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# REVELATIONS

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## FROM THE PASTOR



### DEALING WITH APATHY IN THE CHURCH

A sign that was posted at a bus stop read: “The trouble with this world is apathy.” Someone had scribbled below it: “Who cares.”

In C.S. Lewis’ *The Screwtape Letters*, the Devil says to his nephew, Wormwood, whom he is training for effective service to him in the world, “I, the Devil, will always see to it that there are bad people. Your job, my dear Wormwood, is to provide me with people who do not care.”

Churches often lament the difficulty of getting people involved in their basic ministries and activities. We wonder where all the people are for liturgies, service or outreach projects. Many reasons are given, but the one that I am finding growing and growing is apathy - people just don’t care. They don’t think it’s important. What does God say about apathy?

In the Gospel of Luke (16:19-31), Jesus tells the parable of the rich man and Lazaros. They are physically close together but in every other way they are far apart. The one is sick; the other is healthy. The one is rich; the other is poor. The one eats all that he needs and wants every day; the other feeds on crumbs. The one has friends; the other does not.

The rich man was not unkind to the beggar. The rich man didn’t do anything harmful to Lazaros. He didn’t steal from him. He didn’t slander him or call him names. In fact, it appears the rich man never even talked with Lazaros. It’s like he never even saw him lying at his gate - sitting right at his front doorstep. Was the rich man too busy with his own affairs to notice Lazaros, to speak to him, to help him?

The rich man ignored Lazaros because he did not see him. He did not see him because he did not love. Herein lies the great sin of indifference or apathy. What are the

consequences for the rich man’s apathy? After he dies he is in Hades in agony. The rich man now becomes the beggar, pleading for Abraham’s mercy, pleading for help from Lazaros, the one he did not help. Now it’s too late, Abraham says that nothing can be done. There is a ‘chasm’ between them that cannot be crossed (v.26).

The great sin of indifference, the sin of omission, is also spelled out for us in the Parable of the Last Judgment (Mt.25), in which Jesus tells us that those who do not see and do not help the poor, hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and prisoners, will be cast into the “everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels” and “everlasting punishment”.

In his book, *Message of the Sunday Gospels*, Fr. Anthony Coniaris tell us that the sin of apathy and indifference is the lack of love. Love, agape love, the love of God, is what gives us eyes to see the wounds that need to be healed. Love is what gives ears to hear the silent call for help. Love is what gives hands to support and a mouth to console where the burdens of life become too heavy for someone. The opposite of love is not hatred but indifference (apathy). To be indifferent (apathetic) to a person is to say to him/her, “For me you do not exist.”

Mother Theresa wrote: “The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for and deserted by everybody. The greatest evil is the lack of love and charity, the terrible indifference towards one’s neighbor who lives on the roadside assaulted by exploitation, corruption, poverty and disease.” She also said, “We can do no great things, only little ones with great love.”

Someone was talking about indifference (apathy) in a life experience with a friend who had divorced. “Some time ago, a friend of mine went through a divorce. When I heard the news I was surprised and sorry, but I did nothing. Then one day we happened to meet. ‘You know,’ he said to

me, 'not one of my friends called me when I was divorced. No one said a word.' 'But what was there to say?' I asked. 'We all knew you both, we all were your friends. What was there to say?' 'It isn't what you could say,' he countered. 'All you had to do was call. All you had to do was say, 'I hope everything is all right. Is there anything I can do?' We who are hurt want to know our friends are still there.'"

Let us close with this poem entitled *The Television*:

*"Here before my electronic window on life.  
I traverse the world in a short fifteen minutes.  
Wars are waged and I dwell secure in peace.  
Disaster strikes and I sit comfortably in my chair.  
Famine runs rampant and I gorge myself with food.  
Disease kills and I rest confidently in health.  
Mankind cries out and I tell jokes with my friends.  
It is so easy Lord, to be involved but yet unengaged.  
It is so easy Lord, to be informed but yet apathetic.  
It is so easy Lord, to be outspoken but yet inactive.  
It is so easy Lord, to be concerned yet pass the buck.  
Help me Lord, to see life through the window of Your  
Holy Spirit.  
Make it difficult for me to stand idle.  
Help me Lord, to be electrified by Your Love."  
(Carl G. Carozzi)*

Is apathy wrong and sinful? You bet it is!

Lazaros was the rich man's chance to love. He was the rich man's opportunity to gain heaven. Who are the Lazaros people in our life? Who are the ones who need help? Do we care? How can we help them? Will we help them? Will we love them as God has loved us? In this time of year as we focus on the theme of stewardship, we must remember that the Church itself is like Lazaros to us. When we help and support the Church, we are helping scores, hundreds, perhaps thousands of people to hear, to know, to experience the love of God through worship, through confession, through outreach, through youth ministry, through education, and the list goes on. When the Church comes to our doorstep, will we notice, will we care, and will we help? I hope we will. Our salvation in Christ depends on it.

Let's fight apathy in the life of the Church. Let's see what has to be done. Let's participate wherever and whenever we should. Let's become empathetic to the needs around us and do the things that Jesus wants us to do.

In Christ,

## Δηλητήριο Μεσα Στην Εκκλησια: Απαθεια!

Καποιος εγραψε στο τειχο σε ενα σταθμο λεωφοριου <Το προβλημα του κοσμου ειναι η απαθεια!> Επανω απο αυτο εγραψε και αλλος <Και πιανου νοιαζει;>

Σε πολλες Εκκλησιες κραζουν οι ιεραρχες και ιερεις <Γιατι δεν λαμβανουν μερος οι ενοριτες στις Λειτουργιες και τα προγραμματα;> Πολλοι δεινουν δικαιολογιες αλλα το μεγαλητερο που βλεπουμε ειναι η απαθεια για ολα αυτα.

Αυτο το δηλητήριο εχει υπαρξει απο τις αρχες του κοσμου. Τη βλεπουμε πολυ καθαρω εις την διδασκαλια του Χριστου στην παραβολη του πλουσιου και του πτωχου Λαζαρου. Αυτο το δηλητήριο ειχε κυριευσει τον πλουσιο τοσο πολυ οπου ουτε εβλεπε τον Λαζαρον εξω απο την θυρα του. Οχι μονον οτι δεν τον εβλεπε αλλα δεν ειχε καθολου ενδιαφερον για την καταστασι του. Αυτη ηταν τελειως η απαθεια του.

Η σωτηρια της ψυχης του ηταν μπροστα του αλλα δεν την ειδε. Γιατι; Για την απαθεια! Και για αυτο το λογο, η αιωνια ζωη του ηταν κακη και χωρις σωτηρια. Μονον εαν ειχε εμπαθεια αντι για απαθεια θα ηταν στον κολπο του Αβρααμ μαζυ με τον Λαζαρον και οχι στον αιωνιο πειρασμο. Πραγματικως ειχε δηλητηριασθει απο την απαθεια.

Δυστηχως, βρισκουμε την απαθεια μεσα στη ζωη της Εκκλησιας.

Πρωτα, σχεδιαζουμε τις ωραιες τελετες των Εκκλησιαστικων Εορτων και Αγιων μας και πολυ λιγοι εκκλησιαζοντε. Για αυτο το λογο, αρκετες Εκκλησιες εορταζουν τους Αγιους καθε Κυριακη και οχι στην ημερα τους. Αυτο γινεται και στις μεγαλες εορτες της Εκκλησιας. Κριμα.

Δευτερον, εχουμε προσφερει πολλες ιεραποστολες για τις αναγκες των ενοριτων. Σε ενα λογο η αλλο – τα εχουμε ΟΛΑ! Αλλα πολυ λιγοι λαμβανουν μερος. Γιατι; ΑΠΑΘΕΙΑ!

Θελω να τονισω ενα μερος της ζωης της Εκκλησιας οπου βλεπουμε μεγαλη απαθεια – στο Κατηχητικο Σχολειο! Εχουμε την μεγαλη ευλογια να εχουμε περιπου 80 παιδια στο Κατηχητικο. Αλλα ειναι δυο, και μηπως τρεις, φορες περρισοτερα παιδια στην Κοινοτητα! Που ειναι τα αλλα παιδια; Πιστευω οτι απο απαθεια δεν φερνουν οι γονεις τα παιδια τους. Πως θα μαθουν για τις ωραιες διδασκαλιες της Ορθοδοξιας εαν δεν λαμβανουν μερος στο Κατηχητικο;

Πρεπει να εχουμε μεγαλο ενδιαφερον

για την κατηχησι των παιδιων μας η δεν θα μεινουν στη θρησκεια μας και θα ζησουν με απαθεια για τις διδασκαλιες της Ορθοδοξιας.

Τι ειναι η θεραπεια της απαθειας; Η αγαπη! Απο αγαπη θα γνωριζουμε τις αναγκες γυρω μας και θα τις συμπληρωσουμε εν Χριστω. Απο αγαπη θα γνωριζουμε την αναγκη και μεγαλη αξια της Εκκλησιας μας. Απο αγαπη θα γνωριζουμε τι χρειαζομαστε για το καλο μας και το καλο ολων.

Αντι να δειχνουμε απαθεια για ολα τα ανωθεν, με την αγαπη του Χριστου μεσα μας, θα γεινουμε <εμπαθειοι> για αλλους και για τον εαυτον μας.

Οταν εχουμε δηλητηριασθει απο κατι, τρεχουμε στο γιατρο για την θεραπεια. Ειναι καιρος να τρεξουμε προς τον Χριστο για να διαλισουμε αυτο το δηλητηριο και να μεγαλωσουμε εν Αυτον για το καλο της Εκκλησιας και την σωτηρια της ψυχης μας.

Να πολεμισουμε απαθεια μεσα στη ζωη της Εκκλησιας. Να καταλαβουμε τι πρεπει να γινη. Να λαβουμε μερος οπου και οποτε μπορουμε. Να γινουμε εμπαθειοι στις αναγκες γυρω μας και να κανουμε αυτα τα οποια θελει ο Χριστος.

Εν Χριστω,

### THREE SAINTS OF FEBRUARY

#### **St. Isidore of Pilousium – February 4<sup>th</sup>**

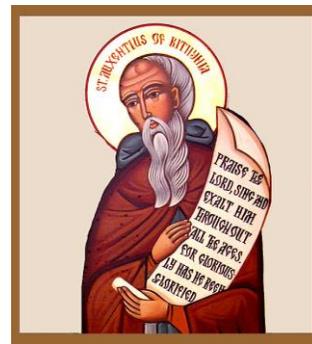
Isidore was born in Egypt in the year 360. He was called the Pilousiot because he served a monastery near Pilousium. He became a priest and later the Abbott of that monastery. He believed that all monks should be proficient in theology so that they could serve the faith properly. He died in the year 440.

#### **St. Auxentios – February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Auxentios was from Syria but lived most of his life in Con/ple. Emperor during that time was Theodosios the Younger. He became a monk and he took part in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Synod. He was known for his love, his ethical character and his obedience.

#### **St. Prokopios of Decapolis – February 27<sup>th</sup>**

Prokopios lived during the 8<sup>th</sup> century. He supported the veneration of icons and he was known for his work against the Monophysites and the Iconoclasts. He died peacefully.



### Τρεις Άγιοι Του Φεβρουαριου

#### **Ο Άγιος Ισιδωρος Πηλουσιωτης – 4η Φεβρουαριου**

Ο Ισιδωρος γεννηθηκε στην Αιγυπτο το 360. Ονομαστηκε Πηλουσιωτης, γιατι μονασε σε ενα μοναστηρι κοντα στη Πηλουσιο. Εγινε ιερεας και αργοτερα ηγουμενος στο μοναστηρι. Πιστευε οτι οι μοναχοι πρεπει να ειναι καταρτισμενοι θεολογικα για να υπερασπιζονται την πιστη. Απεβιωσε το 440.

#### **Ο Άγιος Αυξεντιος – 14η Φεβρουαριου**

Ο Αυξεντιος καταγοταν απο την Συρια αλλα εζησε στην Κων/πολη οταν ηταν αυτοκρατορας ο Θεοδοσιος ο Μικρος. Εγινε μοναχος και πηρε μερος στη 4η Οικουμενικη Συνοδο. Διακριθηκε για την αγαπη του, το ηθος του και την επιεικια του.

#### **Ο Άγιος Προκοπιος ο Δεκαπολιτης – 27η Φεβρουαριου**

Ο Προκοπιος εζησε το 8ο αιωνα. Υποστηριζε την προσκυνηση των εικονων και διακριθηκε στον ελεγχο κατα των Μονοφυσιτων και των Εικονομαχων. Κοιμηθηκε ειρηνικα.

### SAINTS OF FEBRUARY

February 1	St. Tryphon
February 3	Anna the Prophetess
February 3	St. Symeon the God-receiver
February 6	St. Photios, Patriarch of Con/ple
February 8	St. Theodore the Commander
February 10	St. Haralambos the Holy Martyr
February 17	St. Theodore of Tyre
February 23	St. Polycarp of Smyrna
February 25	St. Tarasios, Patriarch of Con/ple
February 26	St. Photini the Great Martyr
February 29	St. John Kassianos the Confessor

## Αγιοι του Φεβρουαριου

1η Φεβρουαριου	Αγιος Τρυφωνα
3η Φεβρουαριου	Προφητης Αννα
3η Φεβρουαριου	Αγιος Συμεων του Θεοδοχου
6η Φεβρουαριου	Αγιος Φωτιος, Πατ. Κων/πολεως
8η Φεβρουαριου	Αγιος Θεοδωρος Στρατηλατης
10η Φεβρουαριου	Αγιος Χαραλαμπος
17η Φεβρουαριου	Αγιος Θεοδωρος Τυρωνος
23η Φεβρουαριου	Αγιος Πολυκαρπος Σμυρνης
25η Φεβρουαριου	Αγιος Ταρασιος, Πατ. Κων/πολεως
26η Φεβρουαριου	Αγια Φωτεινη Μεγαλομαρτυρος
29η Φεβρουαριου	Αγιος Ιωαννης Κασσιανος του Ομολογητου

## SATURDAYS OF THE SOULS

The Saturdays of the Souls for this year will be celebrated on **February 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup>**. It is the tradition of Orthodoxy that we send the names of our departed loved ones to be included in the Memorial Service celebrated on each of these days. A bowl of boiled wheat (kollyva) and/or a prosphoro are sent along with the names. On each Saturday, Orthros will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

**NOTE:** The lists of names sent to the altar will be read at **EVERY** one of these three Saturdays of the Souls. The Memorial forms are available in this bulletin and at the Pangari.



## Ψυχοσαββατα

Τα Ψυχοσαββατα για τουτο το χρονο θα ψαλλουν τη **18η και 25η Φεβρουαριου και 4η Μαρτιου**. Η παραδοσις της Ορθοδοξου Εκκλησιας ειναι να στειλλουμε τα ονοματα των πεθαμενων συγγενων μας για το μνημοσυνον καθε Ψυχοσαββατο. Ειναι παλι παραδοσις να στειλλουμε ενα

πιατο κολλυβα και ενα προσφορο μαζυ με τα ονοματα. Στο καθε Ψυχοσαββατο ο Ορθρος θα αρχιση στις 9.30 πμ και η Λειτουργια στις 10.00 πμ.

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**Σημειωσις:** Τα ονοματα σας θα διαβασθουν **ΚΑΘΕ** Ψυχοσαββατο. Η φορμες για τα ονοματα ειναι εσωκλειομενα στο δελτιον τουτο και στο Πανγκαρι του Ναρθηκως.



## 2017 PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

President	Stacey Anastos
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Gretchen Theodorakis
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Thomas Vlastakis
General Secretary	Pauline Grillos
Treasurer	Petros Gregoriou
Assistant Treasurer	Andrew Sfougatakis

Spero Antypas	Leah Platis
Emmanuel Belibasakis	George Rassias
Christina Chukalas	George Roussis
Christopher Dontis	Nicholas Roussis
Flora Dragazis Doyle	Carol Spithogiannis
Andrew Economos	Diane Vernados

Our Parish Council is responsible, along with Fr. Nick, for the everyday administration of the Parish. Each council member either chairs or works on a committee. If you would like to offer your service to the Parish Council and to our Parish by serving on one of these committees, please contact our Parish Council President.

May God bless and guide our Parish Council leadership team.

## EDUCATION MINISTRIES

### **ADULT EDUCATION MORNING BIBLE AND ORTHODOXY STUDY**

Morning Bible and Orthodoxy Study will be held on the listed Wednesday mornings during the month of February - Coffee Fellowship from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and the study continuing until 11:00 a.m. February meeting days: February 15<sup>th</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup>. All are welcome.



### QUESTION AND ANSWER SUNDAY

Each second Sunday of the month we have a religious question and answer session instead of the Sunday sermon. Don't be shy! Ask your questions so that everyone can learn about our Orthodox Faith.

### ORTHODOX STUDY

On every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, Father Nick offers an education series on our Orthodox Faith. This education takes place during Coffee Fellowship and lasts one hour. Grab your coffee and bagel and meet him in the double classroom on the first floor. February's meeting will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

February 5	PTO
February 12	AHEPA
February 19	Daughters of Penelope
February 26	Philotochos

### ALTAR BOYS

February 5	Team #2
February 12	Team #1
February 19	Team #2
February 22	Team #1

### ALTAR BOYS

Any young men of the Parish, 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, who are interested in becoming Altar Boys should contact Fr. Nick as soon as possible. Parents are urged to encourage their sons to serve in the Altar. This is a privilege, and must be taken very seriously.

**ALL** Altar Boys are to be registered for Sunday School and attend classes each Sunday that they are not assigned to Altar service.

**ONLY** 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders are allowed to serve in the Altar **EVERY** Sunday.

It is an honor to serve at the Altar of our Lord and to help Father Nick with the worship services of our Orthodox Church.

### PRAYER SERVICE AND ANOINTING

Our monthly Prayer Service and Anointing is usually held on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend. For the month of February, the Prayer Service and Anointing will take place on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### ΠΑΡΑΚΛΗΣΙΣ ΚΑΙ ΜΥΡΩΜΑ

Η μηνιατική τελετή προσευχής και μυρώμα θα γίνει την πρώτη Τετάρτη κάθε μήνα εις τις 9.00 πμ μέσα εις την Εκκλησία. Όλοι προκαλούντε να λάβουν μέρος. Η τελετή του Φεβρουαρίου θα γίνει τη 1η.

### ELEOS

The ELEOS meeting will be held this month on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Fr. Nick & Presvytera Pat, 110 Boulder St., 718-966-9476. Everyone is welcome.

### ΕΛΕΟΣ

Παρακαλείσθε να παρουσιασθήτε στη συγκέντρωσι τη Πέμπτη, 9η Φεβρουαρίου, εις τις 7.30 μμ εις το σπίτι του Πατηρ Νικολαου και Πρεσβυτερας Παναγιωτας, 110 Boulder St., 718-966-9476.

### CHOIR

Our choir participated in the New York 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Church Music Conference held at the Kimisis Theotokou Church in the Hamptons. It was a great event, being our first in the NY district. The conference featured Tikey Zes as director and Eikona, three very gifted sisters conducting a Byzantine chant workshop and then leading us in chant *in English* during the Orthros. Those of us who took part during the Orthros found it to be such an inspiration and rewarding experience. The Hierarchal Divine Liturgy sung by over 70 members was presided over by His Eminence Demetrios and Father Alexander Karlousos, Father Constantine Lazarakis and Father Christostomos Gilbert. A Memorial for our dearly beloved choir members was held; Mary Anastos, George Mauraides, Georgia Jonas, Helen Scozzare, Richard Nola, Georgia Psomas, Maria Chakiris, Evangelos Xouris and Peter Gregor.

May their memory be eternal.

We 🎵 look forward to the New Year with a positive note and are hoping for you to come forward and join us in song. Wishing A Very Happy New Year to all!

For choir information call Cathy Kalaizes 718-948-7995 or e-mail at [katinaki@aol.com](mailto:katinaki@aol.com)

### THARROS

Our support ministry for separated and divorced individuals meets once a month. The scope of the Ministry is Spirituality, Education, Sharing and Support. February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date for a social night out. Please contact Stacey Petropoulakos, 646-824-8183 or [spetro76@gmail.com](mailto:spetro76@gmail.com), if you are interested in attending. Please feel free to join us.

## ORGANIZATIONS

### GIRL SCOUTS

Daisies – Kindergarten & Grade 1  
 Fridays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
 February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
 NO meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>



Brownies – Grades 2 & 3  
 Fridays, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
 February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
 NO meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Circus on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm

Juniors - Grades 4 & 5  
 Tuesdays, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
 February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
 NO meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Circus on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm

Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors  
 Tuesdays, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
 February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
 NO meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Circus on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm

Girl Scouts has been meeting here at Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas for 46 years. Give your daughters the chance to experience an outstanding program.

Contact Mrs. C. at 718-987-4235 for more information.

### PHILOPTOCHOS

Philoptochos and especially Christina Chukalas (Mrs. C), our chairlady, would like to thank all who generously supported our *Vasilopita Tea Party* to benefit St. Basil's Academy. We all know what an important ministry St. Basil's Academy is and with your generosity we will be able to make a difference in the lives of the children who reside there.

Below is the list of **National Philoptochos Obligations-**

Month	Commitment/Program
January	<i>Vasilopita</i> - To benefit the St. Basil Academy
January	<del>Social Services</del>
February	<del>Amison &amp; G. Grace Major Illnesses</del>
February	<i>St. Photios Shrine</i>

March	<i>Orthodox Christian Missions Support a Mission Priest</i>
March	<i>Hellenic College Holy Cross Lenten Event</i>
April	<i>Sisterhood</i> -To benefit the physical needs of the children of St. Basil Academy as well as graduation costs, awards and gifts
April	<i>International Orthodox Christian Charities</i>
May/June	<i>75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founders Fund</i> - To provide support for existing continuing care facilities for the aging G.O. population in the U.S. and for the establishment of similar facilities.
May/June	<i>Orthodox Christian Fellowship</i> - Provides Orthodox Christian support to college students on campuses in the US
September	<i>Hellenic College Holy Cross Scholarship Program</i>
September	<i>Retired Clergy and Widowed Presbyteres Benevolent Fund</i> - To provide support for retired clergy or their widowed presbyteres who are facing financial problems or living at a poverty level.
October	<i>National Philoptochos Emergency Fund</i> - To enable National Philoptochos to respond immediately to those in need, in times of national or international disasters. i.e. Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy
November	<i>Ecumenical Patriarchate</i> -Benefits the E.P., its Programs and Charities
November	<i>National Sisterhood of Presbyteres Benevolent Fund</i> - To provide short-term support for clergy and/or their families in time of crisis.
December	<i>UNICEF</i> -Benefitting the United Nation's Children's Emergency Fund
December	<i>General Medical Fund</i> -To provide a funding mechanism for person seeking assistance with illnesses not specifically covered by other N.P. funds and programs.

During the period between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2015, the National Philoptochos Society donated **\$20,271,516** to its various philanthropic commitments, programs, projects and special appeals.

A total of **\$1,736,748** was disbursed in the 2015 calendar year from the National Philoptochos Commitments/Programs and Special Collections. This does **not** include the millions of dollars

distributed by each Metropolis or the 400+ Philoptochos chapters throughout the United States.

If you would like more information on any of the above, or about becoming a member of Philoptochos please feel free to speak to any Philoptochos member or to Panagiota Karidis, president of our chapter 718-979-0940. You can also find detailed information on all the work of Philoptochos at *National Philoptochos.org*, or the National Philoptochos Facebook page, where you will see photos of chapters throughout the US doing their philanthropic work.



Philoptochos is partnering with *One Warm Coat* to provide used coats to those in need of them. Please bring adult and child coats and place them in the boxes in the Community Center. They will be given to people in need on Staten Island.

Starting this year, we are instituting *Stewardship* for Philoptochos membership. When you plan your stewardship, please keep in mind that we send \$15 of the stewardship to National and \$8 to the Direct Archdiocesan Philoptochos for administration and operational expenses.



Wednesday, MAY 24, 2017, is the date of this year's Philoptochos Spring Mother's Day Dinner and it's being held at the Li Greci's Staaten on

Forest Ave. More information to follow! Please start saving those empty baskets that you may have around the house so that we can recycle them for our gift baskets!

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| Feb. 4  | Cook for Trinity Lutheran Soup Kitchen               |
| Feb. 5  | <b>**Meeting 12:00pm-</b> during Coffee Fellowship** |
| Feb. 16 | Knit/Crochet Afternoon Group<br>1:00 - 3:00 PM       |
| Feb. 24 | Cook for Project Hospitality                         |
| Feb. 25 | Glendi   |

#### DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

The Daughters of Penelope will host their annual Valentines Day Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday Feb 12, 2017 at Angelina's Ristorante, 399 Ellis Street, SI, NY 10307, from 5 pm to 9pm. The cost is \$65 per person. The Full Course Dinner includes: appetizers, salad, choice of pasta and entree, cake, coffee and tea, wine and Soda. Please make your reservations by Feb 5. For information and reservations please call: Elaina Morakis, 718 981 0521 or Maria Dutton, 718 356 8033. Please reserve early as this event usually sells

out!

The Daughters will host Coffee Fellowship on Sunday Feb 19.

Our February meeting will be on Thursday, Feb 23 at 7pm with refreshments served at 6:30pm. Reminder, we start earlier during the winter months.

As in past years the Daughters will participate in the Apokriatiko Glendi to be held on Saturday Feb 25. We are in charge of the Chinese auction. If you would like to donate a gift for the auction please contact Maria Dutton at 718 356 8033. Don't forget to reserve your seat at the Glendi!

#### GOLDEN SENIORS

The **Golden Years Seniors** are excited about some upcoming Broadway shows!!! You are welcome to come with us whether you are a member of our club or not.

**April 19th - ANASTASIA - the Musical** at the Broadhurst Theatre, 235 W 44th St, NYC

From the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, the new musical **ANASTASIA** is the romantic, adventure-filled story of a brave young woman attempting to discover the mystery of her past. . .

**July 5th - A BRONX TALE - the Musical** at the Longacre Theatre, 220 W 48th St. NYC

Based on the one-man show that inspired the now classic film, this streetwise musical will take you to the stoops of the Bronx in the 1960s – where a young man is caught between the father he loves and the mob boss he would love to be. Featuring an original doo-wop score, this is a tale about respect, loyalty, and above all, the family.

Cost for each play is:

**Members - \$115 Nonmembers - \$125**

Price includes bus and ticket.

**Call Christine Charitis 718-356-8377 to purchase your ticket.**

TBA - date and price to see Glenn close in **SUNSET BOULEVARD -The Musical.**

**Do you have an empty space for TUESDAYS on your weekly calendar???** Search no further than your **Golden Years Seniors**. We meet every Tuesday. Come at 11:30 am for coffee and dessert, then stay for lunch (pizza one week, sandwiches the next). Stay for BINGO. Replace an empty Tuesday with a fun, social group.

**PANCYPRIAN ASSOCIATION  
APHRODITE**

The newly formed Pancyprrian Association Aphrodite is proud to announce their first "Meet the Author" night on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the double room of the Community Center. Gus Constantine, author of *Escaping Cyprus* and *Escaping Cyprus II* will be on hand to speak about his books. Please reserve your seats by contacting Penny Phytides at 917-915-1806 or [penny526@msn.com](mailto:penny526@msn.com). Light refreshments will be served.

**Jr. GOYA - Grades 6, 7 & 8**

Business meeting on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>  
Joint Activity Night with GOYA on Tuesday,  
February 21<sup>st</sup>

**GOYA - Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12**

Business meeting on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>  
Joint Activity Night with Jr. GOYA on Tuesday,  
February 21<sup>st</sup>

**JOY**

JOY is a youth ministry for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We meet every other week in the church Community Center. We will have religious lessons, art & crafts, a small outing and of course a different, organized activity in the gym every meeting.

Meetings in the month of February will be  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 pm.

We hope to see you all then. Please email us  
with any questions.

Maria Angelides  
[gregangelides@verizon.net](mailto:gregangelides@verizon.net)

Aliki Pefanis  
[agrilos5@aol.com](mailto:agrilos5@aol.com)

**SOCCER**

For questions please call Yiannis Ikononou,  
[yianman56@aol.com](mailto:yianman56@aol.com). Please also check us out  
on Facebook, Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Soccer  
Club  
(<https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinitySoccer/>)

**HOLY TRINITY-ST. NICHOLAS  
HELLENIC DANCERS & JR. HELLENIC  
DANCERS**

Practices are held on Sundays in our  
Community Center with Director Nissa Perry.  
12:30 - 1:00 ages 7-11  
1:00 - 2:00 ages 12-18

**AHEPA**

AHEPA chapter #349 meets the last Friday of  
every month, from 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM in the  
Church Community Center.

**ADDITIONS TO 2016 STATISTICS**



**Deaths**

Emmanuel Kambos  
Eugenia Psomas

**FUNNY VALENTINES**

**Veggie Valentine**

You many not "carrot" all for me  
The way I care for you.  
You may "turnip" your nose  
When I plead with you  
But if your "heart" should "beet" with mine  
Forever "lettuce" hope  
There is no reason in the world  
Why we two "cantaloupe".

*Author Unknown*

**Love is like a Cabbage**

My love is like a cabbage  
Divided into two,  
The leaves I give to others,  
The heart I give to you.

*Author Unknown*





## FEBRUARY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

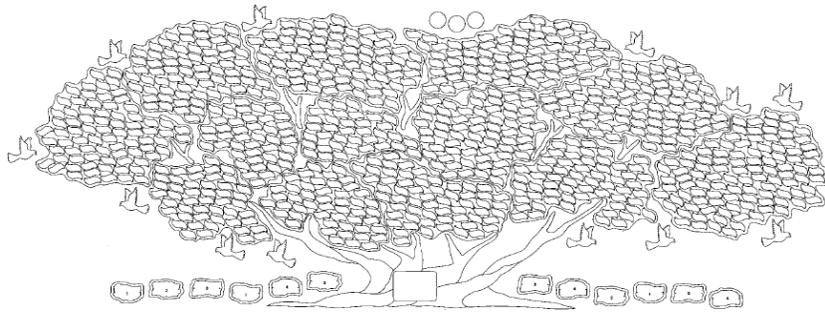
Thursday	February 2	Presentation of the Lord Orthros 9:30 a.m.	Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	February 5	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee The Triodion Begins Orthros 9:00 a.m.	Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	February 12	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke The Prodigal Son Orthros 9:00 a.m.	Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Saturday	February 18	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Souls Orthros 9:30 a.m.	Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	February 19	Meatfare Sunday Judgment Sunday Orthros 9:00 a.m.	Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Saturday	February 25	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Souls Orthros 9:30 a.m.	Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	February 26	Cheesefare Sunday Forgiveness Sunday Orthros 9:00 a.m.	Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

**LITURGICAL NOTE:** The first week of the Triodion – February 5-10 there is NO fasting

## ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ – ΦΕΒΡΟΥΑΡΙΟΥ

Πεμπτη	2α Φεβρουαριου	Υπαπαντη του Κυριου Ορθρος 9.30 πμ	Λειτουργια 10.00 πμ
Κυριακη	5η Φεβρουαριου	16η Κυριακη Λουκα Κυριακη του Τελωνου και Φαρισαιου Αρχεται το Τριωδιον Ορθρος 9.00 πμ	Λειτουργια 10.00 πμ
Κυριακη	12η Φεβρουαριου	17η Κυριακη Λουκα Κυριακη του Ασωτου Ορθρος 9.00 πμ	Λειτουργια 10.00 πμ
Σαββατο	18η Φεβρουαριου	1ο Σαββατο Των Ψυχων Ορθρος 9.30 πμ	Λειτουργια 10.00 πμ
Κυριακη	19η Φεβρουαριου	Κυριακη Αποκρεου Ορθρος 9.00 πμ	Λειτουργια 10.00 πμ
Σαββατο	25η Φεβρουαριου	2ο Σαββατο Των Ψυχων Ορθρος 9.30 πμ	Λειτουργια 10.00 πμ
Κυριακη	26η Φεβρουαριου	Κυριακη της Τυρινης Ορθρος 9.00 πμ	Λειτουργια 10.00 πμ

**Σημειωσις – Τη πρώτη εβδομαδα του Τριωδιου, 5–10 Φεβρουαριου  
δεν υπαρχει Νυστεια**



## *Tree of Life*

*Commemorate your special life event  
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*Contact the church office for a brochure or  
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Alex Vlastakis, Andrew Economos, Thomas Vlastakis*

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<i>A.H.E.P.A.</i>	<i>Nick &amp; Elizabeth Papas</i>	<i>Alex Vlastakis</i>
<i>Lori Karelas</i>	<i>Ierotheos Moraitis</i>	<i>Pauline Grillos</i>
<i>Diane Vernados</i>	<i>Mary Frangopoulos</i>	<i>Angelo LoBasso</i>
<i>Vernon &amp; Maria Dutton</i>	<i>Golden Years Seniors</i>	<i>Mary Veros</i>
<i>Daughters of Penelope</i>	<i>Evangelos &amp; Anne Xouris</i>	<i>Pat Silas</i>
<i>Elias &amp; Cathy Kalaizes</i>	<i>Toula Papanikolaou</i>	<i>Philip Denis</i>
<i>Diana Kolaitis</i>	<i>Pauline Panagos</i>	<i>Anthony Psomas</i>
<i>John &amp; Kathy Plevritis</i>	<i>Nick &amp; Carmen Demoleas</i>	<i>Hristos Haliabalias</i>
<i>Thomas &amp; Popi Vlastakis</i>	<i>Chris Marinakis</i>	<i>Nick &amp; Denise Garis</i>
<i>Joanne &amp; Roxanne Tsirigotis</i>	<i>Constantinos &amp; Helen Tsivas</i>	<i>Anna Borg</i>
<i>Emily Panagakos</i>	<i>Katherine Pappas</i>	<i>Christina Chukalas</i>
<i>Peter &amp; Mary Mousmoutis</i>	<i>John Doyle &amp; Florendia Dragazis</i>	<i>Christine Moscoso</i>
<i>Mary Frantzeskakís</i>	<i>The Sunday School Children 2011</i>	
<i>Kostas Papadakis</i>	<i>Soccer Academy- Philip Phytides 2012</i>	
<i>John &amp; Joanne Nichols</i>	<i>Diamando &amp; Steve Bontales</i>	<i>Tina Marie Vlitas</i>
<i>Panagiotis &amp; Chrysoula Kotsonis</i>	<i>Sofia &amp; Konstantinos Pavlidis</i>	<i>Seymour &amp; Jean Hionas</i>
<i>Nick &amp; Sophia Sotiriou</i>	<i>Petros &amp; Eirini Gregoriou</i>	<i>George Anest</i>
<i>Steven &amp; Matthew Mirones</i>	<i>PTO - GOYA - JOY</i>	<i>Kevin Brennan</i>
<i>Mary Spirocostas</i>	<i>Virginia Pappas</i>	<i>Steven Vlastakis</i>
<i>Panayiota Ladias</i>	<i>Irene &amp; Nicole Della Croce</i>	<i>Carol Spithogiannis</i>
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*While you can't reserve a particular leaf until its paid in full, you can make payments! Once the leaf is fully paid you can select the position and request your inscription. Contact the church office or any committee member for details.*