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Fr. Michael's Pastoral Message

THANKSGIVING DAY

As we approach the end of 2012, we turn our thoughts to the holidays. In November we always look forward to that special day of "Thanksgiving." With the bounty of the fall harvest brings thankfulness to God for all His blessings. Growing up, we all have special memories that we carry from one Thanksgiving to another. But sometimes, we tend to forget the significance of the past. To me, the past is something that we have to respect, because without our past we have no point of reference for the present or the future.

Our ancestors gave us Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Easter, the Arts, science, medicine, religion, education, radio, television, electricity, personal genealogies, past World Wars, etc. These are events of the past that we continue to honor and celebrate.

Can we truly forget and put everything that happened to the world in the far depths of our memory? In everything we do today, we always look back to the past. For over 2 thousand years, we as Orthodox Christians have concentrated our "Thanksgiving" around a table. We call it the "Holy Altar" that is the table of Eucharist, which means literally "Thanksgiving." The great meal that we share from this Holy Altar, is the sacred Body & Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our Thanksgiving table becomes a life giving Table.

Millions of people will be celebrating this historical great Holiday without knowing the true meaning of Thanksgiving. In the past the Pilgrims struggled, but they picked one day to bring peace to their world and to their hearts. The significance of this day is for us to put away all hatred and the cares of the world to share with each other the essence of true friendship and love. Thanksgiving is one of those unique holidays that doesn't center on shopping and buying. Its true focus should be the "Table." So, when we gather around the table with our family and friends, let us be grateful for God's bounty and blessings. Let us take this time to think of others that are less fortunate than we are. There are people in our community suffering from the pains of loneliness, and from hunger. Many children go hungry without anyone to care for them.

Our nursing homes are filled with forgotten patients with no family member to share or break bread with this Thanksgiving day.

Someone once remarked that the worst of all possible moments for an atheist is to feel truly thankful and have no one there to thank. Most of individuals are not actual atheists, but sometimes they may be practical atheists. An actual atheist has no God to thank. A practical atheist has a God to thank, but never thinks of doing it. Isn't that true in our society today where most individuals have an abundance, and yet forget that all they have comes from God. But, are we making thanking our Lord a priority for all the bounties and blessings that He bestows to each of us? On Thanksgiving Day, do we journey to the everlasting "Table" to worship Him, and to truly thank Him for what He has given to us? Instead of attending Church on Thanksgiving Day to glorify our Lord, many us prefer to stay in the comfort of our homes and spend the day watching sports programs. That's not what Thanksgiving should mean to us.

We have an opportunity to change all of this within our own families if our focus is on the Lord's "Table." Let's make this "Thanksgiving" a celebration of reaching out to others, to the homeless, and to families in need. Let us give thanks to God that we live in this great country. Let us recognize our spiritual obligations to those who cannot speak for themselves. Following the example of our Lord, we can show compassion for those who are hurting while having the strength to bear our own burdens. By His wisdom we can affirm our boldness for what is just and good, and we can enhance our unity in Him by giving to our brothers and sisters in need.

I pray that everyone will choose to celebrate this year's "Thanksgiving Day" by attending Church, and by helping others in need. Imagine how full your heart will feel as you watch your sports program and eat a hardy meal with your family. All of this is possible, if we just put our minds to do it. I have always believed in this concept "MIND OVER MATTER." **MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU! AND HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING DAY.**

SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Μήνυμα από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ

ΗΜΕΡΑ ΤΩΝ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΙΩΝ

Καθώς πλησιάζουμε στο τέλος του 2012, οι σκέψεις μας συγκεντρώνονται στις γιορτές. Τον Νοέμβριο περιμένουμε την Εξαριστή ημέρα των «Ευχαριστιών». Με την συγκομιδή των αγαθών δείχνουμε και την ευγνωμοσύνη μας στο Θεό για όλες τις ευλογίες Του. Μεγαλώνοντας, νομίζω ότι όλοι έχουμε ιδιαίτερες αναμνήσεις χαραγμένες στο μυαλό μας από τη μια εορτή των Ευχαριστιών στην άλλη. Άλλα μερικές φορές έχουμε την τάση να ξεχνάμε το παρελθόν. Για μένα, το παρελθόν είναι κάτι που πρέπει να σεβόμαστε, γιατί χωρίς το παρελθόν δεν έχουμε καμία βάση για το παρόν ή το μέλλον.

Οι πρόγονοι μας μας παρέδωσαν την Ήμέρα των Ευχαριστιών, τα Χριστούγεννα, το Ηαπυκα, το Πάσχα, μας έδωσαν τις τέχνες, την επιστήμη, την ιατρική, τη θρησκεία, την εκπαίδευση, το οραδόφωνο, τη τηλεόραση, την ηλεκτροική ενέργεια, τις προσωπικές γενεαλογίες, τους παρελθόντες Παγκόσμιους Πολέμους, κλπ. Αυτά είναι γεγονότα του παρελθόντος τα οποία συνεχίζουμε να τιμούμε και να εορτάζουμε.

Μπορούμε πραγματικά να ξεχνάμε και να βάλουμε στα βάθη της λήθης τα όσα συνέβησαν στον κόσμο; Ό, τι και αν κάνουμε σήμερα, πάντα κοιτάμε πίσω στο παρελθόν. Πάνω από 2 χιλιάδες χρόνια, εμείς ως Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί συγκεντρώνουμε τις «Ευχαριστίες» μας γύρω από ένα τραπέζι που καλούμε «Αγία Τράπεζα», είναι η τράπεζα της Ευχαριστίας, και η οποία ουσιαστικά σημαίνει «Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών». Το μεγάλο γεύμα που μοιραζόμαστε από την Αγία Τράπεζα, είναι το ιερό σώμα και το Αίμα του Κυρίου και Σωτήρος ημών Ιησού Χριστού. Έτσι η Τράπεζα των Ευχαριστιών γίνεται ζωδόχος Τράπεζα.

Εκατομμύρια άνθρωποι θα γιορτάσουν αυτή την ιστορική μεγάλη Εορτή χωρίς να γνωρίζουν το αληθινό νόημα της Ήμέρας των Ευχαριστιών. Κατά το παρελθόν, η πρώτη προσκυνητές υπόφεραν, αλλά μια ημέρα αποφάσισαν να φέρουν ειρήνη στον κόσμο και στις καρδιές τους. Η σημασία αυτής της αξιοσημείωτης ημέρας για εμάς

είναι να αποβάλουμε τα μίση και τις στενοχώριες του κόσμου, να μοιραστούμε μεταξύ μας την αληθινή φιλία και αγάπη. Στην Αμερική γιορτάζουμε αυτήν την ημέρα με την οικογένεια και τους φίλους μας. Η Ήμέρα των Ευχαριστιών είναι μια από τις μοναδικές Εορτές που δεν αποβλέπει σε ψώνια και σε αγορές. Το αληθινό της επίκεντρο θα πρέπει να είναι η «Αγία Τράπεζα». Έτσι, όταν μαζευόμαστε γύρω από το τραπέζι με την οικογένεια και τους φίλους μας, πρέπει να είμαστε ευγνώμονες για τα όσα γενναιόδωρα μας χάρισε με τις ευλογίες Του ο Θεός. Αυτή την ημέρα ας σκεφθούμε τους αδελφούς μας που δεν είναι τόσο τυχεροί όσο εμείς. Υπάρχουν άνθρωποι στην Κοινότητά μας που υποφέρουν από μοναξιά, από πείνα. Υπάρχουν παιδιά που πεινούν και δεν έχουν κάποιον να τα φροντίσει. Τα γηροκομεία είναι γεμάτα με ξεχασμένους ασθενείς, που δεν έχουν συγγενείς, ή οικογένεια να μοιραστούν ένα κομμάτι φωμί την Ήμέρα των Ευχαριστιών.

Κάποιος παρατήρησε κάποτε ότι η χειρότερη από όλες τις πιθανές στιγμές για έναν άθεο είναι να αισθάνεται πραγματικά ευγνώμων και να μην έχει κανέναν να ευχαριστήσει. Τα περισσότερα από αυτά τα άτομα δεν είναι πραγματικοί αθεϊστές, αλλά ίσως πρακτικά άθεοι. Ένας πραγματικά άθεος δεν έχει κανένα Θεό να ευχαριστήσει. Ένας πρακτικά άθεος έχει Θεό να ευχαριστήσει, αλλά ποτέ δεν σκέφτηκε να το κάνει. Δεν είναι μήπως αλήθεια ότι στην κοινωνία μας σήμερα, οι περισσότεροι έχουν αφθονία αγαθών, αλλά ξεχνούν ότι όλα αυτά προέρχονται από το Θεό; Άλλα ανταποδώσαμε ποτέ στον Κύριο μας όλες τις καλωσύνες και τις ευλογίες που Εκείνος έχει χαρίσει στον καθένα μας; Την Ήμέρα των Ευχαριστιών, πάμε στην Εκκλησία να Τον λατρέψουμε και να Τον ευχαριστήσουμε για ό, τι πραγματικά μας έχει χαρίσει; ή προτιμάμε μάλλον αντί να πάμε στην Εκκλησία να Τον δοξάσουμε να απαλαυδουμε την άνεση του σπιτιού μας και να περάσουμε το υπόλοιπο της ημέρας παρακολουθώντας τα τηλεοπτικά

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STEWARDSHIP: No Magic Pills

Fr. Mark Sietsema

Traveling as I have so much over the last three months, and being one who sleeps poorly in hotel rooms, I have seen lately more than my share of television at what I call the “Magic Pill Hour.” You might know yourself, those wee hours of the morning when you can flip channels and find infomercial after infomercial touting the miracle solution to every problem in our American life. There is a magic pill to help you stop smoking, a magic pill to help you have clearer skin, and above all, there are magic pills to make you lose weight. You don’t need prescription drugs, you don’t need willpower, you don’t need the slow, steady work of diet and exercise. You only need three easy payments of \$19.95 ... if you call right now, operators are standing by.

Are there really that many gullible people out there? I would like to think that we as a society are a little more educated, a little more sophisticated, a little less sleep-deprived than to fall for that. But apparently I’m wrong. There’s a real market for magic pills ... and not just for matters of health.

We don’t want to sweat. We don’t want to strive. We don’t want to wait patiently for results. We want results in six weeks or less. Wars should last a month. Coach hasn’t won the World Series in seven years? Find a new guy who will win it this year! We are a society that is addicted to quick fixes.

But quick fixes are rarely good fixes. We had a meeting recently of the youth leaders of the parish to talk about what we could do to keep our children in the church as they moved into the college years and beyond, for that is ultimately the goal of our youth ministries. I did some research on the subject: what programs work best? What style of ministry proves effective? Do you know what I learned? There is no magic pill.

There are groups that have done scientific surveys on these issues. Do you know what they showed? The prescription for growing young people who are actively involved in church in their adulthood is this: you raise them in a family where the parents love each other and where the father and the mother are weekly churchgoers, all four seasons of the year. There is no program, no sports league, no summer camp, no retreat, no revival that can match this combination for making lifelong churchgoers out of our kids.

Stewardship of our church is really one of those areas where we have indulged the fantasy of magic pills. Why do we have this community, with this building, with this staff and our ministries? In a word, salvation. A church exists for one reason and one reason only. To bring you to salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are here because you understand yourself to be perishing and you seek from God the salvation that you need.

Now, who should pay for your salvation? You? Or someone else? The costs associated with spiritual development: who should bear them? You? Or some non-parishioners with a taste for souvlaki and baklava? Churches have budgets; too often churches try to meet that budget in ways that involve *other* people’s money.

We make plans to get salvation and to have someone else foot the bill. Often such plans don’t work so well. And even when the fund-raising projects succeed, they fail—because they give the parishioners a sense that the working out of their salvation falls to a third party and not utterly on themselves.

There is no magic pill to replace stewardship. Only dedicated, regular, sacrificial giving of your treasures, proportional to the blessings you receive—only this in the long run serves to fund churches adequately.

It’s a lot to ask. And the church wouldn’t ask it of you ... except it’s the *only* way. Nothing else works. Like diet plans that call for no “carbs” or no meat or only salads before 3 pm, quick fixes don’t work for very long. If you want to lose weight, the only proven

approach is the slow steady lifetime approach of diet and exercise, of sweat and self-discipline.

If you want to have a church, a community with a building to house its worship and its ministries, you have to ante up. You have to give—and give a *lot*.

And you have to give up things you might otherwise like. You have to make your church the top priority in your charitable giving, and not number two or three on the list. There are lots of other worthy causes out there—the museum, the symphony, Doctors without Borders—but spiritual health starts with a healthy local church. No other organization in history has been the seedbed for human compassion like the Christian Church. It is the soil in which most other humanitarian movements have sprouted.

And to be a good steward, you also have to balance your spending on creature comforts. You have to weigh the pleasures of life against the good of your soul. It is problematic when a Christian spends more in a year on the country club than he gives to his church, or spends more on concerts or season tickets or cable TV than he gives to his church. There is a problem there, a profound problem of spiritual wellness.

Here’s the bottom line: good stewardship is hard. We fool ourselves when we fail to say that out loud. It’s really a *burden* to keep a church going, a burden on the families that hope to find salvation through the church. A lot of churches advertise stewardship like something fun and easy. It isn’t. It won’t be. And if it is, then whatever you’re doing isn’t really stewardship.

There is no magic pill.

And yet ... there is. If you really do commit yourself to the hard work of good stewardship, you will find that your *sacrificial giving is itself the magic pill*.

Faithful, sacrificial stewardship is the amoxicillin that helps clear up the infection of materialism.

Faithful, sacrificial stewardship is the Motrin that relieves the pain and swelling of selfishness and hedonism.

Faithful, sacrificial stewardship is the Ritalin that helps us stay focused on the life of the Kingdom of God.

It is the Xanax that relieves us of the worries that we have about the fate of our children and grandchildren in our present society.

Stewardship is the Valtrex that suppresses outbreaks of covetousness.

It is the Celebrex that helps us breathe freely the air of joyful, grateful living.

It is the Prozac that alleviates the depression of feeling like our lives aren’t making a difference in the world, because as faithful members of the church, we become part of God’s inexorable plan to redeem the entire universe.

When we give up on looking for magic pills to solve our church’s financial problems, paradoxically, we discover God’s miraculous medicine for so many of our spiritual ills: namely, faithful, meaningful, generous, committed, proportional, regular sacrificial stewardship.

The time has come to adjust your meds for the year to come. I come to you like Morpheus before Neo in the Matrix, with two pills. What will you choose? The magic pill of wishful thinking? Or the miraculous medicine of giving back to God according to the measure with which He has blessed you?

May our one true God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, enlighten you as you declare your commitment to the Lord in your act of stewardship.

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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

We are in the midst of the fall season and our busy schedule. Our thanks and appreciation to the following donors in memory of individuals who have passed on.

Kris Cocoros in memory of Mrs. Chrisanthi Kosmas, Demetrios and Eva Campanides in memory of the late Anna Melingakos, Carol Demetrios in memory of the late Vivian Fatola who passed away in Greece. Mary Triantafilos in memory of Mrs. Chrisanthi Kosmas, Anna Melingakos and Mr. Harry Tsakalos.

Please make notes of the following events to take place in the very near future.

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

Sunday, November 4: Agion Anargyron Artoclasia and a special tray will be passed to benefit the Ecumenical Patriarchate's programs and charities. Brunch will be offered in conjunction with the plateia operating committee.

Wednesday, November 7, 7 pm: Our regular monthly meeting followed by our annual dinner to honor our patron Saints Agioi Anargyroi. Dinner is open to all the Philoptochos members only. This is an opportunity for all of you ladies who are not members to come and be part of Philoptochos.

Saturday, November 17, 2-6 pm: Our annual Bull Roast to be held at the St. Nicholas Plateia on Ponca street and to benefit the Plateia project. For tickets at \$40.00 for adults, \$25.00 for youth 18 and under and \$15.00 for children 12 and under, please call Irene Vasilios at 410-687-3978, Zoe Perdikakis 410-908-1556 or Nora Kefalas 410-661-2853.

December 1-15: 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 1, 1-4 pm: Our annual Christmas Tea. All the ladies are invited for a fun filled afternoon.

Wednesday, December 5: 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.

It is our pleasure to inform everyone that Philoptochos has purchased more than 1500 pieces of silverware, and 320 water goblets for the kitchen and the bar at the Plateia site. We also donated \$500.00 toward the purchase of the tables being used there and also \$1,000 from our Apokreatiko glendi went to the Church.

Enjoy the wonderful fall weather we are having as winter will be here before we know it.

Zoe Perdikakis, President

ΝΕΑ ΤΗΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

Η Φιλόπτωχος ευχαριστεί τά εξής άτομα για τις δωρεές τους είς μνήμη ατόμων πού απεβίωσαν. Εις μνήμη της αειμνήστου Χρυσάνθη Κοσμάς η Κα Κρίς Κοκόρος. Εις μνήμη της αειμνήστου Χρυσάνθη Κοσμάς, Αννας Μελιγκάκου και Χαραλάμπου Τσάκαλου η Κα Τσαμπίκα Τριανταφύλλου. Εις μνήμη της αειμνήστου Αννας Μελιγκάκου ο Δημήτριος και Ευα Καμπανίδη. Εις μνήμη της αειμνήστου Βίβιαν Φατόλα η Κάρολ Δημητρίου.

Νοεμβρίου 1-15: Συλλογή κονσερβοποιημένων φαγητών για τους απόδους της περιοχήμας.

Παρακαλείσθε να είστε γεννεόδωροι υπάρχει ιπολύ ανάγκη.

Κυριακή, Νοεμβρίου 4: Αρτοκλασία για τους Αγίους Αναργύρους. Θα περαστεί δίσκος προς ενίσχυση του

Οικουμενικού Πατριαρχείου και για ολά τα τα φιλανθρωπικά προγράμματα του. Θα προσφερθεί και ι καφές.

Τετάρτη, Νοεμβρίου 7, 7 μμ: Συνεδρίαση, και θά ακολουθήσει φαγητό για την εορτή των Αγίων Αναργύρων προστάτες της Φιλόπτωχου.(είναι ανοικτό μόνο για τα μέλη μας). Προσκαλεσμένος ομιλητής ?α είναι ο ιατρός Λυκέτσος από το νοσοκομείο BAYVIEW. Ευκαιρία για ολες τις κυρίες σ πού δεν είναι μέλη τις Φιλόπτωχου να έρθουν και να γίνουν.

Σάββατο, Νοεμβρίου 17, 2-6 μμ: Το ετήσιο μπούλ ρόαστ προς ενίσχυση πλατείας. Για εισιτήρια παρακαλείσθε να επικοινωνήσετε με τις Κες Ειρήνη Βασιλείου 410-687-3978, Νόρα Κεφάλα 410-661-2853, Ζωή Περδικάκη 410-908-1556 ή το γραφείο της εκκλησίας 410-633-5020.

Δεκεμβρίου 1-15: Περισυλλογή με είδη υγεινής, για το family crisis center.

Σάββατο, Δεκεμβρίου 1, 1-4 μμ: Το ετήσιο Χριστουγενάτικο τσάι μας. Ολες οι κυρίες ειστε καλεσμένες για ένα ευχάριστο απόγευμα.

Τετάρτη, Δεκεμβρίου 5: Εσπερινός του Αγίου Νικολάου. Η φιλόπτωχος ζητά και την δική σας ζυνμμετοχή με γλυκό ή φαγητό για την δεξιωση που θα ακολουθήσει μετά το πέρας του εσπερινου.

Με χαρά σας ανακοινώνουμε ότι ή Φιλόπτωχος μας αγόρασε παραπάνω από 1500 κομμάτια μαχαίροπήρουνα και 320 ποτήρια του νερού για τήν ομαλή λειτουργεία της πλατείας καθώς και 500 δολλάρια για την αγορά τραπεζιών. Επίσης από το αποκρεάτικο γλέντι μας διατέθηκαν 1000 δολλάρια τήν ενίσχυση του ταμείου τής εκκλησίας μας.

Εύχομαι να περνάτε ένα υπέροχο Φθινοπώρο μέ τον τόσο ωραίο καιρό πού έχομε!! Ο χειμώνας θα είνα ικοντά μας χωρίς να το καταλάβουμε!!!

DIAMONDS NEWS

Christmas Decorations of Fresh Greens and Holly

A limited number of fresh green holiday decorations for the home and cemetery will be available through The Diamonds. All materials will be donated and all proceeds will be for the benefit of our beloved St. Nicholas. Orders must be placed with a member of the Diamonds NO LATER than NOVEMBER 4th.

Thank you.

Eve Lallas and Maria Salpeas

GOYA NEWS

The GOYANS had an exciting month of October. We held our Annual Harvest Dance on Oct 12th. We want to all thank Mike Klosteridis and George Sakellis for their time in providing the great music and entertainment for the night. We attended the St. George Basketball Tournament on October 20th & 21st in Bethesda, MD. Our Boys B team brought home 2nd place!! Congratulations to all of them!! All Stars for the tournament were Boys A-Argiri Stakias, Boys B-George Topouzoglou and Girls A-Eleni Klosteridis. Congratulations to them and to all the GOYANs that participated.

Our upcoming planned events are the Community Clean Up Day on October 27th; Souvlaki Sunday on October 28th; Norfolk Basketball Tournament on November 3rd & 4th; Monthly Meeting on Friday, November 9th; and Annunciation Baltimore Basketball Tournament November 17th & 18th.

Please check our GOYA web page on the St. Nicholas website at www.stnicholasmd.org. We will be updating it and posting upcoming events. We also have updated our GOYA calendar on the website.

We want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Irene Orfanos, GOYA President

PLATEIA NEWS

The Plateia Operating Committee is fully engaged planning events and generating interest. Several very successful affairs have already been held and the Plateia has begun producing income. So far, everyone has been very impressed with the facility, the prices and of course... the food! Below is one of the tribute statements we recently received. The initial goal is to become self sufficient, e.g., make the payment on the note and cover its expenses. The midterm goal is for the Plateia to start generating additional income that will be used by the Church for operating expenses. The long-term goal is to generate enough income to complete the second floor. Come to one of the upcoming affairs to see for yourself what's going on and please consider using the Plateia for your next affair. Upcoming events include:

November 4: First in a series of free after Church brunches sponsored by Double-T Diners. Philoptohos will cosponsor. If you wish to cosponsor the December Brunch, contact Maria or any Board member.

November 17: Philoptohos Bull Roast – there are still tickets available.

November 18: Ravens/Steelers “Rival Party” beginning at 4:30

December 2: Second free after Church brunches sponsored by Double-T Diners. If you wish to cosponsor the December Brunch, contact Maria or any Board member.

December 14: Final planning is underway for a Greek Night Planning for numerous other events is underway and a fresh list will be published soon. Everyone is welcome to join the committee or to simply volunteer ideas... we would appreciate it!

As for the new name and the status of the naming contest, this is where we are. Many, many name offerings have been received and we are very glad to see this level of interest. Since the Plateia will be marketed across Baltimore, the names that have been proposed that do not have a reference to St. Nicholas or any ethnic reference seem to be favored. Some of the more popular names so far are:

The Courtyard East Pavilion
Greektown Square, Plaza or Terrace
Eastside Event Center
City Overlook, Plaza or Square

Please continue to make recommendations and also let us know which of the above names you like the best so far. The suggestion box will remain in the Atrium and you can of-course, simply call Maria or tell a Board member. We hope to have a name finalized soon.

GREEKTOWN CDC**A message from Colonel John E. Gavrilis, CEO**

The Greektown CDC in partnership with the Southeastern CDC participated in a Healthy Neighborhoods grant to beautify the 500 blocks of Lehigh and Macon Street by supplying planters and dwarf spruce trees to residents who enrolled in the program. We thank Jay Riley and Kristen Brown for their leadership in coordinating the event. Also, we would like to thank the many residents who participated in the Mayor's Fall community clean up. It makes a difference when residents and businesses take pride in their community. Soon we hope to see our business district trees light up with solar powered lights. Stay tuned for more on this project in our next message.

Economic development is progressing in Greektown. The Kettler “O'Donnell Square” development on 4600 block of Fait Avenue at Oldham Street has constructed on 56 of the 121 lots. Tell your family and friends of the great opportunity to buy a home in Greektown at a great price!! The Kettler group has been a good partner to Greektown and we wish them much success.

Also, on October 9, 2012, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center held a meeting attended by many developers to discuss their projects in our community. We are grateful for the leadership and continued support JHBMC has shown to our neighborhood.

Always remember to call 911 immediately when witnessing a crime and 311 for non emergency calls (trash, rats, illegal dumping, etc.).

The Greektown CDC staff and Board and Directors wishes everyone a Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving!!

Believe in your Community!

John E. Gavrilis, CEO

STEWARSHIP SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
AT 12:00 NOON**

Saint Nicholas Social Hall

BUFFET LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM

**WE ASK ALL ST. NICHOLAS PARISHIONERS
TO ATTEND THIS WORTHWHILE EVENT**

STEWARSHIP COMMITTEE

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

*Sponsored by the
RHODIAN SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE
“DIAGORAS”*

**Saturday, December 15, 2012
From 10 am to 1 pm**



**St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
Large Social Hall
520 S. Ponca St.**

**Breakfast treats, crafts, gifts,
and a picture with Santa**

*All children 12 and under from
St. Nicholas Church and other sister
parishes are welcome to attend.*

*Please R.S.V.P. to Maria Angelou at
443-865-0851 or email: diagoras3@msn.com
to let us know how many children
to expect so that we can plan accordingly.*

ST. GEORGE TOURNAMENT & ST. NICHOLAS AUTUMN PARTY



The St. George Tournament was held on Oct 20th & 21st. Boys B team is pictured with their 2nd place trophy.



St. Nicholas Greek Youths Enjoying themselves at the St. Nicholas Greek School Autumn Party.

ST. NICHOLAS NAME DAY DANCE DECEMBER 8, 2012

YIANNIS LIGNOS AND HIS ORCHESTRA

520 PONCA STREET
BALTIMORE, MD 21224

9PM TILL 2AM

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

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:
FRANK MITSOS: 410-294-1253
MARIA SALPEAS: 410-633-5020



FEATURING: YIANNIS LIGNOS
DIRECTLY FROM CHIOS GREECE

THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF ST. NICHOLAS ANNUAL

BULL AND OYSTER ROAST

(BEER & SODA INCLUDED)

THE SAINT NICHOLAS PLATEIA
701-703 S. PONCA STREET
(ENTRANCE ON QUAIL STREET)

NOV. 17TH
2-6 PM

ADULT - \$40
YOUTH (UNDER 18) - \$25
CHILD (UNDER 12) - \$15

TO BENEFIT THE PLATEIA PROJECT

FAMILY BINGO

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 6:00 P.M.

Saint Nicholas Social Hall

520 S. Ponca Street

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.

Bingo 6:00 p.m. — 11:00 p.m.

- Prizes • Pizza

- Refreshments will be sold

Donation \$10.00 per person

To buy your tickets please call

Rose Cornias: 410-633-2805,

Kelly Papadopoulos: 410-967-0940,

or Kiki Vavakas: 410-633-6482

All proceeds will benefit St. Nicholas Church

Come, Bring your family members
and friends! Have an enjoyable evening.

Saint Nicholas' Story Time

For 6 months old to 3 years!

*Come join us for interactive Greek stories
and songs for you and your baby.*

Every Tuesday from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
520 Ponca Street, Baltimore, Md. 21224

How to join: Registration form
can be found on our website at
www.stnicholasmd.org / greek school
or the church's office at 410-633-5020

Η Κοινότητα του Αγίου Νικολάου
προσφέρει το πρόγραμμα:

Η ΉΡΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΙΔΙΟΥ

Για μικρά παιδιά από 6 μηνών έως 3 ετών!

Ελάτε με τα παιδάκια σας στο σχολείο του Αγίου Νικολάου για ένα διαδραστικό ταξίδι με ελληνικά παραμύθια, ιστοριούλες και τραγούδια.

Πότε: Κάθε Τρίτη από τις 3:00 - 4:00 μ.μ.

Εγγραφές: Συμπληρώστε το έντυπο εγγραφής
που μπορείτε να βρείτε στην ιστοσελίδα μας
ή στο γραφείο της εκκλησίας μας.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR AT ST. NICHOLAS SQUARE

**701 PONCA STREET,
BALTIMORE, MD 21224**

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

9 PM TO 2 AM

**DANCE TO THE MUSIC
OF AN ELECTRIFYING DJ**

**BUFFET DINNER
& REFRESHMENTS
CASH BAR**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT MARIA SALPEAS
AT 410-633-5020**



RAVENS RIVAL EVENT
Ravens vs. Steelers
COME SUPPORT YOUR HOME TEAM

**When: Sunday November 18, 2012
Pre-Game Festivities will begin at 4:30pm**

Game Time is 8:20pm

**Where: St. Nicholas Square
701 Ponca Street
Baltimore, MD 21224**

Watch the game on multiple flat screen TVs

No entry fee and everyone is welcome

Dress warmly we will be grilling outdoors

There will be a variety of food and beer for sale!!

STEWARSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2012

MR/MRS AGAPALOGLOU THEODOROS
 MR/MRS ALAFASSOS SPYROS
 MR/MRS AMARANTIDIS HARRY AND
 MR/MRS ANASTASIS NIKITAS
 MR/MRS ANGELOS JOHN & IRENE
 MS ANGELOU MARIA
 MR/MRS ARAVIDES NICHOLAS
 MR/MRS ARGETAKIS GEORGE
 MRS ASHBY ATHELENE
 MR/MRS ATSIDIS IOANNIS
 MR/MRS BAHR DANIEL
 MR/MRS BATES SAM
 MR/MRS BISBIKIS HELEN
 MR/MRS BOYOUKAS EFSTRATIOS
 MR CAVOURAS STANLEY
 MR/MRS CHARALAMBOPOU CHARALAMBO
 MRS CHRISOMALLIS METAXIA
 MS CHRISTAKOU STAVROULA
 MRS CONWAY ROSE
 MR/MRS CORNIAS GEORGE C.
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 MR/MRS DIMITRIADES NIKOLAOS
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 MR/MRS FRANGOS JOHN
 MR/MRS GAVRILIS JOHN
 MR/MRS GEORGALAS MICHAEL
 MRS GEORGAS HARRIET
 MISS GEORGALIS AUGUSTINA
 MR/MRS GERAPETRITES TOMMY
 MRS GIANNAKOULIAS DIONISIA
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 MRS GOVASTES CLEOPATRA
 MR HAJIMIHALIS ELIAS
 MR/MRS HARLESS STEVEN
 MR/MRS HARTOFILIS NICK & SYLVIA
 MR HATZIGEORGALI ANTONIOS
 MRS HAZARIDES MELL
 MR/MRS HOFFERBERT JOHN
 MR/MRS HUEBSCHMAN CHARLES
 MRS JOHNS ASPASIA
 MR/MRS KAIKIS ANDREW
 MR/MRS KAKAROLIS DINO
 MS KALOGRANI VASILIKI
 MR/MRS KANELLOPOULOS JOHN
 MRS KAPOUDAS MARIA
 MR/MRS KARABELAS PANAGIOTIS
 MR/MRS KARAGIANNIS PAVLOS & JO
 MR/MRS KARAIS KONSTANTINO
 MRS KARAMIHALIS ELEFTHERIA
 MR/MRS KARLOS PETER
 MR/MRS KASTELLORIZOS KONSTANTINO
 MR/MRS KATSAROS EMMANUEL
 MRS KAZAMIAS GUS
 MRS KEPREOS GEORGIA
 MR/MRS KLOSTERIDES SPIROS
 MR/MRS KOLENDRIANOS JOHN
 MRS KOLKAS EUGENIA
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 MR/MRS LOIZOU CHRIS
 MR/MRS MAKRIS NICKOLAOS
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 MR/MRS MASTROMANOLI MANUEL
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TOTALS: \$209,909.00

PAYMENTS
\$202,191.62

BALANCE
\$7,717.38

Μήνυμα από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ

ΗΜΕΡΑ ΤΩΝ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΙΩΝ

Συνέχεια από την σελίδα 2

σπορ; Αυτή δεν θα πρέπει να είναι για μας η πραγματική σημασία της Ημέρας των Ευχαριστιών.

Έχουμε την ευκαιρία να τ' αλλάξουμε όλα τουλάχιστον στη δική μας οικογένεια αν συγκεντώσουμε την προσοχή μας στην Τράπεζα του Κυρίου. Ας μετατρέψουμε την εφετεινή «Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών» σε μια γιορτή για να βοηθήσουμε τους άλλους. Να απλώσουμε το χέρι στους άστεγους, και στις οικογένειες που δεν μπορούν να κερδίσουν τα πρόσ το ζην. Ας ευχαριστήσουμε το Θεό, που ζούμε σε αυτή τη μεγάλη χώρα. Ας αναγνωρίσουμε τις πνευματικές μας υποχρεώσεις πρόσ τους ανήμπορους. Ακολουθώντας το παράδειγμα του Κυρίου μας, μπορούμε να δείξουμε συμπόνια για όσους πονούν, και

υποφέρουν, και να πάρουμε δύξηναμη για τις δικές μας στεναχώριες. Με τη βοήθειά Του μπορούμε να δείξουμε τόλμη για ότι είναι καλό, και να ενισχύσουμε την αφωνίση μας σ' Αυτόν, βοηθώντας τους αδελφούς και τις αδελφές μας που έχουν ανάγκη.

Προσεύχομαι ότι όλοι θα επιλέξουν να εορτάσουν εφέτος την Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών με εκκλησιασμό και βοηθώντας όσους έχουν ανάγκη. Σκεφθείτε την ευφορία της καρδιάς σας όταν θα παρακαλούθετε τα σπόρ, ή όταν θα γενέστε το λουκούλεο γεύμα σας με την οικογένειά σας. Όλα είνα δυνατά, αν το βάλετε καλά στο μυαλό σας. Πάντα πίστενα σ' αυτή την ιδέα «ΒΑΛΤΟ ΚΑΛΑ ΣΤΟ ΜΥΑΛΟ ΣΟΥ». Ο ΘΕΟΣ ΝΑ ΕΙΝΑΙ ΜΑΖΙ ΣΑΣ ! Και να περάσετε καλά την «Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών».



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 (#_____) \$_____

Notice of General Assembly

Monday, November 19th, 2012

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 19th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. promptly.**

According to Church By-Laws, those persons wishing to participate and vote must pay their Stewardship up to the date of the Assembly. A regular member of the Parish who is already enrolled in the Parish register but has neglected to pay his/her stewardship may pay the same day and before the beginning of the Assembly in order to participate and vote.

All members of the Community are urged to attend this meeting, because it is important. It is also our duty as members of the Community of Saint Nicholas to come and offer our support for the progress of the community. Your presence is mandatory to establish a quorum.

PLEASE ATTEND.

From the Priest and Parish Council of Saint Nicholas.

ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ, 19 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ, 2012

Σύμφωνα με τους κανονισμούς των Κοινοτήτων της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής, και τους Εσωτερικούς Κανονισμούς της Κοινότητάς μας, καλούμε Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών, την **Δευτέρα, 19η Νοεμβρίου, 2012, στις 7:00 μ.μ. αρχιθέως.**

Σύμφωνα με τους Κανονισμούς, όσοι επιθυμούν να συμμετέχουν στην Συνέλευση και να ψηφίσουν, οφείλουν να έχουν εκπληρώσει τις προς την Κοινότητα οικονομικές τους υποχρεώσεις μέχρι και την ημέρα της Συνέλευσης και πριν την έναρξη της. Μέλος που ήδη είναι εγγεγραμμένο στην Κοινότητα, αλλά δεν έχει ανταποκριθεί οικονομικά για το τρέχον έτος, δύναται να πληρώσει πριν αρχίσει η Συνέλευση.

Όλα τα μέλη της Κοινότητας προτρέπονται να παρουσιαστούν και να λάβουν μέρος στη Συνέλευση, διότι θα συζητηθούν θέματα σοβαρά. Επίσης σαν μέλη της Κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου, είναι καθήκον μας να συμμετέχουμε στις Συνελεύσεις και να εκφράζουμε την υποστήριξη μας για το καλό της Κοινότητας. Η παρουσία σας είναι απαραίτητη για να έχουχε απαρτία και να αρχίσει η Συνέλευση.

Παρακαλείστε να συμμετέχετε.

Από τον Ιερέα και το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο του Αγίου Νικολάου.

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LITURGICAL PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER, 2012

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1: Sts. Cosmas & Damianos the Unmercenaries. Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4: Fifth Sunday of Luke. Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8: The Gathering of the Archangels Michael, & Gabriel. Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9: St. Nectarios the Wonderworker. Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11: 8th Sunday of Luke. Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am. "STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY" Luncheon after Church.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15: The Christmas fasting period begins. During this fasting period, meat is not permitted to be consumed during the 40 day period. Fish is permitted to be consumed up until December the 11th. (Fish is not permitted though on the days of Wednesdays and Fridays). From the 12th of December until the Nativity of our Lord, a Strict Fast is observed.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18: 9th Sunday of Luke. Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21: The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple. Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22: Thanksgiving Day Liturgy. Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25: 13th Sunday of Luke. Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30: St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle. Orthros: 8:45 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1: Parish Life Committee Meeting at 7 pm.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1-15: Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Needy.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3: United Chios Society Annual Dance starting at 8 pm at the St. Nicholas Large Social Hall.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3: J.O.Y. Program, 12 - 2 pm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4: Stewardship Reflection Program Immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4: Sunday Brunch for St. Nicholas Parishioners sponsored by the Ladies Philoptochos and the Double-T Diner at the Plateia.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5: GOYA monthly meeting, 7 pm.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7: Ladies Philoptochos monthly meeting followed by their annual dinner to honor their patron Sts. Anargyroi. Dr. Lyketsos from Johns Hopkins Bayview will be their guest speaker.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9: Family Bingo from 6 - 11 pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10: Sunday School training from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, held at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Lunch will be served.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11: Stewardship Sunday

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