SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

The topic of my message is message of hope. I pray that when you read this article it can give everyone an understanding why we are here living on this Earth. This Earth that we live in is made up of many different People, Nations, Customs, and Traditions. In two words, WE ARE A MELTING POT, living



side by side each other, and in reality most of us don't know their next-door neighbor. I will tell you a story that describes what we as humans are, one way or another.

There was a very lost, wicked, and rebellious man who decided it would be good for business if he went down to the church and joined it. He was an adulterer, an alcoholic, and had never been a member of a church in his life. But when he went down to place membership, he gave public testimony to the church that there was no sin in his life, and that he had grown up in the church, and they readily accepted him as a member.

When he went home he told his wife what he had done, and his wife, a very godly lady, exploded. She condemned him for being a hypocrite, and demanded that he go back to the church the next week and confess what he really was. Well, God used his wife to really break him, and he took it to heart.

The next Sunday he went back to church, walked down to the front again, and this time confessed to the church all his sins. He told them that he was dishonest, and alcoholic, an adulterer, and that he was truly sorry. After all that, the people of the church revoked his

membership on the spot. He walked out of the church that day scratching his head and muttered to himself: "These church folks are really strange. I told a lie and they took me in; and when I told the truth they kicked me out."

Sometimes, I ask myself the same question? Why couldn't this man after all he went through in life, come up to the plate and tell his story the way it happened the first time. Because we live in a Society, that can't accept the truth. We live in a story book society where everything is perfect, because that's what we want "TO LIVE IN A PERFECT WORLD, OR A MAKE BELIEVE WORLD." Everybody sees life the way they want to see it.

Since you are reading this article, let me ask you some questions:

Do you always tell the truth at all times? Don't we all have a skeleton in our closets? Don't we all want to forget the past and walk away from it?

Do you ever look at people who don't go to church, and think you are better than they are because you go to church?

Because of your position and status, do you look down on other people, thinking that you are better than them?

Do you ever look at people who are divorced, and think that you are better than they are because you are not?

I promise you, everyone one of you will find yourself somewhere in this story, because at one time or another, all of us are guilty of trying to impress God. The message that God gives us today is that He offers us a new life and a new beginning. But to reach that point we need to look at ourselves and re-evaluate what we

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have done wrong in the past and correct it. Throughout history we have plenty examples of the great leaders of the church who lived their lives in sinfulness. We all know the story of St. Paul, what he was before he walked away from his sinful past. He persecuted and killed Christians. But as soon he accepted Christ, he became the greatest apostle of the church. If we look at Noah, Abraham, & Moses, all three of them walked away from their past. And what did they become, the Giants of the faith. If your life is filled with the examples I gave above then you need to change your lifestyle. If your decision that you are presently making does not require any faith at all, you are not walking towards God. The answer to this story is to find God, but how do we do this when this world is filled with hatred, jealousy, and bitterness. People today crave for new things. New phones, new cars, homes, clothing, etc. We are in an economic recession because of our wants and needs.

We try to put the blame on others, but in reality we play a major role in the destruction of our economy. It's about time that we take full responsibility for our actions. So, the key word here is "CHANGE". The question is "CAN WE CHANGE?" The answer is "YES WE CAN". I am not taking a political stand here in repeating the words that some politicians use for their own personal gains. When I say that "WE CAN" I really mean it. When you have faith, you can conquer anything that you put your mind to do. I have always believed in the three positive words, "MIND OVER MATTER". The first thing we should all learn from this is that it isn't important how we see ourselves, but only how God sees us. We don't have to boast, or show off our faith to people, let God be the Judge. Just remember the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector that should give you the insight of what impresses God. Man has made great improvements over the Centuries. We have learned so much in just a short time. We have made great strides in education, science, technology and etc. Yet life has not been better. Life is made easy but not better. We live with the same worries and fears, we worry about not having enough, when there are people in the world who barely receives a piece of bread to eat every day. We fear being diagnosed with cancer of some kind; we have relationship problems, at school, at home, at work, even among our close friends. We have more broken families today than ever before. We have a growing number of suicides and divorces, and violence is on the rise not on a downfall. I ask you this question? Has life really improved, even though we have great technology? Why? Because man has fallen away from God. Remember this, If you truly want a good life — get back with Christ. This is the answer to all our problems. We are so blinded by the examples of the world that we can't see in front of us what our destination will be.

At this moment, most of us are heading in the wrong direction. We are not guiding our children in the ways of the Lord. We are heading towards a spiritual disaster. Always remember,

"God's way is not always man's way....."

Το θέμα του μηνύματός μου είναι ένα μήνυμα ελπίδας. 👢 Προσεύχομαι ότι όταν διαβάσετε αυτό το άρθρο να μπορεί να μεταφέρει σε όλους το μήνυμα γιατί ζούμε πάνω σε αυτή τη γη. Αυτή η γη που ζούμε αποτελείται από πολλούς διαφορετικούς λαούς, έθνη, έθιμα και παραδόσεις. Με δυο λόγια, είμαστε ένα χωνευτήρι, που ζούμε δίπλα-δίπλα ο ένας με τον άλλον, και στην πραγματικότητα οι περισσότεροι από εμάς δεν γνωρίζουμε ούτε το γείτονα της διπλανής πόρτας. Θα σας πω μια ιστορία που περιγράφει τι είμαστε ως άνθρωποι, με τον ένα ή τον άλλο τρόπο.

Υπήρχε ένας πολύ χαμένος, κακός και επαναστατικός άνθρωπος που αποφάσισε ότι θα ήταν καλό για τις επιχειρήσεις του εάν κατέβαινε στην εκκλησία να γίνει μέλος της. Ήταν ένας μοιχός, αλκοολικός, και ποτέ δεν ήταν μέλος μιας εκκλησίας στη ζωή του. Αλλά όταν πήγε να γίνει μέλος στην εκκλησία, δήλωσε δημόσια στο εκκλησίασμα ότι δεν είχε αμαρτίσει στη ζωή του, και ότι ο ίδιος είχε μεγαλώσει στην εκκλησία, και έτσι εύκολα τον αποδέχθηκαν ως μέλος. Όταν πήγε στο σπίτι, είπε στη γυναίκα του τι είχε κάνει, και η σύζυγός του, μια πολύ ευσεβής κυρία, θύμωσε πάρα πολύ. Τον κατηγόρησε ότι ήταν υποκριτής και απαίτησε να πάει πίσω στην εκκλησία την επόμενη εβδομάδα και να ομολογήσει τι

πραγματικά ήταν. Συμπέρασμα, ο Θεός χρησιμοποίησε τη γυναίκα του να τον τιμωρήσει πραγματικά διότι το πήρε κατάκαρδα.

Την επόμενη Κυριακή πήγε πίσω στην εκκλησία, πήγε και πάλι μπροστά, και αυτή τη φορά ομολόγησε στο εκκλησίασμα όλες τις αμαρτίες του. Τους είπε ότι ήταν ανέντιμος, αλκοολικός, μοιχός, και ότι πραγματικά λυπόταν. Μετά από όλα αυτά, οι άνθρωποι της εκκλησίας του ανακάλεσαν την ιδιότητα του μέλους, επί τόπου. Ο ίδιος αποχώρησε από την εκκλησία εκείνη την ημέρα ξύνοντας το κεφάλι του και μουρμούριζε στον εαυτό του: «Αυτοί οι άνθρωποι της εκκλησίας είναι πραγματικά περίεργοι. Είπα ένα ψέμα και με αποδέχθηκαν. και όταν είπα την αλήθεια με έδιωξαν.

Μερικές φορές, ρωτώ τον εαυτό μου την ίδια ερώτηση; Γιατί δεν θα μπορούσε αυτός ο άνθρωπος μετά από όλα όσα πέρασε στη ζωή του, να πάει μπροστά και να πει την ιστορία του με τον τρόπο που συνέβη, την πρώτη φορά. Επειδή ζούμε σε μια κοινωνία, που δεν μπορεί να δεχτεί την αλήθεια. Ζούμε σε μια κοινωνία φαντασιόπληκτη, όπου όλα είναι τέλεια, γιατί αυτό είναι αυτό που θέλουμε να "ζούμε σε έναν τέλειο κόσμο ή να κάνουμε έναν παγκόσμιο κόσμο πίστης."

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DEMOS ANASTASIADES, PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT / MHNYMA AΠΟ ΤΟΝ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟ

Dear Parishioners,

Ionian Village: IV-ON-THE-GO kicked off this weekend with approximately 50 participants for a spiritual retreat from our parish as well as from our sister parishes. IV-ON-THE-GO is the traveling retreat program of the Office of Ionian Village that gives children from grades 7th-12th a taste of their unique and interactive approach to youth ministry. Alex Kuvshinoff, Program Director of IV, arrived with seven (7) spirited IV counselors full of energy to share their faith and have tons of fun. The purpose of the program is to provide our youth with an up close, personal and unforgettable experience of their Orthodox faith.

The program started at 10 a.m. and was packed with worship, arts and crafts, games, and small group discussions. It was exciting to meet young adults who were cool, successful, giving back but willing to share their enthusiasm for God. One counselor, Elias, explained, "We are here to show the students that praying, and participating in the Divine Liturgy weekly is possible and still be on the lacrosse team at your high school. My lacrosse



coach knew that when Holy Week arrived, I would not be at practice. The coach told the team, "Elias has church." And no one gave me a hard time. They understood." It was clear talking with the counselors that they put their faith first and trust God that everything else will fall into place.

Their enthusiasm and energy was contiguous and after a full day of activities, the participants departed with smiles on their faces. The smiles said it all.

The program could not have happened without the funding from Leadership 100, the Metropolitan Evangelos's blessing and the church's dedicated volunteers, Nancy Anastasiades, Kelly Angelos and Reina Amarantidis, as well as Father Michael and the staff of the Greektowne Square and Event Center. Thank you to all!!

For more information about the programs that the Office of Ionian Village offers, please check out their website at http://www.Ionianvillage.org.

In His Service, Demos Anastasiades, Parish Council President St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church



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For information on how to register, contact Foula Paragios at 410-236-3419 or at fparagios@gmail.com

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

Όλοι βλέπουν τη ζωή με τον τρόπο που θέλουν να το δουν.

Δεδομένου ότι διαβάσατε αυτό το άρθρο, επιτρέψτε μου να σας κάνω μερικές ερωτήσεις:

Λέτε πάντα την αλήθεια, ανά πάσα στιγμή; Δεν έχουμε όλοι κάποιο μυστικό κρυμένο στη ντουλάπα μας;

Δεν θέλουμε όλοι να ξεχάσουμε το παρελθόν και να ξεφύγουμε από αυτό;

Εξετάζετε ποτέ ανθρώπους που δεν πηγαίνουν στην εκκλησία και νομίζετε ότι είστε καλύτεροι από εκείνους, επειδή πηγαίνετε στην εκκλησία;

Λόγω της θέσης και της κατάστασής σας, κοιτάτε τους άλλους ανθρώπους αφ'υψηλού, πιστεύοντας ότι είστε καλύτεροι από αυτούς; Εξετάζετ ποτέ τους ανθρώπους που έχουν χωρίσει και νομίζετε ότι είστε καλύτεροι από ότι εκείνους, επειδή εσείς δεν χωρίσατε;

Σας υπόσχομαι, ο καθένας από εσάς θα βρει τον εαυτό του κάπου σε αυτή την λίστα της ιστορίας, γιατί κάποια στιγμή, όλοι μας είμαστε ένοχοι προσπαθώντας να εντυπωσιάσουμε τον Θεό. Το μήνυμα που ο Θεός μας δίνει σήμερα είναι ότι μας προσφέρει μια νέα ζωή και μια νέα αρχή. Αλλά για να φτάσουμε σε αυτό το σημείο θα πρέπει να κοιτάξουμε τους εαυτούς μας και να επαναξιολογήσουμε τι έχουμε κάνει λάθος κατά το παρελθόν και να το διορθώσουμε. Σε όλη την ιστορία έχουμε πολλά παραδείγματα από τους μεγάλους ηγέτες της εκκλησίας που έζησαν τη ζωή τους στην αμαρτία. Όλοι γνωρίζουμε την ιστορία του Αγίου Παύλου, αυτό που ήταν πριν απομακρυνθεί από το αμαρτωλό παρελθόν του. κατεδίωκε και σκότωνε Χριστιανούς. Αλλά από τη στιγμή που δέχθηκε το Χριστό, έγινε ο μεγαλύτερος Απόστολος της Εκκλησίας. Αν κοιτάξουμε τον Νώε, τον Αβραάμ και τον Μωυσή, και οι τρεις αποχώρησαν από το παρελθόν τους. Και τι έγιναν, οι Γίγαντες της Πίστης. Αν η ζωή σας είναι πλήρης με τα παραδείγματα που έδωσα παραπάνω, τότε θα πρέπει να αλλάξετε τον τρόπο ζωής σας. Εάν αποφασίσετε ότι κάνετε τώρα δεν απαιτεί καθόλου πίστη, δεν βαδίζετε προς τον Θεό. Η απάντηση σε αυτή την ιστορία είναι να βρούμε τον Θεό, αλλά πώς να το κάνουμε, όταν αυτός ο κόσμος είναι γεμάτος με μίσος, ζήλια και πικρία. Οι άνθρωποι σήμερα ποθούν για νέα πράγματα. Νέα τηλέφωνα, νέα αυτοκίνητα, σπίτια, ρούχα, κ.λπ. Είμαστε σε μια οικονομική ύφεση, λόγω των αναγκών και των επιθυμιών μας.

Προσπαθούμε να ρίξουμε το φταίξιμο στους άλλους, αλλά στην πραγματικότητα θα παίξουμε σημαντικό

ρόλο στην καταστροφή της οικονομίας μας. Είναι καιρός να αναλάβουμε την πλήρη ευθύνη των πράξεών μας. Έτσι, η λέξη κλειδί εδώ είναι «ΑΛΛΑΓΗ»». Το ερώτημα είναι «μπορούμε να αλλάξουμε;» Η απάντηση είναι «Ναι, μπορούμε». Δεν παίρνω πολιτική στάση εδώ με να επαναλαμβάνω τα λόγια που κάποιοι πολιτικοί χρησιμοποιούν για το προσωπικό τους συμφέρον. Όταν λέω ότι μπορούμε το εννοώ. Όταν έχετε πίστη, μπορείτε να κατορθώσετε αυτό που θα βάλετε στο μυαλό σας να κάνετε. Πάντα πίστευα στις τρεις θετικές λέξεις "Σκέψου πριν πράξεις ". Το πρώτο πράγμα που πρέπει όλοι να διδαχθούμε από αυτό είναι ότι δεν έχει σημασία το πώς βλέπουμε εμείς τον εαυτό μας, αλλά μόνο πώς μας βλέπει ο Θεός. Δεν είναι απαραίτητο να καυχιόμαστε ή να αποδείξουμε την πίστη μας στους ανθρώπους, ας είναι δικαστής ο Θεός. Απλά θυμηθείτε την παραβολή του Τελώνου και του Φαρισσαίου που θα σας δώσει τη διορατικότητα του τι εντυπωσιάζει τον Θεό. Ο άνθρωπος έχει κάνει μεγάλες βελτιώσεις στο πέρασμα των αιώνων. Έχουμε μάθει τόσα πολλά μέσα σε σύντομο χρονικό διάστημα. Έχουμε κάνει μεγάλα άλματα στον τομέα της εκπαίδευσης, της επιστήμης, της τεχνολογίας κ.λπ. Ωστόσο, η ζωή δεν είναι καλύτερη. Η ζωή γίνεται εύκολη αλλά όχι καλύτερη. Ζούμε με τις ίδιες ανησυχίες και φόβους, ανησυχούμε ότι δεν έχουμε αρκετά, όταν υπάρχουν άνθρωποι στον κόσμο που παίρνουν μόλις και μετά βίας ένα κομμάτι ψωμί να φάνε κάθε μέρα. Φοβόμαστε μην μας γίνει διάγνωση κάποιας μορφής καρκίνου. Έχουμε προβλήματα σχέσεων, στο σχολείο, στο σπίτι, στη δουλειά, ακόμα και μεταξύ των στενών μας φίλων. Έχουμε περισσότερες διαλυμένες οικογένειες από ποτέ. Έχουμε αυξημένο αριθμό αυτοκτονιών και διαζυγίων, και η βία είναι σε άνοδο όχι σε πτώση. Σας ρωτώ αυτή την ερώτηση; Έχει πραγματικά βελτιωθεί η ζωή, παρόλο που έχουμε μεγάλη τεχνολογία; Γιατί; Επειδή ο άνθρωπος έχει απομακρυνθεί από τον Θεό. Θυμηθείτε αυτό, Αν θέλετε πραγματικά μια καλή ζωή - επιστρέψτε στον Χριστό. Αυτή είναι η απάντηση σε όλα μας τα προβλήματα. Είμαστε τόσο τυφλωμένοι από τα παραδείγματα του κόσμου που δεν μπορούμε να δούμε μπροστά μας, ποιος θα είναι ο προορισμός μας.

Σήμερα, οι περισσότεροι από εμάς οδεύουν προς τη λάθος κατεύθυνση. Δεν καθοδηγούμε τα παιδιά μας στο δρόμο του Κυρίου. Οδεύουμε προς μια πνευματική καταστροφή. Να θυμάστε πάντα,

"Ο δρόμος του Θεού δεν είναι πάντα ο τρόπος του ανθρώπου."



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

Ecclesiastical Situation in Ukraine

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy

Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Esteemed Members of the Metropolitan Council, Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils, Philoptochos Sisterhood, Faculty and Students of the Catechetical and Greek Afternoon Schools, Directors and Participants of all Youth Organizations, and all devout Orthodox Christians of the Greek Orthodox Communities of our Holy Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved in the Lord,

For the past seventeen centuries the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople has embraced all the Orthodox faithful throughout the oikoumene with faith, love, care, and pastoral sensitivity as it has aimed to ensure peace, unity, and healing throughout the Orthodox world. One of the central roles of the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, is safeguarding the unity of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, the Holy Orthodox Church with which he has been entrusted by the Grace of the Holy Spirit. This is a responsibility that he accepts willingly and most seriously since this role requires sincere love, unfettered faith, strong leadership and objectiveness in making decisions. The right decision is rarely the easy decision and this holds true for the current ecclesiastical situation in Ukraine.

Since the 10th century, a vibrant Orthodox community in what is known as present day Ukraine existed and the people of this area were known as the Kievan Rus'. The Orthodox Kievan Rus', with their ecclesiastical center being the Metropolis of Kiev, was and remains under the canonical jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. This Metropolis had been the ecclesiastical center of the local Ukrainian Church for several centuries and, even with the establishment of the Patriarchate of Moscow in 1589, the Metropolis of Kiev remained under the canonical jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Due to exigent historical circumstances, in 1686 the Ecumenical Patriarchate granted the Patriarch of Moscow the ability to ordain the Metropolitan of Kiev providing he had the canonical permission of the Ecumenical Patriarch. The Ecumenical Patriarchate, however, would retain the right to elect the Metropolitan of Kiev who would also serve as Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarch, and who would commemorate the Ecumenical Patriarch as "among the first" at the celebration of every Divine Liturgy and other Sacraments. The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople has never ceded jurisdictional authority of the Metropolis of Kiev and present day Ukraine to the Patriarchate of Moscow. With geopolitical changes over the last century, distrust and disunity plagued the ranks of Orthodox Christians in Ukraine to the extent that, by the mid 1990's, there were three groups of Orthodox Christians; one group being a part of the Patriarchate of Moscow, headed by Metropolitan Onoufrios, and the other two independents (the Ukrainian schismatic "patriarchate" under Filaret, and the "autocephalous church" under Makarios). This division persists and, whereas the Ecumenical Patriarchate has prayed unceasingly that the ecclesiastical powers in Ukraine would resolve this issue internally, it has become apparent that the intervention of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, as both the Mother Church of the Ukrainian Orthodox and as the First Among Equals who safeguards Orthodox unity, is essential. It is crucial to know and comprehend this brief history of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine to understand today's situation especially since many faithful in the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey have been inquiring about the issue at hand, and also since there is an effort by some ecclesiastical presences in this country to misinform the Orthodox faithful concerning history and canonical correctness.

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate desire to heal this division within the Church so that the sheep who had been lost can return to the ninety-nine, and so that our Lord may "gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad" (Jn. 11:52). This decision of His All-Holiness and the Holy and Sacred Synod endeavoring to correct the uncanonical situation is not being taken because it is the easy option, but because it is the difficult and necessary solution. We must acknowledge and understand that these decisions are being made in the spirit of healing, love, peace, canonical correctness in order to safeguard the unity of the ecclesial body, a challenge and responsibility entrusted to the Mother Church of Constantinople.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate my beloved faithful will grant autocephaly to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. As stated in the words of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, "It is her right to receive the status of autocephaly and...it is the right, and indeed the exclusive right of our Ecumenical Patriarchate, to grant the autocephaly just as it was granted to all the newer Orthodox Churches, beginning with Russia in the 16th century, to the Church of Czech and Slovakia in 1998." The Ukrainian people, all children of the Mother Church, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, those within the fold and those who have over the decades have fallen out of it, have expressed the desire to end this division with their brothers by repeatedly petitioning for the Ecumenical Patriarchate to take the necessary steps, which would end the ecclesiastical colonialism which had been imposed on them. How could we say no to ending this or any division in the Body of Christ and restoring its unity? Our Lord is not the Lord of division, but the God of unity. He is the Lord of love. He is the Prince of peace. He is the God of mercy.

Let us continue to pray for and with our spiritual Leader and Father, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who for the past twenty seven years as our Ecumenical Patriarch, has and continues to do that which is right by seeking and promoting unity and peace throughout the Orthodox world. Let us pray for the Members of the Holy and Sacred Synod, one of whom I am, as we continue deliberating these pastorally sensitive issues with great care and love, and above all, faith in our Triune Lord and God. And let us pray for all the people of Ukraine who seek peace and unity in the faith, so that they all "may be one". Further, let us pray for those who for reasons, known to them and the rest of the world, are being openly defiant. May they too see with the eyes of their soul, come to the knowledge of and acknowledge the truth, by embracing the decisions of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and His All Holiness, based of course on the centuries old historic facts

and Patriarchal documents which exist. Finally, let us reiterate the prayer heard at the Divine Liturgy, "O Lord, our God...unite them to Your Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church and number them together among your elect flock."

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

† E V A N G E L O S Metropolitan of New Jersey

To be read from the pulpit on Sunday, October 7, 2018, distributed through your parish email list serv, printed in your parish bulletin and posted on your parish website.



Holy Communion: 'Filled with the sheer delight of you'

By Father R. Nicholas Rafael II

Adapted from a sermon on Holy Communion by Macarius Notaras, 18 th Century Archbishop of Corinth

Courtesy of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America www.goarch.org

How often do you receive Holy Communion? Every week? Once or twice a month? How about once or twice a year?

To receive Holy Communion the usual two or three times

per year is certainly good and helpful, but to receive on a more frequent basis is far better! Remember, the nearer one comes to the light, the better he or she sees. The closer one draws nearer to the fire, the warmer one becomes. The nearer one approaches sanctity and holy thoughts, the more saintly one becomes. In the same way, the more often one draws near to God in Holy Communion, the more one will receive enlightenment, comfort, satisfaction and holiness. If you are worthy of receiving communion two or three times a year, you are certainly worthy of receiving more often!

What stops us from receiving more often? Sometimes it's our own laziness or carelessness by not preparing the correct way, such as fasting regularly from certain foods or behaviors. Maybe



we came in too late on Saturday night and just want to sleep in? Whatever the answer may be, we must all examine our personal lives and ask ourselves one question: "Are we preparing often enough?"

What happens to our bodies if we do not prepare to eat to sustain

our physical well-being? We become tired, sluggish and almost lifeless. Could we survive on eating food only two to three times per year? Of course not!! One must eat daily to maintain a healthy body. When we deprive ourselves of Holy Communion, the spiritual nourishment for maintaining a healthy soul, it has the same effect. We become tired and sluggish in going to Church. We drift further and further from God. Our souls become lifeless!

The only clear conclusion is this: Preparing to receive more often. Don't wait for special holidays or occasions. Each Divine Liturgy celebrated is His Grand Banquet! Come and receive Him often, allowing your souls to feast on the banquet of Christ's precious Body and Blood, shed for all of us.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

NOTICE FOR NOMINATIONS TO PARISH COUNCIL

We wish to inform you that the term of office of (10) of the present Parish Council members will terminate on December 31, 2018. The Nominating Committee was elected during the Spring General Assembly. We urge all the Parish members in good standing who have the willingness, the ability, and the time to serve our Community, to submit their candidacy for the Parish Council to the Nominating Committee. Please note the following procedure: The Nominating Committee will announce the names that they have received at the Fall's General Assembly Meeting. If you wish to place your name for nomination, you may do so by being present at the General Assembly, and be nominated at that time, or sign the below application and bring to the Church Office anytime before the Fall General Assembly. Nominations will close at the General Assembly.

In accordance with the "Uniform Parish Regulations" a member who wishes to place his or her nomination, must be a Greek Orthodox Christian and a member of the parish for at least one year prior to the elections and his/her life and character must comply with the Faith and Canons our Orthodox Church. A new member of the Parish may vote in the elections if he or she has been enrolled at least three months prior to the elections. If you wish to place your nomination for a position on the Parish Council, you may complete, sign and mail the form below, to the Nominating Committee. Please address the envelope as follows and mail it to:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE c/o Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church 520 S. Ponca Street Baltimore, MD. 21224

From the Nominations Committee

CANDIDACY FORM FOR PARISH COUNCIL

I desire to be a candidate for the Parish Council.
Signature
Name (Print)
Address
Phone Number
e-mail address

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ

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ΕΙΔΟΠΟΙΗΣΗ ΓΙΑ ΥΠΟΨΗΦΙΟΥΣ ΤΟΥ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΤΙΚΟΥ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟΥ

Επιθυμούμε να σας πληροφορήσουμε ότι η θητεία πέντε (10) μελών του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Κοινότητάς μας λήγει στις 31 Δεκεμβρίου, 2018. Στην Γενική Συνέλευση των Μελών, την Άνοιξη, σχηματίσθηκε Επιτροπή Αναδείξεως Υποψηφίων για το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο. Παρακαλούμε όλα τα μέλη της Κοινοτητάς μας, τα οποία έχουν εκπληρώσει την οικονομική τους υποχρέωση προς την Κοινότητα και τα οποία επιθυμούν, την ικανότητα και το χρόνο να υπηρετήσουν το Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο, να υποβάλλουν την υποψηφιότητά τους.

Σημειώσατε τα ακόλουθα : Η Επιτροπή Αναδείξεως Υποψηφίων θα ανακοινώσει τα ονόματα των υποψηφίων που ήδη έλαβαν, στην προσεχή την του Φθινοπώρου Γενική Συνέλευση. Αν κάποιος άλλος θέλει να θέσει υποψηφιότητα, μπορεί να το κάνει εάν παρευρίσκεται στην Γενική Συνέλευση και κάποιος τον προτείνει εκεί, ή να συμπληρώσει το κάτωθι έντυπο υποψηφιότητας και το παραδώσει στο Κοινοτικό Γραφείο μέχρι την Γενική Συνέλευση του Φθινοπώρου. Οι υποψηφιότητες θα κλείσουν στην Γενική Συνέλευση.

Σύμφωνα με τους Ομοιομόρφους Κανονισμούς των Κοινοτήτων της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής και τους Εσωτερικούς Κανονισμούς της Κοινότητάς μας, αν κάποιος επιθυμεί να θέσει υποψηφιότητα, πρέπει να είναι Ελληνορθόδοξος Χριστιανός, μέλος της Κοινότητας για τουλάχιστον ένα έτος πριν από τις εκλογές, ο τρόπος ζωής του/της και ο χαρακτήρας του πρέπει να συμμωρφούται με την πίστη και τους κανόνες της Ορθοδόξου Εκκλησίας μας. Νέο μέλος της Κοινότητας μπορεί να ψηφίσει στις εκλογές αν έχει εγγραφεί τουλάχιστον τρεις μήνες προ των εκλογών. Αν θέλετε να υποβάλλετε υποψηφιότητα, παρακαλείστε να συμπληρώσετε, υπογράψετε και ταχυδρομήσετε το παρακάτω έντυπο προς την Επιτροπή Αναδείξεως Υποψηφίων, πριν την Γενική Συνέλευση

Απευθύνετε την επιστολή σας ως εξής:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

C/o Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church 520 South Ponca Street Baltimore, Md. 21224

Εκ της Επιτροπής Αναδείξεως Υποψηφίων ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΥΠΟΨΗΦΙΌΤΗΤΑΣ Θέτω υποψηφιότητα για το ----- Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο. Υπογραφή _____ Ονοματεπώνυμο (με κεφαλαία γράμματα) _____ Διεύθυνση _____ e-mail address ------

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS / NEA ΤΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

We would like to thank Costas Inn and everyone for their donations and support in making our Welcome Back Crab Feast a success! Our next event "Night Out" is scheduled for October 23rd. For information or tickets please contact any Philoptochos Board Member.

The first meeting on September 4 consisted of reports for activities and assistance for the months of June, July and August. Philoptochos sponsored three children to Camp Good Shepard from our community and assisted with various needs and a burial for a total of \$8,573.13. This would not have been possible without the support of our fundraisers and your generous donations.

We are extremely grateful and appreciative! Next general meeting Monday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcomed!

Donations:

Tom and Maria Rafailidis Popi Phillipou Mary Serafis

In Memory of Irene Kevas:

Ploumi Salaris and family / Demetra Tsampos and family - May her memory be eternal!

Philoxenia House:

The Philoxenia House continued to house families during the summer months from John's Hopkins Hospital and Kenndy Kreiger Institute. Mark your calendars for "Lefteri Pantazi", November 21st Thanksgiving Eve. All proceeds to benefit Philoxenia House. Tickets are available at DC Greeks. This is Philoxenia's major fundraiser and we hope that everyone will support! For information call Tony at 443-794-9195.

Θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε το Εστιατόριο COSTAS INN όλους όσοι πρόσφεραν χρήματα αλλά και όσους παρευρέθηκαν και υποστήριξαν τη ΚΑΛΩΣΟΡΙΣΜΑ – ΚΑΒΟΥΡΟΦΑΓΙΑΣ, είχε μεγάλη επιτυχία. Η επομένη μας εκδήλωση "Night Out" έχει προγραμματιστεί για τις 23 Οκτωβρίου. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες ή για κλείσετε θέση παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με κάποιο από τα μέλη του Συμβουλίου της Φιλοπτώχου.

Η πρώτη Συνεδρίαση της 4ης Σεπτεμρίου, περιελάμβανε εκθέσεις δραστηριοτήτων και βοήθειας των μηνών Ιουνίου, Ιουλίου και Αυγούστου. Η Φιλόπτωχος χρηματοδότησε τρία παιδιά της Κοινότητάς μας να πάνε στη Καλοκαιρινή Κατασκήνωση Camp Good Shepard. Επίσης έκανε κι άλλες αγαθοεργίες. όπως τα έξοδα ενός ενταφιασμού. Σύνολο εξόδων \$ 8,573.13. Δεν θα ήταν

δυνατόν να καλύψουμε αυτές τις ανάγκες των συνανθρώπων μας χωρίς η δική σας συμμετοχή και υποστήριξη των διαφόρων μας εκδηλώσεων και των δωρεών σας. Το εκτιμούμε απεριόριστα. Η επομένη μας Συνεδρίαση θα είναι την 1η Οκτωβρίου, στις 7:00 μ.μ. Όλοι είστε ευπρόσδεκτοι.

ΔΩΡΕΕΣ:

Τομ & Μαρία Ραφαϊλίδου Πόπη Φιλίππου Μαίρη Σεραφείμ

Εις μνήμη Ειρήνης Κέβα:

Πλουμή Σαλιάρη, οικογενειακώς, Δήμητρα Τσάμπου οικογενειακώς, - Αιωνία της η μνήμη!

ΟΙΚΗΜΑ ΦΙΛΟΞΕΝΙΑΣ:

Το Οίκημα της Φιλοξενίας συνέχισε και φιλοξενούσε οικογένειες κατά τη διάρκεια των καλοκαιρινών μηνών, από το Νοσοκομείο John's Hopkins Hospital and Kenndy Kreiger Institute. Σημειώστε στο ημερολόγιό σας τη Συναυλία με τον ΛΕΥΤΕΡΗ ΠΑΝΤΑΖΗ. Είναι στις 21 Νοεμβρίου, την παραμονή της Ημέρας των Ευχαριστιών. Όλα τα έσοδα θα διατεθούν στ Οίκημα της Φιλοξενίας. Μπορείτε να κλείσετε θέσεις επικονωνώντας με τους DC Greeks. Είναι η μεγαλύτερη πηγή εισοδήματος για το Οίκημα της Φιλοξενίας. Ελπίζουμε ότι όλοι θα την υποσηρίξετε. Για πληροφορίες τηλεφωνήσατε στο 443-794-9195.

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EARLY EDUCATION CENTER NEWS



ST. NICHOLAS BILINGUAL EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

The Saint Nicholas Bilingual Early Education Center provides a safe, nurturing, home away from home learning center. We accept children from 6 weeks till 5 years of age. If you have any questions or need additional information please feel free to contact the center at 410-633-5020 extension 4 or message us on Facebook.



September was a month for our BEEC children to get familiar with each other, their teachers and the school routine. We had our monthly visit from the Enoch Pratt Library Book Buggy. Some of our youngest students even got their first library cards! We also had a special visit from the Maryland Zoomobile. Our students enjoyed the Little Animals Adventure Program!

This month the BEEC children are getting ready for all our fall events. We will be hosting our 2nd annual pumpkin patch at the Plateia. The BEEC children are also looking forward to dressing up for Halloween and having a Halloween party!

ΔΙΓΛΩΣΣΟ ΕΚΠΑΙΔΕΥΤΙΚΟ ΚΕΝΤΡΟ ΠΡΟΣΧΟΛΙΚΗΣΗΛΙΚΙΑΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ

Ο Δίγλωσσος Βρεφονηπιακός Σταθμός Αγίου Νικολάου παρέχει ένα ασφαλές περιβάλλον, ένα σπίτι μακριά από το σπιτι, ένα σπίτι μάθησης. Δεχόμαστε παιδιά ηλικίας 6 εβδομάδων έως 5 ετών. Αν έχετε ερωτήσεις ή χρειαζόσαστε

περισσότερες πληροφορίες, επικοινωνήστε με το σταθμό μας στο τηλέφωνο 410-633-5020, γραμμή 4 ή στείλτε μας μήνυμα στο Facebook.



Το Σεπτέμβριο καινούργιοι και παλιοί μαθητές μας αφιέρωσαν χρόνο στο να γνωριστούν μεταξύ τους, με τους δασκάλους τους και να εξοικειώθούν με τη σχολική ρουτίνα. Κατά την καθιερωμένη μηνιαία επίσκεψη του λεωφορείου της Δημοτικής Βιβλιοθήκης, οι νέοι μας μαθητές έλαβαν την πρώτη τους κάρτα δανεισμού βιβλίων! Στη συνέχεια φιλοξενήσαμε τον κινητό ζωολογικό κήπο του Μαίρυλαντ, με τους μαθητές μας να απολαμβάνουν το εκπαιδευτικό πρόγραμμα «Οι Περιπέτειες των Μικρών Ζώων».

Αυτό το μήνα οι μαθητές μας προετοιμάζονται για τις φθινοπωρινές μας εκδηλώσεις με επίκεντρο τη 2η γιορτή

κολοκύθας που θα λάβει χώρα στην Πλατεία. Οι μαθητές μας ανυπομονούν επίσης να φορέσουν τις αποκριάτικες φορεσιές τους για να διασκεδάσουν στο αποκριάτικο πάρτυ που θα οργανώσει ο σταθμός.

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STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Stewards of the Faith

All Things are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ

Το ει δύνασαι πιστεύσαι, πάντα δυνατά τω πιστεύοντι



Stewardship Sunday Luncheon November 4, 2018

Large Social Hall, Following the Divine Liturgy

Speaker: Ray Footland

Stewardship committee:

Irene Vasilakopoulos (Chairperson), Sonia Redmiles (Co-chair),

Reina Amarantidis, Adrienne Kourtesis, Popi Paragios

GREEK SCHOOL





The Greek School celebrated their first day of classes with a beautful blessing in the church by Father Michael









Please join the Greek School for their presentation of the OXI Day program

on

Monday, October 29th in the church social hall at 6:00 p.m.

GOYA NEWS

Swearing in of the new G.O.Y.A. board officers:



Our New Elected Board Is As Follows:

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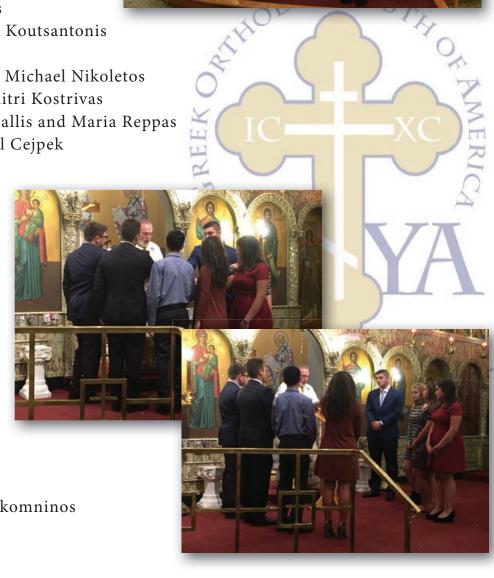
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PAN-HELLENIC NEWS

Ανακοίνωση από το Συμβούλιο του Χορευτικού Συλλόγου ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΕΝΙΚ

Το Συμβούλιο του Χορευτικού Συλλόγου ΠΑΝ-ΗΕΛΛΕΝΙΚ επιθυμεί να ενημερώσει όλα τα άτομα τα οποία κατά διαστήματα συμμετείχαν, χόρευαν με το ΠΑΝ ΧΕΛΛΕΝΙΚ, από της ιδρύσεώς του, ότι προσπαθώντας να κάνει καταγραφή των παραδοσιακών στολών τις οποίες είχε φτιάξει η αείμνηστη και αλησμόνητη κ. Λέλα Αγγέλου, ήρθε αντιμέτωπος με τα εξής προβλήματα:

1. Διαπίστωσε ότι δεν έχει όλες τις στολές και

2. Ότι λείπουν μεμονομένα κομμάτια από διάφορες παραδοσιακές στολές.

Παρακαλούμε λοιπόν όλα τα άτομα που χόρεψαν κατά διαστήματα με το γκρούπ του ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΕΝΙΚ να κάνουν μία επιδρομή στους αποθηκκευτικούς χώρους του σπιτιού τους και εάν βρουν κάποια ξεχασμένη παραδοσιακή στολή ή κάποιο κομμάτι αυτών, όπως καπέλο, μαντήλι κεφαλής, ζώνη ή ζωνάρι, ποδιά, γιλέκο με τις χρυσές τρέσες κ.λ.π. επίσης γιλέκο αντρικό, πουκάμισο ανδρικό, ζωνάρι θαλασσί και ανδρική βράκα μαύρη, τα οποία κομμάτια αποτελούσαν ανδρική παραδοσιακή στολή, που φόραγαν κορίτσια παριστάνοντας τους καβαλιέρους του γκρουπ. Αυτές οι στολές ήταν 5 τώρα έχουμε μόνο 1 γιλέκο, και 1 ζωνάρι.

Καταλαβαίνουμε ότι επειδή το ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΕΝΙΚ δεν ήταν σε λειτουργία για πολλά χρόνια, πιθανώς δεν ξέρατε που να αποτανθείτε για να τα παραδώσετε. Τώρα είναι η κατάληλη στιγμή γι' αυτό. Απευθύνουμε λοιπόν θερμή παράκληση σε όλες σας, αν υπάρχει στο σπίτι σας κάποια στολή είτε κάποιο από τα κομμάτια, να τα επιστρέψετε στο Σύλλογο, τηλεφωνώντας στο 443-845-8903 για να κλείσετε ένα ραντεβού με τη Στάσα Χατζηευθυμίου Λουκάκη.

Σας ευχαριστούμε εκ των προτέρων Από το Συμβούλιο του Συλλόγοδυ ΠΑΝ-ΧΕΛΛΕΝΙΚ

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FRIDAY 19TH OF OCTOBER



AT ST NICHOLAS
GREEK ORTHODOX
CHURCH
520 PONCA
STREET

Fee: \$25 Entry Raffle:\$20
Time: 7 P.M. (Doors open at 6 P.M.)
Includes: 1 Pack of Bingo eards,
Complimentary Appetizers and Dessert

All earnings will benefit
Saint Nicholas
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CONTACT FOULA PARAGIOS FOR TICKETS (410)236.3419

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IOCC NEWS

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable families around the world? Join our IOCC team at the **Baltimore Running Festival on October 20, 2018**, and help raise money for people in need in places like Syria, Greece, and right here in the US. All abilities of walkers and runners are welcome, as there is a range of participation options: a 5K, Team Relay, Half Marathon, and Full Marathon.

Signing up is easy at www.iocc.org/baltimore or contact Christina Meares at 667-401-2147.



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Saturday **November 17**

DEPARTURE CROMWELL BRIDGE PARK & RIDE LOT 8:00 A.M.

For the HHMM Met trip reservations, please contact: Stephanie Link | 410-239-2189 slinkylink828@aol.com

Make checks payable to HHMM – Met, and send to: Stephanie Link 18415 Upper Beckleysville Rd. Hampstead, MD 21074

> The Annunciation Women's Guild is offering a day on your own in the Big Apple for \$125.00 per person.

> Please make arrangements to the restaurant by 4:30 P.M. For Guild reservations, RSVP to womensguild24@gmail.com

Two NYC Drop Off Locations:

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Fifth Avenue or Rockefeller Center, Fifth Avenue and 49th Street

- For those visiting the museum, the bus will leave at 4:00 P.M. for Molyvos Restaurant
- For both groups, a three-course dinner at Molyvos Restaurant is included - 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.

The HHMM will be visiting the Met for \$145.00 per person (or \$140.00 for HHMM members). Price includes museum entry.

The Met is offering several exhibitions of special interest:

Dangerous Beauty: Medusa in Classical Art	2222
Delacroix Dutch Masters at The Met	
Armenia! - 14 centuries of artthe exhibition demonstrates how Armenians developed a unique Christian identity	

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Preserving Greek Culture TO Inspire Future Generations

You are invited to participate in a seminar to explore your Greek ancestry Saturday, October 6, 2018

"CONNECTING THE FUTURE TO THE PAST"

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation Father Constantine Monios Social Hall 24 West Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Who's your Yia-yia?" "Where was Pappou born?" "Do I have relatives in Greece?"

Come and get these questions answered and take part in a rare opportunity to learn how to trace your family's ancestry and be able to pass on your rich heritage to future generations.

Carol Kostakos Petranek, Hellenic Genealogist, Co-Director of the Washington, DC Family History Center and Citizen Archivist at the National Archives, will provide the resources and methods necessary to explore family histories.

The Seminar will be broken into four one-hour sessions with registration beginning at 9:30 A.M. Free parking is available on the Cathedral's north parking lot.

Please reserve your place by returning the bottom of this form with \$40.00 per person before September 30th (\$35.00 for museum members). Lunch is included.

For information, contact Harry C. Maistros harry.maistros@comcast.net or 410-467-1836



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JOY PROGRAM

~ The St. Nicholas JOY Program ~

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

We meet once a month every third Saturday from 12-2 pm. *Our first meeting will be*Saturday, October 20th.

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - OCTOBER

Monday, October 1st: The Ladies Philoptochos General Monthly meeting at 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 6th: Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland – "Connecting the Future to the Past" Seminar at the Cathedral of the Annunciation

Sunday, October 7th: National Church Musician's Sunday

Tuesday, October 9th: Diamonds Meeting at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, October 16th: Choir Rehearsal at 7 p.m.

Friday, October 19th: HGC Bingo Night

Saturday, October 20th: IOCC team at the Baltimore Running Festival

Tuesday, October 23rd: The Ladies Philoptochos Night Out at Rosario Restaurant

Friday, October 26th: The Greek School Autumn Party at the Greektowne Square & Event Center

Sunday, October 28th: Axion Charity Event – Peggy Zina – Marriott Baltimore Waterfront

Monday, October 29th: Greek School Program, OXI Day, 28th of October, 1940 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the church social hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, November 4th: St. Nicholas Stewardship Luncheon

Monday, November 5th: The Ladies Philoptochos General Meeting and dinner to honor the Patron Saints Kosmas and Damianos at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7th: Choir Rehearsal at 7 p.m.

November 9th, 10th & 11th: Chios Convention in Baltimore

Sunday, November 11th: The Ladies Panchian Memorial Service and Coffee Hour

Tuesday, November 13th: The Diamonds Monthly meeting at 1 p.m.

Saturday, November 17th: Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland – New York City Bus Trip

Sunday, November 18th: Diamonds Memorial Service and Coffee Hour

Wednesday, November 21st: Greek School Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Tuesday, November 27th: Choir Rehearsal at 7 p.m.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Hold the Date!

Father Michael Announces a Pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND
SEPTEMBER 2019

More information in the near future

LITURGICAL PROGRAM - OCTOBER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7: THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE: Orthros: 8:45 am D. Liturgy: 10:00am

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14: HOLY FATHERS 7 ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: Orthros: 8:45 am D. Liturgy: 10:00 am

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21: SIXTH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

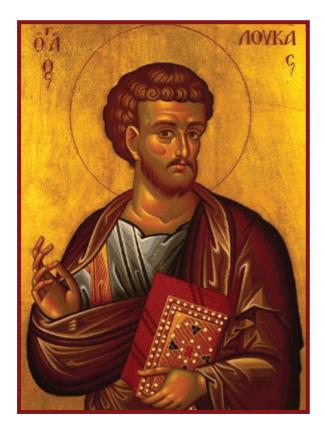
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25: GREAT VESPER SERVICE (AT ST. DEMETRIOS CHURCH) 7:00 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26: ST. DEMETRIOS THE MYRRBEARER (AT ST. NICHOLAS)

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE: THE HOLY PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND

THE CELEBRATION OF "OXY DAY". Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am



Luke the Evangelist - October 18

Reading

This Apostle was an Antiochean, a physician by trade, and a disciple and companion of Paul. He wrote his Gospel in Greek after Matthew and Mark, after which he wrote the Acts of the Apostles, and dedicated both works to Theophilus, who, according to some, was Governor of Achaia. He lived some eighty-six years and died in Achaia, perhaps in Patras, the capital of this district. His emblem is the calf, the third symbolical beast mentioned by Ezekiel (1:10), which is a symbol of Christ's sacrificial and priestly office, as Saint Irenaeus says.

Apolytikion of Luke the Evangelist Third Tone

O Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede to our merciful God, that He may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Kontakion of Luke the Evangelist Fourth Tone

As a disciple of the Word of God, with Paul you illuminated all the earth and dispelled the gloom in writing Christ's divine Gospel.