WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF AN OUTREACH MINISTRY IN THE PARISH?

Before I begin with my topic on "OUTREACH MINISTRY" I would like to express "Christ is Risen" to everyone in the Parish. The month of April was really exciting for our Community. Thousands of our parishioners came through the doors of St. Nicholas experiencing their own spiritual journey with Christ.

It was great to see all the people coming to the services throughout the Great Lenten Period and filling up the pews,

the Atrium, and participating in the outside services of Holy Friday (Epitaphio) and the Resurrection service on Holy Saturday. I'm praying that those experiences brought not only joy to you, but also a renewing spirit within your souls for Christ. If I had to thank everyone for their presence, participation, monetary offerings, gift offerings, donations and others, I would have to have pages and pages of thank you notes. What I truly love about this Parish, and the spiritual responsibility that I have to my spiritual children, is that they don't want to be acknowledged for their personal gifts that they give to the Lord. There is a proverb that says; don't let your right hand know what the left hand is giving. That is a true

characteristic of the people of our parish. Very few times do we truly recognize the enormous giving of our parishioners. This is not only through the Lenten period but throughout the year. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, gifts, their participation in church and their cooperative support in everything we do in our Parish. And now I would like to continue on the Theme of this article "Outreach Ministry in the Parish".

We all recognize that our Resurrected Lord had His own Outreach Ministry. Christ traveled throughout Israel preaching, teaching, healing, and preparing His disciples for the final ending of His life here on earth, and new life in Heaven. As Christians we are always searching for something to bring us closer to Christ. But in order for us to come closer to God we have to be fully prepared in our own spiritual journey putting first Christ in our lives.

Our Mission as Orthodox Christians is to renew and share the Orthodox Christian faith by nurturing a deeper commitment to our Resurrected Lord within His Church, by reaching out to inactive Orthodox Christians. We are also capable to reach out to our own family members who are inactive in their faith.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios said; "It is the Parish, it is the local community which has been, is, and will forever be central, indispensable agent for offering and Orthodox Faith to contemporary America." If we are to become an "Outreach Community" here at St. Nicholas, we need to commit

ourselves to help others who are in need. If we believe that as Orthodox Christians we have the fullness of the truth (in which we do) then we have the obligation to share it with all people no matter of Race, Color, or Religion. Don't forget that we are the true Apostolic Catholic Church on earth, as we read and recite the Nicene Creed in every Liturgy. Remember the Nicene Creed was established by our Holy Fathers in the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea in Constantinople in 325 A.D. as our symbol of faith and hope. Let's not forget what our Lord said to His Apostles; "Go therefore And make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the father and of Son and of the Holy Spirit". He commissioned

them and us today, to transform the parish into an agency of Christian Outreach. It is time for us here at St. Nicholas, for a new and exciting beginning and a renewed effort to inspire and to bring others to the Orthodox Faith.

It is our duty and obligation not to hide our Light under the bushel, but let it shine before all people. But before we can do all these things, we need first to renew ourselves into Christ. We need to armor ourselves with the Cross of Christ, and realize that without the Cross of Christ we are nothing. There is no Christianity without the Cross of Christ. St. Gregory of Nyssa said, in his writings; "that to be a human being is to be constantly changing, growing, and repenting". We need to hold standards for ourselves and carry those words within us every day of our lives. We need to understand that every new day that comes to us is always challenging. We need to acknowledge that "Change" is good for the soul,





Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Λ. Παστρικό

and that growing within the Light of Christ can bring us a better understanding of the faith, and a better relationship with our God.

Every day we wake up from sleep "is a blessing", but as the day goes by we see things we never saw before, we understand things we did not understand before. Of course sometimes with different individuals and circumstances life is painful and it has its painful moments, because when we see things that have to change we always protest we get out of our comfort zone and that displeases us. Let's not forget that we are creatures of habit, and we don't like change, because it upsets our daily routine. But let's also remember that every one sets a path in his or her life. There are paths in life that lead to total destruction, and there are paths that lead to a spiritual life with Christ. As Christians we need to make the right choice with the path that leads us to Eternal Life. The only path that I know that will lead everyone to Paradise is to follow in the footsteps of our Resurrected Lord. We need to follow His Commandments, to have a spiritual relationship with Christ. We need to be better "Stewards" of the Church, to attend and participate in the life of the Church. To partake frequently in the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which our Lord offers us the opportunity to receive His precious Body and We need to pray more often; because prayer is a tool that God gives us to help others who are in need and prayer also gives us the opportunity to have a personal relationship with God. Another tool that God gives us is the Sacrament of Confession in which we as Christians give us the opportunity to ask forgiveness from God to cleanse our souls from the everyday sins that we commit.

This is what Outreach is all about. A personal involvement in your church and Community. Making every Sunday a family experience by giving all of us the opportunity to share our faith not only with our family members but others also. We must let our light shine, because unless people see in us the light and love of Christ they will not believe. We have gone through many generations, and every generation truthfully opens up our eyes to see where we are going. Times are changing, people are changing, students are changing, and the whole world is changing. What we need to do is "Change for the Better" for ourselves and our families. Remember, "Change is Good." All we have to do is acknowledge it, grow with it, and accept it.

May our Resurrected Lord continue to strengthen our faith, our love for family, and our commitment to God and the Church. Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!.

Πριν ξεκινήσω το θέμα μου "ΠΡΟΣΕΓΓΙΣΗ & ΒΟΗΘΕΙΑ" θα ήθελα να πω 'Χριστός Ανέστη' σε όλα τα μέλη μας. Ο Απρίλιος ήταν πραγματικά συναρπαστικός για την Κοινότητά μας. Χιλιάδες ενορίτες μας πέρασαν τις πόρτες του Αγίου Νικολάου, βιώνοντας το δικό τους πνευματικό ταξίδι με το Χριστό.

Ήταν υπέροχο να βλέπεις όλο τον κόσμο να έρχεται στις Ακολουθίες όλη την περίοδο της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής, να γεμίζουν τα στασίδια, την αίθουσα υποδοχής, να συμμετέχουν Περιφορά του Επιταφίου την Μεγάλη Παρασκευή και στην Ανάσταση το Μεγάλο Σάββατο, στον εξωτερικό χώρο της Εκκλησίας. Προσεύχομαι όπως οι εμπειρίες αυτές δεν σας έφεραν μόνο συγκίνηση, αλλά και ψυχική ανάταση προς το Χριστό. Αν θάπρεπε να σας ευχαριστήσω όλους και τον καθένα ξεχωριστά για τη παρουσία, την συμμετοχή, τις ηθικές προσφορές, τις δωρεές και τόσα άλλα, θα έπρεπε να γράφω σελίδες και σελίδες ευχαριστήρια. Αυτό που πραγματικά αγαπώ σ' αυτή τη Κοινότητα για την οποία έχω την πνευματική ευθύνη προς τα πνευματικά μου παιδιά, είναι ότι δεν θέλουν να αναγνωριστούν προσωπικά τα δώρα τους, τα οποία δωρίζουν στον Κύριο. Υπάρχει μια παροιμία που λέει: 'Να μην γνωρίζει η αριστερά σας τι ποιεί η δεξιά σας. Αυτό είναι ένα κύριο χαρακτηριστικό των μελών της Ενορίας μας. Πολύ λίγες φορές είναι που δεν μπορούμε παρά να αναγνωρίσουμε τις δωρεές κάποιων. Και αυτό δεν γίνεται μόνον κατά τη περίοδο της Σαρακοστής, αλλά όλο το χρόνο. Θάθελα να ευχαριστήσω από τα βάθη τη καρδιάς μου όλους, για τις προσευχές τους, την οικονομική τους υποστήριξη, τα δώρα τους, την συμμετοχή στην Εκκλησία και τη συνεργασία τους σε ό,τι κάναμε στη Κοινότητά μας την περίοδο αυτή. Και τώρα θα συνεχίσω με το θέμα του παρόντος άρθρου 'ΠΡΟΣΕΓΓΙΣΗ & ΒΟΗΘΕΙΑ΄ των μελών της Κοινότητάς μας.

Όλοι αναγνωρίζουμε ότι ο Αναστηθείς Κύριός μας είχε τη δική Του Αποστολή Προσέγγισης των ανθρώπων. Ο Χριστός ταξίδεψε σε όλο το Ισραήλ κηρύττοντας, διδάσκοντας, θεραπεύοντας, προετοιμάζοντας τους μαθητές Του για την τελική κατάληξη της ζωής Του πάνω στη Γη, και τη νέα ζωή στους Ουρανούς. Ως Χριστιανοί πάντα ψάχνουμε να βρούμε κάτι που θα μας φέρει πιο

κοντά στο Χριστό. Αλλά για να μπορέσουμε να έρθουμε πιο κοντά στο Θεό πρέπει να είμαστε πλήρως προετοιμασμένοι για το δικό μας πνευματικό ταξίδι βάζοντας πρώτο στη ζωή μας το Χριστό.

Η Αποστολή μας ως Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί είναι να ανανεώνουμε και να μοιραζόμαστε την Ορθόδοξη Χριστιανική μας Πίστη με σταθερότητα και βαθύτερη δέσμευση προς τον Αναστάντα Κύριό μας, στην Εκκλησία Του, προσεγγίζοντας τους απαθείς Ορθοδόξους Χριστιανούς. Επίσης μπορούμε να προσεγγίσουμε τα μέλη της οικογενείας μας που δεν είναι και τόσο σταθερά όσον αφορά τη Πίστη τους.

Ο Σεβασμιώτατος Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικής κ.κ. Δημήτριος, είπε: Ή Ενορία, η τοπική Κοινότητα ήταν, είναι και θα είναι πάντοτε ο κεντρικός απαραίτητος παράγοντας προσφοράς στην Ορθόδοξη Πίστη και στη σύγχρονη Αμερική . Αν θέλουμε να γίνει η Κοινότητα του Αγίου Νικολάου μια Κοινότητα Προσέγγισης και Βοήθειας, τότε θα πρέπει να δεσμευτούμε ότι θα βοηθήσουμε άλλους συνανθρώπους μας που έχουν ανάγκη. Αν πιστεύουμε ότι ως Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί κατέχουμε την πληρότητα της αλήθειας (που την έχουμε), τότε έχουμε την υποχρέωση να τη μοιραστούμε με όλους τους ανθρώπους, ανεξάρτητα από φυλή, χρώμα ή θρησκεία. Μην ξεχνάτε ότι είμαστε η αληθινή Αποστολική Καθολική Εκκλησία στη γη, όπως αναφέρεται στο Σύμβολο της Πίστεως σε κάθε Θεία Λειτουργία. Να θυμάστε ότι το Σύμβολο της Πίστεως συντάχθηκε στη Νίκαια, από τους Άγιους Πατέρες μας, στην Οικουμενική Σύνοδο της Νίκαιας, στην Κωνσταντινούπολη το 325 μ.Χ. ως σύμβολο Πίστης και ελπίδας. Ας μην ξεχνάμε τα λόγια του Κυρίου μας, που είπε στους Αποστόλους Του κατά τη διάρκεια της Πεντηκοστής: ΄Πηγαίνετε και μαθητεύσατε πάντα τα έθνη βαπτίζοντες αυτούς εις το όνομα του Πατρός και του Υιού και του Αγίου Πνεύματος ΄. Εκείνος υπέδειξε αυτούς, και εμάς σήμερα για να μετατρέψει την Κοινότητα σε Επιτροπή Χριστιανικής Προσέγγισης. Είναι καιρός, για μας εδώ στον Άγιο Νικόλα, για ένα νέο ξεκίνημα, μια νέα προσπάθεια, που θα φέρει κι άλλους πιο κοντά στην Ορθόδοξη Πίστη.

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Thank you

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/ MHNYMA AHO THN HPOEAPO

HRISTOS ANESTI TO ALL, MY BELOVED! CHRIST HAS RISEN!

Holy Week and Easter day were beautiful events bringing us closer to our Lord and with each other. Through His grace, we were showered with His blessings, love and peace! What is more wonderful than celebrating those sacred days all together in our Father's Home. Thank you for honoring us with your presence!

We would also like to thank Mr. John Korologos and Mr. Xenos Kohilas for their generous Pascha meal offered at the end of the Midnight Resurrection Liturgy.

Next on our church's agenda is our Annual Folk Festival when the entire community is asked to work together to succeed! Let's prove once again that "Team work makes the Dream work!" Mr. Frank Mitsos, Spyros & his wife Penny Alafassos have once again accepted the roles of bringing the festival together. But it is also our responsibility to work hard toward the goal of a successful Festival! They are investing a lot of their personal time in organizing our Festival. Let's roll up our sleeves to stand by them and prove that unity is strength. It is everyone's Festival!

Renovations to our Church are continuing thanks to your love through generous donations.

- --Mrs. Melli Hazaridis--\$1,000 in memory of her beloved husband & son. May their memory be eternal.
- --Mr. and Mrs. Takis Papadopoulos and family--for their contribution of the church's outside welcome carpet.
- --The family of Mr. and Mrs. Giorgos Pikounis--to build a display case for the various icons donated by the community.
- --Mrs. Katina Giannakis--renovation of the 3 exterior message boards located at the main entrance of our church building.

There are still a few remaining pews available if anyone wishes to dedicate in honor of their loved ones.

We would also like to inform you that donations are welcome for the installation of an elevator in the church building for the use of those not able to use the stairs. Your generous contribution will bring us closer to our goal!

As you have read, we are working hard, step by step, to enhance our beloved Church!

Let's not forget to give our time and energy to ensure the success of our Festival!

May Saint Nicholas bless us all!

Warmest Regards, Stamatia Ieromonahos President of the Parish Council St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Baltimore

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ ΑΓΑΠΗΜΕΝΟΙ ΜΟΥ

Με την βοήθεια του Κυρίου μας κύλησαν οι Άγιες Ημέρες των Παθών του Σωτήρα μας μέσα σε μια ευλογημένη γαλήνη, σε μια απέραντη αγάπη .Όμορφες οι μέρες που η εκκλησία μας πλημμυρισμένη με όλους εμάς έλαμπε από τα χαμόγελα μας. Τι πιο υπέροχο να βρισκόμαστε όλοι μαζί αγαπημένοι στο σπίτι του Πατέρα Μας.

Ευχαριστούμε τον κ. Γιάννη Κορολόγο και τον κ. Ξένο Κοχίλα για την προσφορά του γεύματος το βράδυ της Αναστάσεως σε όλους τους ενορίτες μας. Η Ανάσταση του Κυρίου μας ας δώσει στις καρδιές μας το Άγιο Δώρο της Ευλογίας Του!!!

Ας συνεχίσουμε λοιπόν και για το επόμενο βήμα μας όλοι μαζί. Ας βοηθήσουμε να έχει επιτυχία το Φέστιβαλ της Εκκλησίας μας. Ας αποδείξουμε ότι όλοι μαζί κάνουμε θαύματα!!

Οι υπεύθυνοι του Φέστιβαλ Σπύρος & Πένυ Αλαφασσός & Φρανκ Μιτσός χρειάζονται την υποστήριξη και την βοήθεια μας. Σκληρή η δουλειά και ατελείωτες οι ώρες που διαθέτουν για το επιθυμητό αποτέλεσμα. Ας σταθούμε δίπλα τους όλοι μας και ας αποδείξουμε για μια ακόμη φορά: ΟΠΟΥ Η ΑΓΑΠΗ ΕΚΕΙ ΚΑΙ Ο ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ Πάμε λοιπόν δυνατά όλοι μαζί να έχουμε ένα επιτυχημένο, ευλογημένο αποτέλεσμα !!!

Οι εργασίες ανακαίνισης της εκκλησίας μας συνεχίζονται και μαζί με τις δωρεές και την αγάπη σας προχωράμε σταθερά και με δύναμη προς το επιθυμητό αποτέλεσμα. Άρχισαν οι δωρέες για την τοποθέτηση του ασανσέρ στην εκκλησία μας.

Μεγάλη η προσφορά και η προθυμία βοηθείας. Ευχόμαστε να μαζευτεί το ποσόν κόστους σύντομα και να χαρούμε το αποτέλεσμα όλοι μας. Συνεχίζονται οι δωρεές για τα καθίσματα μέσα στην εκκλησία μας.

Η κυρία Μέλλυ Χαζαρίδης είς μνήμη του συζύγου & του γιου της πρόσφερε το

ποσόν των \$1000 για αυτό τον σκοπό. Αιωνία η μνήμη τους.

Υπάρχουν διαθέσιμα μερικά ακόμη καθίσματα για όσους ενδιαφέρονται να

αφιερώσουν στο όνομα αγαπημένου προσώπου τους.

Υπέροχο το χαλί καλωσορίσματος που δώρησε η οικογένεια Τάκη & Κάλλυς Παπαδόπουλου.

Η οικογένεια Γιώργου και Βασιλικής Πικούνη θα προσφέρουν τα έξοδα δημιουργίας Εικονοστασίου. Ένα υπέροχο έργο για την τοποθέτηση των εικόνων που εσείς έχετε δωρήσει στην εκκλησία μας .

Η κυρία Κατίνα Γιαννάκη έκανε προσφορά την ανακαίνιση των τριών bulletin boards που βρίσκονται απέξω από την εκκλησία μας για να λειτουργήσουν ξανά όπως παλιά.

Βοήθεια όλων ο Άγιος Νικόλαος.

Προχωράμε λοιπόν με αργά αλλά σταθερά βήματα με πολλή αγάπη και ευλογία!!

Καλή Επιτυχία στο Φέστιβαλ μας!! Θα βρεθούμε όλοι μαζί να βοηθήσουμε και να περάσουμε υπέροχα χαρίζοντας απλόχερα το ΧΑΜΟΓΕΛΟ ΜΑΣ!!

Με ειλικρινή από καρδιάς αγάπη

Σταματία Ιερομόναχος Πρόεδρος του Συμβουλίου Της Ορθόδοξης Εκκλησίας Αγίου Νικολάου Βαλτιμόρης

Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Λ. Παστρικό (Continued from pg. 2)

Είναι καθήκον και υποχρέωσή μας να μην κρύβουμε το Φως κάτω από τους θάμνους, αλλά να το αφήσουμε να λάμπει ενώπιον όλων των ανθρώπων. Πριν όμως κάνουμε όλα αυτά, θα πρέπει πρώτα να ανανεώσουμε τη σχέση μας με το Χριστό. Πρέπει να φορέσουμε τη πανοπλία του Σταυρού του Χριστού, και να συνειδητοποιήσουμε ότι χωρίς το Σταυρό δεν είμαστε τίποτα. Δεν υπάρχει Χριστιανισμός χωρίς το Σταυρό του Χριστού. Ο Άγιος Γρηγόριος ο Νύσσης, δήλωσε στα συγγράμματά του: 'για να ζει κάποιο ανθρώπινο ον πρέπει συνεχώς να αλλάζει, να μεγαλώνει, και να μετανοεί'. Θα πρέπει να έχουμε τα πρότυπά μας και να φυλάμε μέσα στη ψυχή μας τα λόγια αυτά σε καθημερινή βάση. Πρέπει να καταλάβουμε ότι κάθε νέα μέρα που ξημερώνει για μας, είναι πάντα μια πρόκληση. Πρέπει να αναγνωρίσουμε ότι η αλλαγή είναι ευεργετική για την ψυχή, και ότι μεγαλώνοντας με το φως του Χριστού θα έχουμε σαν αποτέλεσμα καλύτερη αντίληψη της πίστης, και τη καλύτερη σχέση με το Θεό.

Κάθε μέρα που ανοίγουμε τα μάτια μας είναι ευλογία, και καθώς η μέρα περνά βλέπουμε πράγματα που δεν είδαμε ποτέ πριν, καταλαβαίνουμε που ποτέ πριν δεν καταλάβαμε. Φυσικά, κάποιες φορές, σε διαφορετικά άτομα και με διαφορετικές συνθήκες, η ζωή είναι γεμάτη βάσανα και έχει τι επώδυνες στιγμές της, γιατί όταν βλέπουμε πράγματα που πρέπει να αλλάξουν, πάντα διαμαρτυρόμαστε γιατί βγαίνουμε από την άνετη ρουτίνα μας και αυτό μας δυσαρεστεί. Ας μην ξεχνάμε ότι είμαστε πλάσματα της συνήθειας, και δεν μας αρέσουν οι αλλαγές, διότι ανατρέπουν την καθημερινότητά μας. Όμως πρέπει να θυμόμαστε ότι ο καθένας καθορίζει τη δική του πορεία στη ζωή. Υπάρχουν μονοπάτια στη ζωή που οδηγούν σε ολική καταστροφή, και υπάρχουν μονοπάτια που οδηγούν στη πνευματική ζωή με το Χριστό. Ως Χριστιανοί, πρέπει να κάνουμε τη σωστή επιλογή που είναι το μονοπάτι που μας οδηγεί στην Αιώνια Ζωή. Ο μόνος δρόμος που ξέρω ότι θα μας οδηγήσει στον Παράδεισο είναι να ακολουθήσουμε τα χνάρια του Αναστάντος Κυρίου μας. Πρέπει να ακολουθήσουμε τις εντολές Του, για να έχουμε πνευματική σχέση με τον Χριστό. Πρέπει να είμαστε καλύτεροι 'οικονόμοι' της Εκκλησίας, να παρακολουθούμε και να συμμετάσχουμε στη ζωή της Εκκλησίας. Να συμμετέχουμε συχνά στο Μυστήριο της Θείας Κοινωνίας στο οποίο ο Κύριός μας μας δίνει την ευκαιρία να λάβουμε το πολύτιμο Σώμα και Αίμα Του.

Πρέπει να προσευχόμαστε πιο συχνά! Γιατί η προσευχή είναι το μέσον, που ο Θεός μας δίνει τη δυνατότητα να βοηθήσουμε άλλους που έχουν ανάγκη. Η προσευχή μας μας δίνει επίσης την ευκαιρία να έχουμε προσωπική σχέση με τον Θεό. Ένα άλλο μέσο που μας δίνει ο Θεός είναι το Μυστήριο της Εξομολόγησης με το οποίο εμείς, ως Χριστιανοί, έχουμε την ευκαιρία να ζητήσουμε συγχώρηση από το Θεό, να καθαρίσει τις ψυχές μας από τις καθημερινές αμαρτίες που διαπράττουμε.

Αυτό είναι το νόημα του προγράμματος 'Προσέγγισης και Αλληλοβοήθειας των Συνανθρώπων μας'. Προσωπική συμμετοχή στην Εκκλησία και την Κοινότητά μας! Κάνοντας τον εκκλησιασμό κάθε Κυριακής οικογενειακή συνήθεια, δίνουμε σε όλους την ευκαιρία να μοιραστούν την πίστη μας, όχι μόνο με τα υπόλοιπα μέλη της οικογένειας μας, αλλά και με τους άλλους. Πρέπει να αφήσουμε το φως μας να λάμψει, διότι οι άνθρωποι θα πιστέψουν, μόνον αν δουν σε μας το φως και την αγάπη του Χριστού. Έχουμε περάσει από πολλές γενιές, και κάθε γενιά ανοίγει με ειλικρίνεια τα μάτια μας, να δούμε που βαδίζουμε. Οι καιροί αλλάζουν, οι άνθρωποι αλλάζουν, οι μαθητές αλλάζουν και όλος ο κόσμος αλλάζει. Αυτό που πρέπει να κάνουμε είναι να άλλάξουμε προς το καλύτερο για μας τους ίδιους και τις οικογένειές μας. Να θυμάστε ή αλλαγή είναι καλή΄. Το μόνο που έχουμε να κάνουμε είναι να την αναγνωρίσουμε, να μεγαλώσουμε μ' αυτήν και να την αποδεχθούμε.

Εύχομαι ο αναστηθείς Κύριός μας συνεχίσει να ενισχύει την πίστη μας, την αγάπη μας για την οικογένεια, καθώς και τη δέσμευσή μας με την Εκκλησία.

Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!

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FATHER'S DAY MESSAGE

n behalf of a grateful community, I write to honor and thank our spiritual father, Father Michael Pastrikos, as we celebrate Father's Day.

To know Father Michael is to experience his calling from Above to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to enter the priesthood. We have been blessed to have him as our pastor. During his service at our beloved St. Nicholas he has always taken the opportunity to educate us about Jesus and thus bring us closer to Him; whether it is by teaching the Bible Class or imparting a spiritual lesson or story to the youth.

Not a single church service ends without a message or sermonette that he shares with the congregation.

Father Michael is a very generous servant of our Lord who loves his flock, giving of himself and leading by example. Among his many attributes is his caring and compassion for those who are ailing: at home, hospital, or nursing home, whether they are communicants of St.Nicholas or beyond. He answers the calls to be with them at any given time.

I can personally attest to the fact that Father Michael goes beyond the call of duty to give comfort and support to those in need, putting himself and the needs of his family second.



A simple "thank you" does not seem adequate to fully express our gratitude to Father Michael. In addition, we offer heartfelt prayers of thanksgiving to God for sending us Father Michael and our sincere wish for continued blessings and many years of good health.

Happy Father's Day, Father, we love you.

Sincerely, Eva Lallas

'НМЕРА ТОУ ПАТЕРА'

Εκ μέρους μιας ευγνώμονης Κοινότητας, γράφω για να τιμήσω και να ευχαριστήσω τον πνευματικό μας πατέρα, Πάτερ Μιχαήλ Παστρικό, καθώς εορτάζουμε την εορτή της 'Ημέρας του Πατέρα'

Το να γνωρίζεις τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ σημαίνει να βιώσεις το κάλεσμά του από Επάνω να υπηρετήσει τον Κύριο και Σωτήρα μας. Ιησού Χριστό, και να εισέλθει στην ιεροσύνη. Είμαστε ευλογημένοι που τον έχουμε ως Ιερέα μας. Κατά τη διάρκεια της θητείας του στην αγαπημένη μας Κοινότητα του Αγίου Νικολάου πάντα άδραχνε την ευκαιρία να μας εκπαιδεύσει για τον Ιησού, και μ' αυτό το τρόπο να μας φέρει πιο κοντά σ 'Αυτόν! είτε δίδασκε την Αγία Γραφή είτε δίδασκε πνευματικό μάθημα ή ιστορία στη νεολαία. Δεν υπήρξε ούτε μία εκκλησιαστική Ακολουθία που να τέλειωσε χωρίς κάποιο μήνυμα ή κάποιο λογύδριο που μοιράστηκε με το εκκλησίασμα.

Ο πατέρας Μιχαήλ είναι άξιος δούλος του Κυρίου μας, που αγαπά το ποίμνιό του, προσφέροντας τον εαυτό του και οδηγεί δίνοντας το παράδειγμα. Ανάμεσα στα πολλά χαρακτηριστικά του είναι και η φροντίδα και η συμπόνια του για τους ασθενείς: στο σπίτι, στο νοσοκομείο ή γηροκομείο, είτε είναι ενορίτες του Αγίου Νικολάου είτε όχι. Ο ίδιος απαντά στις κλήσεις για να είναι μαζί τους σε κάθε δεδομένη στιγμή. Εγώ προσωπικά επιβεβαιώνω το γεγονός ότι πατέρας Μιχαήλ ξεπερνά τα όρια των καθηκόντων του για να δώσει άνεση και υποστήριξη σε όσους έχουν ανάγκη, βάζοντας τον εαυτό του και τις ανάγκες της οικογένειάς του σε δεύτερη μοίρα.

Ένα απλό «ευχαριστώ» δεν φαίνεται επαρκές για να εκφράσει πλήρως την ευγνωμοσύνη μας προς τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ. Επιπλέον, προσφέρουμε ειλικρινείς προσευχές ευχαριστίας στον Θεό που μας έστειλε τον πατέρα Μιχαήλ, και την ειλικρινή επιθυμία μας για συνεχείς ευλογίες για μακροζωΐα και καλή υγεία.

ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΠΟΛΛΑ και ευτυχισμένη η Ημέρα του Πατέρα, Πάτερ, σε αγαπάμε.

Ειλικρινά, Ευαγγελία Λάλλα



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

May 27, 2019

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy Of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved,

Χοιστός Άνέστη! Christ is Risen!

I pray my letter finds you and yours well as we continue to experience the joy of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It is with joy that I formally announce to each of you and your beloved Communities the election of His Eminence, Metropolitan Elpidophoros of Bursa, as the new Archbishop of America. His Eminence, Archbishop Elpidophoros will be enthroned on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 11am, at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in NYC. It is therefore with much joy that I, on behalf of the Holy Eparchial Synod, extend this invitation to you to join me in celebrating yet another milestone in the history of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

Following this historic liturgical event, the Enthronement Luncheon will take place at the New York Hilton Midtown at 1:30 pm. We hope that you and perhaps members of your parishes and our Metropolis will be represented. Your presence and the presence of your faithful is an important sign for the good beginning that has been made at the inauguration of this Archiepiscopal ministry.

Please respond with your RSVP as soon as possible, by clicking on this link: EnthronementService@goarch.org, as we expect an overflowing attendance for the Enthronement and all the attendant celebrations.

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

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† EVANGELOS

Metropolitan of New Jersey



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

My Beloved Faithful of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America:

Χριστός Άνέστη! Christ is Risen! He is truly risen!

Even though I am, as the Apostle Paul once said, "absent in the body" from you, I am very much with you in heart, in mind, and in spirit (cf. I Cor. 5:3). I wanted to take this moment to communicate with you through this marvelous tool of social media, to express how much I desire to embrace all of you as spiritual children, and to manifest to you the love with which God has graced my heart for the precious flock of the Holy Archdiocese of America.

In the coming days and weeks, we will all be learning about one another. I have already received and continue to receive warm greetings and messages of congratulations from across America, and I am heartened by them all. You will be learning about me, but what I want all of you to know most importantly, is that that I am coming to America not only to be your Archbishop, but I am coming to be your spiritual friend and brother, your servant in the Lord, your co-worker in Christ, and your fellow steward of all the gifts of God that have been bestowed upon the Greek Orthodox Faithful of America. Together we will bring the Holy Archdiocese of America to the greater understanding that we are the Body of Christ, and each of us a precious member.

To you and to all our Orthodox Christian Brethren across America, I bring the blessing of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. I am coming to you as your brother in Christ. And, on June 22nd at my Enthronement, I look forward to embracing our ecumenical and interfaith friends as well, and the whole pluralistic American society that values freedom of conscience and religious liberty with such intensity.

Let this be a time of hope and positive expectation for us all. We have much to accomplish together, and by God's grace and with His strength, we must surely be victorious.

Χριστός Άνέστη! Άληθῶς Άνέστη!

In the Risen Lord,

Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

TArchbishop Elpidophoros of America



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Ποοσφιλεῖς μου Πιστοί τῆς Ἑλληνοοθοδόξου Αρχιεπισκοπῆς Αμερικῆς:

Χοιστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!

Μποφεῖ νά εἶμαι «ἀπών τῷ σώματι», ὅπως εἶπε κάποτε ὁ Ἀπόστολος Παῦλος, εἶμαι ὅμως ἰδιαιτέρως παρών τῆ καρδία, τῆ διανοία καί τῷ πνεύματι (Κορ. Α΄, 5:3). Ἡθελα νά ἀδράξω αὐτή τήν εὐκαιρία γιά νά ἐπικοινωνήσω μαζί σας μέσα ἀπό τό ὑπέροχο ἐργαλεῖο τῆς κοινωνικῆς δικτυώσεως καί νά σᾶς μεταφέρω τήν μεγάλη ἐπιθυμία μου νά σᾶς ἀγκαλιάσω ὅλους ώς πνευματικά τέκνα καί νά σᾶς ἐκδηλώσω τήν ἀγάπη μέ τήν ὁποίαν ὁ Θεός πλήρωσε τήν καρδιά μου γιά τό πολύτιμο ποίμνιο τῆς Ἱερᾶς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

Μέσα στίς έπόμενες ήμέφες καί έβδομάδες θά γνωριστοῦμε μεταξύ μας καλύτεφα. Έχω ήδη λάβει καί συνεχίζω νά λαμβάνω θεφμές εὐχές καί συγχαφητηφίους λόγους ἀπ' όλόκληφη τήν ἐπικφάτεια τῆς Ἀμεφικῆς οἱ ὁποῖοι μέ ἐνθαφφύνουν. Θά γνωφίσετε πφάγματα γιά μένα, ἀλλά ἐκεῖνο πού πφωτίστως ἐπιθυμῶ νά γνωφίζετε εἶναι ὅτι ἔφχομαι στήν Ἀμεφική ὅχι μόνον γιά νά εἶμαι ὁ Ἀρχιεπίσκοπός σας, ἀλλά ὁ πνευματικός φίλος καί ἀδελφός σας, ὁ ὑπηφέτης σας ἐν Κυρίω, ὁ συνεφγάτης σας ἐν Κυρίω καί ὁ συν-οἰκονόμος σας ὅλων τῶν δωφεῶν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐπί τῶν Πιστῶν τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμεφικῆς. Μαζί θά φέφουμε τήν Ἱεφά Ἀρχιεπισκοπή Ἀμεφικῆς στήν ὑπέφοχη συνειδητοποίηση ὅτι εἴμεθα Σῶμα Χριστοῦ καί καθένας ἀπό μᾶς πολύτιμο μέλος.

Σέ σᾶς καί σέ ὅλους τούς Ὁρθοδόξους Χριστιανούς Ἀδελφούς καί Ἀδελφές ἀνά τήν Αμερική, κομίζω τήν εὐλογία τοῦ Παναγιωτάτου Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριάρχου κ.κ. Βαρθολομαίου. Έρχομαι κοντά σας ὡς ἀδελφός σας ἐν Χριστῷ. Καί στίς 22 Ιουνίου, στήν Ένθρόνισή μου, προσδοκῷ νά ἀγκαλιάσω καί τούς οἰκουμενικούς καί διαθρησκειακούς φίλους μας καθώς καί ὁλόκληρη τήν πλουραλιστική Ἀμερικανική κοινωνία ἡ ὁποία ὑπηρετεῖ τήν ἐλευθερία τῆς συνειδήσεως καί τήν θρησκευτική ἐλευθερία μέ πάθος.

Άς εἶναι ή περίοδος αὐτή περίοδος ἐλπίδος καί θετικῆς προσμονῆς γιά ὅλους μας. Έχουμε πολλά νά ἐπιτύχουμε μαζί, καί μέ τήν χάρη τοῦ Θεοῦ καί τή δύναμή Του, θά εἴμεθα βέβαιοι νικητές.

Χριστός Άνέστη! Άληθῶς Άνέστη!

Μετά πολλῆς ἀγάπης ἐν Χριστῷ Ἀναστάντι,

То Ареста Тутоворого

† ό Άρχιεπίσκοπος Άμερικῆς

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The Enthronement of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America will take place on Saturday June 22 at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York. His Eminence Metropolitan Avgoustinos of Germany will represent His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. Axios!

On May 11, 2019 the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate unanimously elected Metropolitan ELPIDOPHOROS of Bursa to be the Archbishop of America

Let us join together in welcoming Archbishop Elpidophoros! AXIOS!

is Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros (Lambriniadis) of America was born in 1967 in Bakirköy, Istanbul. He studied at the Department of Pastoral Theology at the Theological School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, graduating in 1991. In 1993, he completed postgraduate studies at the Philosophical School of the University of Bonn in Germany, submitting a dissertation entitled: "The Brothers Nicholas and John Mesarites." He was ordained to the Diaconate in 1994 at the Patriarchal Cathedral and appointed Kodikographos (Scrivener) of the Holy and Sacred Synod.

In 1995, he was appointed Deputy Secretary of the Holy and Sacred Synod. From 1996-1997 he studied at the Theological School of St. John the Damascene in Balamand, Lebanon, where he advanced his knowledge of the Arabic language. In 2001, he presented a doctoral dissertation at the Theological School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki under the title: "Severus of Antioch and the Council of Chalcedon" and was proclaimed a Doctor of Theology. In 2004, he was invited to Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Boston, where he taught as Visiting Professor for a semester.

In March 2005, at the proposal of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, he was elevated by the Holy and Sacred Synod to the position of Chief Secretary and ordained to the priesthood by the Ecumenical Patriarch in the Patriarchal Cathedral. In 2009, he submitted two dissertations to the Theological School of Thessaloniki and was unanimously elected Assistant Professor of Symbolics, Inter-Orthodox Relations, and the Ecumenical Movement.



 $Archbishop\ Elpidophoros.\ Source:\ Ecumenical\ Patriarchate$

The dissertations are entitled: "The Synaxes of the Hierarchy of the Ecumenical Throne (1951-2004)" and "Luther's Ninety-five Theses: Historical and Theological Aspects. Text - Translation - Commentary."

In March 2011, he was elected Metropolitan of Bursa and in August of the same year was appointed Abbot of the Holy Patriarchal and Stavropegial Monastery of the Holy Trinity on the island of Halki. He has served as Orthodox Secretary of the Joint International Commission for the Theological Dialogue between the Orthodox Church and the Lutheran World Federation and member of the Patriarchal delegations to the General Assemblies of the Conference of European Churches and the World Council of Churches. He was the Secretary of the Pan-Orthodox Synods in Sofia (1998), Istanbul (2005), Geneva (2006), and Istanbul (2008). He has been a member of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches since 1996.

Ἡ ἐνθρόνισις τοῦ Σεβασμιωτάτου Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Ἀμερικῆς κ. Ἐλπιδοφόρου θὰ πραγματοποιηθῆ τὸ Σάββατον 22 Ἰουνίου εἰς τὸν Ἀρχιεπισκοπικὸν Καθεδρικὸν Ναὸν τῆς Ἁγίας Τριάδος εἰς τὴν Νέαν Ὑόρκην. Ὁ Σεβασμιώτατος Μητροπολίτης Γερμανίας κ. Αὐγουστῖνος θὰ ἐκπροσωπήση τὴν Α.Θ. Παναγιότητα τὸν Οἰκουμενικὸν Πατριάρχην κ.κ. Βαρθολομαῖον. ΑΞΙΟΣ!

Τὴν 11ην Μαΐου 2019 ἡ Άγία καὶ Ἱερὰ Σύνοδος τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου ἐξέλεξε ὁμοφώνως τὸν Σεβ. Μητροπολίτην Προύσης κ. ΕΛΠΙΔΟΦΟΡΟΝ ὡς Ἀρχιεπίσκοπον Ἀμερικῆς

Άς καλωσορίσωμεν όμοθυμαδὸν τὸν Άρχιεπίσκοπον Άμερικῆς, ΑΞΙΟΣ!

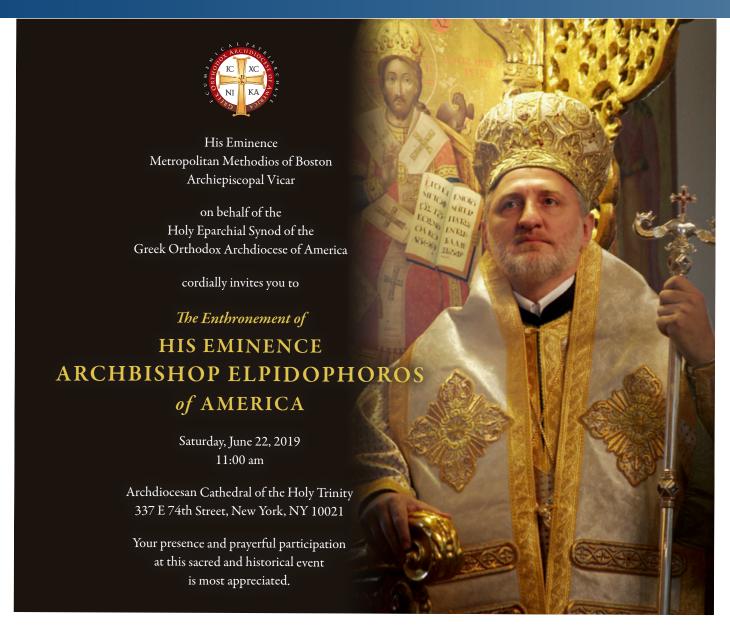
Σεβασμιώτατος Άρχιεπίσκοπος Άμερικῆς κ. Ἐλπιδοφόρος (Λαμπρυνιάδης) έγεννήθη τὸ ἔτος 1967 ἐν Μακροχωρίω Κωνσταντινουπόλεως. Έφοίτησεν είς τὸ Τμῆμα Ποιμαντικής τής Θεολογικής Σχολής τοῦ Άριστοτελείου Πανεπιστημίου Θεσσαλονίκης, έξ οδ ἀπεφοίτησεν άριστεύσας τὸ ἔτος 1991. Τὸ ἔτος 1993 ὡλοκλήρωσε τὰς μεταπτυχιακὰς αὐτοῦ σπουδὰς εἰς τὴν Φιλοσοφικὴν Σχολήν τοῦ Πανεπιστημίου Βόννης ὑποβαλὼν ἐπὶ τούτω διατριβήν ύπὸ τὸν τίτλον «Οἱ ἀδελφοὶ Νικόλαος καὶ Ἰωάννης Μεσαρίτης». Εἰς διάκονον ἐχειροτονήθη τὸ ἔτος 1994 ἐν τῷ Π. Πατριαρχικῷ Ναῷ, διορισθείς, ἐν συνεχεία, Κωδικογράφος τῆς Άγίας καὶ Ἱερᾶς Συνόδου. Τὸ ἐπόμενον ἔτος 1995 διωρίσθη Ὑπογραμματεὺς τῆς Άγίας καὶ Ἱερᾶς Συνόδου. Μεταξὺ τῶν ἐτῶν 1996-1997 ἐφοίτησεν εἰς τὴν Θεολογικὴν Σχολὴν τοῦ Άγίου Ίωάννου τοῦ Δαμασκηνοῦ ἐν Μπαλαμὰντ Λιβάνου, ἔνθα ἐβελτίωσε τὴν γνῶσιν τῆς ἀραβικῆς γλώσσης. Τὸ ἔτος 2001 ὑπέβαλε διδακτορικὴν διατριβὴν εἰς τὴν Θεολογικὴν Σχολὴν τοῦ Α. Π. Θεσσαλονίκης ὑπὸ τὸν τίτλον: «Ἡ ἔναντι τῆς Συνόδου τῆς Χαλκηδόνος στάσις τοῦ Σεβήρου Αντιοχείας» καὶ ἀνηγορεύθη διδάκτωρ τῆς Θεολογίας μὲ τὸν βαθμόν «ἄριστα». Τὸ ἔτος 2004 προσεκλήθη ὡς ἐπισκέπτης καθηγητής είς τὴν Θεολογικὴν Σχολὴν τοῦ Τιμίου Σταυροῦ Βοστώνης, ἔνθα ἐδίδαξεν ἐπὶ εν εξάμηνον. Τὸν Μάρτιον τοῦ ἔτους 2005, προτάσει τῆς Α. Θ. Παναγιότητος, προήχθη ύπὸ τῆς Άγίας καὶ Ἱερᾶς Συνόδου εἰς Άρχιγραμματέα αὐτῆς, χειροτονηθεὶς εἰς Πρεσβύτερον ύπὸ τοῦ Πατριάρχου ἐν τῷ Π. Πατριαρχικῷ Ναῷ. Τὸ ἔτος 2009 ή Θεολογική Σχολή Θεσσαλονίκης έξέλεξεν αὐτὸν ὁμοφώνως ὡς Ἀναπληρωτὴν Καθηγητὴν τῆς Συμβολικῆς καὶ τῶν Διορθοδόξων καὶ Διαχριστιανικῶν Σχέσεων, ὑποβαλόντα, μεταξὺ άλλων, δύο ύφηγεσίας ύπὸ τοὺς τίτλους: «Ό θεσμὸς τῆς Συνάξεως Ίεραρχῶν τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Θρόνου (1951-2004)» καὶ «Οἱ ἐνενήντα πέντε Θέσεις τοῦ Λουθήρου. Ίστορικοθεολογική θεώρηση - Κείμενο -



 $Archbishop\ Elpidophoros.\ Source: Ecumenical\ Patriarchate$

Μετάφραση – Σχόλια». Τὸν Μάρτιον τοῦ ἔτους 2011 έξελέγη ἐν ἐνεργεία Μητροπολίτης Προύσης, ἐνῷ τὸν Αύγουστον τοῦ αὐτοῦ ἔτους διωρίσθη Ἡγούμενος τῆς έν Χάλκη Ἱερᾶς Πατριαρχικῆς καὶ Σταυροπηγιακῆς Μονῆς Άγίας Τριάδος. Διετέλεσεν ὀρθόδοξος γενικὸς γραμματεύς τῆς Διεθνοῦς Μικτῆς Ἐπιτροπῆς ἐπὶ τοῦ Θεολογικοῦ Διαλόγου τῆς Ὀρθοδόξου Ἐκκλησίας μετὰ τῆς Παγκοσμίου Λουθηρανικῆς Όμοσπονδίας καὶ μέλος Πατριαργικών Άντιπροσωπειών κατά τὰς Γενικὰς Συνελεύσεις τοῦ Συμβουλίου Εὐρωπαϊκῶν Ἐκκλησιῶν καὶ τοῦ Παγκοσμίου Συμβουλίου Ἐκκλησιῶν, γραμματεύς τῆς ἐν Σόφια συνελθούσης Μείζονος καὶ Ύπερτελοῦς Συνόδου τῆς Ὀρθοδόξου Ἐκκλησίας τοῦ έτους 1998, τῆς ἐν Κων/πόλει συνελθούσης Μείζονος καὶ Ύπερτελοῦς Συνόδου τοῦ ἔτους 2005, τῆς ἐν Γενεύη συνελθούσης Διηυρυμένης Συνόδου τὸ ἔτος 2006 καὶ τῆς ἐν Κων/πόλει συνελθούσης Συνάξεως τῶν Προκαθημένων τῶν Ὀρθοδόξων Ἐκκλησιῶν τοῦ ἔτους 2008. Εἶναι μέλος τῆς Ἐπιτροπῆς Πίστεως καὶ Τάξεως τοῦ Παγκοσμίου Συμβουλίου Ἐκκλησιῶν.

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On the occasion of the Enthronement a Luncheon will be held

Saturday, June 22, 2019 1:30 pm

New York Hilton Midtown 1335 6th Ave, New York, NY 10019

RSVP required by June 10 212-774-0400 or EnthronementLuncheon@goarch.org

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Table of Ten\$2,500 Single Ticket\$250

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME LEVELS OF SUPPORT

Benefactor	.\$10,000
Patron	\$5,000
Supporter	\$2,500
Sponsor	\$1,000



All net proceeds from sponsorships and tickets for the Enthronement Luncheon will be restricted for the sole and exclusive use of the building of the Saint Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center.

REQUESTED ITEMS FOR OUR CHURCH

With faith, hope and your support we have decided to put together a list with some of the church's needs. We are asking for your ideas and understanding. As you may know, just like all of our homes, the church has many needs. In this list we have compromised some of the more pressing needs and are asking for your support in order to make all of our dreams for a better church come true.

The list goes as follows:

- 1. The church is in need of an elevator in order for our elderly population to be able to join us in the hall following the Sunday Service.
- 2. The bathrooms in both the middle level and the upstairs level need to be renovated as soon as possible.
- 3. The church parking lot needs to be reconfigured and renovated for better efficiency.
- 4. We need a glass display in the entrance of our church for all the icons our church has accumulated.
- 5. A small van or bus to accommodate our parishioners for our many events.
- 6. A generator in case of emergencies for our schools and offices.
- 7. The ceiling below the choir and a couple other places needs to be replaced.
- 8. The main entrance door of the church needs to renovated.
- 9. We are in need of a chanter for our holy services.
- 10. We need to hire a cleaning crew for 2-3 times a month due to the large amount of traffic our church receives from all the organizations.
- 11. Our phones and computers need to be upgraded.
- 12. The ceiling and stage of the hall need to be renovated.
- 13. The kitchen of our hall needs to be renovated.
- 14. The paths behind the church need to be re-cemented.

This is just the beginning of the list. We are hoping for your support and help of any kind and with your love for Saint Nicholas to make our church shine once again and become the star of our Greek Community in Baltimore. We are looking forwards to your ideas, your donations and your drive as a community to help us make this happen.

WE CAN CONQUER EVERYTHING TOGETHER.

Happy Easter. HE HAS RISEN.

Many Regards, Stamatia Ieromonahos President of the Saint Nicholas Parish Council

ΚΑΤΑΛΟΓΟΣ ΑΝΑΓΚΩΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΣ ΜΑΣ

Με την πίστη, την ελπίδα και την συμπαράσταση σας αποφασίσαμε να κάνουμε έναν κατάλογο με κάποιες από τις ανάγκες της Εκκλησίας μας. Ζητάμε τις ιδέες σας, την συμπαράσταση και την υποστήριξη σας. Όπως ξέρετε η Εκκλησία μας, όπως και το σπίτι μας, χρειάζεται πολύ φροντίδα. Θα σας αναφέρουμε μερικές ελλείψεις της Εκκλησίας μας παρακάτω και ευελπιστούμε με την βοήθεια σας να ξεκινήσουν να γίνονται αληθινά τα όνειρα όλων μας.

Η λίστα μας λοιπόν είναι η παρακάτω:

- 1. Χρειαζόμαστε ένα ασανσέρ για την μετακίνηση των ατόμων μας της τρίτης ηλικίας στην αίθουσα εκδηλώσεων μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία .
- 2. Τα μπάνια του μεσαίου ορόφου και του επάνω ορόφου χρειάζονται οπωσδήποτε ανακαίνηση.
- 3. Το πάρκινγκ της Εκκλησίας μας χρειάζεται γενική ανακαίνιση και σωστό σχεδιασμό για καλύτερη λειτουργικότητα.
- 4. Χρειαζόμαστε μία ντουλάπα με τζαμαρία στην είσοδο του ναού μας όπου θα καταχωρήσουμε μέσα τις δεκάδες εικόνες που δεν έχουμε χώρο να τις βάλουμε και να μείνουν.
- 5. Ένα μικρό λεωφορείο που θα εξυπηρετεί όλους τους ενορίτες μας μικρούς & μεγάλους σε όλες τις εκδηλώσεις τους .
- 6. Μία γεννήτρια παροχής ρεύματος σε περίπτωση διακοπής προς αποφυγή προβλημάτων των σχολείων και του γραφείου μας.
- 7. Το ταβάνι κάτω από την χορωδία μας και έξω στον νάρθηκα της Εκκλησίας μας χρειάζονται αντικατάσταση.
- 8. Η εξωτερική πόρτα της Εκκλησίας μας χρειάζεται αντικατάσταση.
- 9. Χρειαζόμαστε ψάλτη για τις ανάγκες της εκκλησίας μας.
- 10. Χρειαζόμαστε εταιρεία καθαρισμού της εκκλησίας μας 2-3 φορές τον μήνα λόγω μεγάλης κίνησης που γίνεται καθημερινά από όλους τους οργανισμούς .
- 11. Αναβάθμιση και ανανέωση τα τηλέφωνα και οι υπολογιστές της Εκκλησίας μας.
- 12. Ανακαίνιση το ταβάνι και η σκηνή κάτω στη Κονοτική Αίθουσα.
- 13. Ανακαίνιση η κουζίνα της Εκκλησίας μας.
- 14. Ασφαλτοστρώσεις στα δρομάκια που βρίσκονται στο πίσω μέρος της εκκλησίας μας.

Αυτά για αρχή της λίστας των αναγκών μας. Ευελπιστούμε στην συμπαράσταση, στην βοήθεια σας με οποιαδήποτε τρόπο και με οδηγό την αγάπη σας για τον Άγιο Νικόλαο να τον κάνουμε λάμπει πάντα Ανακαινισμένος στην Ελληνική Γειτονιά της Βαλτιμόρης!!!

Δεχόμαστε με μεγάλη χαρά τις ιδέες σας, τις πρωτοβουλίες σας όπως και την προσφορά σας να αναλάβετε οποιαδήποτε από όλα αυτά να το φέρετε εις πέρας ατομικά ή ομαδικά.

ΟΛΟΙ ΜΑΖΙ ΝΙΚΑΜΕ ΟΛΑ ΤΑ ΕΜΠΟΔΙΑ

Βοήθεια όλων μας η Χάρη Του

Καλή Ανάσταση ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ

Με ειλικρινά αισθήματα

Σταματία Ιερομόναχος

Πρόεδρος του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Χριστιανικής Εκκλησίας Αγίου Νικολάου Βαλτιμόρης

DISTRICT ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

DISTRICT ORATORICAL FESTIVAL HOSTED BY ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL.

This year, St. Nicholas church and our Sunday church school were Honored to Host the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey - St. John Chrysostom DISTRICT Oratorical Festival. The Finalists in the Junior and Senior Division who represented their parishes in Maryland came together on Saturday, April 13th to hear the speeches and select the Finalists who then advanced on to the Metropolis Level and hopefully on to the National Level. We want to say THANK YOU with deep appreciation to all of the Finalists along with their families who came and participated in this Oratorical Festival.

We extend our Gratitude to our Judges, Dr. John Angelou, Eleni Kostalas-Lentis and Mary Ann Rigopoulos along with our Timekeeper, Rebecca Loumiotis. We also want to Thank our Ladies Philoptochos Society for their help, The Acropolis Restaurant, our Sunday Church school staff, Phaedra Avgerinos & Sophia Gerapetritis, our donors and numerous volunteers who helped make this program a success. A special Thank you to Fr. Michael Pastrikos and our Parish Council and our President, Stamatia Ieromonahos for their support.

The four Finalists from our District-Maryland went on to the Metropolis Level Oratorical Festival that was held on May 4 in New Jersey. We were informed that one of our Junior District Finalist was selected as a Metropolis Junior Finalist and will go on to participate at the National/ Archdiocese Level that will take place in June. We extend to Elizabeth Karides, from Sts. Constantine & Helen, Annapolis our Best Wishes and with God's blessing may she do a great job at the Archdiocese level of the Oratorical Festival.

- By Emily Cossis



All of the Participants in the Metropolis of NJ St John Chrysostom Oratorical DISTRICT Festival that was hosted by our church and Sunday church school

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Congratulations to all of our Sunday Church school students. A Special Congratulations to our two 10th grade Graduates, Markella and Nikoletta Pearce. We look forward to seeing many of our students and staff lend a helping hand at our Festival and the Vacation Bible School. And we also look forward to seeing all of you in church during the summer months.

We wish all of you, our students and staff, a safe summer and we will see you again in September.

Mark Your Calendars!!

What? Vacation Bible School-ROAR "Life is wild. God is Good" When? June 24, 2019– June 28, 2019, 9 am– 12:30 pm

Where? Saint Nicholas Church

Who? Children from K-6th grade

Why? Learn about our faith and the bible, participate in hands on activities, make new friends and reconnect with old friends, and have a great time.

Registration fee includes: snack, lunch, tee shirt and countless activities

Registration begins May 24 in the Church office- details to follow!





SUNDAY SCHOOL SOWING SEEDS FOR CHRIST



GREEK SCHOOL - END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION





















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JUNE 2019

House of God: What's Inside an Orthodox Church?

By Fr. Alexander Veronis - Courtesy of the Orthodox Archdioese of America - www.goarch.org

Beauty and Symbols

The Orthodox Church believes that God is the Creator of heaven and earth. The Creator is present through His creative energies of His handiwork. This means that the material world, being valuable and good, is an important means through which God expresses Himself. The Orthodox Church affirms this conviction through her extensive use of material creation not only for the embellishment of her places of worship, but also in her sacramental mysteries and services. For example, when the bread and wine - "the first fruits of creation" - are offered in the Eucharist, they are also a symbolic offering of all creation to God its Creator. Since there is no hesitation in using the gifts of creation, the interior of an Orthodox church is frequently very beautiful. Designed to create an atmosphere which is special, the building is filled with a feeling of joy and an appreciation of God's bounty. Orthodoxy recognizes that beauty is an important dimension of human life. Through iconography and church appointments, the beauty of creation becomes a very important means of praising God. The divine gifts of the material world are shaped and fashioned by human hands into an expression of beauty which glorifies the Creator. As the pious woman poured her most precious oil on the feet of Our Lord, Orthodoxy seeks always to offer to God what is best and most beautiful.

Sacred Space

The interior church is most importantly, both the background and the setting for Orthodox worship. The art and architecture are designed to contribute to the total experience of worship, which involves one's intellect, feelings, and senses. The Eucharist and the other sacramental mysteries take place in God's midst, and they bear witness to His presence and actions. Therefore, in the Orthodox tradition there is a very strong feeling that the church is the House of God and the place where His glory dwells. For this reason, all Orthodox churches are blessed, consecrated and set aside as sacred space. The whole church bears witness to God's indwelling among His people. As one old admonition says:

"Let the Christian consider well when he enters the church that he is entering another heaven. That same majesty of God which is in heaven is also in his church, and on this account the Christian must enter with reverence and awe."

Ideally, an Orthodox church is relatively small in order to emphasize and enhance the sense of community in worship. The church is generally constructed in the form of a cross and is divided into three areas: the narthex, the nave, and the sanctuary. The narthex is the entrance area. Centuries ago this area was the place where catechumens (unbaptized learners) and penitents remained during parts of the services. Today, the beginning of the Baptismal service and in some parishes, the Marriage service, begins in the narthex and proceeds into the nave. This procession symbolically represents a gradual movement into the Kingdom of God. In many Orthodox parishes, the narthex is the area where the faithful make an offering, receive a candle, light it before an icon, and offer a personal prayer before joining the congregation. The nave is the large center area of the church. Here the faithful gather for worship. Although most Orthodox churches in this country have pews, some follow the old custom of having an open nave with no seats. On the right-hand side of the nave is the bishop's throne from which he presides as a living icon of Christ among his people. Even in the bishop's absence, the throne reminds all that the parish is not an isolated entity but is part of a diocese which the bishop heads. On the left-hand side of the nave is the pulpit from which the Gospel is proclaimed and the sermon preached. The choir and the cantors frequently occupy areas on the far sides of the nave. The sanctuary is considered the most sacred part of the church, and the area reserved for the clergy and their assistant. The sanctuary contains the Holy Altar and is separated from the nave by the Iconostasion. This division serves to remind us that God's reign is not complete and that we often find ourselves 'separated' from God, through sin. However, during the Divine

Liturgy, when we have access to the Holy Gifts, we are reminded that, through Christ, heaven and earth are united and that through Him, we have access to the Father. It should be noted that not all services take place within the sanctuary. Many are celebrated in the center of the nave, in the midst of the congregation. In so doing, Orthodoxy emphasizes the fact that the worship of the Church is offered by, and for all the people.

The Altar

The Altar or Holy Table is the heart and focal point of the Orthodox Church. It is here that eucharistic gifts of bread and wine are offered to the Father as Christ commanded us to do. The altar, which is usually square in shape, stands away from the wall and is often covered with cloths. A tabernacle, with reserved Holy Communion for the sick or dying, is set upon the Altar, together with candles. When the Divine Liturgy is not being celebrated, the Book of Gospels rests on the Altar. Behind the Altar is a large cross with the painted figure of Christ.

Iconostasion

The Iconostasion is the panel of icons which separates the sanctuary from the nave. The origin of this very distinctive part of an Orthodox church is the ancient custom of placing icons on a low wall before the sanctuary. In time, the icons became fixed on a standing wall, hence the term iconostasion. In contemporary practice, the Iconostasion may be very elaborate and conceal most of the sanctuary, or it may be very simple and open. The Iconostasion has three entrances which are used during services. There is a Deacon Door on either side, and the center entrance which is called the Royal Door. A curtain or door, usually conceals the Altar when services are not being celebrated. On the right-hand side of the Iconostasion are always the icons of Christ and St. John the Baptist. On the left-hand side are always the icons of the Theotokos (Mother of our Lord) and the patron saint or event to which the church is dedicated. In addition to these icons, others may be added, depending upon custom and space.

Icons

An icon is a holy image which is the distinctive art form of the Orthodox Church. In actual practice the icon may be a painting of wood, on canvas, a mosaic or a fresco. Icons depict such figures as Christ, Mary the Theotokos, the saints and angels. They may also portray events from the Scriptures or the history of the Church, such as Christmas, Easter, etc. Icons occupy a very prominent place in Orthodox worship and theology. The icon is not simply decorative, inspirational, or educational. Most importantly, it signifies the presence of the individual depicted. The icon is like a window which links heaven and earth. When we worship we do so as part of the Church which includes the living and the departed. We never lost contact with those who are with the Lord in glory. This belief is expressed every time one venerates an icon or places a candle before it. Many Orthodox churches have icons not only on the iconostasion but also on the walls, ceilings, and in arches. Above the sanctuary in the apse, there is very frequently a large icon of the Theotokos and the Christ Child. The Orthodox Church believes that Mary is the human being closest to God. This very prominent icon recalls her important role in the Incarnation of the Son of God. The icon is also an image of the Church. It reminds us of our responsibility to give birth to Christ's presence in our lives. High above the church, in the ceiling or dome, is the icon of Christ the Almighty, the Pantocrator. The icon portrays the Triumphant Christ who reigns as Lord of heaven and earth. As one gazes downward, it appears as though the whole church and all of creation comes from Him. As one looks upward, there is the feeling that all things direct us to Christ the Lord. He is the "Alpha and the Omega," the beginning and the end. This is the message of Orthodoxy.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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<u>ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS</u>: ALL ABOARD TO A TRIP OF A LIFETIME:

We are very pleased to announce, that the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, is planning a trip once again to the Holy Lands, (Jerusalem) sometime in September of 2019. Fr. Michael has received many calls from parishioners asking questions about the Jerusalem trip. He is very grateful for the interest and enthusiasm that the people have expressed in the last few months. What a beautiful opportunity to follow the footsteps of our Lord, and to visit the Land where the Old Testament Prophets and Saints of our faith lived. But in order for this excursion to be successful we need to do our homework.

Fr. Michael has taken many groups to the Holy Lands throughout his ministry and he knows through experience that there is a lot of groundwork to be done to prepare for this trip. This trip will also have an option to visit our Mother Land Greece. All the details of this trip will be discussed in the meeting.

I hope you will join us on this exciting pilgrimage. If you have any friends or relatives that you feel would like to join us on this trip, please convey this information to them. If you are interested and cannot make the meeting, please contact Fr. Michael at 443-742-8314.

HOPING TO SEE EVERYONE THERE,

RESPECTFULLY,

Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos Protopresbyter



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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Please fill out this form if you are interested in attending the meeting.

FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS - SCHEDULES

Starting Saturday, June 1st, there will be continuous preparations for the festival. We need as many volunteers as possible for food preparation and festival setup. **All are welcome to help!**

Please contact **Penny (443-756-2201)** or **Frank (410-633-3131)** beforehand to let them know when you are available.

SALADS - Wednesday, June 5, 2019 - All day at the Plateia



SET UP - MOVE EQUIPMENT - GET EVERYTHING IN PLACE - PLATEIA

Saturday, June 1, 2019	11-5
Sunday, June 2, 2019	12-5
Monday, June 3, 2019	12-5

BREAK DOWN OF FESTIVAL - PLATEIA

Monday, June 10, 2019	9-3
Tuesday, June 11, 2019	9-3
Wednesday, June 12, 2019	9-3



JOY PROGRAM

The JOY Program is designed for ages 3-11. The program will prepare our children for GOYA and will emphasize the same goals of fellowship and understanding of our faith. Each meeting has a theme based on the Ecclesiastical Feast Days of the month. Activities include Crafts, Games, Basketball, and a lesson by Fr. Michael. Snacks will be provided by the parish.



We meet once a month every third Saturday from 12-2 pm.

Please feel free to contact me at 443-221-8024 or ckouroublakis@gmail.com for more information.

EARLY EDUCATION CENTER NEWS



ST. NICHOLAS BILINGUAL EARLY EDUCATION CENTER





The Saint Nicholas Bilingual Early Education Center provides a safe, nurturing, home away from home learning center. We accept children

from 6 weeks till 5 years of age. **BEEC** is hiring part-time and full-time aides to assist our teachers at the Center. If you or anyone you know is interested, please call the Center at 410-633-5020 extension 4 or message us on Facebook.

In May, the children learned how to plant flowers and care for them. They watched them grow and present their flowers to their mothers for Mother's Day. Our BEEC preschoolers had loads of fun at the B & O Railroad Museum for their field trip.

This month the BEEC children will be attending the Greek Festival and enjoying Greek music and food. BEEC will be hosting a wonderful breakfast in honor of Father's Day. The children will enjoy a nice breakfast while spending time with their dads. This month we will also be having a small ceremony for our graduating students. We will miss them and wish them all the best in their academic school years.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR - JUNE

Sunday, June 2 Sunday of the Blind Man: Orthros 8:45 a.m. | Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 6 Holy Ascension: Orthros 8:45 a.m. | Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 9 Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council:

Orthros 8:45 a.m. | Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 15 Saturday of the Souls: Orthros 8:45 a.m. | Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 16 Sunday of Holy Pentecost: Orthros 8:45 a.m. | Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 17 Feast of the Holy Spirit (Holy Trinity)

Orthros 8:45 a.m. | Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 23 Sunday of All Saints: Orthros 8:45 a.m. | Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 24 Navtivity of John the Baptist: Orthros 8:45 a.m. | Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 29 Feast of the Holy Apostles Sts. Peter and Paul

Orthros 8:45 a.m. | Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 30 Synaxis (Gathering) of the Twelve Apostles:

Orthros 8:45 a.m. | Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - JUNE

Thursday, June 6 - Sunday, June 9 - St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival

Tuesday, June 18 - Wednesday, June 19 - GOYA End-of-Year Trip

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