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Message from Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos, Protopresbyter

COME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN AND FACE REALITY

It is that time of the year again. The months of July and August are really Vacation time for everyone.

We are very fortunate here at St. Nicholas that we don't see much of a decline in church attendance during the summer months. Of course the church will be a bit more sporadic because kids are out of school, parents are planning their yearly vacations, its warm outside and many have planned even weekend travels to the beach. I have always said, whether you go to the beach, the mountains, or somewhere in between it is good to get away from the everyday struggles of life for a time being. Now the hardest part of the vacation is coming back home. And then reality sets inback to work the next day and you eventually go back to the normal routine of everyday life.

I would like to ask a question to all our readers? Have you ever been on a mountain top or a high place where you see all of your surroundings? Where you see the sun rising and descending, and then you see the Ocean waves coming in and out. Words cannot describe the immense joy and satisfaction that one experiences during those private moments when you are with God and nature. That's how the disciples of the Lord Peter, James and John felt when they followed Christ to the Mountain of the Transfiguration. (Mt. Tabor) They were there with Jesus and they witnessed the light of His Transfiguration. They saw His face shine brighter than the Sun, and His clothes were as white as light. Just imagine during that time on the mountain the 3 disciples also had the honor and the opportunity to witness and see from their own eyes, Moses, and Elijah talking with Christ.

Can you imagine seeing what these men had seen and not being able to share it with anyone else. Peter couldn't even tell his brother Andrew, nor could he tell others about what they experienced. Let's say for a moment in time, that you where there on the mountain top and you saw this miracle happening in front of you. Having the

opportunity to see Moses, and Elijah talking with Christ and having a conversation. What would you do? How would you act? And if you were told that you were not permitted to say to anyone the experiences that you personally witnessed until the resurrection of Christ how would you be able to withstand the temptation of not expressing what you saw to anyone. That would be very hard to do. In our daily life we too find ourselves on a mountain top, or at a spiritual conference, or just being in Church glorifying God in the Divine Liturgy. We can experience the power of God in our own special way.

We are filled at times with spiritual excitement. And when this happens we want to share with others our experiences. Then we get confused as to why others can't feel the same spiritual excitement that we do, and then we come down from that mountain to face the reality of society. We must realize that everything is in Christ and with Christ. This is the mystery of the Church. Christ is revealed in that unity between His love and ourselves.

Let's not forget, not one person is the Church, but we together as brothers and sisters in Christ, we are the Church. In the Church we are united with our Lord, we share the joys and sorrows of each and everyone, to do everything for them just as Christ did for us. Participating in the life of the Church, the Eucharist, weekly gathering, the Divine Liturgy is not just a personal matter. The Priest cannot celebrate the Liturgy by himself; at least one other must be in attendance because Holy Communion is the development of Community. So we need each other, just like Peter, James, and John needed to see Christ Transfigured on the Mountain of Tabor and later after the resurrection of Christ they were able to share that miracle with the rest of the disciples and others.

Even we are the product of that miracle, because we have been told of that true story of the

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MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRESIDENT

Dear Parishioners,

We have had an exciting ecclesiastical year culminating with a very successful folk festival. I would like to thank our chairpersons. Frank Mitsos. Steve Tsakalas, John Korologos and Spiro Alafassos, for organizing and managing this year's event. Along with these individuals, there are many, many other persons, young and old, who spent many hours working in



the various areas such as food preparation, pastry baking (sweets), public relations, entertainment, children's section, and vendor management. Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who supported our festival whether it was with the purchase of food, drinks, desserts, dancing or purchasing a raffle ticket.

While many of our parishioners will be heading to relaxing vacations, the parish council will be working on several projects which have been initiated. The Vacation Bible School is scheduled to run from June 27 through July 1, 2016. We thank the Directors, Phaedra Avgerinos Nancy Anastasiades, Chara Rontouli-Bacher and all of the volunteers who assisted in the successful operation of this program.

The Full-time Director for our Bilingual Education Learning Center has been hired, and we hope to introduce her to the community in the near future. The Center has reached another milestone. It has received the permit to close the alley between the School Building and Center for easy access to each building.

A part-time bookkeeper knowledgeable in Quickbooks will be hired in the near future to modernize and refine the financial records of our church's operation as well as the Learning Center.

We are still seeking for a chanter/choir director and hope to have one hired in the near future.

The Parish Council, along with Father Michael, is striving to reach the goals set for the continuing progress of our beloved St. Nicholas Community. Wishing you a safe and relaxing summer!

In Christ,

Demos Anastasiades, Parish Council President

ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ ΤΗΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑΣ

Αγαπητοι Ενορίτες,

Είχαμε μια συναφπαστική εκκλησιαστική χρονιά που αποκορυφώθηκε με ένα πολύ επιτυχημένο Λαϊκό Πανηγύρι. Θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω τους προέδρους μας, Φώτη Μήτσος, Ισίδωρο (Στηβ) Τσακάλα, Γιάννη Κορολόγο και Σπύρο Αλαφασσό, για την οργάνωση και τη διαχείριση του φετεινού Φεστιβάλ. Μαζί με αυτά τα άτομα, υπάρχουν πολλά, πάρα πολλά άλλα πρόσωπα, νέοι και γέροι, που διέθεσαν πολλές ώρες εργασίας σε διάφορους τομείς, όπως η προετοιμασία των φαγητών, των γλυκισμάτων, τους λουκουμάδες, τις δημόσιες σχέσεις, της ψυχαγωγίας, του παιδικούτμήματος, καθώς και τη διαχείριση των μικροπωλητών. Τέλος, θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω όλους όσους υποστήριξαν το φεστιβάλ μας αγοράζοντας φαγητά, ποτά, γλυκά, που χόρεψαν ή αγόρασαν λαχεία.

Ενώ πολλοί από τους ενοφίτες μας, θα περνούν ήρεμα τις διαχοπές τους, το Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο θα πρέπει να εργάζεται πάνω σε διάφορα έργα που έχουν ξεκινήσει. Το Πρόγρμμα της Κατήχησης των Καλοκαιρινών Διαχοπών προγραμματίστηκε και λειτούργησε από τις 27 Ιουνίου έως 1 Ιουλίου 2016. Ευχαριστούμε τους Υπευθύνους Φαίδρα Αυγερινού, Nancy Αναστασιάδη, και Χαρά Ροντούλη Μπάκερ καθώς και όλους τους εθελοντές που βοήθησαν στην επιτυχή λειτουργία του εν λόγω προγράμματος.

Η Διευθύντοια της Δίγλωσσης Εκπαίδευσης του Κέντρου Εκμάθησης, με πλήρες ωράριο, έχει προσληφθεί, και ελπίζουμε να την συστήσουμε στην Κοινότητα στο εγγύς μέλλον. Το Κέντρο έχει φθάσει σε ένα άλλο σημαντικό ορόσημο. Έχει λάβει την άδεια για να κλείσει το δρομάκι ανάμεσα στο Κτίριο του Σχολείου και του Κέντρου Εκπαίδευσης για εύκολη πρόσβαση σε κάθε κτίριο.

Θα προσλάβουμε με μερική απασχόληση λογιστή γνώστη του Προγράμματος Quickbooks στο άμεσο μέλλον για να εκσυγχρονίσει και να βελτιώσει τα οικονομικά στοιχεία λειτουργίας της Κοινότητάς μας, καθώς και τού Κέντρου Μάθησης.

Συνεχίζουμε να αναζητούμε ψάλτης/ χοράρχη και ελπίζουμε να προσλάβουμε κάποιον στο εγγύς μέλλον.

Το Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο, μαζί με τον πατέρα Μιχαήλ, αγωνίζεται για την επίτευξη των στόχων που έχουν τεθεί για να συνεχιστεί η πρόοδος της αγαπημένης μας Κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου. Σας εύχομαι ένα ασφαλές και ξεκούραστο καλοκαίρι!

Εν Χοιστώ

Δήμος Αναστασιάδης – Ποόεδοος Διοικητικού Συμβουλίοιν

Μήνυμα απο τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Λ. Παστρικό, Πρωτοπρεσβύτερο

ΚΑΤΕΒΕΙΤΕ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΒΟΥΝΟ ΚΑΙ ΑΝΤΙΜΕΤΩΠΕΙΣΤΕ ΤΗΝ ΠΡΑΓΜΑΤΙΚΟΤΗΤΑ

Νάμαστε και πάλι στο Καλοκαίοι. Οι μήνες Ιούλιος και Αύγουστος είναι πραγματικά εποχή διακοπών για όλους.

Είμαστε πολύ τυχεροί εδώ στον Άγιο Νικόλαο διότι δεν βλέπουμε μεγάλη μείωση στον εκκλησιασμό κατά τους καλοκαιρινούς μήνες. Φυσικά, η Εκκλησία θα είναι λίγο πιο σποραδική, επειδή τα παιδιά έχουν τελειώσει το σχολείο, οι γονείς σχεδιάζουν τις καλοκαιρινές διακοπές τους, έξω κάνει ζέστη και πολλοί προγραμματίζουν ακόμη να περνούν τα Σαββατοκύριακα ταξιδεύοντας σε παραθαλάσσιες περιοχές. Πάντα έλεγα, είτε πάτε στην παραλία, ή στο βουνό, ή κάπου ενδιάμεσα, είναι καλό να ξεφεύγουμε από τη καθημερηνότητα και τον αγώνα της ζωής για λίγο.

Τώρα το πιο δύσκολο μέρος των διακοπών είναι η επιστροφή στο σπίτι. Τότε που επιστρέφει πραγματικότητα - πίσω στη δουλειά την επόμενη μέρα, που τελικά μας οδηγεί στην κανονική ρουτίνα καθημερινότητας. Θα ήθελα να θέσω ένα ερώτημα σε όλους τους αναγνώστες μας, Έχετε πάει ποτέ σε μια χορφή βουνού ή κάπου ψηλά, που μπορείτε να δείτε τα πάντα γύρω σας; Όπου μπορείτε να δείτε την ανατολή του ηλίου και την δύση του, και στη συνέχεια να μπορείτε να δείτε τα κύματα του ωκεανού να παφλάζουν μέσα και έξω; Οι λέξεις δεν μπορούν να περιγράψουν την τεράστια χαρά και ιμανοποίηση από τέτοιες εμπειρίες ματά τη διάρμεια αυτών των ιδιωτικών στιγμών όταν είσαι με τον Θεό και τη φύση. Έτσι αισθάνθημαν οι μαθητές του Κυρίου ο Πέτρος, ο Ιάχωβος και ο Ιωάννης όταν ακολούθησαν το Χριστό στο όρος της Μεταμόρφωσης του Σωτήρος. (Όρος Θαβώρ). Ήταν εκεί με τον Ιησού και έγιναν αυτόπτες μάρτυρες του φωτός της Μεταμορφώσεώς Του. Είδαν το πρόσωπό του να λάμπει πιο φωτεινό και από τον Ήλιο, και τα ιμάτιά Του, ήταν τόσο άσπρα όπως το φως. Απλά φανταστείτε αυτή τη στιγμή, στο βουνό οι 3 μαθητές,, είχαν την τιμή και την ευκαιρία να παρακολουθήσουν και να δούνε με τα ίδια τους τα μάτια, το Μωυσή και τον Ελισαίο να μιλούν με τον Χριστό. Μπορείτε να φανταστείτε να βλέπατε ό,τι είδαν αυτοί οι άνθρωποι και να μην είστε σε θέση να το μοιραστείτε με κάποιον άλλο. Ο Πέτρος δεν μπορούσε καν να το πει στον αδελφό του τον Ανδρέα, ούτε θα μπορούσε να πει στους άλλους το τι έζησαν. Ας πούμε για μια στιγμή, ότι εσείς βρεθήκατε εκεί πάνω στην κορυφή του βουνού και είδατε αυτό το θαύμα να συμβαίνει μπροστά σας. Είχατε την ευκαιρία να δείτε το Μωϋσή και τον Ελισαίο να μιλούν με τον Χριστό και να κουβεντιάζουν. Τι θα κάνατε; Πώς θα ανατιδρούσατε; Και αν σας έλεγαν ότι δεν είχατε το δικαίωμα να πείτε σε κανέναν για τις εμπειρίες που προσωπικά και με τα ίδια σας τα μάτια

είδατε, μέχρι την Ανάσταση του Χριστού, πώς θα μπορούσατε να αντισταθείτε στον πειρασμό της και να μην εμφράσετε αυτό που είδατε σε μανέναν. Θάτανπολύ δύσκολο. Στη καθημερινή μας ζωή και εμείς πιάνουμε τους εαυτούς μας σε πνευματική ανάταση, στην κορυφή του βουνού, σε ένα πνευματικό συνέδριο, ή απλά όταν είμαστε στην Εκκλησία δοξάζοντας τον Θεό κατά τη Θεία Λειτουργία. Μπορούμε να βιώσουμε τη δύναμη του Θεού με το δικό μας ιδιαίτερο τρόπο. Κατά καιρούς είμαστε πλήσεις πνευματικού ενθουσιασμού. Και τότε, θέλουμε να μοιραστούμε την εμπειρία μας με τους άλλους Και τότε θα αναριωτιόμαστε ως προς το γιατί οι άλλοι δεν μπορούν να αισθανθούν τον ίδιο πνευματικό ενθουσιασμό με εμάς, και τότε είναι που θα κατέβουμε από αυτό το βουνό για να αντιμετωπίσουνμε την πραγματικότητα της κοινωνίας. Πρέπει να συνειδητοποιήσουμε ότι τα πάντα προέρχονται από τον Χριστό και με το Χριστό. Αυτό είναι το μυστήριο της Εκκλησίας. Ο Χριστός αποκαλύπτεται σε αυτή την ενότητα μεταξύ της αγάπης Του και σε εμάς. Ας μην ξεχνάμε, η εκκλησία δεν είναι ένα άτομο, αλλά όλοι εμείς μαζί ως αδελφοί και αδελφές εν Χριστώ είμαστε η Εκκλησία. Στην Εκκλησία είμαστε ενωμένοι με τον Κύριό μας, μοιραζόμαστε τις χαρές και τις λύπες του καθενός, κάνουμε τα πάντα γι 'αυτούς, ακοιβώς όπως έκανε ο Χριστός για μας. Συμμετέχουμε στη ζωή της Εκκλησίας, στη Θεία Ευχαριστία, στις εβδομαδιαίες συναθροίσεις, στη Θεία Λειτουργία, όλο αυτό δεν είναι μόνο προσωπική υπόθεση. Ο Ιερέας δεν μπορεί να τελέσει τη Λειτουργία από μόνος του, τουλάχιστον άλλος ένας πρέπει να είναι παρόν, γιατί η Θεία Κοινωνία είναι η δημιουργία της Κοινότητας. Έτσι, χρειαζόμαστε ο ένας τον άλλον, αχριβώς όπως ο Πέτρος, ο Ιάχωβος και ο Ιωάννης χρειάστηκε να δουν την Μεταμόρφωση του Χριστού στο όρος Θαβώρ και αργότερα, μετά την ανάσταση του Χριστού μπόρεσαν να μοιραστούν αυτό το θαύμα με τους υπόλοιπους μαθητές και με άλλους. Ακόμα είμαστε το προϊόν αυτού του θαύματος, γιατί μας μετάδωσαν αυτή την αληθινή ιστορία της Μεταμορφώσεως του Κυρίου και Σωτήρος ημών Ιησού Χριστού. Σήμερα είμαστε οι αγγελιοφόροι του Λόγου του Θεού. Έτσι, εμείς οι ίδιοι δεσμεύουμε τον εαυτό μας ο ένας προς τον άλλο και ολόκληρη τη ζωή μας στο Χριστό και Θεό μας όπως αναφέρει η Θεία Λειτουργία. Η δέσμευση αυτή εκφράζεται μέσα από τη συμμετοχή μας στη ζωή της Εχκλησίας. Έτσι για όλους εκείνους που λένε ότι δεν χρειάζονται την Εππλησία παι ότι μπορούν να προσεύχονται στο σπίτι παι να είναι εντάξει με το Θεό, είναι εντελώς λάθος.

ΣΥΝΕΧΕΙΑ ΣΤΗΝ ΣΕΛΙΔΑ 4

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Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Today we are the messengers of God's Word. So when we commit ourselves to one another and our whole life to Christ our God as the Divine Liturgy states.

This commitment is expressed through our participation in the life of the Church. So to those who say that they don't need the Church and that they can pray at home and be alright with God, they are completely wrong. Parish life has its mission, to keep practice and proclaim the Orthodox Christian faith pure and undefiled. Worshipping together on Sunday morning or week day services provide a place for faithful to witness and participate in the Divine Liturgy and other services

of the Church, and be united through Christ. If we want to have the same intimate experience of being close to God we must be more attentive to Him. When the disciples heard God they fell prostate on the ground.

We must keep in mind the disciples kneeling when the Lord was transfigured when we kneel during the Divine Liturgy. The disciples are filled with joy and astonishment at the sight of Jesus in His Glory. This is why the Church blesses the grapes on the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6th). It is a reminder of the mystical garden of paradise. This is where man and woman first encountered God. (The Garden of Eden).

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU AND HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER.

Μήνυμα απο τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Λ. Παστρικό, Πρωτοπρεσβύτερο

ΣΥΝΕΧΕΙΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΠΡΩΤΗ ΣΕΛΙΔΑ

Η Κοινοτική ζωή έχει την αποστολή της, να διατηφήσει την πρακτική πλευρά και την ορθόδοξη χριστιανική πίστη καθαρή και αμόλυντη. Εκκλησιαζόμενοι όλοι μαζί στη Κυριακάτικη Λειτουργία ή στη Λειτουργία μέσα στην εβδομάδα παρέχεται μια θέση στους πιστούς να παρακολουθήσουν και να συμμετάσχουν στη Θεία Λειτουργία και σε άλλες Ακολουθίες της Εκκλησίας, και να ενωνόμαστε με τον Χριστό. Αν θέλουμε να έχουμε την ίδια ιδιαίτερη εμπειρία κοντά στο Θεό πρέπει να είμαστε πιο κοντά σ 'Αυτόν. Όταν οι μαθητές άκουσαν τον Θεό έπεσαν κατά γης. Θα πρέπει να φαντασθείτε τους μαθητές

γονατιστούς όταν μεταμοφφώθηκε ο Κύφιος, γι αυτό γονατίζουμε κατά τη διάφκεια της Θείας Λειτουργίας. Οι μαθητές γεμάτοι χαρά και έκπληξη στη θέα του Ιησού στη Δόξα Του.

Αυτός είναι ο λόγος που η Εππλησία ευλογεί τα σταφύλια πατά την Εορτή της Μεταμορφώσεως του Σωτήρος (6 Αυγούστου). Είναι μια υπενθύμιση του μυστιπού πήπου του Παραδείσου. Εδώ είναι όπου ο άνδρας παι γυναίπα συνάντησαν πρώτοι το Θεό. (Ο Κήπος της Εδέμ). Ο Θεός να σας ευλογεί όλους.

Σας εύχομαι καλό και ασφαλές καλοκαίοι.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR JULY

Sunday, July 3: Second Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Monday, July 4: HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY AMERICA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

Sunday, July 10: Third Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Sunday, July 17: Sunday of the Holy Fathers: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Wednesday, July 20: Elias the Prophet: Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Friday, July 22: Sts. Magdalene the Myrrhbearer and Markella

of Chios: Orthros: 9:30; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Sunday, July 24: Fifth Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Tuesday, July 26: St. Paraskevi of Rome: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Wednesday, July 27: St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr:

Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Thursday, July 28: St. Irene Chrysovalantou: Orthros: 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Sunday, July 31: Sixth Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

Monday, August 1: Paraklesis Service: 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, August 3: Paraklesis Service 7:00 pm.

Friday, August 5: Great Vespers Service: Forefeast of the Transfiguration: 7:00 pm.

Saturday, August 6: The Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: Orthros: 8:45 am;

Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Sunday, August 7: Seventh Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Monday, August 8: Paraklesis Service: 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, August 10: Paraklesis Service: 7:00 pm.

Friday, August 12: Paraklesis Service: 7:00 pm.

Sunday, August 14: Eighth Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45; am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Sunday Evening, August 14: Great Vesper Service: Dormition of the Virgin Mary: 7:00 pm.

Monday, August 15: The Dormition of the Theotokos: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Sunday, August 21: Ninth Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Saturday, August 27: St. Phanourios Great Martyr: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Sunday, August 28: Tenth Sunday of Matthew: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Monday, August 29: Beheading of John the Baptist: Orthros: 8:45 am.; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY-AUGUST

Monday, July 3& Friday, July 8: The 43rd Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress in Nashville, TN.Tuesday.

Tuesday, July 12: Parish Council Meeting at 7 p.m.Monday. **Monday, July 18 ú Friday, July 22:** Camp Good Shepherd—Chesapeake Bay at Camp Wo-Me-To in Jarrettsville, Md. To register visit http://goannun.org/2016-summer-camp/. Registration ends on July 10, 2016.

Sunday, July 17: The Ladies Panchian Society Trip to Agia Markella, NY.

Sunday, July 24: The Ladies Panchian Society Honor Feast Day of Agia Markella at Saints Mary Magdalene and Markella Greek Orthodox Church.

Tuesday, August 9: Parish Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

Please Help Us Revive the Youth Ministries

Brothers and Sisters:

These youth ministries have been dormant for way too long. The church is seeking for two dynamic directors that are self-starters to revive these ministries. To gain a better understanding of the purpose these ministries, I encourage you to read the By-Laws. This information may be accessed through the website www.goarch.org. If you have any questions regarding the responsibilities, please contact Father Michael L. Pastrikos directly through the church office at 410-633-5020.

Thank you, Father Michael L. Pastrikos

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WITH GOD THERE IS HOPE



With God, There is Hope- Vacation Bible School. On Monday, June 27th, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church opened its doors for another summer of Vacation Bible School, commonly known as VBS. This year several of our counselors were serving for the first time having graduated from the ranks as participants to counselors. It has been a pleasure as a co-director watching these children grow from elementary students enjoying the program to young adults serving now as counselors. Also, several of the station leaders were our senior GOY Ans and Hellenic Golden members. . It was the most singular act of witnessing their faith and offering services to the church. More importantly, they served as positive role models for the young children attending VBS this past week. Their commitment to the program was outstanding and the program would not have been possible without their assistance. We were truly grateful. Also, thanks is given to Kiki Syropoulos, Cindy Cornias, Effie Kamos, Tricia O'Drudy, Maria Filipou, Jessica Stamouli, Maritsa Angelou, Effie Filipidis who either prepared the daily lunch, assisted with registration or whatever task was required to be done. Also, thanks is given to Father Michael for his spiritual guidance. A special thank you is given to the Director of the VBS Program, Phaedra Avgerinos, who shared her enthusiasm daily with the children and volunteers, Nancy Anastasiades and Chara Rontouli-Bacher who assisted with the planning and organizing

of the program. The goal of Vacation Bible School is to cement God in our children's heart so as they grow into adulthood, they will step into the church for a lifetime. I believe our tireless volunteers accomplished that this year, cementing God in our children's heart. When you see them in church, please give your thanks to our amazing volunteers. They are as follows:

Student Volunteers

Niko Argetakis, Mehali Argetakis, Irene Angelos, Mehali Angelos, Kosta Atsidis. Penelope Atsidis. Nikos Akalestos, Mia Chrisomalis, Michael Cejpek, Markella Cornias, Kalliope Cornias, Irene Giorgakis, Lia Karoutsos, Litsa Koutsonika, Michael Nikoletos, Nick Kamos, George Karanikolis, Billy Lioreisis, , Dimitris Kostrivas, Kyriakos Koumoudis, George Mimaros, Avery Mims, Antonios Palas, Niko Patrikios, Tasso Patrikios, Foula Paragios, Markella Pearce, Nicoletta Pearce, Christos Vasilarakis.

Adult Volunteers

Phaedra Avgerinos, Nancy Anastasiades, Chara Rontouli-Bacher, Marista Angelou, Cindy Cornias, Maria Filippou, Effie Filipidis, Effie Kamos, Tricia O'Drudy, Kiki Syropoulos, Jessica Stamouli.

Thank you, Nancy Anastasiades, VBS Coordinator



















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COMMUNITY NEWS & KOINOTIKA NEA

PHILOPTOCHOS

We would like to thank everyone who worked in helping make our communities festival a success! Our 2016 - 2017 Calendar is being prepared and everyone will be receiving it in August. Our first meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcomed!

On August 14th Vespers for the Forefeast of the Dormition and August 15th Dormition of the Theotokos, Philoptochos will host a reception. If anyone would like to contribute by bringing in dessert or fruit it would be appreciated.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer!

Donations: Mrs. Clara Cornias

Nora Kefalas – Philoptochos President

ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΣ

Θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε όλους όσοι εργάτηκαν, βοήθησαν και συνετέλεσαν στην μεγάλη επιτυχία του Φεστιβάλ της Κοινότητάς μας. Το Πρόγραμμα Εκδηλώσεων του Οργανισμού μας για το εκκλησιαστικό έτος 2016-2017 ετοιμάζεται και όλοι θα το λάβετε τον Αύγουστο. Η πρώτη μας συνεδρίαση θα γίνει στις 12 Σεπτεμβρίου, 2016, στις 7:00 μ.μ. Όλο είστε ευπρόσδεκτοι.

Στις 14 Αυγούστου θα εορτάσουμε τον Εσσπερινό, των Προεορτίων της Κοιμήσεως της Θεοτόπου παι στις 15 Αυγούστου την Κοίμηση της Θεοτόπου. Η Φιλόπτωχος θα προσφέρει γλυπά, παφέ παι αναψυπτιπά. Όσες πυρίες επιθυμούν μπορούν να προσφέρουν επιδόρπια παι γλυπά, η πράξη τους θα επτιμηθεί ιδιαίτερα.

Ευχόμαστε σε όλους καλό και ασφαλές καλοκαίοι. Δωρεές – κα. Κλάρα Κόρνιας.

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<u>In memory of Dr. Nicolas</u> Papadimitriou

Ms. Eugenia Kalis Mrs. Erma Papadimitriou Dr. George Papadimitriou

In memory of Efstratios Nistazos

Ms. Eugenia Kalis

In memory of George Stakianoudis

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In memory of Aristea Braimos

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In memory of Maria Sfikas

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In memory of Mary Koutrelakos

Ms. Eugenia Kalis

In memory of Athanasios Sarioglou

Ms. Eugenia Kalis Mrs. Anastasia Sarioglou

In memory of Zafira Hondroulis

Ms. Eugenia Kalis

In memory of Nicholas Tsakalos

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In memory of Emmanuel Pikounis

Ms. Eugenia Kalis

<u>In memory of Despina Kaitis</u>

Mr. Lucky Christ
Stephanie & Theodore Tahinos
Mrs. Katherine Strakes
Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Trikoulis
George & Rosa Cornias
Mrs. Anastasia Vasilakopoulos
Saint Nicholas "DIAMONDS"
Patricia & Frank W. Scholtz
Lawrence & Maureen Landgraff

In memory of Konstantinos Atsidis

George & Nicoletta Roros

In memory of Stilianos Pigiaditis

Mr, & Mrs. Michael C. Cornias

St. Nicholas Bilingual Early Education Center

Hours of Operation

The Saint Nicholas
Bilingual Early Education Center
operates from

7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

The center is closed on the following holidays: New Years Eve and New Years Day, Labor Day, Orthodox Good Friday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and the day after, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

Financial Information

There is a \$65.00 non-refundable registration fee. A tuition deposit equivalent to one week's tuition is due at the time of registration.

Tuition is due the Friday before the first day of service each week. Payments may be made by credit card, cash or check. Auto-payment options available. Tuition charges are due even when you are unable to use the center due to snow closings, holidays, sickness, or any other circumstances.

Thank you for inquiring about
THE SAINT NICHOLAS
BILINGUAL EARLY
EDUCATION CENTER

Our mission is to develop a rich foundation for a successful future.

We are dedicated to provide a safe, nurturing, Christian, educational environment.



A safe, nurturing, home away from home learning center

Infant 6 weeks old – 4 year olds

502 South Ponca Street Baltimore, MD 21224 410-633-5020



Curriculum

The Saint Nicholas Bilingual Early Education Center will introduce the following languages: English, Greek and Spanish

Infants: 6 weeks - 12 months
Our infant teachers will spent most of
their day providing a loving, nurturing
atmosphere, taking special care of the
needs of each infant. Each infant is
on an individual schedule, depending
on the infant needs and the parent's
desires.

Toddlers: 12 months - 23 months
The toddler students learn mainly
through play. In this classroom we
introduce a more structured day with
Circle Time, Music, Story Time, Art, and
Free Time. Teachers will nurture and
care while they teach sharing as the
toddlers interact with their peers.

Two's:

Our two year olds are given the opportunity to learn and grow independently. Recognizing the importance of play, our teachers weekly and or monthly themes will consist around activities such as Group Play, Art, Music, Circle Time and much more.

Three's

With our Pre-K3 program your child will be eager to learn and want to succeed. Your child will be able to explore, investigate and test their boundaries with everything we have to offer them. Your child will learn through listening, watching, experimenting and practicing.

Four's:

Our Pre-K4 class is designed to prepare children for Kindergarten. Activities include: math, language, reading, science, dramatic play, blocks, small motor activities, sensory opportunities, manipulative toys and games.



Tuition

Infants & Toddlers

5 days - \$265 per Week
Part-time not available for
Infants and Toddlers

2 Year Olds

3 days - \$210 per Week 4 days - \$220 per Week 5 days - \$235 per Week

3-4 Year Olds

3 days - \$185 per Week 4 days - \$200 per Week 5 days - \$215 per Week

(Prices are subject to change at any time)

Meals

Breakfast, lunch and two snacks per day are provided along with milk, juice and water during mealtimes.

Breakfast will be served until 8:30 a.m. Children arriving after breakfast should have eaten prior to entering the center.

COMMUNITY NEWS & KOINOTIKA NEA



News

The Plateia Committee is pleased to report that we are making great progress. We continue to make improvements to the facility to generate more business. A Marketing Committee has been established and we are working on outreach efforts to get greater community involvement. The launch of our website is happening. We will keep you posted on our progress. Thank you for your continued faith and support.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We want to inform the members of St. Nicholas that we decided to revive the Dance Group of Pan HELLENIC. In this Group, which was founded by our unforgettable and dear friend, Lela Angelou. To this end, Ms. Efi Karabelas along with myself, Anastasia -Stasa Hatziefthimiou, urge both, the founding and subsequent members of the Group to honor us with their presence and their registration, too. We intend to meet every Thursday at 7:00 pm here in the Community Hall of Saint Nicholas. For more information you can call 443-845-8903.

ΑΝΑΚΟΙΝΩΣΗ

Θέλουμε να ενημερώσουμε τα μέλη του Αγίου Νικολάου ότι αποφασίσαμε να αναβιώσουμε το Χορευτικό Όμιλο Pan HELLENIC. Τον Όμιλο αυτό, που είχε ιδρύσει η αξέχαστη και αγαπημένη μας φίλη, Λέλα Αγγέλου, Προς το σκοπό αυτό η κ. Έφη Καράμπελα και εγώ η Αναστασία Στάσα Χατζηευθυμίου, καλούμε τόσο τα ιδρυτικά όσο και τα μετέπειτα μέλη του Ομίλου να μας τιμήσουν με την παρουσία τους και την εγγραφή τους. Σκοπεύουμε να συναντιώμαστε κάθε Πέμπτη στις 7:00 μ.μ. εδώ, στην Κοινοτική αίθουσα του Αγίου Νικολάου. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες μπορείτε να τηλεφωνήσετε στο 443-845-8903.

Αναστασία - Στάσα Χατζηευθυμίου

