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FROM THE PASTOR



STEWARDSHIP MONTH FOR THIS YEAR OF COMMUNITY

This month, as part of the Year of Community theme, I would like to look how we should support our Parish, our Community, as Stewards of her continued mission and ministries. The Community needs our support in many ways. The key question is: How can we support the ministry of God's Church here at Holy Trinity – St. Nicholas? God gives the answer in several places. Let's look at a few of them today.

First, by attending the Church consistently.

Why don't more people attend Church services? In a recent article found in "On Mission" magazine, a report gave the top ten reasons why people skip Church.

Let's do a "David Letterman" and go from 10 down to 1.

10. I've been thinking I'd like to go to church. But I don't know anyone there. And I don't know what to do, where to go, what to expect when I get there.

9. I don't believe in God. Christians are dangerous fanatics, politically unpopular and always trying to shove their beliefs on others.

8. There are so many denominations . . . even Christians can't agree among themselves what the Bible means.

7. There are so many churches . . . I don't know which one to go to. Why should I come to yours?

6. Church is for "good" people who haven't messed up. You don't know where I've been or what I've done.

5. Church is not important.

4. I don't need to go to church. I can worship God, even when I'm fishing.

3. I don't have nice clothes to wear to church.

2. I don't have time. Sunday morning is the only day I can sleep late.

1. People in churches are hypocrites.

All of the above is in regard to attendance in general within Christian Churches. But what about us Orthodox? Why don't we support the Church and all that she offers us? Do we have a list of the top ten reasons why Orthodox Christians do not attend Church? I am sure that we do and that it would be very easy to come up with such a list.

Our second motivation should be to always give cheerfully.

An article in Newsweek magazine stated seven reasons for financial health. The last reason was that, "What you do with your money shows where your values lie." The same is important for our financial support and health within the Church. The Bible gives clear direction on how we are to act out our values with the money God has entrusted to us.

We need to give according to what we receive from God when we receive it. St. Paul writes, "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income...."

We need to give based on what we have, out of a willing heart. 2 Corinthians 8:12 says, "If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have."

We need to learn how to enjoy giving to God through the Church. 2 Corinthians 9:7 points out that "each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

There is a powerful example that takes all of the above into account and shows how people react when there is a need and how they fulfill that need. By the way, this example should be very easy for us to understand because we lived it.

After terrorists attacked America on September 11, 2001, people opened up their hearts and their pocketbooks to give to those directly affected by the tragedy. The American Red Cross received \$547 million dollars for the cause, but until there was a public uproar, the Red Cross was not planning on using all of the money collected for the purpose it was given. Siebel Systems in San Mateo, CA responded to the news that the Red Cross would not use all the money for the victims by asking for the \$3.2 million dollars they donated back. When the local Red Cross officials promised it would be used for the purpose it was donated, the company let them keep the money.

The Red Cross has a responsibility to use the money the way the donors intended, and are doing so now.

In the same way, God has a right to insist that we use everything He's provided us with in the way He's intended. After all, all we have isn't ours. Ultimately, it all belongs to God. We are simply His stewards, using all He has entrusted to us according to His will.

This is the time of year when we, the leadership of our Community, ask you to make your Stewardship Commitment for the coming year. Our own Stewardship Sunday is December 4th. It is time to decide how we will support God's Parish of Holy Trinity - St. Nicholas here on Staten Island.

So now it is the time that I, as your Proistamenos, along with our Stewardship Committee, need to ask you to consider your support of God's church.

Here is a guide to help you make your decision:

Bow your head and close your eyes so you can focus your attention on God's Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you review your attitudes and actions about caring for others.

Then think about the following questions:

Do you believe God can provide all you need in order to support the ministry of His Church? Can He give you the strength and the time to attend Church services and various ministries? Can He help you pay all your bills while you give money to Him through the Church?

Do you believe He will? Will God help you get up each Sunday and join others in praising Him? Will God stretch the 90% (if you do give 10%) or 95% or 97% left after you have pledged to meet all your needs?

Will you act like you believe God not only can but will meet all your needs as you support His Church?

That's the issue.

As you study the Stewardship information for 2017, think seriously about what the needs of

our Parish are and then, through your support, make sure that we all will be able to fulfill those needs.

God bless all in this important Stewardship month.

In Christ,

Τι Συμβολίζει Ο Ναος;

Κυριακη πρωι και μπαινουμε στο Ναο... σε χαρα η λυπη μπαινουμε στο Ναο... Χαιρετισμοι, Παρακληση, Μεγαλη Εβδομαδα, εορτη μας και μπαινουμε στο Ναο. Που μπηκαμε; Σε ενα χωρο γεματο συμβολισμους. Ολα οσα υπαρχουν μεσα σε αυτον κατι σημαινουν. Ας μας φωτισει ο Θεος να δωσουμε μερικες πληροφοριες για αυτα.

Ο αληθινος Ναος ειναι το σωμα μας. Μεσα σε αυτο φυλασσεται η Θεια Μεταληψη, σε αυτο εισερχεται η χαρη του Θεου, οταν συμμετεχουμε στα Μυστηρια. Για αυτο το σωμα μας, οταν η ψυχη φυγει απο μεσα, δεν το καιμε, αλλα το φυλασσουμε στη γη, ως και ιερο. Για αυτο, οταν ενας ανθρωπος αγιαζει, δεν αγιαζει μονον η ψυχη του, αλλα και το σωμα του. Το αποδεικνυουν τα λειψανα των Αγιων που ευωδιαζουν η αναβλυζουν μυρο η μεσω αυτων γινονται θαυματα.

Τα λειψανα των Αγιων δεν τα λατρευουμε. Δεν ειμαστε <κοκαλολατρες>, ουτε ειδωλολατρες. Λατρευουμε μονον τον Θεον. Τα λειψανα των Αγιων τα σεβομαστε ως πολυτιμα κειμηλια, που μας αφησαν οι Αγιοι κληρονομα. Ωστοσο η πειρα εχει δειξει οτι τα ιερα αυτα κειμηλια, αγιασμενα απο τη χαρη του Αγιου Πνευματος, συχνα γινονται αφορμες θαυματων. Αντιστοιχος ειναι και ο σεβασμος μας στις εικονες. Σεβασμο, αναλογο των περιστασεων, εκφραζουμε και για τα λειψανα, τις φωτογραφιες και τα αλλα κειμηλια των γονιων μας και ολων των αγαπημενων μας προσωπων.

Επειδη λοιπον ο αληθινος ναος του Θεου ειναι ο <αχειροποιητος ναος>, το σωμα μας, για αυτο και ο <αχειροποιητος ναος>, κτισμενος απο ανθρωπινα χερια, ολοκληρος συμβολιζει το ανθρωπινο σωμα. Τουτο το καταλαβαινουμε απο τα εξης:

Στην Αγια Τραπεζα καθε Ναου, οταν εγκαινιαζεται τοποθετουνται μικρα

κομματακια απο λειψανα Αγιων μαρτυρων. Στη δικη μας Αγια τραπεζα υπαρχουν τα λειψανα του Αγιου Παντελεημονως, του Αγιου Κυζικου και λειψανα των Αγιων της Αγιας μονης του Αγιου Σαββα του Ηγιασμενου.

Στα εγκαινια καθε Ναου ολοκληρος ο Ναος μυρωνεται με Αγιο Μυρο, οπως το ανθρωπινο σωμα κατα το Μυστηριο του Χρισματος, μετα τη Βαπτιση. Για αυτο το λογο (οπως διδαξαν οι παππουδες μας) εαν γκρεμιστοι ενας Ναος, δεν επιτρεπεται να παρουμε τις πετρες για να κτισουμε ενα σπιτι η αλλο κτηριο. Αυτες οι πετρες ειναι μυρωμενες και ανηκουν μονον σε Ναο.

Ο Ουρανος Στη Γη

Ο Ναος επισης συμβολιζει τον <Ουρανο>, το χωρο της βασιλειας του Θεου, δηλαδη τον Παραδεισο και εκει οπου βρισκονται ο Θεος, οι Αγγελιοι, οι Αγιοι και οι ψυχες των ανθρωπων οι οποιοι θελουν να αγαπουν και να νοιωθουν το Παραδεισο.

Οταν λοιπον μπαινουμε στο Ναο συμβολιζουμε την εισοδον μας εις τον Παραδεισον οπου ελπίζουμε οτι θα μας βαλει ο Θεος απο την μεγαλη φιλανθρωπια Του και εαν μας αξιζει να ειμαστε εκει. Για αυτο για να μπεις στο Ναο, στην αληθεια ανεβαινεις μερικα σκαλοπατια της σκαλας των αρετων και της ασκησης.

Ο τρουλλος του Ναου ειναι η <υπερανω των Ουρανων> θεση του Θεου, για αυτο εκει ζωγραφιζεται παντοτε ο Θεος με τη μορφη του Χριστου. Αυτη ειναι η μονη μορφη που ειδαμε εμεις οι ανθρωποι επανω εις την γη.

Κατω απο Αυτον ζωγραφιζονται οι σημαντικότερες φασεις της ιστοριας απο την δημιουργια του κοσμου μεχρι την σωτηρια των ανθρωπων. Πρωτον οι Αγγελιοι, μετα οι Προφητες, μετα οι τεσσερες Ευαγγελιστες (συνηθως στις κολονες που κρατουν τον τρουλο, γιατι τα τεσσερα Ευαγγελια στηριζουν τον ουρανο της πιστεως μας) και τελικα οι Αγιοι. Αμεσως κατω, και διπλα των Αγιων, στεκομαστε εμεις, οι σημερινοι ανθρωποι οι οποιοι προσπαθουμε να ενωθουμε με τους Αγιους, με τους Αγγελους και τελικα με τον Θεον. Την Παναγια και τον Αγιο Ιωαννη τον Προδρομο τους ζωγραφιζουμε αναμεσα στους Αγγελους.

Το Ιερο του Ναου

Το Ιερο του Ναου ειναι το μεγα θυσιαστηριο, οπου, σε καθε Λειτουργια, θυσιαζεται ο Θεανθρωπος Χριστος, με τη μετατροπη του αρτου και του κρασιου σε

αληθινο Σωμα και Αιμα Του.

Στην κογχη του Ιερου, ψηλα, ζωγραφιζεται η Παναγια, ενωνοντας τον ουρανο (τρουλλο) με την γη (εδαφος). Η Παναγια ενωσε ουρανο και γη κανοντας παιδι της και γεννωντας ως ανθρωπο τον Θεον. Σε αυτη την εικονα εχει την αγκαλια της ανοιχτη, προστατευοντας και ενωνοντας τους παντες, ενω μπροστα της εικονιζεται ο Χριστος. Αυτη η εικονα ονομαζεται <Πλατυτερα των Ουρανων (πιο πλατια απο τους Ουρανους)> επειδη ο Θεος δεν χωραει στον ουρανο αλλα εγιναι ανθρωπος και χωρεσε στη μητρα της Θειοτοκου.

Στο κεντρο του Ιερου υπαρχει η Αγια Τραπεζα. Συμβολιζει τον Ταφο του Χριστου. Πανω σε αυτην τοποθετειται το Ευαγγελιο και τα Τιμια Δωρα. Μεσα της υπαρχουν κομματακια απο Αγια Λειψανα (εαν ο Ναος ειναι εγκαινιασμενος).

Αριστερα της Αγιας Τραπεζας, στον τοιχο, υπαρχει ενα ανοιγμα (θυριδα) που συμβολιζει το σπηλαιο της γεννησεως του Χριστου. Λεγεται Αγια Προθεση (προ – θεση) επειδη εκει ειναι η θεση των Τιμιων Δωρων πριν τοποθετηθουν στην Αγια Τραπεζα.

Εν Χριστω,

NOVEMBER SAINTS

November 1	SS. Cosmas & Damianos
November 8	Synaxis of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salaphiel, Jegudiel & Barachiel
November 9	St. Nektarios the Wonderworker
November 13	St. John Chrysostom
November 14	St. Philip the Apostle
November 16	St. Matthew the Evangelist
November 21	Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple
November 25	St. Katherine the Great Martyr
November 30	St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle

PARISH MINISTRIES

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

November 6	Soccer
November 13	Kritiki Philoxenia
November 20	Parish Council
November 27	PTO

ALTAR BOYS

November 6	Team #2
November 13	Team #1
November 20	Team #2
November 27	Team #1

ALTAR BOYS

Any young men of the Parish, 6th through 12th 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 10th, 11th and 12th 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 November, the Prayer Service and Anointing will take place on November 2nd.

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 λαβουν μέρος. Η τελετή του Νοεμβρίου θα γίνει τη 2α Νοεμβρίου.

ELEOS

The ELEOS meeting will be held this month on Thursday, November 10th, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Fr. Nick and Presvytera Pat, 110 Boulder St., 718-966-9476. Everyone is welcome.

ΕΛΕΟΣ

Παρακαλεισθε να παρουσιασθητε στη συγκεντρωσι τη Πέμπτη, 10η Νοεμβρίου, εις τις 7.30 μμ εις το σπίτι του Πατηρ Νικολαος και Πρεσβυτερας Παναγιωτας, 110 Boulder St. 718-966-9476.

CHOIR

The Church's liturgical life includes our choir that assists in the sacred services throughout the year. Members give a very special gift to our community. They offer their talents and gifts to God and help lead us in worship. In addition to singing during the Divine Liturgy, our members participate in our Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs with workshops, conferences, concerts and various events.

If you are interested, age 14 and older, we encourage you to become part of this ministry. We look forward to new, young and old members. Please join us in singing our beautiful hymns of our faith and continue to strive to enhance the beauty of our worship-in Glory to God.

Call Cathy Kalaizes 718-948-7995 or e-mail at katinaki@aol.com

Our Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Choir Recording "Let us Offer Unto You" is available for purchase in the Narthex.

THARROS

Our support ministry for separated and divorced individuals will meet this month on Sunday, November 20th. The scope of the Ministry is Spirituality, Education, Sharing and Support. Please feel free to join us.

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. Please make sure your children are registered and on time.

ADULT EDUCATION MORNING BIBLE AND ORTHODOXY STUDY

The Morning Bible and Orthodoxy Study for the month of November will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16th at 9:00 a.m.



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 2nd 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. Orthodox Study

will be held on November 13th.

ORGANIZATIONS

GIRL SCOUTS

Daisies - Kindergarten & Grade 1
Fridays, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
November 4th, 11th & 18th
NO meeting on November 25th
Baking for Thanksgiving November 18th

Brownies - Grades 2 & 3
Fridays, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
November 4th, 11th & 18th
NO meeting on November 25th
Baking for Thanksgiving November 18th

Juniors - Grades 4 & 5
Tuesdays, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
November 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th
NO meeting on November 8th
Baking for Thanksgiving November 22nd

Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors
Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
November 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th
NO meeting on November 8th
Baking for Thanksgiving November 22nd

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

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

PHILOPTOCHOS

As **Thanksgiving** approaches we begin to gather food for needy families. We give bags of food to families that will help them as we start the holiday season. This year as we celebrate **Make a Difference Day**, we are partnering with the children of our Sunday School to collect the food to make this a community project.



You will find the blue collection bins in the hallway of the Community Center. What a great way to begin the holidays - by helping those less fortunate, and to teach our children to help others! Please help by bringing any of the following items:

- Frozen turkey (We store these in the freezer)
- Bag or box of stuffing
- Bag of onions
- Bag of Potatoes
- Bag of Carrots
- Box or bag of rice
- Cans or jars of Gravy

- Fresh or canned Sweet Potatoes
- Cans of Fruit
- Cans of Vegetables
- Cans or bags of beans: kidney, black, etc.
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Cake Mix and Frosting
- Boxes of Jell-O or Pudding
- Packages or boxes of Cookies
- Cans or packages of Soup
- Cans of Coffee
- Boxes of Tea
- Canned Fish or Meat
- Jars of Peanut Butter
- Jars of Jelly
- Bottle of Salad Dressing
- Box of Breakfast Food Item

Bakers needed!! November 17th, 3:00 - is our Bake Circle. Come and learn Greek recipes or teach us some of yours. We can learn from each other, help our organization, socialize and have fun as well! Everyone is welcome.



On **November 12**, our Philoptochos will hold its annual **Walk-a-thon** at the Boardwalk to help with our National obligations such as OSMC, IOCC, Support a Mission Priest, to name a few. Please support this event by walking or sponsoring a Philoptochos member who is participating. The proceeds of this **Walk-a-thon** allow us to have fewer fundraisers and fewer trays in church; so please walk with us or sponsor a "walker". For more information, call Panagiota Karidis 718-979-0940.



Philoptochos National Ministries for the Month of November

Ecumenical Patriarchate

The philanthropies of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, such as Balukli Hospital and nursing homes, schools, shrines and parishes, are supported through this commitment.

National Sisterhood of Presvyteres Benevolent Fund (APC-NSP)

The National Sisterhood of Presvyteres was established in 1982 and is comprised of all Presvyteres of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Philoptochos funds provide short-term support for clergy and/or their families in terms of crisis.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- Nov. 5 Cook for Trinity Lutheran Soup Kitchen
- Nov. 5 Kimisis Luncheon at Rex Manor
- Nov. 8 Meeting 8:00 Refreshments 7:30

- Nov. 12 Walk-a-thon at Boardwalk
- Nov. 13 St. Michael's Gala
- Nov. 17 Knit/Crochet Afternoon Group
1-3 pm
- Nov. 17 Baking Circle 3:00 pm
- Nov. 18 Packing Baked Goods 3:00 pm
- Nov. 20 Bake Sale to benefit
St. Michael's Home
- Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Food Packing
- Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Food Giveaway
at P.S.20
- Nov. 25 Cook for Project Hospitality

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

The Daughters of Penelope wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

There is no meeting in November.

Next meeting is on the FIRST Thursday in December, December 1, 2016 at 8 pm with refreshments served at 7:30pm.

GOYA

GOYA will meet on Sunday, November 6th at 12:00 p.m. and Tuesday, November 15th at 7:30 p.m.

JOY

JOY is a youth ministry for children in 3rd - 6th 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 November will be November 3rd & 17th from 5:00-7:00 pm.

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

Thank you

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gregangelides@verizon.net

Aliki Pefanis
agrilos5@aol.com

SOCCER

For questions please call Yiannis Ikononou, 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. Please see her

for any details.

AHEPA

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

**GOYA THANKSGIVING PIE
PRE-ORDER SALE**



Our GOYA members are already taking orders for Thanksgiving pies. Pies must be ordered and paid for no later than Monday, November 14th. Pickup date is Sunday, November 20th.

GOYA members will be in the Community Center Lobby each Sunday to take your orders.

Please support our young people in this fundraising effort.



In the spirit of the upcoming holiday of Thanksgiving, the Festival Committee and the Parish Council would like to invite everyone to an enhanced Coffee Fellowship after Holy Liturgy on Sunday, November 20th, 2016. We will be attending the Parish General Assembly on the same day. So, please come and accept our thanks for a job well done at this year's Festival, and attend our Parish Assembly to participate in the future of our Community.



**ADVENT BEGINS ON
NOVEMBER 15th**

Advent is the 40-day period before Christmas which is devoted to the preparation for the birth of the Messiah. It begins on November 15th and ends on December 25th. It is a period of fasting, prayer, Scripture reading, church attendance, and participation in the Sacraments to enable us to capture the full meaning of Christ's coming.

May God bless us all with a good Advent Season!

**Η Νηστεία Προ Τα
Χριστουγεννα**



Σαραντα ημερες πριν απο τα Χριστουγεννα αρχιζει η προετοιμασια για την Γεννησι του Μεσσια. Αρχιζει τη 15η Νοεμβριου και τελειωνει τη 25η Δεκεμβριου. Ειναι μια περιδος νηστειας, προσευχης, μελετη της Αγιας Γραφης, ακολουθια της λειτουργικης ζωης και συμμετοχη των Θειων Μυστηριων για να νοιωθουμε καλητερα το μηνυμα της Γεννησεως Χριστου. Ευχομαι ο Θεος να μας ευλογηση με μια καλη Νηστεια προ τα Χριστουγεννα!

**CHRISTMAS ADVENT
DONATION CARDS**

Christmas Advent folders will be mailed to everyone on our mailing list. These cards are to be used to give your Christmas gift to our Parish by donating 25 cents a day from November 15th through Christmas Day. There is even a place on the folder for any additional, special gift that you want to offer at Christmastime.

This program replaces the Christmas offering envelope. We will still send out a Christmas Decoration/Flower envelope for your generous gifts toward the decoration for our Church and Center Lobby.

Please respond generously as you always have in the past.

Have a wonderful, Spirit-filled Advent.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

One of the nicest programs that we have in our Parish is the Christmas Giving Tree. The love and generosity shown by the members of our parish family is so very encouraging and a true answer of Jesus' call to serve others.

This year we are asking everyone to purchase a gift card in the amount of \$20 or \$25 from Toys R Us, Target or Barnes and Noble. **Gift cards should be returned to the Church no later than Sunday, December 18th.**

Thank you so much for caring about children who would otherwise have empty Christmas stockings.



CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Once again our Parish is offering Christmas Wreaths for donation to the decoration of our Church (inside and out) and for your home. Donation per wreath is \$40.

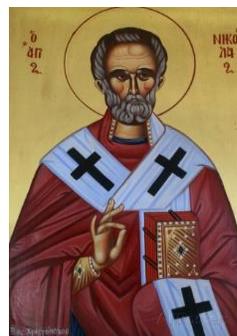
Forms are available for your orders from Carmen Demoleas or from the Parish Office.

For wreaths donated for decoration you may designate either "In memory of..." or "For the health of..."

DEADLINE for orders is Friday, December 2nd.

Questions? Email or phone Carmen Demoleas, cita53@aol.com, 646-266-0511

Thank you for your generosity.



**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING,
TREE ORNAMENTS
GREEK SCHOOL
& SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**ST. NICHOLAS PANIGYRI
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd
7:00 – 11:00 p.m.**

On Saturday, December 17th, we will hold our annual event - the Christmas Tree Lighting. This evening event will begin at 7:00 p.m. in our Church and then move into our Lobby for the lighting.

Our Annual Panigyri is an opportunity for us to celebrate the feast day of our Patron, St. Nicholas, the Wonderworker.

Our GOYA has accepted the responsibility of decorating our Church and Lobby trees. We ask all of you for some special help by donating the ornaments for the Lobby Tree. We have ordered the ornaments and ask you to donate them for the Tree. The ornaments are \$5.00 each and we will begin selling them right after Thanksgiving.

This is an evening for us to gather together as a Community for food, fellowship and fun.

If you would like to donate one or more before Thanksgiving, please contact the Church Office during regular business hours.

A buffet dinner will be offered to all with coffee and desserts; cash bar for beer and wine.

An added treat for this evening will be the presentation of the Christmas Story by the Sunday School/Greek School students and Staff. We will also have Christmas refreshments.

Music will be provided by International Sounds with DJ, George Andreakos. Our Community Dance Groups will perform.

Donation is \$40 for adults
\$20 for children 12 and under
FREE for children 5 and under

Your generosity is appreciated and we look forward to your participation in our Tree Lighting event.

Tables may be reserved (8-10 people) with full payment on a "first come-first served" basis.

St. Nicholas Panigyri Booklet

A commemorative booklet will be printed to celebrate this occasion. Through this booklet we can express our thanks to St. Nicholas for his continued blessings and offer good wishes to all our fellow Community brothers and sisters.

The donation rates are:
Back cover in color \$200
Inside back cover in color \$150
Inside front cover in color \$150
Full page black & white \$ 75
Half page black & white \$ 50
Quarter page black & white \$ 25

Πανηγυρι Αγίου Νικολάου
Σαββατον, 3η Δεκεμβριου
7:00μμ – 11:00μμ

Το Σαββατο, 3η Δεκεμβριου, θα εορτασουμε ενα <ΠΑΝΗΓΥΡΙ> ως μνημη του Αγίου Νικολάου. Ολα τα μελη της Κοινοτικης οικογενειας μας προκαλλουντε να λαβουν μερος.

Μουσικη απο το International Sounds -
Μπουφες – Ποτα για πωλημα –
Προγραμμα απο την Χωρευτικη Ομαδα

Δωρεα 40 δολλαρα για Ενηλικους
20 δολλαρα για παιδια 12 χρονων και κατω
ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΑ για παιδια 5 χρονων και κατω
Τραπεζια 8–10 θεσεις κρατημενα
με πληρωμι

Βιβλιαρακι Πανηγυρεως
Αιου Νικολάου

Θα τυπωσουμε ενα βιβλιαρακι οπου
μπορειτε να εκφρασετε τα ευχαριστηρια
σας προς τον Αγιο Νικολαο για τις ευλογιες
του και τις ευχες για τους συναδελφους σας
εδω στην Κοινοτητα μας.

Οι δωρεες ειναι:

Τη απο πισω σελιδα χρωματισθη	\$200
Τη απο μεσα πισω σελιδα χρωματισθη	150
Τη απο μεσα μπροστινη σελιδα χρωματισθη	150
Ολοκληρη σελιδα μαυρο και ασπρο	\$ 75
Μιση σελιδα μαυρο και ασπρο	\$ 50
Ενα τεταρτο σελιδα μαυρο και ασπρο	\$ 25

“When thou hast eaten and art full, then
thou shalt bless the Lord thy God...”
Deuteronomy 8:10



“SCRIPTURE CAKE”

I would like to thank Christina Charitis for reminding me about “Scripture Cake”. This cake would be a nice addition to your Thanksgiving table.

There is a catch though. You have to use your Bible to find out what the ingredients are. What a great way to get people into their Bibles!

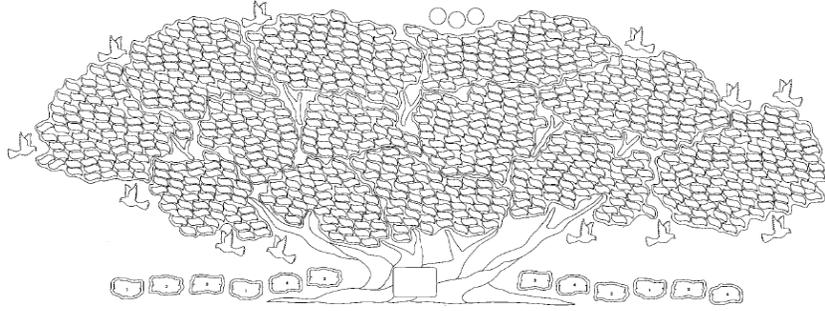
1 cup Judges 5:25 (last clause)
2 cups Jeremiah 6:20
2 cups I Samuel 30:12
1 cup Numbers 17:8
1 cup Judges 4:19 (last clause)
2 cups Nahum 3:12 may be added if desired
2 tablespoons I Samuel 14:25
Season to taste, II Chronicles 9:9
6 Jeremiah 17:11
Pinch of Leviticus 2:13
4½ cups I Kings 4:22
2 tablespoons Amos 4:5

Follow Solomon’s prescription for making a good boy (Proverbs 23:14, first clause), and make a good cake. Bake in a tube pan in moderate oven for 30 minutes. Oh, and one more thing – if you give this cake as a gift, be sure to include a copy of the recipe.

And bless this food, Lord.

-B.N.

The solution to the “riddle” can be found in the November 6th Sunday bulletin.



Tree of Life

*Commemorate your special life event
by giving a lifetime gift with an inscription...*

-Birth, Baptism, Marriage, Anniversary, Memorial -

*Contact the church office for a brochure or
Call any of the Fund Committee Members:*

*Jim Sidiropoulos, Steve Mirones, Petros Vlitas, John Charitis,
Alex Vlastakis, Andrew Economos, Thomas Vlastakis*

*Following are individuals and organizations who have invested in the
Tree of Life fund to date:*

*Jim & Dee Sidiropoulos
Arthur & Mary Kusas
Steve & Sophia Mirones
John & Christina Charitis
Nick & Martha Loizos
Tina Poulos*

*Petros & Georgia Vlitas
A.H.E.P.A.*

Lori Karelas

Diane Vernados

Vernon & Maria Dutton

Daughters of Penelope

Elias & Cathy Kalaizes

Diana Kolaitis

John & Kathy Plevritis

Thomas & Popi Vlastakis

Joanne & Roxanne Tsirigotis

Emily Panagakos

Peter & Mary Mousmoutis

Mary Frantzeskakís

Kostas Papadakis

John & Joanne Nichols

Panagiotis & Chrysoula Kotsonis

Nick & Sophia Sotiriou

Steven & Matthew Mirones

Mary Spirocostas

Panayiota Ladias

Fay Corinotis

Emmanuel Zeakis

Ladies Philoptochos Society

Gus & Katherine George

Electra Markatos

Aliki Scarpelos

Emmanuel & Stella Vlastakis

Andrew & Stacey Economos

Fr. Nick & Presvytera Petropoulakos

Nick & Elizabeth Papas

Ierotheos Moraitis

Mary Frangopoulos

Golden Years Seniors

Evangelos & Anne Xouris

Toula Papanikolaou

Pauline Panagos

Nick & Carmen Demoleas

Chris Marinakis

Constantinos & Helen Tsivas

Katherine Pappas

John Doyle & Florendia Dragazis

The Sunday School Children 2011

Soccer Academy- Philip Phytides 2012

Diamando & Steve Bontales

Sofia & Konstantinos Pavlidis

Petros & Eirini Gregoriou

PTO - GOYA - JOY

Virginia Pappas

Irene & Nicole Della Croce

George Malliotakis

Demetra Christofilakes

Elaine Tsirigotis

Stella Genovese

Adrian Stathis

Mary Baxivanis

Helen Baxivanis

Penelope Weil

P.T.O.

Alex Vlastakis

Pauline Grillos

Angelo LoBasso

Mary Veros

Pat Silas

Philip Denis

Anthony Psomas

Hristos Haliabalias

Nick & Denise Garis

Anna Borg

Christina Chukalas

Christine Moscoso

Tina Marie Vlitas

Seymour & Jean Hionas

George Anest

Kevin Brennan

Steven Vlastakis

Carol Spithogiannis

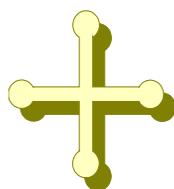
Argyre Papadoyiannis

Maria Hamilothoris

**Bold denotes purchase of a new component*

Did you know?

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.



NOVEMBER LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday	November 6	7 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 a.m. Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	November 8	Synaxis of Archangels Orthros 9:30 a.m. Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	November 9	S. Nektarios of Pentapolis Orthros 9:30 a.m. Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	November 13	8 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 a.m. Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	November 15	CHRISTMAS LENT BEGINS
Sunday	November 20	9 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 a.m. Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	November 27	13 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 a.m. Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	November 30	St. Andrew the Apostle Orthros 9:30 a.m. Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

**NOTE: We will celebrate the Feast of St. Katherine (Nov. 25)
on Sunday, November 27th.**

Λειτουργικό Προγραμμα Νοεμβρίου

Κυριακή	6η Νοεμβρίου	7η Κυριακή Λουκά Ορθρος 9:00 πμ Λειτουργία 10:00 πμ
Τρίτη	8η Νοεμβρίου	Συναξίς των Αρχαγγέλων Ορθρος 9:30 πμ Λειτουργία 10:00 πμ
Τετάρτη	9η Νοεμβρίου	Αγίου Νεκταρίου Πενταπόλεως Ορθρος 9:30 πμ Λειτουργία 10:00 πμ
Κυριακή	13η Νοεμβρίου	8η Κυριακή Λουκά Ορθρος 9:00 πμ Λειτουργία 10:00 πμ
Τρίτη	15η Νοεμβρίου	Αρχεται η Νηστεία των Χριστουγεννών
Κυριακή	20η Νοεμβρίου	9η Κυριακή Λουκά Ορθρος 9:00 πμ Λειτουργία 10:00 πμ
Κυριακή	27η Νοεμβρίου	13η Κυριακή Λουκά Ορθρος 9:00 πμ Λειτουργία 10:00 πμ
Τετάρτη	30η Νοεμβρίου	Αγίου Ανδρέου του Αποστόλου Ορθρος 9:30 πμ Λειτουργία 10:00 πμ

**Σημειώσεις: Θα εορτάσουμε την Αγία Αικατερίνα (25η Νοεμβρίου)
τη Κυριακή, 27η Νοεμβρίου.**



2016 PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

At Christmas time we usually mail greetings to our family and friends, wishing these special people God's blessings at His Nativity. Our fellow parishioners are part of our Christian family. They are special to us. We should therefore wish them all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year from our home to theirs.

To do this individually you would have to send over 750 greetings, spending a lot of time and money to do so. If you place your name on the Parish Christmas Card it is easy.

Below you will find a form for your convenience. Donation is \$20 per listing (individual, family or business). Deadline is December 14, 2015. God bless you in supporting this effort.

2016 Parish Christmas Card

Name _____

Donation enclosed \$ _____

2016 Κοινοτηκο Χαιρετισμο Για Τα Χριστουγεννα



Καθε Χριστουγεννα συνηθως στελνουμε χαιρετισμους εις τους συγγενεις και φιλους μας, με ευχες για καλες εορτες. Οι ενοριτες μας ειναι μελη της Χριστιανικης οικογενειας μας και ετσι πρεπει να τους ευχηθουμε Καλα Χριστουγεννα και Καλο Χρονο για το 2017.



Για να στείλουμε μια καρτα στον καθε ενοριτη, δηλαδη περιπου 750 χαιρετισμους, σημαινει οτι πρεπει να ξοδευσουμε πολυ καιρο και πολλα χρηματα. Αλλα εαν βαλετε το ονομα σας στο Κοινοτικο Χαιρετισμο ειναι πολυ ευκολο να χαιρετισετε ολους τους αδελφους σας εν Χριστω.



Η δωρεα για καθε ονομα (ατομικο,οικογενειακο, η για την δουλεια σας) ειναι \$20.00. Τελευταια ημερα για χαιρετισμους ειναι 14η Δεκεμβριου. Ο Θεος να σας ευλογει για την υποστηριξιν σας για αυτο το προγραμμα του Κοινοτηκου Χαιρετισμου.



2016 Κοινοτηκο Χαιρετισμο Χριστουγεννων



Όνομα _____



Δωρεα _____

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to thank Christina Chukalas and Mary Veros for donating our beautiful Christmas Cards. God bless them for their generosity.