

### SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

### Message from FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS, PROTOPRESBYTER

As we approach the end of 2021, we turn our thoughts to the holidays. In November we always look forward to that special day of Thanksgiving" With the understanding of harvest is also thankfulness to God for all His blessings. Growing up, many of us have special memories that we carry from one Thanksgiving to another. But sometimes we tend to forget the past. To me, the past is something that we have to respect, because without our past we have no recollection for the present or the future.

There are people today that do not believe that the past is important. They believe that what happens today, in the present is the only thing that is important and valuable. I personally must disagree with this thought. We must accept what happened in the past. Where would we be today if there was no past history to give us insight and reference? If we do not believe in past events, then we should not believe in Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Easter, Science, medicine, Religion, Education, The Arts, Radio, Television, Electricity, Personal Genealogies, Past World Wars, etc. These are events of the past that we continue to honor and celebrate. All these evolved in the due process of History.

Can we truly forget and put everything that happened to the world on the back burner? In everything we do today, we always look back to the past. For over two thousand years, we as Orthodox Christians have concentrated our Thanksgiving around a table. We call it the "Holy Altar" which 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. So, 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 early Pilgrims had their problems, but they picked one day to bring peace in the world and to their hearts. The significance of this day is to put away all hatred and the cares of the world to share with each other the essence of true friendship and love. In America we celebrate this day with family and friends. Thanksgiving is one of those unique holidays that does not center on shopping and buying. Its true focus should be the "Table." So, when we gather around the table with our family and friends, we should be grateful for God's bounty and blessings. This is also a time in our lives that we should think of others that are not as fortunate as we are. There are people in this world who are suffering from the pains of

loneliness. There are less fortunate people who will be searching for food to eat. Children will go hungry without anyone to care for them. The nursing homes are filled with people who have no family members nor friends to turn to, to share or break bread.

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 us are not actual atheists, but sometimes we 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? We have everything that we can think of in this country that we live, and yet we forget that all of this comes from God. But do we ever get around to thanking our Lord for all the bounties and blessings that He bestows to each of us? On Thanksgiving Day, do we go to the everlasting "Table" to worship Him, and to truly thank Him for what He has given to us? Instead of going to Church on that day and thanking Him we would rather wake up in the morning, watch our sports, drink ourselves to a pulp, and wait until the Good Old Turkey comes to the table so we can stuff ourselves. That is not what Thanksgiving should be.



We can change all that if we can just focus on what was stated above--the "Table." Let us make this Thanksgiving a celebration of reaching out to others: the homeless and the families that cannot provide for themselves. Giving thanks to God, that we live in this great country which is called America the Beautiful. This country is truly the land of opportunity. We need to recognize that our spiritual obligations are for 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 who reads this article truly changes the way to celebrate this year's Thanksgiving Day. We can accomplish anything we want in life if we would put our minds to it. We can attend Church with our family, we can reach out to others who are in need, and we can watch our sports and eat a hearty meal. We can do all these things if we just put our minds to it. I have always believed in this concept "mind over matter."

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU AND HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING DAY.



### Μήνυμα Από τον Πατέρα Μιχαήλ Λ. Παστρικό

Καθώς πλησιάζουμε στο τέλος του 2021, οι σκέψεις μας συγκεντρώνονται στις γιορτές. Τον Νοέμβριο περιμένουμε την ξεχωριστή 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. Αλλά 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 πρόγονοί μας μας μας παρέδωσαν την Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών, τα Χριστούγεννα, το Hanukah, το Πάσχα, μας έδωσαν τις τέχνες, την επιστήμη, την ιατρική, τη θρησκεία, την εκπαίδευση, το ραδιόφωνο, τη τηλεόραση, την ηλεκτρική 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 ζωοδόχος Τράπεζα.

Εκατομμύρια άνθρωποι θα γιορτάσουν αυτή την ιστορική μεγάλη Εορτή χωρίς να γνωρίζουν το αληθινό νόημα της Ημέρας των Ευχαριστιών. Κατά το παρελθόν, η πρώτοι 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 Ημέρα 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 ψωμί την Ημέρα 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 προέργονται από το Θεό; Αλλά ανταποδώσαμε ποτέ στον Κύριό μας όλες τις καλωσύνες και τις ευλογίες που Εκείνος έχει χαρίσει στον καθένα μας; Την Ημέρα 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 απαλαύσουμε την άνεση του σπιτιού μας και να περάσουμε το υπόλοιπο της ημέρας παρακολουθώντας τα τηλεοπτικά σπορ; Αυτή δεν θα πρέπει να είναι για μας η πραγματική σημασία της Ημέρας των Ευχαριστιών.

Εχουμε 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 βοήθεις του πλησίον μας. Να απλώσουμε το χέρι στους άστεγους, και στις οικογένειες που δεν μπορούν να κερδίσουν τα προς το ζην. Ας ευχαριστήσουμε το Θεό, που ζούμε σε αυτή τη μεγάλη χώρα. Ας αναγνωρίσουμε τις πνευματικές μας υποχρεώσεις προς τους ανήμπορους. Ακολουθώντας το παράδειγμα του Κυρίου μας, μπορούμε να δείξουμε συμπόνια για όσους πονούν, και υποφέρουν, και να πάρουμε δύναμη για τις δικές μας στεναχώριες. Με τη βοήθειά Του μπορούμε να δείξουμε τόλμη για ότι είναι καλό, και να ενισχύσουμε την αφωσίωσή 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 τους ολιγώτερο τυχερούς. Σκεφθείτε την ευφορία της καρδιάς σας όταν θα παρακολουθείτε τα σπορ, ή όταν θα γεύεστε το λουκούλεο γεύμα σας με την οικογένειά σας. Όλα είνα δυνατά, αν το βάλετε καλά στο μυαλό σας.Πάντα πίστευα σ' αυτή την ιδέα "ΒΑΛΤΟ ΚΑΛΑ ΣΤΟ ΜΥΑΛΟ ΣΟΥ». Ο ΘΕΟΣ ΝΑ ΕΙΝΑΙ ΜΑΖΙ ΣΑΣ! Και να περάσετε καλά την «Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών».

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Please submit your article(s) to the Koinonia staff by the deadline stated below:

**ISSUE MONTH: DECEMBER 2021** SUBMISSIONS DUE: **NOVEMBER 15th** 

Please email your article(s) to: msalpeas@stnicholasmd.org

Articles are due no later than the 20th of each month. If they are received after the deadline they will be published in the following month's issue.

All articles must be proofread and color corrected prior to submission.

Thank you KOINONIA NOVEMBER 2021

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint Nicholas,

May He bless you all with good health and happiness! With the help of Our Lord we are moving towards the end of our first three years of the parish council. With great excitement, we came to the decision to continue our work to run and support our church and community as much as we can by taking part in the upcoming elections. Anyone who is interested and willing to work with us as a team representing the church and community is more than welcome to file candidacy for

the elections of the parish council. With the

hand in the heart, let's offer as much as each

one of us can.

The General Assembly was held this month, with a calm and interactive discussion. The meeting rolled smoothly leaving a hope in our hearts that the best days are approaching.

We all know that our beloved Father Michael has asked Metropolis for a retirement. His request has been accepted and respected. After his dignified, long, and remarkable journey in his priesthood he deserves to enjoy his children and grandchildren together as head of the family. It is not easy at all to replace him but with the help of the Lord we truly believe that everything will be fine. Metropolis has taken over the case along with a lawyer that their first council, father Christoforos Economidis, recommended for the case of the replacement of the priest due to retirement. We hope that everything will roll peacefully!

The Autumn party of our school was a great success! Our children and their parents had a lot of fun. The Square filled up with happy voices and laughter of our little students.

On October 27th we will host the celebration of our Greek School at the Square, celebrating with poems, songs and plays dedicated to the NO of 1940 that makes us feel so proud to be Greeks!!!

Long live the 28th of October 1940!!

Only pride for Greece!

Only pride for Our Ancestors!

Our BEEC center continues peacefully like our Square with a goal to always become better and better every day!!

Spare parts for the big kitchen freezer have been ordered. We can recognize that its operation is a necessity and we hope the experts fix it soon. We always strive for the best working as a team!

Last but not least, we are about to start the general cleaning process of our church preparing the space for the feast of our Patron Saint - Saint Nicholas. His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia will officiate the Vesper service with clergy and faithful. He will also officiate the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy the following morning for the Feast and Name Day of St. Nicholas. We hope that everyone will be able to attend.

May the blessing of Saint Nicholas enrich your life. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you generously give in every way!!!

With sincere appreciation and respect,

Stamatia Ieromonahos President of parish council of St. Nicholas of Baltimore, MD

### МН Н Н ПРОЕ В РОСТИВНИТЕ В РОСТИВ РОСТИВНИТЕ В РОСТИВНИТЕ В РОСТИВНИТЕ В РОСТИВНИТЕ В РОСТИВНИТЕ Р РОСТИВ РОСТИВНИТЕ Р РОСТИВНИТЕ Р РОСТИВНИТЕ Р РОСТИВНИТЕ Р РОС

Αγαπημένοι μας ενορίτες και φίλοι του Αγίου Νικολάου,

Ευχόμαστε να είστε καλά όλοι σας και να έχετε υγεία και οικογενειακή ευλογία. Με την βοήθεια του Κυρίου Μας προχωράμε προς το τέλος της πρώτης τριετίας μας σαν συμβούλιο. Αποφασίσαμε να βάλουμε ξανά υποψηφιότητα για να βοηθήσουμε όσο μπορούμε την εκκλησία και την κοινότητα μας. Ευπρόσδεκτη η παρουσία όλων μας να δουλέψουμε ομαδικά για οτιδήποτε θα βοηθήσει την ενορία μας. Με το χέρι στην καρδιά ας προσφέρουμε ότι και όσο μπορεί ο καθένας μας.

Έγινε η Γενική Συνέλευση με ηρεμία και διαλογική συζήτηση και κύλησε ομαλά η διεξαγωγή της με την ελπίδα στις καρδιές μας ότι οι καλύτερες μέρες πλησιάζουν. Όλοι μας γνωρίζουμε ότι ο αγαπημένος μας πάτερ Μιχάλης ζήτησε συνταξιοδότηση από την Μητρόπολη. Το αίτημα του έγινε αποδεκτό και σεβαστό γιατί έχει και εκείνος το δικαίωμα σαν οικογενειάρχης να χαρεί τα παιδιά και τα εγγόνια του μαζί με την πρεσβυτέρα μας μετά από την αξιοπρεπή, μακρόχρονη και αξιόλογη θητεία του ως ιερατικός εκπρόσωπος της Χριστιανοσύνης. Δεν είναι καθόλου εύκολη η αλλαγή και η αντικατάσταση αλλά με την βοήθεια του Κυρίου θέλουμε να πιστεύουμε ότι όλα θα πάνε μια χαρά. Την υπόθεση έχει αναλάβει η Μητρόπολη με δικηγόρο που ο πρωτοσύγκελος της Μητροπόλεως σεβασμιότατος πάτερ Χριστόφορος Οικονομίδης σύστησε για αυτό το θέμα της αντικατάστασης ιερέως λόγω συνταξιοδότησης. Ευελπιστούμε ότι όλα θα διαβούν αρμονικά και ευλογημένα.

Έγινε το Φθινοπωρινό πάρτυ του σχολείου μας με μεγάλη επιτυχία. Διασκέδασαν πολύ και τα παιδάκια μας και οι γονείς τους . Η Πλατεία μας γέμισε με χαρούμενες φωνές και γέλια των μικρών μαθητών μας. Στις 27 Οκτωβρίου θα έχουμε την

γιορτή του Ελληνικού Σχολείου μας στην Πλατεία με ποιήματα, τραγούδια και θεατρικά αφιερωμένα στο ΟΧΙ του Σαράντα που τόσο περήφανους μας κάνει να νιώθουμε σαν Έλληνες!!! Ζήτω η 28η Οκτωβρίου 1940!! Μόνο περηφάνεια για την Ελλάδα Μας! Μόνο περηφάνεια για τους Προγόνους Μας!

Ο παιδικός μας σταθμός λειτουργεί ομαλά όπως και η Πλατεία μας με έναν στόχο πάντα να γίνονται καθημερινά όλο και καλύτερα!! Έχουν παραγγελθεί τα ανταλλακτικά για τον μεγάλο καταψύκτη της κουζίνας στην εκκλησία γιατί είναι απαραίτητη η λειτουργία του, ευελπιστούμε να διορθωθεί σύντομα.

Προσπαθούμε για το καλύτερο πάντα με την ομαδική βοήθεια όλων μας.

Θα ξεκινήσουμε την γενική καθαριότητα της εκκλησίας μας για να ετοιμαστούμε για την εορτή του Πολιούχου - Προστάτη Μας Αγίου Νικολάου. Στον Μέγα Εσπερινό θα παραβρεθεί για μεγάλη μας τιμή και χαρά ο Θεοφιλέστατος Επίσκοπος Μηδείας κ. κ. Απόστολος . Ευπρόσδεκτη η βοήθεια όλων μας. Χωρίς όλους εσάς τίποτα δεν θα πήγαινε μπροστά. Η ευλογία του Αγίου Νικολάου να πλουτίζει την ζωή σας.

Σας ευχαριστούμε από καρδιάς για όλα όσα δίνετε με κάθε τρόπο απλόχερα !!!

Με ειλικρινή εκτίμηση και σεβασμό

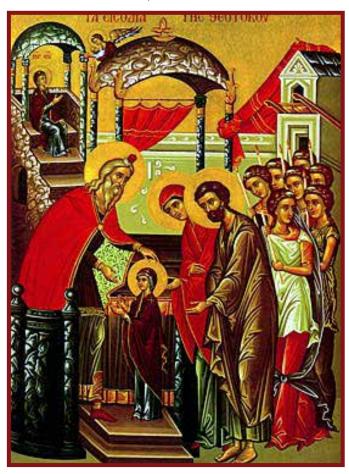
Με αληθινή εκτίμηση και αγάπη,

Σταματία Ιερομόναχος Πρόεδρος του Συμβουλίου Αγίου Νικολάου Βαλτιμόρης

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

## Feast of the Entrance into The Temple of Our Most Holy Lady The Theotokos

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#### Introduction

The Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on November 21 each year. The Feast commemorates when as a young child, the Virgin Mary entered the Temple in Jerusalem.

### Protevangelion Story

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

When Mary was three years old, Joachim and Anna decided that the time had come to fulfill their promise and to offer her to the Lord. Joachim gathered the young girls of the neighborhood to form an escort, and he made them

go in front of Mary, carrying torches. Captivated by the torches, the young child followed joyfully to the Temple, not once looking back at her parents nor weeping as she was parted from them.

The holy Virgin ran toward the Temple, overtaking her attendant maidens and threw herself into the arms of the High Priest Zacharias, who was waiting for her at the gate of the Temple with the elders. Zacharias blessed her saying, "It is in you that He has glorified your name in every generation. It is in you that He will reveal the Redemption that He has prepared for His people in the last days."

Then, Zacharias brought the child into the Holy of Holies—a place where only the High Priest was permitted to enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. He placed her on the steps of the altar, and the grace of the Lord descended upon her. She arose and expressed her joy in a dance as wonder seized all who saw this happen.

The Virgin Mary dwelt in the Temple for nine years until, reaching an age for marriage, she was taken from the Temple by the priests and elders and entrusted to Joseph as the guardian of her virginity.

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her readiness for her future vocation as the Mother of the Incarnate Lord. This is a feast of anticipation. As honor is shown to Mary, the faithful are called to look forward to the Incarnation of Christ, celebrated in a little more than a month by the Feast of the Nativity on December 25.

### Icon of the Feast

The icon of the feast tells the story of Mary's entry into the Temple. The High Priest, Zacharias, is in his priestly robes standing on the step of the Temple. His arms are outstretched, ready to greet and receive the Virgin. Mary is shown as a small child, standing before Zacharias with her arms reaching up to him. In some icons the young maidens who served as her escort are depicted standing behind her. Also, we see her parents, Joachim and Anna, offering their child to God and His divine service. In the upper center portion of the icon, the Virgin is seated on the steps of the Holy of Holies. An angel is there, attending to the one chosen by God to bring the Savior into the world.

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### GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

### ARCHIEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL

Prot. No. 231/2021

### Archiepiscopal Encyclical for National Leadership 100 Sunday

October 17, 2021

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

Όλην τὴν ἡμέραν ἐλεεῖ καὶ δανίζει ὁ δίκαιος καὶ τὸ σπέρμα αὐτοῦ εἰς εὐλογίαν ἔσται. (Ψαλμός 36:26) All the day long the righteous show mercy and lend, and their offspring shall be a blessing. (Psalm 36:26, LXX)

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

All throughout Sacred Scripture, we read of generosity, mercy, giving, and liberality as the qualities and characteristics of the righteous – of those who understand the judgment of God. If there is an organization of our Sacred Archdiocese that aspires to these values, we must include the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund among those that are committed to the principle of sharing the blessings of God. Every member of Leadership 100 makes an extraordinary commitment to endow and seed the ministries of the Church that are accessed by all Her members. Leadership 100 is a quintessential instrument of generosity for the Archdiocese, and it has fulfilled this all-important role for more than four decades.

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Today, we are celebrating National Leadership 100 Sunday – an opportunity to learn more about the work of this organization, and an opportunity to express our gratitude. This movement of munificence and philanthropy has given our Archdiocese many gifts, but none greater than its support for Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Leadership 100 has stood in the breach for our *Scholi* and bridged the gap more than once, in order to ensure that the Archdiocese would maintain a steady stream of qualified candidates for the Holy Priesthood.

Today, when we celebrate all their accomplishments, let us remember that Leadership 100 is comprised of fellow brothers and sisters of our Church, each of whom has decided to give back to the Lord in thanksgiving for the blessings that they have received. Let us take this day to also give thanks for them and to them, for their wise stewardship, and for their dedication and commitment to our Holy Church.

With paternal love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

То Аресты Жутового

† ELPIDOPHOROS

Archbishop of America



### ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ

### ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ

Αριθ. Πρωτ. 231/2021

## Ποιμαντοφική καὶ Άφχιεπισκοπική ἐγκύκλιος γιὰ τὴν Κυφιακή τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100.

17 Όκτωβρίου 2021

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

«Όλην τὴν ἡμέραν ἐλεεῖ καὶ δανείζει ὁ δίκαιος καὶ τὸ σπέρμα αὐτοῦ εἰς εὐλογίαν ἔσται» (Ψαλμός 36:26).

Προσφιλεῖς ἀδελφοὶ καὶ ἀδελφὲς ἐν Χριστῷ,

Παντοῦ στὶς ἱεθὲς γραφὲς τονίζονται ἰδιαιτέρως ἡ γεναιοδωρία, ἡ ἐλεημοσύνη, ἡ εὐσπλαχνία ἐν ἐλευθερία καὶ ἀγάπη, ὡς τὰ ποιοτικὰ χαρακτηριστικὰ τῶν δικαίων καὶ ὅλων τῶν ἀνθρώπων ποὺ ἀντιλαμβάνονται τὴ δικαιοσύνη τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ἀπὸ ὅλους τοὺς φορεῖς τῆς Ἱερᾶς μας Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς ποὺ ἐμπνέουν αὐτὲς τὶς αἰώνιες ἀξίες, μὲ κύρια ἀποστολὴ τὸ διαμοιρασμὸ τῶν εὐλογιῶν τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἰδιαίτερη θέση κατέχει τὸ ἀποθεματικὸ Ταμεῖο τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100 «Ἀρχιεπίσκοπος Ἰάκωβος». Ἡ Ἡγεσία τῶν 100 εἶναι ἕνα μοναδικὸ μέσο γιὰ τὴν ἐξάσκηση τῆς γενναιοδωρίας τῆς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς καὶ ἀνταποκρίνεται πλήρως στὴν ἀποστολή της γιὰ περισσότερο ἀπὸ τέσσερεις δεκαετίες.

Η σημεφινή ήμέφα, ὅπου σὲ ὅλη τὴν Ἀμεφική ἑοφτάζουμε τὴν Κυφιακή τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100, ἀποτελεῖ μία εὐκαιφία νὰ πληφοφοφηθοῦμε καλύτεφα γιὰ τὴ σημαντική ἐφγασία τοῦ ὀργανισμοῦ καὶ νὰ ἐκφφάσουμε τὴν εὐγνωμοσύνη μας. Διότι ἡ γενναιοδωφία



καὶ ἡ φιλανθοωπία της ἔχουν χαρίσει πολλαπλῶς δῶρα στὴν Ἀρχιεπισκοπή, μὲ σπουδαιότερο τὴ στήριξη στὸ Ἑλληνικὸ Κολλέγιο καὶ στὴ Θεολογικὴ Σχολὴ τοῦ Τιμίου Σταυροῦ. Ἡ Ἡγεσία τῶν 100 ἔχει συμπαρασταθεῖ πολλαπλὰ καὶ ἔχει καλύψει ἐπαρκῶς τὸ ἔλλειμα τῆς Σχολῆς μας, ἔτσι ὥστε νὰ συνεχίσουν νὰ ἀναδεικνύονται κατάλληλα καταρτισμένοι ὑποψήφιοι κληρικοὶ ποὺ θὰ ὑπηρετήσουν μελλοντικὰ τὴν Ἁρχιεπισκοπή μας.

Σήμερα, ἀναγνωρίζοντας τὰ ἐπιτεύγματα τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100, ἄς ἐπισημάνουμε ὅτι ἡ Ἡγεσία τῶν 100 ἀποτελεῖται ἀπὸ μέλη, ἀδελφοὺς καὶ ἀδελφὲς τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μας. Κάθε ἕνα ἀπὸ τὰ αὐτὰ τὰ μέλη ἔχει ἀποφασίσει νὰ ἀποδώσει στὸν Κύριο ὡς εὐχαριστία, κάποιες ἀπὸ τὶς εὐλογίες ποὺ ἔχει ἀποκτήσει. Μὲ αὐτὴ τὴν ἀφορμή, ἄς εὐχαριστήσουμε αὐτοὺς ἀλλὰ καὶ γιὰ αὐτοὺς τὸ Θεό, γιὰ τὴ σοφή τους διαχείριση καὶ γιὰ τὴν ἀφιέρωσή τους στὴν Ἁγία μας Ἐκκλησία.

Μετὰ τῆς ἐν Κυρίω Ἰησοῦ Χριστῷ ἀγάπης,

† ὁ Ἀμερικῆς Ἐλπιδοφόρος

16 Ареста Тутового

### **DIAMONDS**

### Welcome November!

An update to the Diamonds' activities: Our first meeting of the new ecclesiastical year was held at our Plateia on September 14 following the Divine Liturgy with 20 members in attendance including 2 new members. We enjoyed a delicious Lenten luncheon prepared by Spiro Kiriako after which we discussed the details of our upcoming project, our annual crab feast. It was held on Sunday October 3 at our Plateia and awas a HUGE success! 100 guests enjoyed tasty foods...from appetizers to dessert including an abundance of crabs! We appreciate and extend a big "thank you" to each person who attended, thereby supporting our continuing efforts in helping our church.

If you are a young 55 years or older and would like to join the Diamonds, we look forward to having you be with us for lunch at our next meeting on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Nov. 9</u>, <u>2021</u>, at 1:00, at our Plateia.

### See you there!

Be sure to include our Annual January Event on your calendar. It will be held at our Plateia on January 8, 2022. Join us for a festive beginning to the New Year!

Rose Tsakalos "Diamonds" President

### "ΔΙΑΜΑΝΤΙΑ» ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ

Η πρώτη συνεδρίαση των μελών μας για το νέο εκκλησιαστικό έτος πραγματοποιήθηκε στην Πλατεία μας στις 14 Σεπτεμβρίου, μετά τη Θεία Λειτουργία, με παρόντα 20 μέλη, συμπεριλαμβανομένων 2 νέων μελών. Απολαύσαμε ένα υπέροχο σαρακοστιανό μεσημεριανό γεύμα που ετοίμασε ο Σπύρος Κυριάκου και μετά συζητήσαμε τις λεπτομέρειες της επομένης μας εκδήλοωσης, της ετήσιας καβουροφαγίας. Έγινε την Κυριακή 3 Οκτωβρίου στην Πλατεία μας και είχε τεράστια επιτυχία! 100 καλεσμένοι απόλαυσαν νόστιμα φαγητά ... από ορεκτικά έως επιδόρπια, συμπεριλαμβανομένης της αφθονίας των καβουριών! Εκτιμούμε απεριόριστα και εκφράζουμε ένα μεγάλο «ευχαριστώ» σε κάθε άτομο που παρευρέθηκε, υποστηρίζοντας έτσι τις συνεχείς προσπάθειές μας να βοηθήσουμε την Εκκλησία μας. Αν είστε νέοι, 55 ετών και άνω, και θέλετε να γίνετε μέλη των Diamonds, θα σας παρακαλούσαμε να είστε μαζί μας στο γεύμα της επόμενης συνεδρίασή μας στις 9 Νοεμβρίου, στις 1:00, στην Πλατεία.

Επίσης, στις 8 Ιανουαρίου, 2022, θα έχουμε το ετήσιο γεύμα μας στη Πλατεία, 2022. Η παρουσία σας είναι απαραίτητη στην εορταστική αυτή εκδήλωση για να καλωσορίσουμε το ξεκίνημα του Καινούργιου Χρόνου.

Με εκτίμηση Ρόζα Τσακάλου Πρόεδρος του ΔΙΑΜΑΝΤΩΝ

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### **A CHRISTMAS FAST?**

Come Orthodox Christians are unaware that our OChurch observes a fast in preparation for the Nativity of our Lord. This is not surprising considering that our surrounding culture today begins the celebration of Christmas sometime in November and continues its celebration through Christmas Day when the celebration abruptly ends. As Orthodox Christians, we prepare for the birth of Christ traditionally beginning on November 15th, and we celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas day. We prepare for this glorious Feast by increasing our fasting, our prayer life, and our almsgiving. Unlike Great Lent, the Nativity Fast is a lighter, joyful fast. We are able to celebrate the Divine liturgy during the weekday leading up to the feast (also unlike Great lent), and we emphasize throughout the joyful anticipation of our Lord becoming man for our salvation. As many of us have not observed the nativity Fast in the past, we should approach it with deliberation and a plan. We should also keep in mind that our St. Nicholas Parish observes a more strict Nativity Fast during the latter days of December.

From November 15th, to December 12th, we are permitted to consume Fish. The days which we are not permitted to eat Fish are Wednesday's and Friday's. From December 13th, until December 24th we keep the strict Fast. No Meat, Fish, or Dairy products are consumed. This is the traditionally Nativity Fast. Also, in the United States, it is very common to break the Fast on Thanksgiving Day.

We are also reminded that our Fasting should include abstinence from certain Foods, Increase Prayer, and

Increased Almsgiving. Moreover, if we have not observed the Nativity Fast in the past, and you are starting as a beginner be advised that you should begin with a lighter fast and work your way up to a stricter fast as we grow spiritually. If anyone has any questions or need guidance for Fasting, please approach Fr. Michael. May God bless and guide our efforts to grow closer to Him!



θέλω νά ευχαριστήσω όλους πού βοήθεισαν στές επιτυχίες των Φεστιβάλ μάς τόν Ιούνιο καί τόν Σεπτέμβριο.

Ειδικώς τον Γιώργο και Βασιλεία Φοράκη οι οποίοι αγόρασαν τά υλικά γιά τές ωραίες σπανακόπιτες καί τον Γιάννη Κήβα πού προετοίμασε τό σπανάκη.

Αρκετοί κύριοι και κυρίες τής κοινότητας μας έκαναν χρηματικές δωρεές γιά τές γευστικές τυρόπιτες όπως καί το εστιατόριο Timbaktu πού μάς έστειλε όλο το τριμμένο Ρομάνο τυρί.

Πάρα πολλά ευχαριστήρια αξείζουν αι κυρίες πού αφιέρωσαν αμέτρητες ώρες γιά νά ετοιμαστούν αι σπανακόπιτες, τυρόπιτες, καί ντολμάδες...φέτος όπως καί πάντα.

Τά δύο Φεστιβάλ δέν θά ήταν τέλεια δίχως τά διάφορα, άφθονα, καί νοστιμότατα γλυκά πού ετοίμασαν καί πάλι αί κυρίες τής κοινότητας μας μέ τά δικά τούς έξοδα καί τά σέρβιραν με αδελφικό ενθουσιασμό τές τρείς ημέρες και στά δύο Φεστιβάλ.

Νά με συγχωρέσετε εάν ξέχασα τίποτα. Μέ εκτίμηση, Αρεζίνα (Ρόζα) Κόρνια

Ευχαριστώ!!

I wish to thank everyone who helped make our June an September Mini-Festivals memorable occasions.

Specifically, I thank the following for their contributions:

George and Vasilia Forakis who purchased the ingredients needed to make the tasty spinach pies and John Kevas who prepared the spinach.

Quite a few men and women of our St.Nicholas community made monetary donations toward the purchase of the ingredients needed for the delicious cheese pies along with the owner of the Timbuktu Restaurant who provided all the shredded Romano cheese.

I extend a huge thank you to all the women who devoted countless hours in the making of the spinach pies, cheese pies, and dolmades once again this year as they have done each year.

Our two Mini-Festivals would not have been complete without the contributions of the various, bountiful, mouth watering pastries baked once again by the women of the community, at their own expense as they have done each year. They enthusiastically served the pastries each day during both events as they welcomed the visitors, who seek these delicacies.

Please forgive me if I have omitted anything. Respectfully, Arezina (Rosa) Cornias



### GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

### ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

October 18, 2021

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy,
Esteemed Members of the Metropolis Council,
Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate,
Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils and Philoptochos Sisterhood,
And all devout Orthodox Christians of the
Greek Orthodox Communities of the sacred Metropolis of New Jersey

My beloved,

I hope and pray this this letter finds you all well. On Saturday, November 13, 2021 the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey will be celebrating the Feastday of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, the Patron Saint of our sacred Metropolis. Therefore, it is with much enthusiasm that I announce to you the schedule for the Divine Services that will be taking place at the Chapel of St. John Chrysostom in our Metropolis Headquarters to mark this most important Feastday in the life our Metropolis:

### Friday, November 12, 2021

6:30pm Great Hierarchical Vespers celebrated by His Grace, Bishop Apostolos of Medeia

### Saturday, November 13, 2021

9:00am Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Eminence, Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

Please know that all of you are wholeheartedly invited to attend these beautiful Divine Services so that we may join together as one spiritual family and worship together in honor of our beloved Patron Saint. A reception will follow both the Great Vespers and the Divine Liturgy.

Praying that our loving Lord, through the intercessions of St. John Chrysostom, continues to bless all of you, I remain

At the Direction of the Archbishop,

+ Archimandrite Christoforos Oikonomidis Chancellor

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### **GREEK SCHOOL - OXI DAY CELEBRATION**



The Greek school celebrated OXI Day on Wednesday, October 27th at the Greektown Square & Event Center.

The children did a wonderful job reciting stories, poems, and songs.













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### **Lord Baltimore Chapter #364 Scholarship Presentation**

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, during AHEPA Day, the Lord Baltimore Chapter # 364 awarded scholarships to seven well-deserving students. This year's recipients were:

- Irene Souranis (Deno Yenias Award)
- Emmanuel Spanos (Michael Athas Award)
- Jiana Stamas (Bill Trintis Award)
- Stephen Christ
- Markella Pearce
- Nicoletta Pearce
- Christos Vasilarakis



The Chapter would like to congratulate and wish good luck to each of the scholarship recipients. In addition to the college scholarships, a donation was also made for one student to enroll in Saint Nicholas' Greek School.

### Lord Baltimore Chapter #364 Donation to St. Nicholas Greek School



Father Michael Pastrikos, Stamatia Leromonahos Parish Council President, Pericles Likakis Chapter President, Michael Mavronis, Nick Forakis, Louis Kanaras District 3 Marshall

In September, and in keeping with their, "We are here to help" theme, the Lord Baltimore Chapter #364 of AHEPA donated \$2,500 to the Saint Nicholas Greek School. The check was presented to the Greek School following the Divine Liturgy in church. The funds will be used by the school to help children who need help paying their yearly tuition.

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### **PHILOPTOCHOS**

On Saturday, October 23rd we held a "Harvest Greek Night" at Columbus Gardens to benefit the Philoxenia House and the families that it serves. Thank you to all those that attended, donated and sold tickets to make the evening a success. A special thank you to Maria and Tony Pearce for everything they continue to do for the Home and Philoptochos. God has truly blessed us with special individuals that believe in the true missions of Philoptochos!

Thank you to Michaels Steak and Lobster House for hosting our last general meeting. The next general meeting is on

Monday, November 1st at 5:00 p.m. at which time we will serve a complimentary dinner to honor our patron Saints Kosmas and Damian. Please note the time change. If you plan on attending, please contact Irene Vasilios at 410-687-3978. We have decided that our General Meetings during the Fall and Winter Months will start at 5:00 p.m. because it gets dark earlier. Thank you for your understanding. On Sunday, November 7th we will have an Artoclasia for the health of all our mem-

bers and pass a special tray to benefit The Ecumenical Patriarchates Programs. We would like to thank the Gerapetrides family for their donation and wish them many years of health! As in the past we will be assisting families with Thanksgiving Food Baskets and November 1st through 13th we will be collecting nonperishable food items. You may drop the items off at the church.

**SAVE THE DATE**: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 Christmas Cheer at The Greektown Square and Event Center 6:00 p.m. Details will follow.

Wishing everyone a safe and Blessed Thanksgiving. Psalm 107:8-9 "Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind. For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."

#### **DONATIONS:**

In Memory of Linda Skandalis: Mr. George Skandalis

### In Memory of Hariklia Sigambris:

Mr. and Mrs. John Georgakis and family Mr. and Mrs. George Perdikakis

In Memory of Ekaterini Bourgoutizis, George Minadakis and Irene Tripolitis: Mr. and Mrs. Demetrios Zervos and Family

### **GENERAL DONATIONS:**

Mrs. Despina Glykiades and Arhondoula Giorgiou

Το Σάββατο 23 Οκτωβρίου πραγματοποιήσαμε την Φθινοπωρινή «Ελληνική Βραδιά» στην αίθουσα του Gardens of Columbus προς οικονομική ενίσχυση του Οικήματος της Φιλοξενίας και των οικογενειών που εξυπηρετεί. Ευχαριστούμε όλους όσοι παρευρέθηκαν και έκαναν δωρεές ή πούλησαν εισιτήρια για να έχει επιτυχία η βραδιά. Ένα ιδιαίτερο ευχαριστώ στη Μαρία και τον Τόνυ Πιρς για όλα όσα συνεχίζουν να κάνουν για το Σπίτι της Φιλοξενίας και την Φιλόπτωχο. Ο Θεός μας έχει πραγματικά ευλογήσει με ξεχωριστά άτομα που πιστεύουν στις αληθινές αποστολές και το έργο της Φιλοπτώχου!

Ευχαριστούμε ρο Εστιατόριο Michaels Steak και Lobster για τη φιλοξενία της τελευταίας μας γενικής συνεδρίασης. Η επόμενη γενική συνεδρίαση θα είναι τη Δευτέρα 1η Νοεμβρίου στις 6:00 μ.μ. οπότε θα σερβίρουμε δείπνο δωρεάν σε όλους τους παρευρισκομένους για να τιμήσουμε τους προστάτες Αγίους μας Κοσμά και Δαμιανό. Εάν σκοπεύετε να έλθετε, παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήστε με την Ειρήνη Βασιλείου στο 410-687-3978. Την Κυριακή 7 Νοεμβρίου θα έχουμε Αρτοκλασία υπέρ υγείας όλων των μελών μας και θα περάσουμε έκτακτο

δίσκο προς ενίσχυση των Προγραμμάτων του Οικουμενικού Πατριαρχείου. Θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε την οικογένεια Γεραπετρίτη για τη δωρεά τους και να τους ευχηθούμε έτη πολλά με υγεία! Όπως και στο παρελθόν, έτσι και εφέτος, από τις 1η έως τις 13 Νοεμβρίου θα συλλέγουμε μη αναλώσιμα τρόφιμα. Θα προετοιμάσουμε καλάθια με τρόφιμα για την Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών για να βοηθήσουμε άπορες οικογένειες. Μπορείτε να αφήσετε τα δικά σας είδη στην Εκκλησία.

**ΚΡΑΤΕΙΣΤΕ ΤΗΝ ΗΜΕΡΟΜΗΝΙΑ**: Τρίτη, 14 Δεκεμβρίου, 2021, Χριστουγεννιάτικο Πάρτι στη Πλατεία, 6:00 μ.μ. Θα ακολουθήσουν λεπτομέρειες.

Ευχόμαστε σε όλους μια ασφαλή και ευλογημένη Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών. Ψαλμός 107: 8-9 «Ας ευχαριστήσουμε το Κύριο για την ατέλειωτη αγάπη Του και τις υπέροχες πράξεις Του προς την ανθρωπότητα. Διότι ικανοποιεί τη δίψα και χορταίνει τους πεινασμένους».

#### ΔΩΡΕΕΣ:

PHILOPTOCHOS

Εις μνήμη της Λίντας Σκαντάλη: κος Γεώργιος Σκαντάλης

Εις μνήμη της Χαρίκλειας Συγαμβρή: Οικογένεια κου & κας Ιωάννη Γιωργάκη Κος & κα. Γεώργιος Παρδικάκης

Εις μνήμη Αικατερίνης Μπουργουτζή, Γεωργίου Μηναδάκη, & Ειρήνης Τριπολίτη:

Κος & κα Δημήτριος Ζερβός οικογενειακώς

#### Γενικές Δωρεές:

Κα Δέσποινα Γλυκιάδου, κα Αρχοντούλα Γεωργίου

### EARLY EDUCATION CENTER NEWS



## NOW HIRING TEACHERS AND AIDES!

# ST. NICHOLAS BILINGUAL EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

### **BEEC Family!!!**

We enter November, the last month of Autumn. Our little friends are very excited about the autumn crafts and are looking forward to enjoying our Fall Festival and Thanksgiving celebration. Our center also welcomes our new staff who are dedicated and passionate about their work. BEEC is still hiring teachers and we are open to meet and discuss with you!!!!



Evangelia Papadima Tsapakidis Asst. Director

Sharon Small Center Director







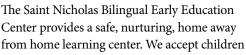
### Οικογένεια ΒΕΕС!!!!

Μπάινουμε στον Νοέμβριο, τον τελευταίο μήνα του Φθινοπώρου. Οι μικροί μας φίλοι είναι πολυ ενθουσιασμένοι με τις χειροτεχνίες του φθινοπώρου και το Φθινοπωρινό Φεστιβάλ και ανυπομονούν για την γιορτή των Ευχαριστιών. Επίσης ο σταθμός μας καλωσορίζει το νεό μας προσωπικό που έχει αφοσίωση και μεράκι για την δουλειά του. Ο σταθμός μας ακόμα χρειάζεται υπαλλήλους. Ελάτε να σας γνωρίσουμε απο κοντά και να συζητήσουμε για την συνεργασία μας.



Ευαγγελία Παπαδήμα Τσαπακίδης Βοηθός Διευθύντρια

Sharon Small Διευθύντρια



from 6 weeks till 5 years of age. BEEC is hiring part-time and full-time

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





Ο Δίγλωσσος Βρεφονηπιακός Σταθμός Αγίου Νικολάου παρέχει ένα ασφαλές περιβάλλον, ένα σπίτι μακριά από το σπίτι, ένα σπίτι μάθησης. Δεχόμαστε παιδιά ηλικίας 6 εβδομάδων έως 5 ετών. Ο σταθμός μας ψάχνει να προσλάβει βοηθούς δασκάλων μερικής και πλήρους απασχόλησης. Αν έχετε ερωτήσεις ή χρειαζόσαστε περισσότερες πληροφορίες, παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήστε με το Σταθμό μας στο τηλέφωνο 410-633-5020, γραμμή 4 ή στείλτε μας μήνυμα στο Facebook.



Larry Hogan Governor Boyd K. Rutherford Lt. Governor Gregory Slater Secretary Holly Arnold Acting Administrator



#### Mission Statement

The mission of the Maryland Transit Administration Police Force is to professionally enforce the law, protect its transit community, employees, and facilities with dignity and respect.

Colonel John E. Gavrilis
Chief of Police

### Congratulations on your retirement!



Colonel John E. Gavrilis, Chief of Police July 2004 – December 2021

Colonel John E. Gavrilis began his tenure with Maryland Transit Administration Police Force in 2004 as the Deputy Chief of Police. In 2009, Colonel John E. Gavrilis was appointed to the rank of Chief of Police after a national search for the position. Colonel Gavrilis oversees a force of approximately 238 sworn and civilian personnel.

John, a forty-eight-year law enforcement professional, is retired from the Baltimore City Police Department where he rose through the ranks from patrolman to acting Police Commissioner, holding ranks as Chief/Colonel of Field Operations and Detective Bureaus. He

also held senior command ranks in Internal Affairs and the Patrol Division. He was also assigned to Executive Protection where he protected the President of the United States and other heads of state. He is also credited with initiating CompStat in the Baltimore Police Department and the Maryland Transit Administration Police Force. During his tenure with the MTA, he has been instrumental in dramatically reducing crime. For 7 years in a row the MDOT MTA has been recognized for having the lowest part one crime among the top 12 transit agencies in the country.

Chief Gavrilis has numerous medals for bravery and letters of commendations. He received the Daily Records "Innovator of the Year" award for revitalizing the Greektown Community. The Chief received a Ribbon of Valor for his undercover role that resulted in the arrest and conviction of the Ku Klux Klan chapter in the State of Maryland. He holds a top-Secret Security Clearance from the FBI, a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, is a graduate of the FBI National Academy (session #192), completed the Johns Hopkins University Field Commanders forum and is a graduate of the Greater Baltimore Leadership School. He was also inducted into the Patterson High Alumni "Hall of Fame". Colonel Gavrilis is active volunteering in the Greek community and in the Greek Orthodox churches. He is married with two daughters.

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### THE 2021/2022 APPLICATION IS OPEN



Do you or an exceptional undergraduate student you know qualify to be a PanHellenic Scholar? The 2021/2022 application is now open and accepting applications!

The Foundation will accept applications from eligible Greek American college students and will distribute \$250,000 in scholarship awards to exceptional undergraduates as follows:

- \$200,000 (20 Awards) of \$10,000 each based on academic merit and financial need. (\$20,000 given specifically for students studying music or arts)
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Undergraduate students of Hellenic descent from all fifty states are encouraged to apply. If a student applied in a prior year, and are still in college, we encourage them to reapply. Applications should be submitted electronically as instructed by January 31, 2022.

https://www.panhellenicst.org/apply

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### **MEMORIALS**

### In memory of Apostolis Venetis

Mr. George Skandalis Mrs. Katina Micklos Mrs. Gefsi Stamidis & Family Gerasimos & Lambrini Galiatsatos Mrs. Chrisoula Foniadakis & Family

### In memory of Nicholas G. Nicholas

Mrs. Aspasia Karpathiou Johns

### In memory of Stamatis Stavrou

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#### In memory of Vasilios Trintis

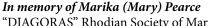
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### In memory of Aliki Argiropoulos

Mrs. Mary Serafis Ms. Maria Salpeas Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Theoharis Mrs. Helen Pikounis

### In memory of Mary Georgiou

The Rologas Family Mrs. Paraskevi Souranis Rose & Jeanette Tsakalos Ms. Maria Salpeas Simeon & Ann Georgiou



"DIAGORAS" Rhodian Society of Maryland Ms. Maria Karagiannis The Rologas Family

### In memory of Antonios Frangakis

Mr. & Mrs. John Alexandrou

### In memory of Nicholas Mathioudakis

Anastasia Koulatsos & Family

### In memory of Stephanie Tahinos

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Mr. Nicholas Filippou

### In memory of Steve Eliades

Mr. Chris Angelopoulos Ms. Maria Karagiannis

#### In memory of Harikleia Sigambris

Ms. Maria Karagiannis

### In memory of Eleftheria (Ritsa) Kanellopoulos

Ms. Maria Karagiannis Mrs. Aspasia Karpathiou Johns

### In memory of Stelios Stamatakis

Mrs. Kiki Roros & Family

#### In memory of Nikolaos Tserkis

John & Patricia Gavrilis

### In memory of Lambro & Athina Neofitou

James & Argyrenia Maurakis & Family

### In memory of Dionisios & Angeliki Hatzidakis

The Hatzidakis Family

### In memory of James & Mary Nearwood

The Hatzidakis Family

### In memory of Dimitrios & Ploumi Kotatis

The Hatzidakis Family

### In memory of Evangelos & Dimitrios Orfanidis

Ms. Vasilia Orfanidis

### In memory of Emmanuel Pikounis

George & Maria Kornias Mrs. Helen Pikounis



### **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 14**

"Our Church.
Our Spiritual Home.'
Η εκκλησία μας.
Το πνευματικό μας σπίτι.





Please join us for the beginning of the 2022 stewardship year

Stewardship Committee: Irene Vasilakopoulos (Chairperson) Irene Angelos Adrienne Kourtesis Foula Paragios

### **STEWARDSHIP**

Join us Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday! <sub>for</sub> Stewardship Sunday!

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### **STEWARDSHIP**

### MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE CARD ΚΑΡΤΑ ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ

### "OUR CHURCH, OUR SPIRITUAL HOME,"

#### "Η ΕΚΚΑΠΣΙΑ ΜΑΣ, ΤΟ ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΙΚΌ ΜΑΣ ΣΠΙΤΙ."

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in gratitude for God's blessings li/we make the following commitment to the ministries of 6τ. Nicholas Church. Σον έφφαση συγκερισούνης μου για τις ευλαγές που έχω λάβει από τον Geb, δεομείσμαι με την ακάλουθη ακακουμική και εθελοιστική μου προσφορά προσχην Εκκάμσεις του Αγίου Κικολόου,

Come and See God work through your externs, skills, and experience, as well as your financial support.
Your offering to Christ and His Church can do as much as you empower it to do.

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

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Δεν χρειλίζεται να θυμαστε να στεθωτε τη προσφορά σας. Ρυθμίστε την αυτόματη δωρεά και την εθελουτική σας προσφορά απευθείας από τον υπολυγιστή σας ή το tablet σας που θα απαναλαμβανεται ανελλιπώς κάθο εβδομάδο.

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### **EVENTS**





Axion Charity Events presents



# **Greek Night Out Glendi**

Join us for a night of Greek Dancing, Family Fellowship and Fun "It's All About the Kefi"



### **Thanksgiving Eve** Wednesday, November 24, 2021 7pm till Midnight

Martin's Valley Manson 594 Cranbrook Road Cockeysville, MD

\$30/Adult - \$20/Under 18 Lite Appetizers will be served. Cash Bar Live Greek Music



For Tables/Tickets Call 443-621-0587

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Credit Cards & Paypal accepted



Axion Charity Events, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit foundation that engages with the Greek community in fundraising projects to enhance and support the Greek Orthodox churches of the Baltimore Metropolitan area. We serve the community by providing fellowship and organizing cultural events that benefit the various ministries of the churches

### HELLENIC GOLDEN COINS RAFFLE

Saint Nicholas Hellenic Golden Coins

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## WIN!!

2 tickets to the

Ravens vs. Steelers Game

~ AND ~

### 2 VIP passes

to the
Jimmy's
Seafood
TailGOAT
Party!

### \$50/ticket

Section 127 Row 32 on the 50 yard line (Raven's side)

Only 250 tickets will be sold!

Facebook Live drawing Sunday, December 5th

> For tickets call Foula Paragios (410) 236-3419 OR

Vasso Koumoudis (443) 844-0802

# Saint Nicholas Name Day Dance

Saturday December 4, 2021

Greektown Square 700 Quail Street Baltimore, MD 21224

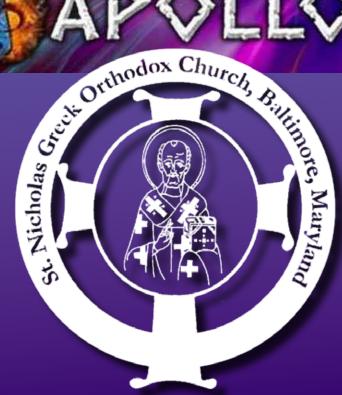
FEATURING: Dimitris Dimousis

Yianni Sfakianoudi 443-7973534 Sophia Xouri 240-375-5464 Manoli Theoharis 410-790-7542 Stamatia Ieromonahos 443-742-2424

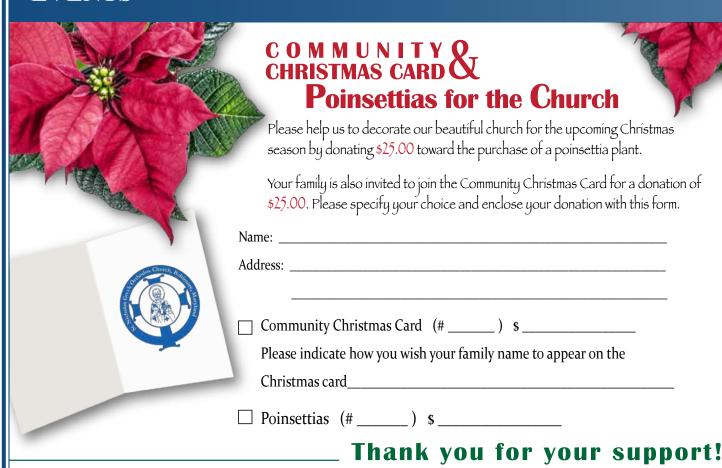
Adults: \$70 Under 12: \$35

Doors open at 8:00PM, dinner served at 9:00PM





### **EVENTS**



We are accepting resumes for the full-time position of church secretary.

The ability to speak

English and Greek is a prerequisite.

Please send your resumes

by email to

sxouri@stnicholasmd.org

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### **FINANCIALS**

### Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Consolidated Operational Profit and Loss

	2	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 YTD Actual (through 9/30)	20	21 FY Projected	20	22 Proposed Budget
Net Church/Greek School Operations (excl. Ministry)	\$	(192,567)	\$ (70,306)	\$ (120,587)	\$ (61,940)	\$	(75,572)	\$	(212,752)
Net Festival	\$	155,990	\$ 82,754	\$ 97,500	\$ 59,524	\$	59,524	\$	145,000
Net Rental Properties	\$	(2,655)	\$ 4,677	\$ (7,500)	\$ (721)	\$	(721)	\$	-
Net Learning Center	\$	73,325	\$ (30,445)	\$ 5,795	\$ (83,123)	\$	(139,064)	\$	239,535
Net Plateia Operating	\$	(23,254)	\$ (74,921)	\$ (11,255)	\$ (151,213)	\$	(189,727)	\$	20,636
Plateia Mortgage Principal Payments (from Operational funds)	\$	(58,150)	\$ (44,383)	\$ (52,379)	\$ (10,216)	\$	(10,216)	\$	-
4815 Eastern Ave Principal Mortgage Payments	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,947)	\$	(6,576)	\$	(6,600)
PPP Loans (1st draw forgiven, 2nd draw full forgiveness anticipated)	\$	-	\$ 90,567	\$ -	\$ 90,567	\$	90,567	\$	-
State and Local COVID-19 Relief Grants (Learning Center)	\$	-	\$ 62,500	\$ -	\$ 17,845	\$	37,345	\$	-
TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT	\$	(47,311)	\$ 20,443	\$ (88,426)	\$ (144,223)	\$	(234,438)	\$	185,819

### Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Church and Greek School Profit and Loss

	2019 Actual		2020 Actual		2021 Budget		 1 YTD Actual rough 9/30)		2021 FY Projected	2022 Proposed Budget	
Income											
4000 Stewardship	Ś	228,099	\$	221,268	\$	248,017	\$ 153,297	Ś	215,759	\$	221,776
4010 Greek School Registration	\$	65,906	\$	39,626	\$	36,814	\$ 52,557	\$	54,792		57,355
4020 Sales - Candles	\$	84,310	\$	59,310	\$	72,500	63,784	\$	83,225	\$	83,000
4040 Sales - Dances/Non-Earmarked FR	\$	25,215	\$	1,875	\$	19,000	\$ 19,853	\$	34,853	\$	25,000
Other Income	\$	108,428	\$	61,450	\$	69,603	\$ 39,310	\$	59,527	\$	69,048
Total Income	\$	511,958	\$	383,529	\$	445,934	\$ 328,801	\$	448,158	\$	456,178
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$	47,096	\$	15,960	\$	35,156	\$ 11,961	\$	16,753	\$	37,579
Gross Profit	\$	464,862	\$	367,569	\$	410,778	\$ 316,839	\$	431,405	\$	418,599
Expenses		•				•				.'	
Total CAPITAL COSTS (CHURCH)	\$	56,281	\$	7,174	\$	10,000	\$ 662	\$	861	\$	10,000
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	\$	232,357	\$	153,238	\$	138,170	\$ 151,252	\$	187,690	\$	265,167
Total OCCUPANCY COSTS	\$	95,759	\$	44,974	\$	91,892	\$ 50,377	\$	66,079	\$	76,646
Total PAYROLL EXPENSES	\$	268,804	\$	230,171	\$	289,554	\$ 175,972	\$	251,592	\$	272,406
Total YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL	\$	4,228	\$	2,319	\$	1,750	\$ 516	\$	754	\$	2,500
Total Expenses	\$	657,429	\$	437,875	\$	531,366	\$ 378,779	\$	506,977	\$	626,719
Net Operating Income	\$	(192,567)	\$	(70,306)	\$	(120,587)	\$ (61,940)	\$	(75,572)	\$	(208,121)

### Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Learning Center Profit and Loss

	2019 Actual		2020 Actual			021 Budget	_	1 YTD Actual rough 9/30)	2021 FY Projected	20	022 Proposed Budget
4011 Learning Center Income	\$	493,821	\$	256,891	\$	412,500	\$	346,630	\$ 479,409	\$	1,108,839
Learning Center Expenses											
Total Payroll Expense	\$	284,816	\$	238,416	\$	297,063	\$	257,432	\$ 402,115	\$	723,929
<b>Total Food and Classroom Supplies</b>	\$	36,623	\$	15,674	\$	28,780	\$	22,587	\$ 33,437	\$	52,594
Total Admin and Office Expenses	\$	14,150	\$	11,490	\$	18,575	\$	9,973	\$ 13,541	\$	25,306
Total Occupancy Expenses/Cap Imprv	\$	78,931	\$	21,756	\$	62,286	\$	139,762	\$ 169,380	\$	67,474
Total Learning Center Expenses	\$	414,520	\$	287,335	\$	406,705	\$	429,753	\$ 618,473	\$	869,304
Net Operating Income	\$	79,301	\$	(30,445)	\$	5,795	\$	(83,123)	\$ (139,064)	\$	239,535

### **FINANCIALS**

### Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Plateia Profit and Loss

	2019 Actual		20	020 Actual	20	21 Budget	2021 YTD Actual (through 9/30)			2021 FY Projected		22 Proposed Budget
Plateia Income	\$	261,897	\$	110,373	\$	297,250	\$	59,969	\$	79,959	\$	350,000
Plateia Cost of Goods Sold	\$	135,477	\$	30,776	\$	126,331	\$	61,147	\$	81,529	\$	148,750
Plateia Expenses												
Total Mortgage Interest Expense	\$	5,209	\$	3,136	\$	875	\$	343	\$	343	\$	-
Total Occupancy Expenses	\$	77,452	\$	54,473	\$	84,015	\$	83,786	\$	108,755	\$	93,526
Total Payroll Expenses	\$	36,556	\$	60,702	\$	59,565	\$	46,099	\$	52,561	\$	54,591
Total Admin Expenses	\$	20,787	\$	26,218	\$	22,719	\$	8,896	\$	11,990	\$	14,997
Total Bus Dev/Marketing Expenses	\$	9,670	\$	9,988	\$	15,000	\$	10,910	\$	14,508	\$	17,500
Total Plateia Expenses	\$	149,674	\$	154,518	\$	182,174	\$	150,035	\$	188,157	\$	180,614
Net Operating Income	\$	(23,254)	\$	(74,921)	\$	(11,255)	\$	(151,213)	\$	(189,727)	\$	20,636

### Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Festival Profit and Loss

	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 YTD	2022 Propose
Greek Festival Income	\$ 362,980	\$ 122,575	\$ -	\$ 117,066	\$
Greek Festival Expenses	\$ 206,990	\$ 39,821	\$ -	\$ 57,541	\$
Net Income	\$ 155,990	\$ 82,754	\$ 97,500	\$ 59,524	\$

### Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Earmarked Transactions: Statement of Cash Flows

January - December 2020

410 Cornwall Sale	110,250
410 Cornwall Property Tax Prepayment Refund	1,329
Elevator (including 2019/2020 Dance Proceeds)	10,768
Bathrooms	25,000
Parking Lots	15,000
Votive Candles	5,840
Greek School	1,742
Other Earmarked Contributions	5,125
Total Cash Received \$	175,054
CASH DISBURSED	
4815 Eastern Avenue Down Payment	45,500
4815 Eastern Avenue Closing Costs	17,793
410 Cornwall Closing Costs	5,804
Elevator	90,613
Bathrooms - 1st Floor	2,254
Votive Candles	5,756
Greek School	918
Other Earmarked Disbursements	7,441
Total Cash Disbursed \$	176,079
NET EARMARKED CASH FLOW \$	(1,025)

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January - September 2021

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42,185
469
4,508
72,325
26,269
9,483
10,687
7,060
1,808
22,983
197,777

CASH RECEIVED

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### LITURGICAL CALENDAR - NOVEMBER

Monday, November 1: Sts. Cosmas & Damianos the Unmercenaries:

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

Sunday, November 7: Seventh Sunday of Luke: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Monday, November 8: Gathering of the Archangels Michael & Gabriel:

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

Tuesday, November 9: St. Nectarios the Wonderworker:

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

Sunday, November 14: 8th Sunday of Luke: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Monday, November 15: The Christmas Fast begins: Metropolis Holy Unction Service: 6:00 pm

This service will be at St. Nicholas.

### ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS:

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidoforos of America, is inviting all the faithful to participate in the Holy Unction Service that will take place in our Church of St. Nicholas. This Holy Unction Service is sanctioned by the Metropolis of New Jersey for all the faithful of the Metropolis. The service will begin at 6:00 pm.

THE CHRISTMAS FASTING PERIOD BEGINS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER THE 15TH. 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 12TH. (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. (No Meats, No Dairy, and No Fish)

Sunday, November 21: Entrance of the Holy Theotokos:

Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Thursday, November 25: Thanksgiving Day Liturgy:

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

St. Catherine the Great Martyr

Sunday, November 28: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke: Orthros: 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Tuesday, November 30: St. Andrew the first called Apostle:

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



Feast of the Entrance into The Temple of Our Most Holy Lady The Theotokos