*

# Liturgical Program for the Month of June

## SUNDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>

Sunday of the Blind Man,  
Orthros- 8:45am;  
Divine Liturgy— 10:00am

## THURSDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>

Ascension of our Lord,  
Orthros- 8:45am;  
Divine Liturgy— 9:30 am

## SUNDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>

Sunday of the Holy Fathers  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council,  
Orthros 8:45am;  
Divine Liturgy— 10:00 am

## SUNDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>

Holy Pentecost,  
Orthros 8:45am; Divine Liturgy— 10:00 am  
Happy Father's Day

## MONDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>

Holy Trinity, The Day of the Holy Spirit,  
Orthros 8:45am;  
Divine Liturgy— 9:30am

Vacation Bible School begins

Note: From Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday,  
June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the whole week is Free from Fasting.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>

Sunday of All Saints,  
Orthros 8:45am; Divine Liturgy— 10:00am

Note: From Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> we begin the  
Apostles Fasting period. Fish is allowed only on the  
23, 24, 26 and 28<sup>th</sup> of June.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>

Nativity of John the Baptist,  
Orthros 8:45am;  
Divine Liturgy— 9:30 am

## SUNDAY, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>

Holy Apostles Peter & Paul,  
Orthros 8:45am;  
Divine Liturgy— 10:00 am

## MONDAY, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>

Synaxis (Gathering) of the Holy Apostles  
Orthros, 8:45am  
Divine Liturgy— 9:30 am

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