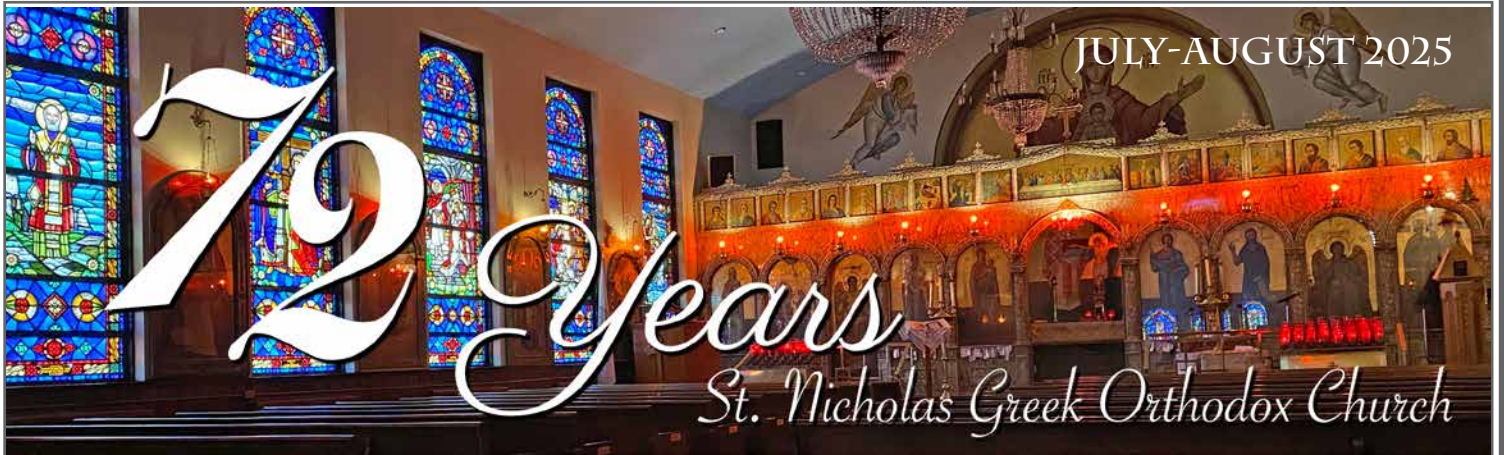


JULY-AUGUST 2025



Message from FR. GEORGIOS OIKONOMOU, PROTOPRESBYTER

**My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,
members of St. Nicholas Community!**

Many times, people want to know the truth and seek it in their own way. In recent years, however, truth is often presented as a subjective perception and an individual right. Thus, everyone presents and defends their own version of truth, boasting, "This is my truth." This is a modern perception and approach to truth, but it is not always genuine; it can be a lie, an ideology, or merely an opinion. So how can we know what the truth is without running the risk of being led astray?

For us Christians, there is one and only one truth. It is a person. It is our Lord Jesus Christ, as He Himself said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). He is the Truth with a capital T, and only in His person and His teaching can we encounter and know the eternal, unique, and irrefutable truth.

He revealed this truth to His disciples without trying to make it appear nice, beautiful, or easy. In the Garden of Gethsemane, shortly before His Passion, He said to them: "If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you" (John 15:18). "If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you" (John 15:20). "They will cast you out of the synagogues; indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God" (John 16:2). And elsewhere, revealing prophetically what would happen in the lives of His disciples, He clearly states that the end of their confession will be martyrdom (Luke 21:13).

Our Holy Church is a martyred Church. It was founded first in the Blood of our Lord on the Holy Cross and then in the sacrifice and blood of countless martyrs who chose to remain united with the Truth and not to deny their sanctified faith, even if it

meant martyrdom. This is how the Church has progressed through the centuries, facing unceasing persecution, just as our Christ prophesied.

One would expect, however, that today, in the twenty-first century, the progress of human civilization would have brought peace, reconciliation, and peaceful coexistence among people, regardless of religious or other differences. Yet, a shocking event has come to refute this illusion in the most thunderous and tragic way.

We refer to the tragedy that struck the Greek Orthodox community in Syria just a few days ago, on June 22, 2025. This is not merely a news item to be written in the newspapers and forgotten. It is a cry of pain, but also a silent, luminous confession that transcends the boundaries of geography, religion, and nations.

At the moment when the faithful in the Holy Church of the Prophet Elias, on the outskirts of Damascus, sang with humility and devotion "Lord, have mercy," an instrument of intolerance and blind religious violence decided to interrupt the Divine Liturgy with blood and death. The toll was horrific: at least twenty-two young martyrs, dozens wounded, families devastated, a nation still counting its wounds.

However, this violence did not succeed in extinguishing the light of the Resurrection. On the contrary, it revealed a faith that remains unshaken. As Patriarch John X of Antioch said,



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GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF
AMERICA METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY



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“Our brothers are not simply people who have departed; they are children of the Resurrection who rest in the Divine Light.” Their sacrifice reminds us all that every Divine Liturgy is an act of hope, a confession that death has already been defeated by the Risen Christ. In the darkness of loss, the Church testifies: “They shall not be afraid of the terror of the night.”

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, speaking from London where he was at the time, unequivocally condemned this heinous crime, emphasizing that “every terrorist act against places of worship is an attack on the peaceful coexistence of peoples, religions, and cultures.” His voice was joined by millions of Christians and non-Christians around the world who are horrified by such attacks against Christianity, which is the most peaceful religious teaching in the entire world.

Now, however, beyond statements and expressions of solidarity, this terrible event is first and foremost a unique opportunity for spiritual awakening—a call for self-examination, for reflection on how easily we become accustomed to war, hatred, and division, but also for our self-awareness as Christians. Archbishop Elpidophoros of America expressed a painful truth when he said: “War has become the standard recourse, and we too often become desensitized—only stirred when tragedy speaks our own language. Yet, in Christ, every life is “our own.”

The speech of Patriarch John X at the funeral service for the martyrs was moving. After courageously denouncing the absence of the state at the scene of the massacre and its indifference to the suffering of the people, he raised a voice of hope, faith, and unity: “We will not allow this heinous crime to become a cause for division,” he declared. “We will remain steadfast in our faith, in our Church, and in our homeland.”

What, my brothers and sisters, is the message of these events for all of us? That martyrdom is not something distant, a story from the early centuries. Nor is it only sorrow. It is also a call to live our faith more consciously, to see every Divine Liturgy as a miracle and every prayer as resistance to evil.

The sacrifice of our brothers and sisters is precious. The three young men who tried to stop the perpetrator and sacrificed themselves to save two hundred and fifty of their brothers and sisters who were participating in worship are images of courage that must not be forgotten. In their heroism, we see that love “does not seek its own,” but prefers to be crushed so that others may be saved.

The Church continues on its path toward the end, as it knows. It prays and will continue to pray for the whole world—for the martyrs who rest in the Light, for the wounded who are fighting for their lives, for the families who mourn, but also for those who have surrendered to the darkness of revenge and fanaticism. Because only light conquers darkness.

This Light—the Holy Light of the Resurrection—is the only thing that can lead us to the Truth. Let us not search in vain for truth in human words, where falsehood, injustice, evil, and selfishness reign. Let us seek the Truth within our Church, in the holy mysteries, in the Word of God, in the Holy Gospel, and in the blessed tradition of our faith. And let us also strive with our meager strength, but with all our hearts, to reveal this Truth, to confess it, and to become its witnesses in the modern world.

I wish everyone a blessed summer with the help and enlightenment of God, through the intercession of the new Holy Martyrs who gave their lives in Syria.

**With paternal love in Christ,
Protopresbyter Georgios Oikonomou**

Αγαπημένοι μου ενορίτες και ενορίτισσες του Αγίου Νικολάου,

Πολλές φορές οι άνθρωποι θέλουν να γνωρίσουν την αλήθεια και την αναζητούν ο καθένας με τον δικό του τρόπο. Μάλιστα τα τελευταία χρόνια η αλήθεια παρουσιάζεται συχνά ως υποκειμενική αντίληψη και ατομικό δικαίωμα. Έτσι ο καθένας παρουσιάζει και υπερασπίζεται τη δική του αλήθεια λέγοντας με καύχηση «αυτή είναι η αλήθεια μου». Αυτή είναι μία σύγχρονη αντίληψη και προσέγγιση της αλήθειας, όμως αυτό δεν είναι πάντα αλήθεια, μπορεί να είναι ψευτιά, ιδεολογία, απόψεις. Πώς μπορούμε λοιπόν να γνωρίζουμε ποια είναι η αλήθεια χωρίς να κινδυνεύουμε να παρασυρθούμε; Η αλήθεια για εμάς τους χριστιανούς είναι μία και μοναδική. Είναι πρόσωπο. Είναι ο Κύριός μας Ιησούς Χριστός, όπως είπε ο Ίδιος: «ἐγώ εἰμι ἡ ὁδὸς καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια καὶ ἡ ζωὴ» (Ιω. 14, 6). Είναι η Αλήθεια με ἄλφα κεφαλαίο και μόνο στο πρόσωπό Του και τη διδασκαλία Του μπορούμε να συναντήσουμε και να γνωρίσουμε την αιώνια και μοναδική αδιάψευστη αλήθεια.

Αυτή την αλήθεια φανέρωσε στους μαθητές Του χωρίς να προσπαθήσει να την εμφανίσει ωραία, όμορφη ή εύκολη. Στον κήπο της Γεθσημανή, λίγο πριν το Πάθος, είπε στους μαθητές Του: αν ο κόσμος σας μισεί, να γνωρίζετε ότι πριν από εσάς μίσησαν Εμένα (Ιω. 15, 8). Αν διώξαν εμένα, θα διώξουν και εσάς (Ιω. 15, 20). Θα σας διώξουν έξω από τις συναγωγές, αλλά έρχεται ώρα, κατά την οποία αυτός που σας σκοτώνει θα νομίζει ότι προσφέρει λατρεία στον Θεό (Ιω. 16, 2). Και σε άλλο σημείο αποκαλύπτοντας προφητικά όσα επρόκειτο να συμβούν στη ζωή των μαθητών Του λέει ξεκάθαρα ότι το τέλος της ομολογίας τους θα είναι το μαρτύριο (Λκ. 21, 13).

Η Αγία μας Εκκλησία είναι μαρτυρική. Θεμελιώθηκε πρώτιστα στο Αίμα του Κυρίου μας απάνω στον Τίμιο Σταυρό και στη συνέχεια στη θυσία και το αίμα αναρίθμητων μαρτύρων, που προτίμησαν να μείνουν ενωμένοι με την Αλήθεια και να μην αρνηθούν την αγιασμένη τους πίστη ακόμα και αν αυτό σήμαινε μαρτυρικό θάνατο. Έτσι πορεύτηκε η Εκκλησία μέσα στο πέρασμα των αιώνων αντιμετωπίζοντας αδιάκοπα διωγμούς, όπως ακριβώς το προφήτεψε ο Χριστός μας.

Θα περίμενε ωστόσο κάποιος ότι σήμερα, στον εικοστό πρώτο αιώνα, η πρόοδος του ανθρώπινου πολιτισμού θα είχε φέρει ειρήνη, συμφιλίωση, καταλλαγή και την ειρηνική συνύπαρξη ανάμεσα στους ανθρώπους χωρίς να επηρεάζονται από τις θρησκευτικές ή άλλες διαφορές. Ήρθε όμως ένα συγκλονιστικό γεγονός να διαψεύσει με τον πιο βροντερό και τραγικό τρόπο αυτή την ψευδαίσθηση.

Αναφερόμαστε στην τραγωδία που έπληξε την ελληνορθόδοξη κοινότητα της Συρίας, μόλις πριν λίγες ημέρες, στις 22 Ιουνίου 2025, που δεν είναι μια απλή είδηση που γράφτηκε στις εφημερίδες και θα ξεχαστεί. Είναι μια κραυγή πόνου, αλλά και μια σιωπηλή, φωτεινή ομολογία που διαπερνά τα όρια της γεωγραφίας, της θρησκείας και των εθνών.

Τη στιγμή που οι πιστοί στον Ιερό Ναό του Προφήτη Ηλία, στα περίχωρα της Δαμασκού, έψαλλαν με ταπείνωση και κατάνυξη το «Κύριε ελέησον», ένα όργανο μισαλλοδοξίας και τυφλής θρησκευτικής βίας αποφάσισε να διακόψει τη Θεία Λειτουργία με αίμα και θάνατο. Ο απολογισμός ήταν φρικτός: τουλάχιστον είκοσι δύο νέοι άγιοι μάρτυρες, δεκάδες τραυματίες, οικογένειες συντετριμμένες, ένα έθνος που ακόμα μετρά τις πληγές του.

Όμως, αυτή η βία δεν κατάφερε να σβήσει το φως της Αναστάσεως. Αντίθετα, ανέδειξε μια πίστη που παραμένει ανέσπερη. Όπως είπε ο Πατριάρχης Αντιοχείας Ιωάννης Ι', «οι αδελφοί μας δεν είναι απλώς άνθρωποι που έφυγαν, είναι παιδιά της Ανάστασης που αναπαύονται στο Θείο Φως». Η θυσία τους υπενθυμίζει σε όλους μας ότι κάθε Θεία Λειτουργία είναι μια πράξη ελπίδας, μια ομολογία ότι ο θάνατος έχει ήδη ηττηθεί από τον Αναστημένο Χριστό. Μέσα στο σκοτάδι της απώλειας, η Εκκλησία μαρτυρεί: «οὐ φοβηθήσονται ἀπὸ φόβου νυκτερινοῦ».

Ο Παναγιώτατος Οικουμενικός Πατριάρχης Βαρθολομαῖος, από το Λονδίνο όπου βρισκόταν, καταδίκασε απερίφραστα το αποτρόπαιο αυτό έγκλημα, τονίζοντας ότι «κάθε τρομοκρατική πράξη κατά χώρων λατρείας είναι επίθεση κατά της ειρηνικής συνύπαρξης λαών, θρησκειών και πολιτισμών». Η φωνή του συντάχθηκε με τα εκατομμύρια των χριστιανών

και μη χριστιανών σε όλο τον κόσμο, που νιώθουν φρίκη μπροστά σε τέτοιες επιθέσεις εναντίον του χριστιανισμού, που είναι η πιο ειρηνική θρησκευτική διδασκαλία σε ολόκληρη την οικουμένη.

Τώρα όμως, πέρα από τις δηλώσεις και τις εκφράσεις συμπαράστασης, αυτό το φοβερό γεγονός είναι πρώτα και πάνω απ' όλα μία μοναδική ευκαιρία για πνευματική αφύπνιση, μια κλήση για αυτοκριτική, για αναθεώρηση του πόσο εύκολα συνηθίζουμε τον πόλεμο, το μίσος, τον διχασμό αλλά και για την αυτοσυνειδησία μας ως χριστιανών. Ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικής Ελπιδοφόρος εξέφρασε μία οδυνηρή αλήθεια λέγοντας: «Πολύ συχνά γινόμαστε αναισθητοι και μόνο όταν η τραγωδία μιλά τη δική μας γλώσσα νιώθουμε ότι μας αφορά. Κι όμως, εν Χριστώ κάθε ζωή είναι δική μας ζωή».

Η ομιλία του Πατριάρχη Ιωάννη Γ' στην εξόδιο ακολουθία των μαρτύρων ήταν συγκλονιστική. Αφού κατήγγειλε με θάρρος την απουσία της κρατικής παρουσίας στο σημείο του μακελειού και την αδιαφορία απέναντι στον πόνο των ανθρώπων, ύψωσε έναν λόγο ελπίδας, πίστης και ενότητας. «Δεν θα επιτρέψουμε αυτό το αποτρόπαιο έγκλημα να γίνει αφορμή για διχασμό», διακήρυξε. «Θα παραμείνουμε σταθεροί στην πίστη, στην Εκκλησία μας και στην πατρίδα μας».

Ποιο είναι, αδελφοί μου, το μήνυμα αυτών των γεγονότων για όλους μας; Ότι το μαρτύριο δεν είναι κάτι απόμακρο, μια ιστορία από τους πρώτους αιώνες. Ούτε είναι μόνο θλίψη. Είναι και κάλεσμα να ζούμε πιο συνειδητά τη δική μας πίστη, να βλέπουμε κάθε Θεία Λειτουργία ως θαύμα και κάθε προσευχή ως αντίσταση στο κακό.

Η θυσία των αδελφών μας είναι πολύτιμη. Οι τρεις νέοι που προσπάθησαν να σταματήσουν τον δράστη και θυσιάστηκαν για να σώσουν διακόσιους πενήντα αδελφούς τους, που συμμετείχαν στη λατρεία, είναι εικόνες θάρρους που δεν πρέπει να ξεχαστούν. Στον ηρωισμό τους βλέπουμε ότι η αγάπη «ου ζητεί τα εαυτής», αλλά προτιμά να συντριβεί για να σωθούν οι άλλοι.

Η Εκκλησία συνεχίζει την πορεία της προς τα έσχατα, όπως γνωρίζει. Προσεύχεται και θα συνεχίσει να προσεύχεται για όλη την οικουμένη. Για τους μάρτυρες που αναπαύονται στο Φως. Για τους τραυματίες που παλεύουν για τη ζωή τους. Για τις οικογένειες που θρηνούν. Αλλά και για όσους έχουν παραδοθεί στο σκοτάδι της εκδίκησης και του φανατισμού. Γιατί μόνο το φως νικά το σκοτάδι.

Αυτό το Φως, το Άγιο Φως της Αναστάσεως, είναι το μοναδικό που μπορεί να μας οδηγήσει στην Αλήθεια. Ας μη ψάχνουμε μάταια την αλήθεια στα ανθρώπινα λόγια, όπου κυριαρχεί η ψευτιά, η αδικία, το κακό, η ιδιοτέλεια. Ας αναζητήσουμε την Αλήθεια μέσα στην εκκλησία μας, στα ιερά μυστήρια, στον λόγο του Θεού, στο Ιερό Ευαγγέλιο, και στην ευλογημένη παράδοση της πίστης μας. Και την Αλήθεια αυτή να προσπαθούμε και εμείς με τις λιγοστές δυνάμεις αλλά με όλη την καρδιά μας να τη φανερώνουμε, να την ομολογούμε, να γινόμαστε μάρτυρες της στον σύγχρονο κόσμο.

Εύχομαι σε όλους ένα ευλογημένο καλοκαίρι με τη βοήθεια και τη φώτιση του Θεού διά πρεσβειών των νέων Αγίων Μαρτύρων εν Συρία μαρτυρησάντων.

Με εν Χριστώ αγάπη,

Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος Γεώργιος Οικονόμου

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our beloved parishioners and friends of our Church,

On the occasion of the success of our festival, and motivated by the power of all of us, we will once again emphasize the value of giving time from our obligations to our Church.

The power of the volunteers lies in the selfless contribution and solidarity they display, contributing to social cohesion and problem solving. Volunteering means participation in actions for the common good, with no expectation of material profit, enhancing social well-being and individual development.

In more detail:

- **Social cohesion:** Volunteering brings together people from different backgrounds, promoting solidarity and cooperation for common goals.
- **Troubleshooting:** Volunteers are actively involved in dealing with social problems, such as poverty, hunger and environmental protection.
- **Selfless contribution:** Volunteering is characterized by the absence of material profit, with volunteers offering their time, skills and energy for the common good.
- **Empowerment:** Volunteering gives people the opportunity to develop new skills, to get to know themselves better and to broaden their social horizons.
- **Social footprint:** Volunteer actions leave an important social footprint, improving quality of life locally and globally.
- **Example:** Volunteers are an example for others, encouraging other people to participate in actions that have a positive impact on society.
- **Values:** Volunteering promotes values such as solidarity, cooperation, responsibility and social sensitivity.

So all of this gives us the strength to continue united and loved. Countless thanks and gratitude. Without you nothing would be accomplished. Only pride for all of you. With the help of our Lord's grace. Blessed summer for all of us!!!

With true love,

*Stamatia Ieromonahos
President of the Parish Council
Saint Nicholas Baltimore*

Αγαπημένοι μας ενορίτες και φίλοι της εκκλησίας μας,

Με αφορμή την επιτυχία του Φεστιβάλ μας και με κίνητρο τη δύναμη της προσφοράς όλων μας, θα τονίσουμε για μια ακόμη φορά την αξία του να αφιερώνουμε χρόνο από τις υποχρεώσεις μας στην εκκλησία μας.

Η δύναμη των εθελοντών έγκειται στην ανιδιοτελή προσφορά και την αλληλεγγύη που επιδεικνύουν, συμβάλλοντας στην κοινωνική συνοχή και την επίλυση προβλημάτων. Ο εθελοντισμός σημαίνει συμμετοχή σε δράσεις για το κοινό καλό, χωρίς προσδοκία υλικού κέρδους, ενισχύοντας την κοινωνική ευημερία και την ατομική ανάπτυξη.

Πιο αναλυτικά:

- **Κοινωνική συνοχή:** Ο εθελοντισμός φέρνει κοντά ανθρώπους από διαφορετικά υπόβαθρα, προάγοντας την αλληλεγγύη και τη συνεργασία για κοινούς στόχους.
- **Επίλυση προβλημάτων:** Εθελοντές συμμετέχουν ενεργά στην αντιμετώπιση κοινωνικών προβλημάτων, όπως η φτώχεια, η πείνα και η προστασία του περιβάλλοντος.
- **Ανιδιοτελής προσφορά:** Η εθελοντική εργασία χαρακτηρίζεται από την απουσία υλικού κέρδους, με τους εθελοντές να προσφέρουν το χρόνο, τις δεξιότητες και την ενέργειά τους για το κοινό καλό.
- **νδυνάμωση:** Ο εθελοντισμός δίνει στους ανθρώπους την ευκαιρία να αναπτύξουν νέες δεξιότητες, να γνωρίσουν τον εαυτό τους καλύτερα και να διευρύνουν τους κοινωνικούς τους ορίζοντες.
- **Κοινωνικό αποτύπωμα:** Οι εθελοντικές δράσεις αφήνουν ένα σημαντικό κοινωνικό αποτύπωμα, βελτιώνοντας την ποιότητα ζωής σε τοπικό και παγκόσμιο επίπεδο.
- **Παράδειγμα:** Οι εθελοντές αποτελούν παράδειγμα για τους άλλους, ενθαρρύνοντας και άλλους ανθρώπους να συμμετέχουν σε δράσεις που έχουν θετικό αντίκτυπο στην κοινωνία.
- **Αξίες:** Ο εθελοντισμός προάγει αξίες όπως η αλληλεγγύη, η συνεργασία, η υπευθυνότητα και η κοινωνική ευαισθησία.

Όλα αυτά μαζί μας δίνουν τη δύναμη να συνεχίσουμε ενωμένοι και αγαπημένοι. Αμέτρητες οι ευχαριστίες και η ευγνωμοσύνη. Χωρίς εσάς τίποτα δεν θα ήταν εφικτό. Μόνο περηφάνια για όλους σας. Βοήθειά σας η Χάρη του Κυρίου μας. Ευλογημένο Καλοκαίρι για όλους μας!!!

Με αληθινή αδελφική αγάπη,

*Σταματία Ιερομονάχου
Πρόεδρος του Συμβουλίου
Αγίου Νικολάου Βαλτιμόρης*



**GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL**

Prot. No. 252/2025

Archepiscopal Encyclical on the Sunday of Father's Day (the Sunday of All Saints)

June 15, 2025

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-loving Plenitude of the Sacred Archdiocese of America:

Πολλοὶ δὲ ἔσονται πρῶτοι ἔσχατοι καὶ ἔσχατοι πρῶτοι. (κατὰ Ματθαῖον 19:30)
But many who are first shall be last, and the last first. (Matthew 19:30)

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

With the observance of Father's Day on this Sunday of All Saints, we also take an opportunity to remember the spiritual fathers of our parishes across the country. The clergy who lead our communities, more often than not, put themselves last, as they endeavor to serve every member of the community and to ensure that everyone feels valued. But as the Lord says in the Gospel Reading for this Sunday, the "last shall be first."

Therefore, with encouragement and with boldness, I offer this exhortation to every community and every member of our Sacred Archdiocese, to be generous to the special collection of this Sunday. For all the funds gathered are to be dedicated to augment and champion the Clergy Pension Fund, which is a vital element of our clergy support system, and a sign that their sacrifices of material goods for the spiritual benefit of their flocks are

duly and truly recognized. Clergy rarely put themselves first, even when their parishioners insist. So here is a way that every member of our Church can demonstrate their appreciation for their spiritual fathers on Father's Day. Every donation is valuable and welcomed with thankfulness.

On this Sunday of All Saints, let us celebrate those who teach us about the Saints and strive to lead us in their ways of holiness. Let us remember our clergy, and take an interest in sustaining them in their sunset years. In this way, the first and the last will be joined together in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with the will of God!

With much paternal love in Christ,



+ ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America



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Αριθμ. Πρωτ.: 252/2025

Αρχιεπισκοπική Έγκύκλιος για την ημέρα του πατέρα.

15 Ιουνίου 2025

Πρὸς τοὺς Σεβασμιωτάτους καὶ Θεοφιλεστάτους Ἀρχιερεῖς, τοὺς Εὐλαβεστάτους Ἱερεῖς καὶ Διακόνους, τὶς Πρεσβυτέρους καὶ τὶς Διακόνισσες, τοὺς Μοναχοὺς καὶ τὶς Μοναχές, τοὺς Προέδρους καὶ τὰ Μέλη τῶν Κοινοτικῶν Συμβουλίων, τοὺς Ἐντιμολογιωτάτους Ἀρχόντες τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, τὰ μέλη τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100, τὰ Ἡμερήσια καὶ Ἀπογευματινὰ Σχολεῖα, τὶς Φιλοπτώχους Ἀδελφότητες, τὴ Νεολαία, τὶς Ἑλληνορθόδοξες Ὄργανώσεις καὶ ὁλόκληρο τὸ Χριστεπώνυμο πλήρωμα τῆς Ἱερᾶς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

«Ἀποστολικῶν παραδόσεων, ἀκριβεῖς φύλακες γεγόνατε»
(Δοξαστικὸ τῆς ἑορτῆς τοῦ ἑσπερινοῦ τῶν Ἁγ. Πατέρων).

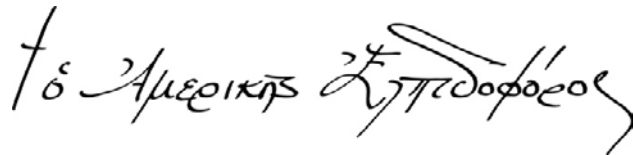
Προσφιλεῖς ἀδελφοὶ καὶ ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

Κατὰ τὴν ἑορτὴ τῆς ἡμέρας τοῦ πατέρα, ἡ ὁποία ἐφέτος συμπίπτει μὲ τὴν Κυριακὴ τῶν Ἁγίων Πάντων, μᾶς δίνεται ἡ εὐκαιρία νὰ ἀναλογιστοῦμε καὶ τοὺς πνευματικοὺς πατέρες τῶν ἐνοριῶν μας σὲ ὅλη τὴ χώρα. Οἱ κληρικοί, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἡγοῦνται τῶν κοινοτήτων μας, τὶς περισσότερες φορές βάζουν τελευταίους τοὺς ἑαυτοὺς τους, καθὼς ἀγωνίζονται νὰ διακονήσουν κάθε μέλος τῆς κοινότητος, φροντίζοντας ὅλοι μας νὰ αισθανόμαστε ἀποδεκτοὶ καὶ ἀγαπημένοι. Ὅμως, ὅπως ὁ Κύριος λέγει στὸ Εὐαγγέλιο τῆς ἡμέρας: «οἱ ἔσχατοι ἔσονται πρῶτοι».

Γι' αυτό, με παρηυσία, σᾶς ἐνθαρρύνω, ἀπευθύνοντας πατρικὴ προτροπὴ πρὸς κάθε κοινότητα καὶ πρὸς κάθε μέλος τῆς Ἱερᾶς μας Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς, νὰ σταθοῦμε γενναιόδωροι στὴν εἰδικὴ περιφορὰ δίσκου αὐτῆς τῆς Κυριακῆς. Διότι ὅλα τὰ ποσὰ ποὺ θὰ συγκεντρωθοῦν, θὰ ἀφιερωθοῦν στὴν ἐνίσχυση τοῦ Συνταξιοδοτικοῦ Ταμείου τῶν Κληρικῶν, τὸ ὁποῖο ἀποτελεῖ θεμελιώδες στήριγμα γιὰ τὴν μέριμνα τῶν πνευματικῶν πατέρων μας καὶ ταυτοχρόνα ἐνδειξὴ ὅτι οἱ θυσίες τους ὑπὲρ τοῦ ποιμνίου καὶ ἡ αὐταπάρνησή τους ἀναγνωρίζονται. Οἱ κληρικοὶ σπάνια φροντίζουν γιὰ τὸν ἑαυτό τους, ἀκόμη καὶ ὅταν τοὺς προτρέπουν οἱ πιστοί. Ἰδού, λοιπόν, μιὰ εὐκαιρία γιὰ ὅλα τὰ μέλη τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μας, νὰ δείξουν ἔμπρακτα τὴν ἀγάπη καὶ τὴν ἐκτίμησή τους πρὸς τοὺς πνευματικούς τους πατέρες. Κάθε προσφορὰ εἶναι πολύτιμη καὶ γίνεται δεκτὴ μὲ εὐγνωμοσύνη.

Αὐτὴ τὴν Κυριακὴ τῶν Ἁγίων Πάντων, ἄς τιμήσουμε ἐκείνους ποὺ μᾶς διδάσκουν τὴν ὁδὸ τῶν ἁγίων καὶ ποὺ μᾶς καθοδηγοῦν μὲ ἄσκηση καὶ ταπείνωση σὲ ὁδὸ ἀγιότητας. Ἄς θυμηθοῦμε τοὺς κληρικούς μας καὶ ἄς ἀναλάβουμε μέριμνα γιὰ τὴν στήριξή τους κατὰ τὰ τελευταῖα χρόνια τῆς ζωῆς τους. Κατὰ τὸν τρόπο αὐτό, οἱ πρῶτοι καὶ οἱ ἔσχατοι θὰ συναριθμηθοῦν ἐν κοινωνίᾳ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου καὶ συμφῶνα μὲ τὸ θέλημα τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Μετὰ πατρικῆς ἐν Χριστῷ ἀγάπης,



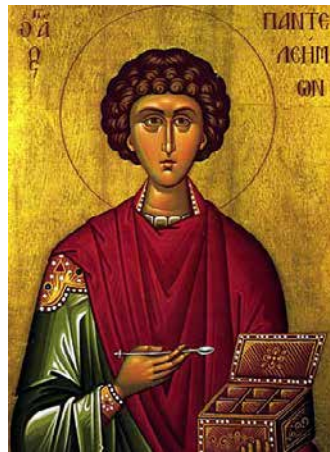
† ὁ Ἀμερικῆς Ἐλπιδοφόρος

July 26



Saint Paraskevi, who was from a certain village near Rome, was born to pious parents, Agatho and Politia. Since she was born on a Friday (in Greek, Paraskevi), she was given this name, which means “preparation” or “preparedness” (compare Matthew 27:62, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54, and John 19:31, where ‘Friday’ is called “the day of the preparation”). From childhood she was instructed in the sacred letters and devoted herself to the study of the divine Scriptures, while leading a monastic life and guiding many to the Faith of Christ. During the reign of the Emperor Antoninus Pius, she was apprehended because she was a Christian and was urged to worship the idols, but she answered with the words of Jeremias: “Let the gods that have not made heaven and the earth perish from off the earth” (Jeremiah 10:11). Because of this she endured exceedingly painful torments, and was beheaded in the year 140. The faithful pray to her for the healing of eye ailments.

July 27



Saint Panteleimon, who had Nicomedia as his homeland, was the son of Eustorgius and Eubula. His father was an idolater, but his mother was a Christian from her ancestors. It was through her that he was instructed in piety, and still later, he was catechized in the Faith of Christ by Saint Hermolaus (see July 26) and baptized by him. Being proficient in the physician’s vocation, he practiced it in a philanthropic manner, healing every illness more by the grace of Christ than by medicines. Thus, although his parents had named him Pantoleon (“in all things a lion”), because of the compassion he showed for the souls and bodies of all, he was worthily renamed Panteleimon, meaning “all-merciful.”

On one occasion, when he restored the sight of a certain blind man by calling on the Divine Name, he enlightened also the eyes of this man’s soul to the knowledge of the truth. This also became the cause for the martyrdom of him who had been blind, since when he was asked by whom and in what manner his eyes had been opened, in imitation of that blind man of the Gospel he confessed with boldness both who the physician was and the manner of his healing. For this he was put to death immediately. Panteleimon was arrested also, and having endured many wounds, he was finally beheaded in the year 305, during the reign of Maximian.

Saint Panteleimon is one of the Holy Unmercenaries, and is held in special honor among them, even as Saint George is among the Martyrs.

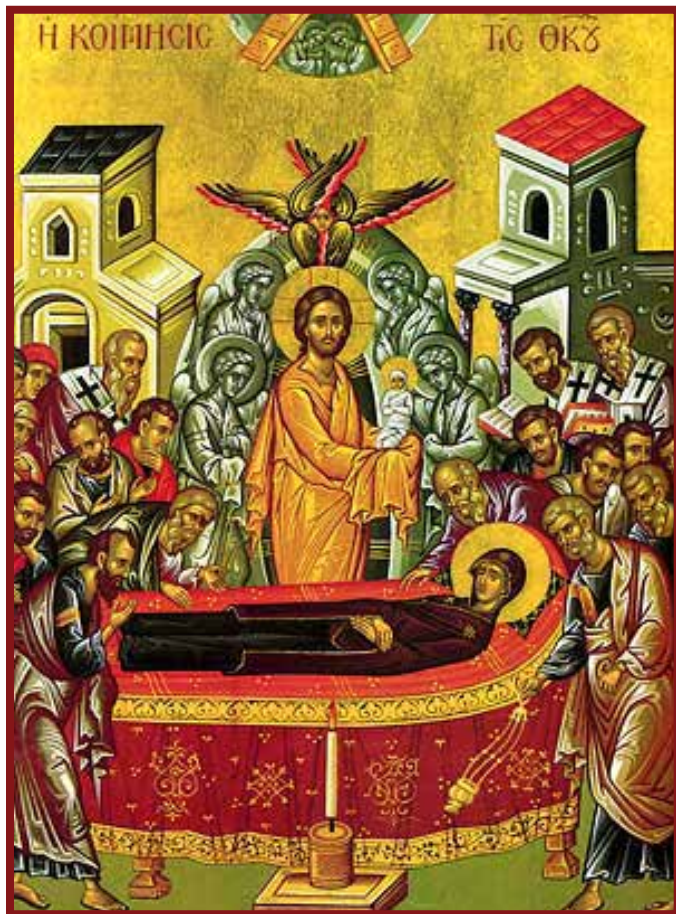
July 28



Saint Irene, who was from Cappadocia, flourished in the ninth century. Because of her great beauty and virtue, she was brought to Constantinople as a prospective bride for the young Emperor Michael (842-867); however, as Saint Joannicus the Great foretold, it was God’s will that she assume the monastic habit instead. She shone forth in great ascetical labours, and suffered many attacks from the demons; while yet a novice, she attained to the practice of Saint Arsenius the Great, of praying the whole night long with arms stretched out towards Heaven (see May 8). God showed forth great signs and wonders in her, and she became the Abbess of the Convent of Chrysovalantou. She was granted the gift of clairvoyance and knew the thoughts of all that came to her. She appeared in a vision to the king and rebuked him for unjustly imprisoning a nobleman who had been falsely accused. Through a sailor from Patmos to whom he had appeared, Saint John the Evangelist sent her fragrant and wondrous apples from Paradise. She reposed at the age of 103, still retaining the youthful beauty of her countenance. After her repose, marvelous healings beyond number have been wrought by her to the present day.

Dormition of the Theotokos

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Along with the biblical reference in Acts 1:14 that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles.

Icon of the Feast

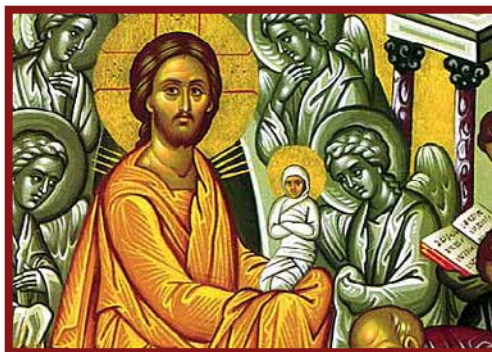
The Icon of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos shows her on her deathbed surrounded by the Apostles. Christ is standing in the center (1.) looking at His mother. He is holding a small child clothed in white representing the soul of the Virgin Mary. With His golden garments, the angels above His head, and the mandorla surrounding Him, Christ is depicted in His divine glory.

Introduction

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek *kimisis*) or “falling-asleep” of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

Biblical Story

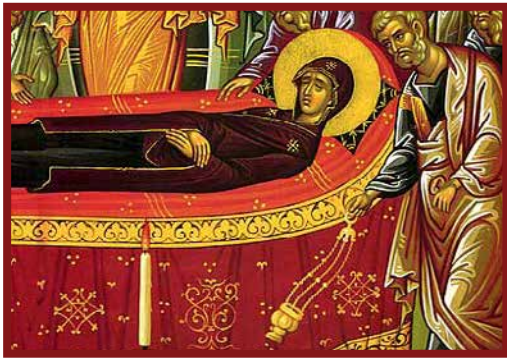
The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, “Woman, behold your son!” and to John, “Behold your mother!” (John 19:25-27). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home.



1. Christ, appearing in His Glory, stands in the center of the icon cradling the soul of His Mother, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

The posture of the Apostles direct attention toward the Theotokos (2.). On the right Saint Peter censes the body of the Theotokos. On the left Saint Paul (3.) bows low in honor of her.

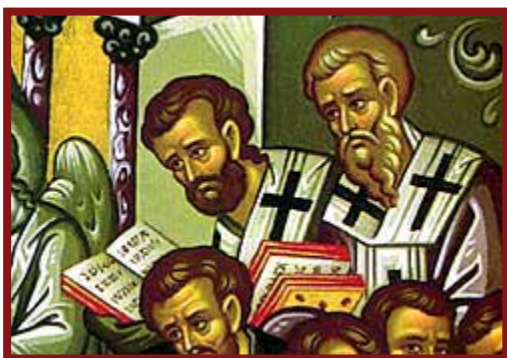
DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS - AUGUST 15



2. The Apostles bow their heads in reverence to the Theotokos as Saint Peter (right) censes her body (detail).

Together with the Apostles are several bishops (4.) and women. The bishops traditionally represented are James, the brother of the Lord, Timothy, Heirotheus, and Dionysius the Areopagite. They are shown wearing episcopal vestments. The women are members of the church in Jerusalem.

3. The Apostle Paul bows in honor of the Theotokos (detail).



4. Also in attendance to pray for the Theotokos were several Bishops (detail).

In front of the bed of the Theotokos is a candle (5.) that helps to form a central axis in the icon. Above the candle is the body of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Standing over His mother is Christ holding her most pure soul. Above Christ the gates of heaven stand open, ready to receive the Mother of God.

5. The Theotokos lies in the center of the icon surrounded by the Apostles and a candle in front of her bed (detail).



This great Feast of the Church and the icon celebrates a fundamental teaching of our faith—the Resurrection of the body. In the case of the Theotokos, this has been accomplished by the divine will of God. Thus, this Feast is a feast of hope, hope in Resurrection and life eternal. Like those who gathered around the body of the Virgin Mary, we gather around our departed loved ones and commend their souls into the hands of Christ. As we remember those who have reposed in the faith before us and have passed on into the communion of the Saints, we prepare ourselves to one day be received into the new life of the age to come.

We also affirm through this Feast as we journey toward our heavenly abode that the Mother of God intercedes for us. Through Christ she has become the mother of all of the children of God, embracing us with divine love.

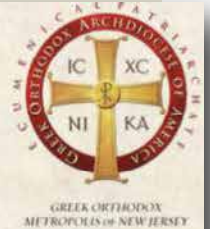
[Orthodox Christian Celebration of the Feast of the Dormition](#)

The commemoration of the Dormition of the Theotokos and the preparation for the Feast begin on August 1 with a period of fasting. A strict fast is followed on most of the days (no meat, dairy, oil, or wine), with the exceptions of fish on the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) and the day of the Dormition. Oil and Wine are allowed on Saturdays and Sundays.

On the weekdays before the Feast, Paraklesis services are held in most parishes. These consist of the Great Paraklesis and the Small Paraklesis, both services of supplication and prayer for the intercessions of the Theotokos.

The Feast of the Dormition is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom which is conducted on the morning of the Feast and preceded by a Matins (Orthros) service. A Great Vespers is conducted on the evening before the day of the Feast. Scripture readings for the Feast of the Dormition are the following: At Vespers: Genesis 28:10-17; Ezekiel 43:27-44:4; Proverbs 9:1-11. At the Matins: Luke 1:39-49, 56. At the Divine Liturgy: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

ANNOUNCEMENT



**Patriarchal Great Doxology
Welcoming His All Holiness
Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I
on His Apostolic Visit to the United States
Save the Date**

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 - 10:00 A.M.

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, Falls Church, Virginia

FESTIVAL THANK YOU!



THANK YOU !!!

Dear Friends of the Greek Folk Festival,

On behalf of St Nicholas Greek Folk Festival Committee 2025 we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Greek Folk Festival.

To our dedicated volunteers, your tireless efforts, enthusiasm, and commitment made the event run smoothly and created an unforgettable experience for all attendees.

From organizing activities to ensuring everything ran on schedule, your hard work did not go unnoticed, and we are profoundly grateful for your support.

To our generous donors, thank you for your invaluable contributions. Your financial support and donations of goods and services were crucial in making the festival a vibrant and joyous celebration of Greek culture. Your generosity allows us to continue hosting events that bring our community together and celebrate our rich heritage.

To all the people who attended the festival, thank you for joining us and being a part of this wonderful event. Your participation and enthusiasm made the festival lively and fun.

We hope you enjoyed the music, dance, food, and all the cultural activities as much as we enjoyed sharing them with you. This festival would not have been possible without each and every one of you. Your involvement, whether as a volunteer, donor, or attendee, helped create a memorable celebration of Greek culture and community spirit.

We look forward to seeing you again next year for another fantastic Greek Folk Festival!

With heartfelt thanks,

Sofia Xouri - Chairperson

Stamatia Ieromonahos – Board President

Remembering



Mary Serafis
on her one year memorial.
May her memory be eternal.

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In Memory of John Xecominos

Mrs. Eva Morekas Fokianos



The St. Nicholas GOYA hopes everyone has a great summer! Our GOYA had a very eventful 2024-2025 and we look forward to another exciting year ahead. We ended the season with honoring our outgoing seniors and welcoming our newly elected board members for 2025-2026 before heading to our end of year trip to Kalahari Resorts.

In May we held our end of year party at the plateia and welcomed our newly appointed board:

President- George Kostrivas

Vice President- Christina Alafassos

Treasurer- George Zdziera

Corresponding Secretary- Maria Killias

Recording Secretary- Arsenio Oikonomou

Historian- Marianthi Diniotis

Historian- Despina Lentis

Sergent of Arms- Yianni Bisiotis

We also celebrated our amazing seniors: Katerina Alafassos, Pavlo Bisiotis, Alexia Chrissomalis, Maria Filipidis, Niko Kostrivas, Sofia Koumoudis, Maria Mullins, Melina Nikoletos, Grigori Oikonomou, Georgea Pandelidis, Nick Lazos, Evan Quintero, and Panayiota Zdziera.

We wish them the best of luck! We will miss you!



JOIN GOYA

GOYA is open to any child who is in 7th grade and at least 12 years old. GOYA brings the youth of our community together with activities of faith, fellowship, athletics, community and service. You do not have to play basketball to take part and enjoy all of what GOYA has to offer. Our first meeting of the 2025-2026 year will be held on Sunday, September 6th, after church services. Please come register and join the fun.

Basketball Practice: *New day and location*

Day: Thursdays

Time: Girls: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Boys: 7:30-9:00pm

Location: John Ruhrah/Mora

Crossman Recreation Center

701 Rappolla St.

Baltimore, MD 21224



St. Nicholas Basketball Tournament:

Date: October 4th-5th

Location: Boys' Latin School of Maryland

822 W. Lake Ave.

Baltimore, MD 21210

Tournament Ad Book:

Please consider supporting GOYA with their tournament by placing an ad in our AD book. Your donations go a very long way in helping us purchase everything that goes into putting on the tournament for our kids.

We can't wait to see our returning GOYAnS and welcome some new faces in September. Until then, have a great summer!!





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- SAME AD AS 2024

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*****Email all ads to adrienne@kosaridesign.com AND stnicholasgoyabalto@gmail.com, OR download on USB (submit in church office). High resolution art/photos required*****

GREEK SCHOOL



Saint Nicholas Greek Afternoon School Yearly Calendar, 2025-26

Phone Number: 410-633-5022 EMAIL: stngreekschool@gmail.com

PTA E-mail : stnicholaspta520@gmail.com

DATES	EVENTS
<u>September</u>	
June, 1 st	Registration begins through the church office during normal business hours. Last day of registration Wednesday, September 11 th , 2024
Sunday, 14 th	BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL IN CHURCH FOR ALL CLASSES FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY
Monday, 15 th	Back-to-School Night for all parents /Open House - the first 15 minutes of class - Mandatory Attendance by All parents
<u>October</u>	
Monday, 27 th	School Program- OXI Day, 28th of October 1940 in the large social hall of the church.
<u>November</u>	
Wednesday, 26 th	School Closes (Thanksgiving Holiday)
<u>December</u>	
Monday, 1 st	Greek School Resumes after Thanksgiving Day Break Decorating of church for Christmas
Wednesday, 3 th	Decorating of church for Christmas
Wednesday, 17 th	Greek School Christmas Party & Caroling. All students & parents should be in attendance. More information to follow.
Thursday, 18 th -January 4 th	Christmas Break - Greek School Is Closed Merry Christmas!
<u>January</u>	
Monday, January 5 th	School Reopens & Theophany Celebration: video/ craft in class & Saint Basil's Bread (Vasilopita) cutting for the school
Monday, 12 th	1 st day of Review for midterm examination; grades 1st-6th
Wednesday, 14 th	2 nd day of Review for midterm examination; grades 1st-6 th
Monday, 19 th	School Closed (Martin Luther King Day)
Wednesday, 21 nd	Mid-term examination for grades 1st-6th
Monday, 26 th	Make-up Day for Exams
Wednesday, 28 th	Report Cards Distributed & Parent-Teacher Conferences before/ after class. Please email your teacher to schedule a time to meet
**** TBD	Three Hierarchs Celebration, 5th & 6th Grade reciting poems in Church

GREEK SCHOOL

	<u>February</u>	
	Monday, 16 th	School Closed (President's Day)
	Wednesday, 18 th	Celebrating Apokries – Activities/ crafts
	Sunday, 22 nd	Fundraiser (Godparent Sunday) Spaghetti lunch after church service
	Monday, 23 th	Clean Monday- Picnic in class with Lenten foods Bake sale – LAGANES – Potential kite flying
	<u>March</u>	
	TBD	Celebration organized by the Metropolitan
	Monday, 2 nd	March bracelets activity in class (Μάρτηδες)
	Wednesday, 25 th	School Program, 25 th of March, Greek Independence Day Celebration Program immediately after church services.
	Sunday, 29 th	Md. Greek Independence Day Parade at 2 p.m.; all students and parents to attend//
	<u>April</u>	
	Wednesday, 1 st	Easter Program in Class for all students & crafts School Closed for Easter
	Saturday, 4 th	Lazarus Saturday/ Easter Breakfast for the Community Children after church services at the Plateia starting at 11:00 a.m.
	Sunday, 5 th	Palm Sunday – Myrofores Palm Sunday night
	Monday, April 6 th –12 th	Holy Week- Please attend church with your children. Easter Break!!!
	Friday, 10 th	Myrofores Holy Friday night
	Wednesday, 15 th	Resume after Easter
	<u>May</u>	
	Wednesday, 4 th	Wreath of Flowers Program at Plateia
	Monday, 11 th	1 st Day of Review for Final Examination Grades 1st-6 th
	Wednesday, 13 th	2 nd Day of Review for Final Examination Grades 1st-6 th
	Monday, 18 th	Final Examination for Grades 1st-6 th
	Wednesday, 20 th	Make-up day for Exams & Parent-Teacher Conference Day Last Day of Greek School Classes & last rehearsal for our End of the Year Program
	Monday, 25 th	Greek School Closed (Memorial Day)
	Wednesday, 27 th	Report Cards Distributed. End of the Year Program
	TBD	6 th Grade Graduates Presented in Church and Graduation Luncheon held afterwards.
	<u>June</u>	
	Thursday 11 th – Sunday 14 th	Saint Nicholas Greek Festival

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, GREEK SCHOOL CLOSURES WHEN THE BALTIMORE COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED. IN A DIFFERENT SITUATION PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE & EMAIL!

Εβδομαδιαίο Πρόγραμμα

Saint Nicholas Greek Afternoon Weekly Schedule, 2025-26

Phone Number: 410-633-5022 EMAIL: stngreekschool@gmail.com

	ΠΡΟΝΗΠΙΟ Pre-K	ΝΗΠΙΑΓΩΓΕΙΟ Kindergarten	Α΄ 1st	Β΄ 2 nd	Γ΄ 3 rd	Δ΄ 4th	Ε΄ 5th	ΣΤ΄ 6th	ΕΛΛΗΝΟΜΑΘΕΙΑ A2 – B1 – B2 – Γ1 & ΕΝΗΛΙΚΕΣ ΑΡΧΑΡΙΟ & ΠΡΟΧΩΡΗΜΕΝΟ ΕΠΙΠΕΔΟ
Δευτέρα Monday									
4:45-6:10 (1 ^η βάρδια)	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language		TO BE ANNOUNCED
5:45-6:15				Χορός Dance		Χορός Dance		Χορός Dance	
6:15-6:45			Χορός Dance		Χορός Dance		Χορός Dance		
6:20-7:45 (2 ^η βάρδια)	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language		Ελληνικά Greek Language		Ελληνικά Greek Language		Ελληνικά Greek Language	
Τετάρτη Wednesday									
4:45-6:10 (1 ^η βάρδια)	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language		TO BE ANNOUNCED
6:05-6:20 (1-2 Βάρδια)	OXI	OXI	Μαθαίνω για την Πίστη μου	Μαθαίνω για την Πίστη μου	Μαθαίνω για την Πίστη μου	Μαθαίνω για την Πίστη μου	Μαθαίνω για την Πίστη μου	Μαθαίνω για την Πίστη μου	
6:20-7:45 (2 ^η βάρδια)	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language		Ελληνικά Greek Language		Ελληνικά Greek Language		Ελληνικά Greek Language	

GREEK SCHOOL

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΑΠΟΓΕΥΜΑΤΙΝΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ
SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK AFTERNOON SCHOOL
520 PONCA STREET, BALTIMORE, MD. 21224 Tel. Number: 410-633-5022

ΑΙΤΗΣΗ ΕΓΓΡΑΦΗΣ/ REGISTRATION FORM

Σχολικό Έτος 2025-26/ School Year 2025-26

Please, complete this form by printing or typing the information in either Greek or English.
Παρακαλούμε να συμπληρώσετε τα στοιχεία που ζητούνται στα Ελληνικά/ Αγγλικά.

GRADE – ΤΑΞΗ

Pre-K Kindergarten 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th Ellinomatheia Adults

STUDENT DATA - Στοιχεία μαθητή/μαθήτριας

ΟΝΟΜΑ ΠΑΙΔΙΟΥ/ STUDENT'S NAME: _____

και στις 2 γλώσσες/ in both languages - GR & EN _____

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ/ HOME ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ/ TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

ΚΙΝΗΤΟ ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ/ CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

ΗΜΕΡ. ΓΕΝΝΗΣΕΩΣ ΜΑΘΗΤΗ-ΡΙΑΣ/ STUDENT'S DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ΟΝΟΜΑ ΠΑΤΕΡΑ/FATHER'S NAME (GR & EN): _____

ΤΟΠΟΣ ΓΕΝΝΗΣΕΩΣ ΠΑΤΕΡΑ/ FATHER'S PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

ΟΝΟΜΑ ΜΗΤΕΡΑΣ/ MOTHER'S NAME (GR & EN): _____

ΤΟΠΟΣ ΓΕΝΝΗΣΕΩΣ ΜΗΤΕΡΑΣ/ MOTHER'S PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

In case of emergency, please contact: _____

Σε περίπτωση ανάγκης επικοινωνείστε με: _____

Emergency contact phone number: _____

Τηλέφωνο ατόμου ανάγκης: _____

Do you have internet access? _____

Έχετε διαδίκτυο; _____

Medical issues we should be aware of (allergies etc): _____

Ιατρικά θέματα που πρέπει να γνωρίζουμε (π.χ.αλλεργίες) _____

B. Photography Policy:

We would like families to know that the school may, from time to time, take photographs of the students for use in St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church or School publications, or school media (i.e. the church website). If you do not wish your child's photograph to be used, you must submit your request in writing with this form.

***NOTE: St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church or School cannot control photograph or film taken by the general media.

C. Payment Procedures:

1. Payment in full must accompany each registration.
2. Registration fees are based on each student's family stewardship status with St. Nicholas Church or a nearby church. A certificate in good standing must be presented at the time of registration from neighboring church.
3. Current stewards of St. Nicholas or families, who wish to become stewards of St. Nicholas, please see the Church Secretary prior to submitting this registration form.
4. Tuition will not be refunded for registration cancellations after September 30, 2023.
5. Tuition: \$ 750.00 per student, includes tuition, books and security guard.

Notes (for office use only): _____

Method of payment: _____ Cash: _____ Check (# _____)

Receipt No. Of Stewardship Payment: _____ Receipt No. Tuition Payment: _____

D. Volunteering:

One parent of each family is required to volunteer her/his time for a minimum of one Greek School event per year and one festival shift. More information will be shared by the PTA at the beginning of the school year.

** I understand that all lessons end at 6:10PM for the 1st shift and 7:45PM for the 2nd shift and I agree to picking up my child/children from the Church's Atrium waiting Hall with no more than a 5 minutes' delay. The Greek School bears no responsibility for the students' safety past that time.

Parent Signature/ Υπογραφή γονέα



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. If you or anyone you know is interested, please call the Center at 410-633-5020 extension 4 or message us on Facebook.

Our teachers and students were busy in July. The Preschool teachers sure we're keeping the preschool classroom busy with tons of fun and educational activities for them to engage in. They learned about countries around the world, Eric Carle and more! The children loved every minute of it!

We welcomed Soccer Shots to our center for the summer to teach us a bit about soccer and the kids had a ball! We also are enjoying our new and improved water day activities. The kids got to enjoy a slip and slide, splash pad, water balloons and also our sprinkler system!

This month the BEEC children will continue to enjoy summer break with Splash Day. We will also have a visit from the Kona Ice to celebrate our students who are moving up!



Το Δίγλωσσο Κέντρο Πρώιμης Εκπαίδευσης του Αγίου Νικολάου παρέχει ένα ασφαλές, γεμάτο φροντίδα, μακριά από το σπίτι κέντρο μάθησης. Δεχόμαστε παιδιά από 6 εβδομάδων έως 5 ετών. Αν εσείς ή κάποιος που γνωρίζετε ενδιαφέρεται, παρακαλούμε καλέστε το Κέντρο στο 410-633-5020, εσωτερικό 4 ή στείλτε μας μήνυμα στο Facebook.

Οι δάσκαλοι και οι μαθητές μας ήταν απασχολημένοι τον Ιούλιο. Οι δάσκαλοι του Προσχολικού τμήματος κρατούσαν την τάξη απασχολημένη με πολλές διασκεδαστικές και εκπαιδευτικές δραστηριότητες για να συμμετέχουν. Έμαθαν για χώρες του κόσμου, τον Eric Carle και πολλά άλλα! Τα παιδιά το λάτρευαν κάθε λεπτό!

Υποδεχτήκαμε το Soccer Shots στο κέντρο μας για το καλοκαίρι για να μας διδάξει λίγα πράγματα για το ποδόσφαιρο και τα παιδιά το διασκέδασαν πολύ! Επίσης, απολαύσαμε τις νέες και βελτιωμένες δραστηριότητες της ημέρας νερού. Τα παιδιά διασκέδασαν με το slip and slide, το splash pad, τα μπαλόνια νερού και το σύστημα ψεκασμού μας!

Αυτόν τον μήνα, τα παιδιά του BEEC θα συνεχίσουν να απολαμβάνουν τις καλοκαιρινές διακοπές με την Ημέρα Splash. Θα έχουμε επίσης μια επίσκεψη από το Kona Ice για να γιορτάσουμε τους μαθητές μας που προχωρούν!





**ST. NICHOLAS
HELLENIC GOLDEN COINS
DANCE TROUPE**

DANCE INSTRUCTORS NEEDED!

We are looking for more volunteers to help us run our successful Greek dance program!



Characteristics of a Greek Youth Dance Instructor:

- ✓ Has a background of Greek dancing
- ✓ Can work with kids ages 12-18 years old
- ✓ Willing to learn and research new dances
- ✓ Can organize and manage costumes
- ✓ Can create, advertise, and implement fundraisers

CONTACT US!



Foula 410-236-3419

Vasili 443-845-0601

hellenicgoldencoins@gmail.com



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- Confidential & secure
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- Go to: stnicholasmd.org/give
- Select fund(s)
- Create your profile
- Select amount, payment method & frequency
- Complete donation
- THAT'S IT! Simple.

Thank you for your generosity!

Give yourself *One Less Thing* to think about
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STEWARDSHIP

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE CARD ΚΑΡΤΑ ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ

“YOUR OWN FROM YOUR OWN: SEE OUR CHURCH AS IT COULD BE”

“ΤΑ ΣΑ ΕΚ ΤΩΝ ΣΩΝ: ΟΡΑΜΑΤΙΖΟΜΑΣΤΕ ΤΗΝ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΤΟΣΟ ΥΨΗΛΑ....ΟΣΟ
ΕΚΕΙ ΠΟΥ ΜΠΟΡΕΙ ΝΑ ΦΤΑΣΕΙ”

2025 SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CONFIDENTIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD
2025 ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ –ΚΑΡΤΑ ΑΠΟΡΡΗΤΗΣ ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ

In gratitude for God's blessings I/we make the following commitment to the ministries of St. Nicholas Church:
Σαν έκφραση ευγνωμοσύνης μου για τις ευλογίες που έχω λάβει από τον Θεό, δεσμεύομαι με την ακόλουθη
οικονομική και εθελοντική μου προσφορά προς την Εκκλησία του Αγίου Νικολάου:

\$ _____ (Weekly / Monthly / Quarterly / Yearly)
\$ _____ (Εβδομαδιαίως / Μηνιαίως / Ανά Τρίμηνο / Ετησίως)
TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE FOR 2025 :\$ _____
Συνολικό ποσό προσφοράς για το 2025:\$ _____

Come and See God work through your talents, skills, and experience, as well as your financial support.

Your offering to Christ and His Church can do as much as you empower it to do.

We give to Christ and His Church not according to our means but according to our love for Him.

Γίνετε μάρτυρες του έργου του Θεού! Δώστε από το ταλέντο με το οποίο σας έχει προικίσει,
με τις ικανότητες, τις εμπειρίες, την οικονομική σας ευχέρεια. Η προσφορά μας στον Χριστό και την
Εκκλησία Του σας βασιστεί στην αγάπη μας προς Αυτόν, όχι στην οικονομική μας δυνατότητα.

Planned Giving _____ Please send me information on making a planned gift to the Church.
Δωρεά που σχεδιάζω _____ Παρακαλώ στείλτε μου πληροφορίες σχετικά με τον τρόπο που μπορώ
να προσφέρω _____ να δωρίσω.

Print Full Name/ Γράψτε με κεφαλαία γράμματα το επίθετό σας

Signature/ Υπογραφή

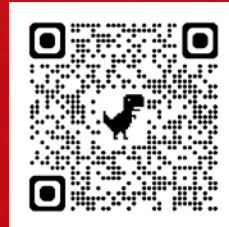
Date/ Ημερομηνία

Name / Όνομα	Date of Birth / Ημερομ. Γεννήσεως
Name of Spouse / Όνομα συζύγου	Date of Birth / Ημερομ. Γεννήσεως
Occupation / Επάγγελμα	
Occupation / Επάγγελμα (Spouse)	
Street Address / Ηλεκτρονική διεύθυνση	
City / πόλη	Zip Code / ταχ. τομέας
Home Phone / Σταθερό τηλέφωνο σπιτιού	
Mobile Phone / Κινητό τηλέφωνο	Mobile Phone / Κινητό τηλέφωνο (Spouse)
Email Address / Ηλεκτρονική διεύθυνση	
Email Address of Spouse / Ηλεκτρονική διεύθυνση συζύγου	
Communication Preferences / Προτιμήσεις επικοινωνίας	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Text / Μήνυμα	
Dependent Children's Names and Birthdates / Όνόματα παιδιών και ημερομηνία γεννήσεώς τους	

Introducing Auto Pay Set It and Forget It!

Take the work out of giving! Set up automatic offerings and pledges right from your computer or tablet that will seamlessly reoccur every week, month, quarter, or year.

If you would like to give electronically, visit our website www.stnicholasmd.org/give or download the GivePlus mobile app. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 410-633-5020.



ΕΙΣΑΓΩΓΗ ΣΤΟΝ ΑΥΤΟΜΑΤΟ ΤΡΟΠΟ ΠΛΗΡΩΜΗΣ ΡΥΘΜΙΣΤΕ ΤΟ ΚΑΙ ... ΞΕΧΑΣΤΕ ΤΟ!

Δεν χρειάζεται να θυμάστε να στείλετε τη προσφορά σας. Ρυθμίστε την αυτόματη δωρεά και την εθελοντική σας προσφορά απευθείας από τον υπολογιστή σας ή το tablet σας που θα επαναλαμβάνεται ανελλιπώς κάθε εβδομάδα, μήνα, τρίμηνο ή έτος.

Εάν επιθυμείτε να στείλετε τη δωρεά σας ηλεκτρονικά, επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα μας www.stnicholasmd.org/give ή κατεβάστε την εφαρμογή GivePlus mobile. Εάν έχετε απορίες, επικοινωνήστε με το Γραφείο της Εκκλησίας στο τηλέφωνο 410-633-5020.

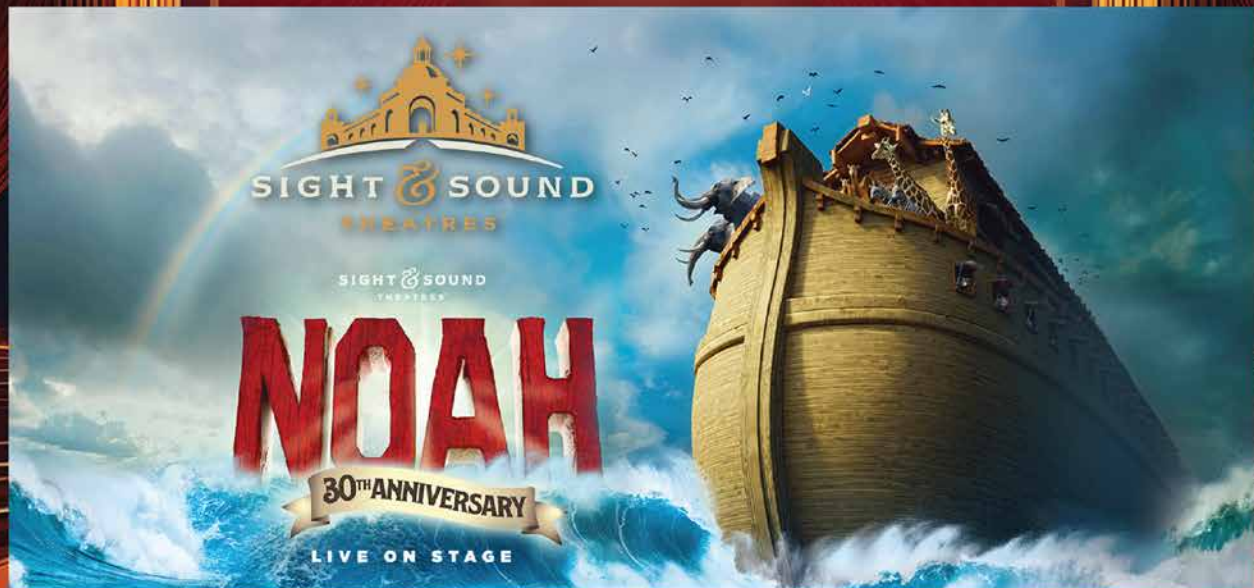
DIAMONDS

St. Nicholas



Day Trip LANCASTER, PA

Saturday, September 20, 2025



Seats are limited

Price \$190.00

Includes bus, lunch, and show ticket

For more information please contact

Sofia Xouris | 240-375-5464

Thank you for your support!



SPONSOR A COFFEE HOUR

We have resumed the Coffee Hour following the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour in memory of a loved one, for the health of your family, or in honor of our St. Nicholas Church. Please call the office at **410-633-5020** to schedule.

Thank you for your support!

HELP US GROW THROUGH E-GIVING



It's through your contributions that we're able to carry on important work both spiritually and in our community.

Electronic giving is a convenient, easy way to support St. Nicholas.

By giving electronically, you can:

- Give anywhere, anytime from your computer, smartphone or tablet.
- Donate easily for special projects.
- Set up recurring offerings and pledges and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again.

Show your support and try one of our e-Giving options. If you would like to give electronically, visit our website www.stnicholasmd.org or download the GivePlus mobile app.

Thank you for all you do to support our St. Nicholas family throughout the year!



NOTICE:

All organizations must review their upcoming events with Paraskevi Kotsatou (410-633-5020) who will add the event to the official church calendar on the bulletin board across from Father Georgios' office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

✝ **Sunday Coffee Hour**

Sponsored by

St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church



Coffee & Assorted Cookies - \$200

Includes setup, cleanup, paper goods

Coffee Service Only - \$120

Includes setup, cleanup, paper goods

Fruit Tray - \$40

Spanakopita - \$75

100 pieces

Tyropita - \$75

100 pieces

Tray of Cheese, Olives & Crackers - \$100

Sandwiches - \$2 per piece

Tuna, Shrimp or Chicken

For orders please call 410-633-5020 or visit the
St Nicholas Office at 520 Ponca St



✝ Makaria Menu

Sponsored by
St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Appetizer Choices

- Cheese Pies (*included*)
- Spinach Pies (*included*)
- Fried Calamari (*add \$2.00pp*)



Choices of salad (1)

Garden Salad, Greek Salad, Village Salad, Caesar Salad

Choices of Entree (1)

Roll & Butter (*included*)

Package #1 - \$31pp

- Salmon (broiled/grilled)
- Shrimp Creole
- Shrimp Orzo
- Cod Fish (broiled/fried)

Package #2 - \$39pp

- Two (2) Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes
- Choice of Fish and One (1) Jumbo Lump Crab Cake

Sides (2 choices)

Greek Style Lemon Potatoes, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Kritharaki(orzo), white rice, fresh cut vegetables, string beans Greek style

Beverages (items included)

Red or White Wine, Coffee and Tea, Sodas,
Water
Also available - Paximadia

Bar Options

Mixed Drinks \$6
Domestic Beer \$6
Imported Beer \$6
Mixed Drinks and Beer Available at Per Drink Charge \$10

tel church: 410-633-5020
tel venue: 410-633-3131

STEWARDSHIP FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 11/1/24 - 10/31/25

STEWARDSHIP YEAR 2025 [11-01-2024 --- 10-30-2025]						
Contribution Type	Transaction Location	Pledged	Received	Outstanding	Report Date:	06-30-2025
Pledged	Office	\$51,335.00	\$32,795.00	-\$23,860.00	Number Of Family Contributions	288
Not Pledged	Office/Vanco	--	\$120,658.72	--	Number of Individual Contributions	365
TOTAL	--	--	\$153,453.72	--		--

Agapios, Maria
 Alafassos, Spiro & Penny
 Alexandrou, John & Despina
 Alexandrou, Niki
 Alourdas, Nick
 Alsup, Andrew & Vasilias
 Amann, Mary & Franz
 Anastasiades, Demos & Nancy
 Angelopoulos, Chris
 Angelos, John & Irene
 Angelos, Mark & Kalliope
 Apesos, Antigoni
 Aravidis, Nickolas & Smaragda
 Argetakis, Andronikos & Paraskevi
 Argetakis, Angeliki
 Argirakis, Pantelis & Despina
 Argyrakis, Despina
 Athanasiou, Antonios & Penny
 Athos, Janet
 Atsalis, Gus & Kalliope
 Atsidis, Ioannis & Efthimia
 Avgerinos, Vasilios & Sophia
 Balatsoukas, Konstantina
 Balomas, Patricia
 Basil, George & Angie
 Bisbikis, Pete & Eleni
 Black, Mark
 Bonolis, Catherine
 Bouloubasis, Nicholas
 Bournias, Lambrini
 Bournousouzis, Panagiota
 Canning, Nicole
 Cardiges, Nicholas
 Chagetas, Angela
 Charalambopoulos, Charalambos & Aspasia
 Charalambopoulos, George & Sofia Koutsoumbis
 Chionis, Antonios
 Chrissomallis, Metaxia
 Chrissomallis, Sophie
 Christ, Philip & Marinam
 Christakou, Stavroula
 Conway, Rose
 Cook, Harry
 Cornias, Arezina
 Cornias, Despina
 Cornias, Fotini
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 Cornias, Mark & Kiriaki

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 Douskas, Vasiliki
 Eleftheriou, John
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 Eliou, Ernest & Lilian
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 Fantis, Penelope
 Filipidis, Effie
 Filipidis, James
 Filippakis, Filippos
 Finney, Thomas & Virginia
 Forakis, Michael & Alexandra
 Forakis, Stamati & Despina
 Fotinos, Aikaterini
 Fotinos, James
 Foukas, Andromahi
 Fragakis, Aikaterini
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 Gargiulo, Angela
 Gatanas, Angelos
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 Halkias, Fotini
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 Hatzigeorgalis, Nicholaos

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 Komninos, Emmanuel
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 Koukides, Harry & Stella
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STEWARDSHIP FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 11/1/24 - 10/31/25

STEWARDSHIP YEAR 2025 [11-01-2024 --- 10-30-2025]						
Contribution Type	Transaction Location	Pledged	Received	Outstanding	Report Date:	06-30-2025
Pledged	Office	\$51,335.00	\$32,795.00	-\$23,860.00	Number Of Family Contributions	288
Not Pledged	Office/Vanco	--	\$120,658.72	--	Number of Individual Contributions	365
TOTAL	--	--	\$153,453.72	--		--

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 Venetis, Dimitrios & Kiki
 Verenakis, Maria
 Vergos, John
 Vizaniaris, Evangeline
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR - JULY-AUGUST

JULY

- Sunday, July 6: 4th Sunday of Matthew:
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am
- Sunday, July 13: Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council:
Orthros: 8:30 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am
- Sunday, July 20: 6th Sunday of Matthew: The Glorious Prophet Elias (Elijah)
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am
- Sunday, July 27: 7th Sunday of Matthew: Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer:
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am

AUGUST

- Friday, August 1: Service of the Small Paraklesis to the Most-holy Theotokos, 7pm
- Sunday, August 3: 8th Sunday of Matthew:
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am
Service of the Great Paraklesis to the Most-holy Theotokos, 7pm
- Monday, August 4: Service of the Small Paraklesis to the Most-holy Theotokos, 7pm
- Tuesday, August 5: Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:
Great Vespers Service, 7pm
- Wednesday, August 6: Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am
Service of the Small Paraklesis to the Most-holy Theotokos, 7pm
- Thursday, August 7: Service of the Great Paraklesis to the Most-holy Theotokos, 7pm
- Friday, August 8: Service of the Small Paraklesis to the Most-holy Theotokos, 7pm
- Sunday, August 10: 9th Sunday of Matthew:
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am
Service of the Great Paraklesis to the Most-holy Theotokos, 7pm
- Monday, August 11: Service of the Small Paraklesis to the Most-holy Theotokos, 7pm
- Tuesday, August 12: Service of the Great Paraklesis to the Most-holy Theotokos, 7pm

LITURGICAL CALENDAR - JULY-AUGUST

Wednesday, August 13: Service of the Small Paraklesis to the Most-holy Theotokos, 7pm

The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 14: Great Vespers Service: 7 p.m.

Friday, August 15: Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am

Sunday, August 17: 10th Sunday of Matthew:
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am

Saturday, August 23: Apodosis of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:15 am

Sunday, August 24: 11th Sunday of Matthew:
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am

Wednesday, August 27: Saint Phanourios the Great Martyr & Newly Appeared of Rhodes:
Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of Phanouropites: 9:00 a.m

Friday, August 29: Beheading of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am

Sunday, August 31: 12th Sunday of Matthew:
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am