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Message from Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos A COMPASSIONATE GOD

For a long, long time, men have argued the question of the "Nature of Christ." Was He human or was He divine? Some have said He was entirely divine; others took the opposite view, that He was wholly human. An Ecumenical Council of the Church, "The Council of Chalcedon in 451 A.D.," finally declared that He was both human and divine.

The Orthodox Church has always supported this Doctrine through her theology, that Christ is both human and divine. The Doctrine of the person of Christ is essential for a Christian view of salvation. The belief that divine and human nature came together in one person, the God-man Jesus Christ, and that He would suffer and die for His creation sets Christianity apart from any other religions.

Because of the deep theology of this subject, I can go on and on giving you even more detailed information about the divinity of God, but this would take up the whole 12 pages of the Koinonia.

As we study the works of Jesus; especially His miraculous healings; we are very conscious of a divine power at work. The "Finger of God" reaches out to heal human pain. But if we look closely, there is a very humane, compassionate Christ here, too, and we miss a great deal of Jesus if we miss His humanity at work.

At the beginning of Chapter 7 in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus heals the slave of a centurion; a Gentile military officer despised by the Jews. He never asks whether the centurion is Jew or Gentile: He had compassion on both officer and slave. Then there was a woman, in Nain; with her friends about to bury her only child. Jesus performed the ultimate of all miracles by raising her only dead son back to life again.

Why did He perform this miracle? Not to solve the persistent, ugly problem of death, because this young man would someday die again. Jesus did not do it to call attention to His dramatic powers, nor for the purpose of announcing Himself as the Messiah. He had already established that in Nazareth. He did it purely out of compassion for the mother. How many of us say that we have compassion... and truly never attempt to reveal it or to put it into practice? Maybe it is difficult to deal with people that are a bit different than we are.

Remember this story about how big a boy's heart really was? A pet shop owner was startled when a small boy peered over the counter one day and asked if he could buy a puppy with a bad leg that a friend had told him about. "I've got \$1.35, mister," he said. Overlooking the money matter, the owner smiled and asked if the boy would rather have a healthy puppy that could run and play and jump with him. The boy pulled up his pant leg to reveal a brace on his leg. "Well, I don't run or jump so good either," he said, and maybe I'll understand him better than somebody

else might.

Isn't that one reason Jesus is so loved by millions? He felt many of the same hurts we feel and perhaps, that is why He seems to identify with our own lives.

Another interesting story that ties in with our subject. A group of soldiers were trying to raise a heavy log to the top of a high wall. There were not enough men to do the job and it was going very slowly. A corporal stood at the side shouting orders but offering no help. Soon an officer in civilian clothes rode up and surveyed the situation. "Why don't you give the man a hand?" he asked. "Sir, I am a corporal," answered the man. "Oh, I'm sorry, I did not see your rank," said the officer. Dismounting, he pitched in and struggled with the men until the log was in place. As he dusted off his coat and climbed on his horse, he turned to the corporal and said courteously, "The next time you have a big job to do, please call on your Commander in Chief and I will come again and assist you." With that, General George Washington rode off, leaving an open mouthed corporal staring after him.

Does anyone remember the song "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden?" God has not promised us that faith will be rewarded with a life free from crises. He does promise us He will give us the courage and the strength to bear life's hurts, if we depend on Him to do so.

The mark of a Christian is to understand the sufferings and the need for others. What we are commissioned, yes, even ordained to do is to leave this world better than we found it. This is accomplished through "compassion." What we do speak so loudly that people can hear what we say?

One day, a man woke up and praised his wife for her good coffee at breakfast; he praised the gardener for the wonderful care he took of the garden and of the flowers which he wore on his lapel, and also he praised the City's Civic Director for planning and having so many beautiful sights in the City where he lived. As a result of this consideration (compassion) his wife decided to try to make even a better coffee the next morning, the gardener was prone to do a much better job in the garden because he never thought the man of the household even noticed it at all; and the City's Civic Director tried even harder to create more beautiful places of beauty for the City. The man didn't have to say anything to anyone of the three, but the phrase he decided to use was one of consideration, compassion, and need, that these three things are needed and needful for the individual, but they are also extremely admired.

So you see there is Divinity of use of the individual. Compassion is valuable, it must be put to use, if we are to consider Christianity. We cannot speak Christianity, we must prove it, search it, and seek it.

Μήνυμα από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Παστρικό

Ο ΕΥΣΠΛΑΧΝΙΚΟΣ ΘΕΟΣ

Για πάρα πολλά χρόνια οι άνθρωποι αμφισβητούσαν τη «φύση του Χριστού.» ΉΤΑΝ ανθρώπινη ή ήταν θεία; Κάποιοι έλεγαν ότι ήταν απολύτως θεία. Άλλοι είχαν αντίθετη άποψη, ότι ήταν ανθρώπινη. Η Οικουμενική Σύνοδος της Εκκλησίας, «Στο Συνέδριο της Χαλκηδόνας το 451 μ.Χ.», δήλωσε τελικά ότι ήταν τόσο ανθρώπινη όσο και θεϊκή.

Η Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία ανέκαθεν υποστήριζε αυτό το δόγμα μέσω της θεολογίας της, ότι ο Χριστός είναι άνθρωπος όσο και θεϊκός. Το Δόγμα όσον αφορά την προσωποποίηση του Χριστού είναι απαραίτητο για την χριστιανική αντίληψη της σωτηρίας.

Η πεποίθηση ότι η θεία και η ανθρώπινη φύση ενώθηκαν σε ένα άτομο, στο Θεάνθρωπο Ιησού Χριστό, και ότι Αυτός θα υπέφερε και θα πέθαινε για την δημιουργία Του, ξεχωρίζει τον Χριστιανισμό πέρα από οποιαδήποτε άλλη θρησκεία. Λόγω της βαθιάς θεολογίας στο θέμα αυτό μπορώ να συνεχίσω δίνοντάς σας ακόμη περισσότερες λεπτομερείς πληροφορίες σχετικά με τη θεότητα του Θεού, αλλά αυτό το θέμα θα απαιτούσε περισσότερο χώρο από τις 12 σελίδες της «ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑΣ.»

Καθώς μελετούμε τα θαύματα του Ιησού, ειδικά τις θαυματουργές θεραπείες Του, έχουμε πλήρη συναίσθηση της θεϊκής Του δύναμης. Το «Άγγιγμα του Θεού» φτάνει για να θεραπεύσει τον ανθρώπινο πόνο. Αλλά αν κοιτάξουμε προσεκτικά, υπάρχει ένας πολύ ανθρώπινος και συμπονετικός Χριστός εδώ, και χάνουμε πολλά από τον Ιησού, αν χάσουμε την ανθρωπιά που κρβουν τα ναύματά Του.

Στην αρχή του 7ου Κεφαλαίου, στο κατά Λουκά Ευαγγέλιο, ο Ιησούς θεραπεύει τον δούλο του εκατόνταρχου, ενός Χριστιανού στρατιωτικού αξιωματούχου που περιφρονούσαν οι Εβραίοι. Ποτέ δεν ερωτά ο Χριστός αν ο εκατόνταρχος είναι Εβραίος ή Χριστιανός; Είχε συμπόνια και για τους δύο, τον αξιωματικό και τον σκλάβο. Υπήρχε μετά η γυναίκα, από την Ναϊν, η οποία ακολουθούσε με τους φίλους της την κηδεία του μονάκριβου παιδιού της. Ο Ιησούς πραγματοποίησε το τέλει όλων των θαυμάτων, αναστένοντας εκ νεκρών τον μονάκριβο γιό της.

Γιατί έκανε αυτό το θαύμα; Όχι βέβαια για να λύσει το επίμονο και άσχημο πρόβλημα του θανάτου, αφού αυτός ο νεαρός θα πέθαινε πάλι κάποια μέρα. Ούτε το έκανε ο Ιησούς για να ελπισήσει την προσοχή των θαυματουργών Του δυνάμεων, ούτε για να ανακοινώσει τους στόχους Του ως Μεσσία. Διότι το είχε ήδη κάνει στη Ναζαρέτ. Το έκανε καθαρά από συμπόνια για τη μητέρα. Πόσοι από εμάς λέμε ότι συμπονούμε... και ποτέ

πραγματικά δεν προσπαθούμε να το αποκαλύψουμε ή να το θέσουμε σε εφαρμογή; Ίσως είναι δύσκολο να ασχοληθούμε με τους ανθρώπους που είναι λίγο διαφορετικοί από εμάς.

Θυμάστε την ιστορία για το πόσο πραγματικά μεγάλη ήταν η καρδιά του αγοριού; Ένας ιδιοκτήτης καταστήματος κατοικίδιων ζώων, εξεπλάγεται όταν ένα μικρό αγόρι κοιτάζε πάνω από τον πάγκο μια ημέρα και ρώτησε αν μπορούσε να αγοράσει ένα κουτσό κουτάβι, που ένας φίλος του είχε πει σχετικά. «Έχω \$1,35 κύριε», είπε, αγνοώντας το θέμα των χρημάτων, ο ιδιοκτήτης χαμογέλασε και ρώτησε αν το παιδί μάλλον θα ήθελε ένα υγιές κουτάβι που θα μπορούσε να τρέξει και να παίξει μαζί του. Το αγόρι τράβηξε τότε το παντζάκι του παντελονιού του για να αποκαλύψει ένα νάρθηκα στο πόδι του. «Ούτε εγώ τρέχω ή πηδώ τόσο καλά.» είπε, «και ίσως μπορεί εγώ να το καταλάβω καλύτερα από κάποιον άλλο.»

Δεν είναι κι αυτό ένας λόγος που ο Ιησούς τόσο έχει αγαπηθεί από εκατομμύρια κόσμους; Αισθανόταν τον πόνο στις καρδιές των ανθρώπων και ίσως αυτό να είναι η αφορμή που ταυτίζεται με τη δική μας ζωή.

Μια άλλη ενδιαφέρουσα ιστορία που συνδέεται με το θέμα μας σήμερα. Μια ομάδα στρατιωτών ήταν απασχολημένη προσπαθώντας να ανεβάσει ένα βαρύ κορμό δένδρου πάνω σ' ένα ψηλό τοίχο. Δεν υπήρχαν αρκετοί άνδρες για να κάνουν τη δουλειά και η δουλειά προχωρούσε πολύ αργά. Ένας δεκανέας στεκόταν εκεί και έδινε ξεφωνίζοντας διαταγές, αλλά οι διαταγές δεν πρόσφεραν καμία βοήθεια. Σύντομα ένας αξιωματικός με πολιτικά ρούχα ήλθε να δει τι γινόταν. «Γιατί δεν δίνεις ένα χέρι;» ρώτησε. «Κύριε, είμαι δεκανέας», απάντησε. «Ω, συγγνώμη, δεν είχα δει το βαθμό σας», είπε ο αξιωματικός. Κατέβηκε από το άλογό του, και ρίχτηκε στη δουλειά μαζί με τους στρατιώτες μέχρι που ο κορμός ήταν στη θέση του. Όταν ο αξιωματικός ξεσκόνισε το παλτό του και ανέβαινε στο άλογό του, στράφηκε προς τον δεκανέα και είπε ευγενικά, «Την επόμενη φορά που θα έχετε μια μεγάλη δουλειά να κάνετε, παρακαλώ καλέστε τον Αρχιστράτηγό σας, και θα έρθω και πάλι να σας βοηθήσω» και μ' αυτό, ο Στρατηγός George Washington απομακρύνθηκε, αφήνοντας τον δεκανέα να τον κοιτάζει με ανοιχτό στόμα.

Θυμάστε το τραγούδι «Ποτέ δεν σου υποσχέθηκα ένα κήπο με τριαντάφυλλα;» Ο Θεός δεν μας υποσχέθηκε ότι αν έχουμε πίστη θα ανταμειφθούμε με μια ζωή απαλλαγμένη από δυσχέρειες. Μας υποσχέθηκε ότι θα μας δώσει το κουράγιο και τη δύναμη

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Giving Thanks for Country, Family, Faith

By Eve Lallas

In November we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, a holiday which is unique to America. It is with deep gratitude to God for the abundance of our land and the freedom to worship as we desire that our forefathers established this holy day. As Americans, be it by birth or choice, we should never take our country for granted. It is beneficial for us to honor this day and to remind ourselves that all that we are, all that we have, and all that we have accomplished are by God's Grace.

Nor can we take our loving family members for granted. God has blessed us with those who nurture us both physically and spiritually. They teach us our first prayers, they guide us and help keep us on the right path by encouraging us to live by the Ten Commandments. Thanksgiving Day serves as a gentle reminder for us to express our love and appreciation often toward family, extended family members, and to all who play a significant role in our lives. Is not LOVE the true message of Jesus?

All too often our Church is taken for granted. She has always been here for us; thus we assume that she will automatically continue to exist and serve us. The Church, God's House, is where we, as one Christian family, congregate and express our love to God for sacrificing His life so that we may attain eternal life. This is where we can thank Him, praise Him, and glorify Him during any church service or in solitude any and every day throughout our lives because our St. Nicholas Church is always open and welcomes us. This is the reason that one often has many Orthodox communicants from other parishes worshipping with us not only on High Holy days but during weekday liturgies as well. The traditional services at St. Nicholas are appreciated by many.

November has been designated as Stewardship Month; the specific time when we can express our love for our church by pledging our stewardship. Stewardship denotes our monetary support as well as our involvement in the ministries of the Church.

Our Orthodox Church was founded two thousand years ago and has survived through hundreds of years of tyranny by heathens for which thousands have martyred. What if our Church ceased to exist because we are unworthy stewards? How could we allow this to happen in America, the land of plenty, when more than one hundred

years ago immigrants of much lesser means were able to build and maintain Orthodox churches in a foreign land? Was their faith in God stronger than ours? Has our love of material goods taken priority? Have we taken our Church for granted? Do we think that the Church will somehow survive and The Word of Christ will spread without our support and input? Do we not understand that the United States government does not financially support the Church as the government of Greece does? Do we only support our Church financially by becoming members when we are about to participate in an upcoming wedding, baptism, or other sacrament?

We are reminded of a quote which was incorporated by President John F. Kennedy in his inaugural speech, "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." Does this not apply to us? "Don't only ask what can our St. Nicholas Church do for me. Ask how can I help our St. Nicholas Church."

The writer recalls a former colleague who deemed the public schools not worthy enough in which to enroll his children and thus participate in the system. However, it was good enough for him to be employed in public schools and receive pay checks. Likewise, one would assume that all Orthodox Christians who receive paychecks from St. Nicholas would participate in the monetary stewardship program. Also, would one not feel an obligation to support St. Nicholas monetarily if he or she avails the family of the programs that are a part of St. Nicholas?

This is what the Greek word "philotimo" denotes, although the meaning of this word is much wider in scope. Is not "philotimo" inbred in us; to want to give back even more, according to our abilities.

We owe it to ourselves, our forefathers, and future generations to do our part so that St. Nicholas and Orthodoxy will flourish; so that the flame of Orthodoxy spreading The Word and knowledge of our faith will not be extinguished but will continue to burn brightly. This knowledge will arm us against the external Satanic forces which are threatening Christianity in America and throughout the Western World. As Orthodox Christians we must be proud to be stewards in good standing of our St. Nicholas Church.

Ευχαριστώντας τον Θεό για την Πατρίδα, την Οικογένεια και τη Θρησκεία

Από την Ευαγγελία Λαλά

Το Νοέμβριο γιορτάζουμε την Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών, μια εορτή μοναδική για την Αμερική. Οι προπάτορές μας ίδρυσαν την άγια αυτή ημέρα, για να προσφέρουν βαθιά ευγνωμοσύνη προς τον Θεό, για την απεραντοσύνη της γης μας, και την ελεύθερη επιλογή θρησκείας, όποια επιθυμεί ο καθένας. Ως Αμερικανοί, είτε από γέννηση ή επιλογή, δεν θα πρέπει ποτέ να λάβουμε τη χώρα μας ως δεδομένη. Είναι ευεργετικό να τιμούμε την ημέρα αυτή και να θυμόμαστε ότι όλα αυτά που είμαστε, όλα αυτά που έχουμε, και όλα αυτά που έχουμε καταφέρει είναι από τη Χάρη του Θεού.

Δεν μπορούμε να πάρουμε ως δεδομένη την αγάπη των μελών της οικογένειάς μας. Ο Θεός μας ευλόγησε με αυτούς που μας ανάθρεψαν τόσο σωματικά όσο και πνευματικά. Μας δίδαξαν τις πρώτες μας προσευχές, μας καθοδήγησαν και μας βοήθησαν να ακολουθήσουμε το σωστό δρόμο, ενθαρρύνοντας μας να ζήσουμε σύμφωνα με τις Δέκα Εντολές. Η Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών χρησιμεύει ως μια ευγενική υπενθύμιση για να εκφράσουμε την αγάπη και την εκτίμησή μας, συχνά προς την άμεση οικογένεια, σε μέλη της ευρύτερης οικογένειας, και σε όλους όσους παίζουν σημαντικό ρόλο στη ζωή μας. Δεν είναι ΑΓΑΠΗ το αληθινό μήνυμα του Ιησού;

Πολύ συχνά θεωρούμε την Εκκλησία μας δεδομένη. Πάντα θα βρίσκεται εκεί για μας. Έτσι υποθέτουμε ότι αυτόματα θα συνεχίσει να υπάρχει για να μας εξυπηρετεί. Η Εκκλησία, ο Οίκος του Θεού, είναι ο τόπος που μεις, σαν μια χριστιανική οικογένεια, συγκεντρωθήκαμε για να εκφράσουμε την αγάπη μας προς τον Θεό, που θυσίασε τη ζωή Του, ώστε να μας χαρίσει την αιώνια ζωή.

Εκεί είναι λοιπόν όπου μπορούμε να Τον ευχαριστήσουμε, να Τον δοξάσουμε, κατά τη διάρκεια της Θείας Λειτουργίας ή αλλού και κάθε μέρα σε ολόκληρη τη ζωή μας, και για ακόμη ένα λόγο, γιατί η Εκκλησία μας του Αγίου Νικολάου είναι πάντα ανοιχτή για να μας καλωσορίσει. Αυτός είναι ο λόγος που συχνά πολλοί Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί από άλλες ενορίες εκκλησιάζονται μαζί μας, όχι μόνο στην τις Μεγάλες Άγιες Ημέρες, αλλά και κατά τη διάρκεια των καθημερινών λειτουργιών. Οι παραδοσιακές Λειτουργίες του Αγίου Νικολάου εκτιμούνται απεριόριστα από πολύ κόσμο.

Ο Νοέμβριος έχει οριστεί ως μήνας της ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ. Τη συγκεκριμένη χρονική στιγμή μπορούμε να εκφράσουμε την αγάπη μας για την Εκκλησία μας με τη δέσμευση της οικονομικής μας υποστήριξης. Εθελοντική Προσφορά σημαίνει οικονομική στήριξη αλλά και τη συμμετοχή μας στα Προγράμματα της Εκκλησίας.

Η Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία μας ιδρύθηκε δύο χιλιάδες χρόνια πριν και έχει επιβιώσει μέσα από εκατοντάδες χρόνια τυραννίας από ειδωλολάτρες εξ αιτίας των οποίων πολλοί χριστιανοί μαρτύρησαν. Τι θα συμβεί αν η Εκκλησία μας πάψει να υπάρχει, επειδή είμαστε ανάξιοι Οικονόμοι, υποστηρικτές της; Πώς θα το επιτρέψουμε να συμβεί στην Αμερική, τη γη της αφθονίας, όταν περισσότερα από εκατό χρόνια πριν, οι μετανάστες με πολύ λιγότερα εισοδήματα ήταν σε θέση να χτίσουν και να διατηρήσουν ορθόδοξες εκκλησίες σε μια ξένη χώρα; Ήταν η πίστη τους στο Θεό ισχυρότερη από τη δική μας; Ή η αγάπη μας για τα υλικά αγαθά

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COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

PHILOTOCHOS NEWS

On October 17th about 65 ladies went out to dinner at Bluestone restaurant. Our first ladies night out of the New Year. We all thoroughly enjoyed Caesar salad, seafood stew and dessert. All the proceeds from the evening went to the aporon (needy) fund. We are looking forward to many more evenings like that.

Our thanks and appreciation goes out to Mr. and Mrs. John Glykiadis, Kelly Fantis, Mr. and Mrs. George Karoutsos and Mr. and Mrs. Ector Alexandratos for their kind donations to our chapter.

November 1-15: Thanks giving food drive for the needy of our area. Please bring in your non-perishable food items. There will be boxes in the atrium of our church.

Thursday, November 3rd, 6 pm: Our regular monthly meeting followed by our annual dinner to honor our patron Saints, Kosmas and Damianos. Dinner is open to only Philoptochos members.

Sunday, November 6th: Agion Anargyron Artoclasia and a special tray will be passed to benefit the Ecumenical Patriarchate's programs and charities. Coffee hour will be offered also.

Sunday, November 13th, 2-6 pm: Annual Bull & Oyster Roast to be held at the UAW Hall on 1010 Oldham Street to benefit our scholarship fund. The tickets are \$45.00 for adults and \$25.00 for Goya members. Please call Irene Vasilios at 410-687-3978 or Christine Zervos at 410-494-8089 for tickets.

December 1-11: Collection of hygiene items for the family crisis center. These include soap, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, baby wipes, and diapers, just to name a few of the items.

Saturday, December 3rd, 1-4 pm: Our Annual Christmas Tea. All the ladies are invited for a fun filled afternoon.

Monday, December 5th: St. Nicholas vespers. Philoptochos will be gratefully accepting baked goods for a light reception to be offered after vespers. On that day, please bring your baked goods to the kitchen by 6:00 PM.

NEA ΤΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

Στης 17 Οκτωβρίου είχαμε μιά πολύ ευχάριστη βραδιά στο εστιατόριο BlueStone, στο Timonium.

Περίπου 65 κυρίες υποστηρίξαν τη βραδιά αυτή που τα έσοδα διατέθηκαν για το ταμείο των απόρων.

Θέλουμε να ευχαριστήσουμε τις κάτωθι οικογένειες για τις δωρεές τους προς την Φιλοπτώχο. Κο & Κα Ιωάννη Γλυκιάδη, Κέλυ Φάντις, Κο & Κα Γεωργίου Καρούτσου, Κο & Κα Έκτορα Αλεξανδράτου.

1-15 Νοεμβρίου: Συλλογή κονσερβοποιημένων φαγητών για τους απόρους της περιοχής μας.

Παρακαλείσθε να είστε γεννέοδροι υπάρχει μεγάλη ανάγκη.

Πέμπτη, 3 Νοεμβρίου, 6 μμ: Συνεδρίαση, και θα ακολουθήσει φαγητό για την εορτή των Αγίων Αναργύρων, προστάτες της Φιλοπτώχου. (μόνο για τα μέλη της Φιλοπτώχου).

Κυριακή, 6 Νοεμβρίου: Αρτοκλασία για τους Αγίους Αναργύρους. Θα περαστεί δίσκος προς ενίσχυση του Οικουμενικού Πατριαρχείου και για όλα τα φιλανθρωπικά προγράμματα του. Θα προσφερθεί και καφές.

NOMINATIONS TO PARISH COUNCIL

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 by November 15, 2010. 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:

Κυριακή, 13 Νοεμβρίου, 2-6 μμ: Το ετήσιο μπουλ ρόαστ προς ενίσχυση του ταμείου των υποτροφιών. Για εισιτήρια παρακαλείσθε να επικοινωνήσετε με τις Κες Ειρήνη Βασιλείου 410-687-3978, Χριστίνα Ζερβού 410-494-8089. Το πρόγραμμα των υποτροφιών είναι πολύ σπουδαίο και πιο πολύ τώρα με την παρούσα οικονομική κατάσταση.

1-11 Δεκεμβρίου: Περισυλλογή με είδη υγιεινής, για το family crisis center.

Σάββατο, 3 Δεκεμβρίου, 1-4 μμ: Το ετήσιο Χριστουγενιάτικο τσάι μας. Όλες οι κυρίες είστε καλεσμένες για ένα ευχάριστο απόγευμα.

Δευτέρα, 5 Δεκεμβρίου: Εσπερινός του Αγίου Νικολάου. Η Φιλοπτώχος ζητά και την δική σας συμμετοχή με γλυκό ή φαγητό για την δεξίωση που θα ακολουθήσει μετά το πέρας του εσπερινού
Ζωή Περιοδικάκη, Πρόεδρος

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It's still not too late to sign up for Sunday School. As of today, we have registered approximately 125 children. Let's hope that the parents will continue to bring these students to Sunday school classes and to church every Sunday. We cannot stress enough the need to be in church as a family. When you, the parents set a good example for your children, they will continue to attend church regularly. Thus, assuring that the St. Nicholas Church will always be there for them, their children and grandchildren.

Coming up in December, the Sunday School Staff will be hosting its Annual Christmas Program that will take place on Sunday, December 18th. Please come and support this program and see and hear the beautiful hymns and Christmas Carols your children/grandchildren will present. More information to follow in the December issue of Koinonia.

A reminder that all students, teachers and aides are expected to be in church by 10 am before Father Michael starts reading the Bible. Father will then dismiss the students after the Bible reading & sermon, so they can go to their respective classes. Lessons are expected to start by 10:30.

We want to thank our former students who have graduated from Sunday School and have come back to help out as aides. We welcome you! You are amazing!. We look forward to seeing all of our Church Family in church and Sunday school every Sunday.

GOYA NEWS

On November 1st through November 16th, the Goyans will be collecting items for "Thanksgiving by Andrew." Nicholas Leone and his brother, Andrew Leone, students at Pot Springs Elementary asked that we support their efforts to collect items for the homeless.

Each year at school, Nicholas and Andrew are asked by their teachers how they helped others during the Thanksgiving Holiday. They proudly talk about feeding the homeless, collecting clothing items and how good this makes them feel. So let's put a bigger smile on Nicholas's and Andrew's face by helping them achieve their goal of helping others. The following requested items should be new or gently used: **blankets, hats, socks, gloves, backpacks, zip lock**

ΥΠΟΨΗΦΙΟΥΣ ΤΟΥ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΤΙΚΟΥ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟΥ

Αν θέλετε να υποβάλλετε υποψηφιότητα, παρακαλείσθε να συμπληρώσετε, υπογράψετε και ταχυδρομήσετε το παρακάτω έντυπο προς την Επιτροπή Αναδείξεως Υποψηφίων, μέχρι την 18η Νοεμβρίου, 2011. 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

ΛΕΛΤΙΟ ΥΠΟΨΗΦΙΟΤΗΤΑΣ

Θέτω υποψηφιότητα για το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο.

Υπογραφή:

Όνοματεπώνυμο (με κεφαλαία γράμματα):

Διεύθυνση:

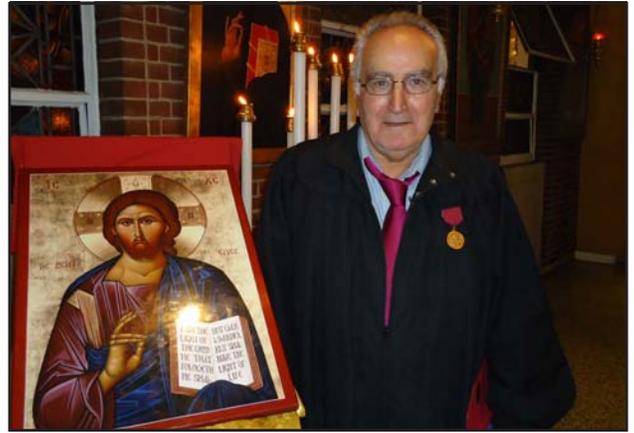
Τηλέφωνο:

E-mail Address:

COMMUNITY NEWS - ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ



From left to right: student Katerina Ieromanahou receiving her Ellinomatheia certificate from Deputy Counselor of Education, Dr. Antonios Marmarinos and Greek School President, John Sfakianoudia. Looking on are St. Nicholas Greek School Principal Helen Louvrou-Monopolis, Greek School teacher Vasiliki Kalograni, students George Topouzoglous and Constantine Atsidis.



The Eastern Federation Of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians recognized, Protopsaltis and Choir Director, Mr. Rossi for his 25 years of service at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church with a Years-of-Service-Award.

bags, individually wrapped snacks, chips, and sodas.

Also, on Thanksgiving Day, the Senior Goyans will be visiting a local homeless shelter to assist in feeding the poor and the homeless.

THANKSGIVING EVE DANCE

Saint Demetrios Annual Thanksgiving Eve Dance, Wednesday November 23, 2011, at 9 p.m. at the HERMES CENTER at Saint Demetrios Church. Featuring two (2) dance floors with Maria Pearce from Appolonia & George Marcantonis from Neo Kima, performing in our Courtyard Baltimore's Best DJ Tsakiris. BYOB Optional or Cash Bar available with souvlakia stin psistaria all night long.

Cost is \$35 per person at the door. To purchase discounted tickets for \$25 in advance or to reserve a table, e-mail Paul at BaltimoreGreekNightPromotions@gmail.com by November 16.

ST. NICHOLAS NEEDS YOU - PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS FORTHCOMING

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church is experiencing a Renaissance. The nominating committee is looking to add depth to the current parish council. We are seeking several motivated individuals with a strong background in one of the following areas:

- Strong work experience in Out Reach Programs
- Strong work experience in business planning
- Strong managerial work experience
- Strong work experience in the human resource
- Strong work experience in capital fundraising

We are looking for individuals to help the current parish council take the church into the 21st century. It is not a prerequisite for a candidate to speak the Greek Language. Instead, we are seeking individuals who work cooperatively, and have a genuine desire to improve the financial condition and overall workings of the church. Please search your heart and consider volunteering to become a part of the Parish Council. Thank you.

The Nominating Committee

Η ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ ΣΑΣ

ΧΡΕΙΑΖΕΤΑΙ - ΕΚΛΟΓΕΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΟΥ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟΥ

Η Ελληνική Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία του Αγίου Νικολάου χρειάζεται ανανέωση. Η Επιτροπή Αναδείξεως Υποψηφίων θέλει να βρει υποψηφίους, δημιουργικούς, με μορφωτικό υπόβαθρο για να συμπληρώσουν τις κενές θέσεις στο Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο. Θέλουμε να βρούμε ανθρώπους με κίνητρο την αγάπη τους προς την Κοινότητα και:

- Να έχουν επαγγελματική εμπειρία στο Πρόγραμμα Reach Out
- Να έχουν εμπειρία σε Διαχείριση Επιχειρήσης
- Να έχουν εμπειρία Διεύθυνση Επιχείρησης
- Να έχουν εμπειρία στον τομέα των ανθρωπίνων πόρων
- Να έχουν τις γνώσεις και την εμπειρία οικονομικής ανάπτυξης

Θέλουμε άτομα να βοηθήσουν την ανάπτυξη της Κοινότητας ούτως ώστε να έλθει στα επίπεδα του 21ου αιώνα. Δεν είναι

κανόνας απαράβατος ότι ένας υποψήφιος θα πρέπει να μιλάει την ελληνική γλώσσα. Αντ' αυτού, επιδιώκουμε να βρούμε άτομα που θέλουν να εργαστούν και να συνεργαστούν, να επιθυμούν την οικονομική βελτίωση και τη συνολική καλή λειτουργία και ανάπτυξη της Εκκλησίας μας.

Παρακαλούμε να το σκεφθείτε σοβαρά και να θέσετε υποψηφιότητα για να γίνετε μέλος του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου του Αγίου Νικολάου. Σας ευχαριστούμε.

Από την Επιτροπή Αναδείξεως Υποψηφίων

SAINT NICHOLAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Notice of General Assembly Monday, November 21st, 2011

Pursuant to the regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the By-laws of the Greek Orthodox Community of Saint Nicholas, Baltimore, Maryland, the date of the General Assembly meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 21st, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. promptly.

From the Priest and Parish Council of Saint Nicholas

ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ

ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ, 21 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ, 2011

Σύμφωνα με τους κανονισμούς των Κοινοτήτων της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής, και τους Εσωτερικούς Κανονισμούς της Κοινοτήτάς μας, καλούμε Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών, την Δευτέρα, 21η Νοεμβρίου, 2011, στις 7:00 μ.μ. ακριβώς.

Από τον Ιερέα και το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο του Αγίου Νικολάου

GREEKTOWN CDC

The Greektown CDC has been working diligently to address the serious illegal dumping problems on Quail Street, behind the Plateia. After strong advocacy from our office, the City has agreed to install a motion censored camera to monitor the dumping site. We have recently facilitated the citing of three illegal dumpers, all Greektown residents, with fines ranging from **\$500.00 to \$1,000.00**. With our new signage and camera installations, we should see a dramatic change to the 700 block of Quail Street.

As part of our community outreach, the Greektown CDC will be hosting our first ever neighborhood wide Christmas Door Decorating Contest for all Greektown residents. Greektown residents who decorate their front doors for the holiday season will be judged by a panel of residents on various categories. Prizes will be awarded to the category winners. For more information on enrolling in the contest, please call Jason at 410-327-3306.

We would like to thank all of the residents that participated in our Fall Cleanup. We encourage all residents to join our monthly and bi-weekly efforts of clean-ups and Citizens on Patrol walks. Please call our office to join us in our efforts in keeping Greektown safe and clean. As a reminder, always call 911 **immediately** when witnessing any illegal activity and 311 for non-police related city issues.

Believe in your community!

John E. Gavrilis, Chief Executive Officer

A Young Man's Journey

Parishioners, it Parish Council's pleasure to highlight a young man from the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Community, John Vasilarakis.

John graduated from the International Baccalaureate Program, Kenwood High School, Essex, Maryland, in 2002.

Immediately following his high school graduation, he began seven weeks of Army basic training, a required prerequisite for him to attend his first year of college at Valley Forge Military College, Wayne, PA. While attending Valley Forge Military College, John completed all of his college GED courses.

Towards the end of his second semester at Valley Forge Military College, he earned an appointment to one of our Nation's four military service academies, the United States Coast Guard Academy. On average, the US Coast Guard Academy accepts only 300 applicants a year and graduates less than 200. During the summer of 2003, he completed an additional seven weeks of basic training for the Coast Guard and was officially indoctrinated as a Coast Guard Academy Cadet the following Fall.

As a Coast Guard Academy Cadet, John completed an extremely rigorous academic curriculum, taking 17 to 21 course credit hours every semester. In addition to the academic curriculum, he was expected to fill supervisory positions and lead other cadets, pass required physical fitness exams, and play at least one sport every semester. Every summer between the academic school years was considered a training opportunity.

During the first half of the summer of 2004, he was assigned to the 270' Coast Guard Cutter BEAR, home ported in Portsmouth, VA. While on the BEAR, John participated in conducting a two-month drug interdiction patrol in the Eastern Caribbean. During the second half of that summer, John was assigned to the Coast Guard's Tall Ship, EAGLE, home ported in New London, CT. The EAGLE is a training ship that teaches cadets how to stand a variety of watches on a Coast Guard Cutter, and how to navigate voyages at sea.

During the summer of 2005, John was referred to as Cadre. He was one of many his classmates responsible for indoctrinating all the newly reporting 'Swabs' during their seven weeks of basic training.

John spent the summer of 2006 onboard the 110' Coast Guard

Cutter DOLPHIN, home ported in Miami, FL. He participated in many migrant interdiction patrols in the Florida Straits while onboard.

John graduated from the US Coast Guard Academy in May of 2007, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management and a Commission promoting him to the rank of Ensign in the US Coast Guard. 43rd US President George W. Bush personally handed John his Commission at graduation.



Post graduation, John was assigned the 210' Coast Guard Cutter VIGOROUS, home ported in Cape May, NJ. While onboard the VIGOROUS, he had multiple duties. John's primary duty was to stand bridge watch as an underway Officer of the Day (OOD). As an OOD, John acted as a direct representative of the Commanding Officer on the bridge and navigated the ship as instructed by operational orders and standing rules of engagement. His secondary duty was to enforce maritime law as a Law Enforcement Boarding Officer (BO). As a BO, he conducted boardings on commercial fishing vessels, enforcing maritime fisheries laws and regulations, and drug interdiction boardings, enforcing all maritime drug trafficking laws. In addition, as a division head, John directly supervised 7 Petty Officers. Finally, approximately six months before getting reassigned, John was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade.

In July of 2009, John transferred from the VIGOROUS to Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound, New Haven, CT. John is currently the Assistant Logistics Department Head. As the Assistant Department Head, he supervises 543 active duty and 180 reserve personnel, and manages a \$3.5 million budget, purchasing, supply, food services, engineering matters, and medical issues for the Sector and 16 of its outlying field units. In addition, John, as a Command Duty Officer, is directly responsible for deploying assets to respond to Search and Rescue, pollution, allusions, collisions, marine casualties, and suspicious activity.

John was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on May 23, 2011 and he will be transferring to his third unit in the summer of 2012. John aspires to complete at least a 20-year career in the US Coast Guard. In addition, his brother Pete is currently a Third Class Cadet (sophomore) at the US Coast Guard Academy. John looks forward to being his mentor and 'Shipmate' throughout their careers.

POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

Please donate Poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas. The cost is \$20.00 per plant. Also, if you wish to have your family's name printed in the Community Christmas Card the cost is \$20.00.

Please specify your choice (below) and fill out the form by checking the box of your choice and please enclose your donation. Thank you.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POINSETTIAS (# _____) \$ _____

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS
CARD (# _____) \$ _____

Deadline: December 1st.

ST. NICHOLAS NAME DAY DANCE

DECEMBER 10, 2011

520 PONCA STREET
BALTIMORE, MD 21224
9PM TILL 2AM

FEATURING:
YIANNIS LIGNOS

DIRECTLY FROM CHIOS GREECE:
YIANNIS LIGNOS AND HIS ORCHESTRA

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE ST. NICHOLAS PLATEIA PROJECT

\$50 ADULTS, \$30 UNDER 12
MEZEDAKIA, COFFEE, DESSERT
CASH BAR

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:
FRANK MITSOS: 410-294-1253
MARIA SALPEAS: 410-633-5020
SPECIAL ROOM RATES AVAILABLE




PELOPONNESIAN GALA FEATURING NICK KOUTRAS

NOVEMBER 25TH, 2011
8:00 – 2:00 p.m.

At UAW LOCAL 239 Hall
1010 South Oldham Street, Baltimore, MD
\$40.00 entry cover

*Includes: Dinner, Dessert, Soft drinks & beer.
Cash Bar will be provided for all other alcoholic beverages.*

Tickets sold at the door. For more details & tickets,
please call: ELIAS KOROLOGOS 410-456-7475
or PAUL ZORBAS 410-977-8933

The Ladies Philoptochos Annual Bull and Oyster Roast

UAW Hall • 1010 Oldham Street
Sunday, November 13th
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission: \$40.00 for adults, \$25.00 for Goyans

*All money raised will benefit the Scholarship Fund.
For more details & tickets,
call Irene Vasilios at 410-687-3978
or Christine Zervos at 410-627-0202*

Employment Opportunities at Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Adult Medical Day Center

Marketing Director — St. John the Baptist Adult Day Center in Hunt Valley seeks a highly motivated marketer to coordinate admissions and increase awareness of center in the Orthodox community as well as among other health related organizations. For more information, call Marianne Meighen at 410-298-9800 ext 224 or fax resume to 410-298-5206.

Driver — St. John the Baptist Adult Day Center in Hunt Valley seeks part time driver to transport participants to the center and to physician appointments. If interested, call Bonnie Haker at 410-329-1444.

DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

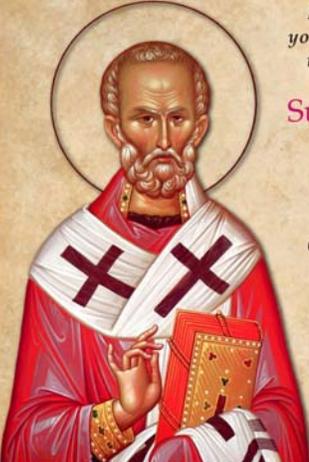
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SAINT NICHOLAS

GIFT GIVER ~ BISHOP ~ SAINT
to benefit International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)

*May the life of Saint Nicholas inspire
you to give hope to others in need through
the work of IOCC this Advent season.*

Sunday, December 11, 2011
Liberatore's Ristorante
9515 Deereco Road
Timonium, MD 21093

6:00 pm – Cocktails and silent auction
6:45 pm – Dinner and program
Minimum donation \$125 per person




IOCC[®]

For more information, visit
www.iocc.org/baltimore

Yes, I'd like to attend the IOCC Baltimore Dinner and Silent Auction.

No, I cannot attend, but accept my donation to benefit the work done by IOCC

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Yes, I would like to save IOCC money and help preserve the environment. Please e-mail my tax receipt electronically to the address provided above.

No. of tickets:
_____ x \$125.00 = _____

**Additional donation
to benefit IOCC:**

My check is enclosed, payable to IOCC.

PLEASE REMIT TO:
Michael and Sylvia Tsakalos
IOCC Baltimore
Metropolitan Committee
601 S. Caroline St.
Baltimore, MD 21231

Plateia Progress



**Volunteers power washing
the Plateia building**



**Re-pointing exterior wall
of the Plateia.**



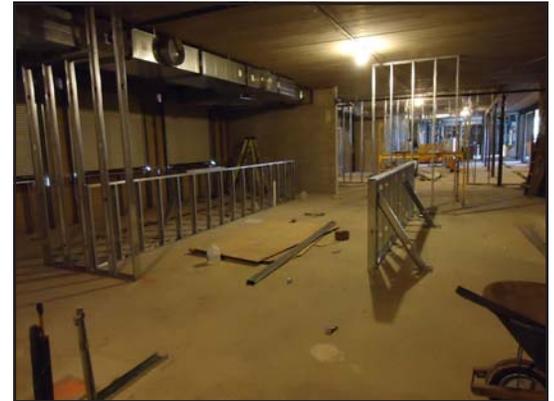
Exterior soffitt repair



New plumbing



Installation of new HVAC system



Interior framing



Electrical work in progress



Contractor finishing floor repairs



**The original Walk-In Refrigerator
and Freezer Boxes installed**

St. Nicholas OXI Day Celebration



Above: Rev. Father Michael saying the opening prayer of the St. Nichols Greek School OXI Day Program. Greek School students in the background.



From left to right: Greek School Parents Maria Pierce, Patri-cian Topouzoglou, Stamatia and Michael Katevenos at the Greek School OXI Day Program.



Right: Greek School students preparing to dance at the OXI Day Celebration.

Saint Nicholas Church Profit & Loss January through September 2011

	Jan - Sep 11
Expense	
CAPITAL COSTS	
Capital Improvements	5,000.00
Plateia Expenses	72,568.64
Total CAPITAL COSTS	77,568.64
EMPLOYEE COSTS	
1099 Employees	142.00
Health Insurance	33,636.28
housing	14,285.32
Organist	6,071.33
6560 - Payroll Expenses	129,268.14
Payroll taxes	9,391.92
Pension	4,500.00
6050 - Automobile Expense	9,000.00
EMPLOYEE COSTS - Other	51,544.17
Total EMPLOYEE COSTS	257,839.16
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	
Advertising	8,289.75
6060 - Bank & Credit Card Svc Charges	3,879.94
Church Supplies	14,611.23
Clergy Laity Congress	1,952.32
Flower Donations	1,703.40
Fair Share	24,000.00
6260 - Gifts	5,400.00
Insurance - General	19,520.85
6530 - Miscellaneous	5,303.24
Office Expense	17,072.02
6610 - Postage and Delivery	2,701.95
Professional Fees	5,500.00
Telephone	3,516.49
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION - Other	1,079.00
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	114,530.19
New Equipment	2,400.00
OCCUPANCY COSTS	
Mainten - Building Maintenance	49,183.01
Ground Rent	30.00
Janitor's Supplies	4,067.23
6940 - Utilities	29,041.93
Total OCCUPANCY COSTS	82,322.17
YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	
	873.41
Total Expense	535,533.57
Net Ordinary Income	(91,511.50)
Net Income	(91,511.50)

Saint Nicholas Church Profit & Loss January through September

	Jan - Sep 11
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Candles	68,131.26
Dances	
Special events	2,911.40
Dances - Other	3,398.00
Total Dances	6,309.40
Donations	
Other Donations	44,555.02
Flowers Income	2,510.00
Donations - General	8,120.44
Donations - Memorial	18,580.00
Donations - Other	(175.00)
Total Donations	73,590.46
Greek Festival	100,000.00
Greek school registration	23,873.00
Interest Income	1,282.69
Stewardship	156,370.00
Trays	15,069.00
Total Income	444,625.81
Cost of Goods Sold	
Dance Expense	300.24
6250 - Flowers	303.50
Total COGS	603.74
Gross Profit	444,022.07

KOINONIA DEADLINE

To all of our readers and organizations, submit your article(s) to the Koinonia staff by the deadline stated below. If your article is not received by that time, it will not be included in upcoming Koinonia. All articles or posters are due by the 20th of the current month for the upcoming month's issue.

Issue month: December, 2011

Deadline: November, 20th

You may drop your article to the church office or e-mail it to Mr. Demos Anastasiades, at: demos@comcast.net

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2011

MR/MRS ADAMS MICHAEL
 MR/MRS AHLADIOTIS JOHN & EFFIE
 MRS ALEVRGIANNIS ARGIE
 MR ANAGNOS CONSTANTINE
 MRS ANDREWS MARIA
 MR ANGELOU MICHAEL
 MRS APESOS ANTIGONE
 MR/MRS ARCHER ANDREW
 MR/MRS ARGIRAKIS PANTELIS
 MRS ASHBY ATHENE
 MR/MRS ATSIDIS IOANNIS
 MRS BALOMAS PATRICIA
 MR/MRS BIRCH PETER
 MR/MRS BOULOUBASSIS NICHOLAS
 MRS CARDIGES ANN
 MS CHAGETAS ANGELA
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Ευχαριστώντας τον Θεό για την Πατρίδα, την Οικογένεια και τη Θρησκεία

Συνέχεια από την σελίδα 3

κατέχει την προτεραιότητα στη ζωή μας; Θεωρούμε την Εκκλησία μας δεδομένη; Μήπως πιστεύουμε ότι η Εκκλησία θα επιβιώσει με κάποιον τρόπο και ο Λόγος του Χριστού θα εξαπλωθεί χωρίς την υποστήριξη και τη συμβολή μας; Δεν καταλαβαίνουμε ότι η κυβέρνηση των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών δεν υποστηρίζει οικονομικά την Εκκλησία, όπως κάνει η κυβέρνηση της Ελλάδας; Ή υποστηρίζουμε μόνο την Εκκλησία μας οικονομικά όταν γινόμαστε μέλη, για να συμμετάσχουμε σε κάποιο γάμο, ή βάπτισμα, ή άλλο μυστήριο;

Μας θύμισε μια φράση από την εναρκτήρια ομιλία του Προέδρου John F. Kennedy που ανέφερε, «Ρωτήστε, όχι τι η χώρα μπορεί να κάνει για σας. Ρωτήστε μάλλον τι μπορείτε να κάνετε εσείς για τη χώρα σας.» Μήπως αυτό δεν ισχύει για εμάς; «Μην ρωτάμε τι μπορεί να κάνει ο Άγιος Νικόλαος για μας. Ρωτήστε πώς μπορούμε εμείς να βοηθήσουμε την Εκκλησία μας του Αγίου Νικολάου.»

Η υποφαινόμενη θεμάται κάποιον πρώην συνάδελφο ο οποίος θεωρούσε ότι τα δημόσια σχολεία δεν είναι αρκετά καλά για να γράψει τα παιδιά του, και έτσι να συμμετέχει στο σύστημα.

Μήνυμα από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Παστροικό

Συνέχεια από την σελίδα 2

να ξεπερνάμε τον πόνο, αν Τον παρακαλέσουμε να το κάνει.

Το γνώρισμα ενός χριστιανού είναι να κατανοεί τον πόνο και την ανάγκη των άλλων. Αυτό που μας ανέθεσε να κάνουμε είναι να αφήσουμε αυτόν τον κόσμο καλύτερο από το ότι τον βρήκαμε. Αυτό επιτυγχάνεται με τη «Συμπόνια». Αυτό που κάνουμε μιλάει μόνο του τόσο δυνατά που οι άνθρωποι μπορούν να ακούσουν τι λέμε.

Μια μέρα, κάποιος ξύπνησε και επαινεσε τη σύζυγό του για το καλό καφέ της στο πρωινό. Εγκωμίασε τον κηπουρό που φρόντιζε τόσο υπέροχα το κήπο, για τα λουλούδια που φορούσε στο πέτο του, κι ακόμη επαινεσε τον Δήμαρχο της Πόλης για τον προγραμματισμό του και για τα τόσο πολλά και όμορφα αξιοθέατα της πόλης όπου έμενε. Αποτέλεσμα αυτής της έκφρασης (συμπόνιας): η σύζυγός του αποφάσισε να προσπαθήσει να κάνει ακόμη καλύτερο καφέ το επόμενο πρωί, ο κηπουρός ενθουσιασμένος να κάνει πολύ καλύτερη δουλειά στον κήπο, επειδή ποτέ δεν σκέφτηκε ότι ο αφέντης του σπιτιού θα παρατηρούσε τη δουλειά του, και ο Δήμαρχος της πόλης προσπάθησε ακόμα πιο επίπονα να δημιουργήσει πιο όμορφα μέρη και έργα στην πόλη. Ο άνθρωπος δεν είχε πει τίποτα σε κανέναν από τους τρεις, αλλά η φράση που αποφάσισε να χρησιμοποιήσει, ήταν το ενδιαφέρον, η συμπόνια, και η ανάγκη, αυτά τα τρία πράγματα που χρειάζεται το άτομο, αλλά και που επίσης επαινούνται εξαιρετικά.

Βλέπετε λοιπόν ότι υπάρχει θεότητα στην εργασία του ατόμου. Η Συμπόνια είναι πολύτιμη, πρέπει να αξιοποιηθεί, αν θέλουμε να ανοίξουμε στον Χριστιανισμό. Δεν μπορούμε να μιλάμε μόνο για Χριστιανισμό, πρέπει να το αποδείξουμε, να τον αναζητήσουμε, να τον ψάξουμε για να τον βρούμε.

Ωστόσο, ήταν θαυμάσιο για τον ίδιο να εργάζεται σε δημόσιο σχολείο και να παίρνει τον μισθό του με επιταγή του δημοσίου. Ομοίως, θα υπέθετε κανείς ότι όλοι οι Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί που εργάζονται και μισθοδοτούνται από τον Άγιο Νικόλαο θα έπρεπε να συμμετέχουν και στο Πρόγραμμα της Εθελοντικής Προσφοράς. Επίσης, πώς θα μπορούσε κάποιος να μην αισθάνεται την υποχρέωση να υποστηρίξει οικονομικά τον Άγιο Νικόλαο αν αυτός ή αυτή ωφελείται από τα οικογενειακά προγράμματα που αποτελούν μέρος του Αγίου Νικολάου;

Αυτή είναι η σημασία της ελληνικής λέξης «φιλότιμο» αν και η έννοια αυτής της λέξης εφαρμόζεται σε πολύ ευρύτερο πεδίο. Δεν είναι το «φιλότιμο» έμφυτο σε εμάς; Να θέλουμε να ανταποδώσουμε ακόμα περισσότερα, σύμφωνα με τις δυνατότητές μας;

Το οφείλουμε στους εαυτούς μας, τους προγόνους μας, και στις μελλοντικές γενεές να αναλάβουν το έργο μας, έτσι ώστε να ανθήσει ο Άγιος Νικόλαος και να εξαπλωθεί η Ορθοδοξία; Έτσι ώστε να διαδοθεί η φλόγα της Ορθοδοξίας, να μην σβήσει η ιδέα και η γνώση της πίστης μας, αλλά να συνεχίσει να λάμπει. Αυτή η γνώση θα μας ενδυναμώσει να αντιμετωπίσουμε τις εξωτερικές Σατανικές δυνάμεις που απειλούν τον χριστιανισμό στην Αμερική και σε όλο τον δυτικό κόσμο. Ως Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί θα πρέπει να είμαστε υπερήφανοι που είμαστε Οικονόμοι της Εκκλησία μας του Αγίου Νικολάου.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2011

Tuesday, November 1: Sts. Cosmas & Diamanos the Mercenaries:
Orthros: 8:45 am. D.Lit. 9:30

Sunday, November 6: Seventh Sunday of Luke: Orthros: 8:45 am.
D.Lit. 10:00 am.

Tuesday, November 8: Gathering of the Archangels Michael & Gabriel: Orthros: 8:45 am. D.Lit. 9:30 am.

Wednesday, November 9: St. Nectarios the Wonderworker:
Orthros: 8:45 am. D.Lit. 9:30 am.

Sunday, November 13: 8th Sunday of Luke: Orthros: 8:45 am. D.Lit. 10:00 am.

Tuesday, November 15: The Christmas Fast Begins: Metropolis Holy Unction Service: 7:00 pm. *This service will be at St. Nicholas.*

Sunday, November 20: 9th Sunday of Luke: Orthros: 8:45 am. D.Lit. 10:00 am.

Monday, November 21: Entrance of the Holy Theotokos: Orthros: 8:45 am. D.Lit. 9:30 am.

Thursday, November 24: Thanksgiving Day Liturgy: Orthros: 8:45 am. D.Lit. 9:30 am.

Friday, November 25: St. Catherine the Great Martyr: Orthros: 8:45 am. D.Lit. 9:30 am.

Sunday, November 27: 13th Sunday of St. Luke: Orthros: 8:45 am. D.Lit. 10:00 am.

Wednesday, November 30: St. Andrew the first called Apostle:
Orthros: 8:45 am. D.Lit. 9:30 am.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, November 3: Ladies Philoptochos Monthly Meeting and Dinner, 6 p.m.

Saturday, November 5: United Chios Society Dinner, 8 p.m.

Monday, November 7: Greek School PTA Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 8: Election Day. Go Out And Vote. Make Your Voice Heard!!!

Tuesday, November 8: Diamonds Monthly Meeting, 1 p.m.

Saturday, November 12: Ladies Pan Chian Society Luncheon from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 13: The Ladies Philoptochos Bull and Oyster Roast from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday, November 17: Diamonds Site and Sound Christmas Show

Sunday, November 20: Stewardship Luncheon directly after church services

Thursday, November 24: Thanksgiving Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 3: The Ladies Philoptochos Christmas Tea from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6: St. Nicholas Name Day

Wednesday, December 7: Greek School Open House, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 8: Greek School Open House, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7: Ladies Philoptochos Monthly Meeting. Wine & Cheese Night, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10: St. Nicholas Name Day Dance, 8:00 p.m.

Monday, December 12: Greek School PTA Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 16: Greek School's Annual Christmas Program, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 17: Rhodian Society of Maryland Annual Breakfast with Santa at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 18: Sunday School's Annual Christmas Program directly after church services.

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