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FROM THE PASTOR



WHAT IS THE CHURCH (THE COMMUNITY)? “You and me make we!”

How do you recognize or describe the identity of a local church?

Think of churches you have attended, or perhaps our own church. How do you describe it? What is the reputation of that church? How do other people who do not attend that church identify it? How do people who don't regularly attend church recognize or identify our church? Here are some common ways I have heard people identify specific churches:

Facilities (buildings) where the church meets.

This seems to be the most common way people (particularly those who don't attend church) identify local churches. A church is recognized by the physical mailing address. People say “that church over by Costco with the nice auditorium” or “that church with the big cross on it that you can see from the highway,” or “that church with the baseball fields behind it,” or “that church across the street from the Unicorn Diner”.

Programs (ministries) - What the church does.

While most ‘outsiders’ may identify a church as its building, most ‘insiders’ recognize a church by the ministry programs it offers. People say, “that church with the big homeless outreach,” or “that church with the daycare and preschool,” or “that church that runs the huge Thanksgiving giveaway,” or “that church with the great youth programs.”

Product - When/how the church gathers.

If the “program” category is one that insiders recognize, the “product” category is one observed closely by insider-insiders. Church people who know the landscape of the local Christian scene tend to identify their church, as well as other local churches, by three key factors related to the Sunday morning “product.” I'm

sorry to use the word “product” to classify this category, but in a consumer-driven Christian culture, right or wrong (wrong, in my opinion), this tends to be how people think.

The three major things people identify are (in random order) the preaching, the music, and the family programs (adults and youth). These three things are in high gear when the church gathers week to week, and they tend to be how most people identify the DNA and culture of a local church.

As we look at the church in the New Testament, I think identity goes deeper than any of these three categories. All of these things were present: the church gathered in certain places, the church did things we could call “ministry,” and the church certainly had biblical preaching and sang songs together and cared for children.

But what was the church? It was (and still is) a community of people following Jesus, learning the gospel, living it out, and leading others to it. **The church was (and still is) a *people of God*, not a facility, not a program, and not a product... a people.**

There are certainly limits, or basic tenets, that must be met for a church to be defined as a biblical church (biblical preaching, discipline, baptism, communion, etc.). My purpose here is to remind Orthodox Christians that, although we often think of a local church (or our local church) in the terms above, in reality it is the people who make up the church (you and me) who will define and exemplify the church culture.

The attractive pieces (“product”) will create and affirm the culture - the word being preached, specifically, is the primary means God uses to transform and save his people. But the transforming community of people are those who define the ethos of a church. It should all be Word based, Word affirmed, and Word driven - but as Christians we need to take responsibility and realize that “**you and me make the we**”.

There is a responsibility here that each Christian must recognize. People are going to learn the gospel, live the gospel, and lead others to the gospel in the context of the actual community of people who make up a local church. **“You and me make the we”**.

So, once you get past the outer shell of a church, what really defines the ethos is the people who make it up. “You and me” define the local church of which “we” are a part. This means if we (you and me) are petty, we’ll have a petty church. If we are shallow, we’ll have a shallow church. If we are selfish, we’ll have a selfish church.

But, if we are quick to forgive, we’ll have a forgiving church. If we are faithful to the Bible, we’ll have a faithful church. If we are selfless, we’ll have a selfless church. If we are loving, we’ll have a loving church.

We (in the church world) tend to spend a lot of time trying to get people to identify **WITH** our church (meaning attend and give), but a church that is living the life in Christ and bringing people to **HIM** should be marked by more and more people identifying **AS** the church (local and global), not simply **WITH** the church.

In the church, you and me make the we.

In Christ,

Τι Είναι Η Εκκλησία

Θελω να προσφερω μια διδασκαλια για την Εκκλησια γιατι πολλοι δεν καταλαβαινουν τι ακριβως ειναι η μεγαλη σημασια της. Θα το προσφερω σε τρια δελτια – Οκτωμβριο, Νοεμβριο και Δεκεμβριο.

Η λέξη <εκκλησία> δεν σημαίνει μόνο <σπιτι του Θεου>, αλλά <συγκεντρωση ανθρωπων>. Εκκλησία είναι το σύνολο των Χριστιανων ολου του κοσμου, μόνο που σε αυτο πρεπει να προσθεσουμε τους Αγγελους, τους Αγιους, τις ψυχες των νεκρων, που είναι ζωντανες στον κοσμο που εχει ετοιμασει ο Θεος για αυτες και τον Ιδιο τον Τριαδικο Θεο, δηλαδή τον Πατερα, τον Υιο και το Αγιο Πνευμα.

Το κτηριο οπου τελειται η Θεια Λειτουργια και οι αλλες Χριστιανικες τελετες, ονομαζεται Ναος. Επειδη ομως η Εκκλησια, οι Χριστιανοι, συγκεντρωνεται στον Ναο, για αυτο εχει καθιερωθει, στην

καθημερινη μας ομιλια, να λεμε <Εκκλησία> και να εννοουμε τον Ναο.

Η φραση <παω στην Εκκλησία> σημαίνει <παω στη συναντηση>, παω να συναντησω τους αλλους, που είναι μαζεμενοι στο Ναο, για να λατρευουμε τον Θεο ολοι μαζι. Εκκλησία δεν είναι ο Ναος (το κτηριο), αλλά οι ανθρωποι που είναι μεσα σε αυτον. Ενας αδειος ναος δεν είναι Εκκλησία. Πολλοι Χριστιανοι μαζεμενοι οπουδηποτε, στο ονομα του Χριστου, π.χ. σε ενα δρομο η σε ενα χωραφι, είναι Εκκλησία και αγιαζουν τον δρομο η το χωραφι.

Ισως λοιπον τωρα καταλαβαινουμε γιατι οι Αγιοι Διδασκαλοι της Χριστιανικης ζωης, παλαιοι και συγχρονοι, και σημερα υπαρχουν Αγιοι, μας συμβουλευουν στη Θεια Λειτουργια και τις αλλες ιερες τελετες, οπου είναι συγκεντρωμενοι οι αδελφοι μας οι Χριστιανοι, μαζι με τους Αγγελους, τους Αγιους και τον Θεο.

Τι κανουμε στην Εκκλησία;

Στην Εκκλησία, τη συναντηση ολων μεσα στον Ναο, παμε βεβαια και για να προσευχηθουμε, αλλά δεν είναι μόνο αυτο. Προσευχη μπορουμε να κανουμε και στο σπιτι μας και στη δουλεια μας και στο ταξιδι μας και στο νοσοκομειο, ακομη και στη φυλακη. Στην Εκκλησία ομως συμβαινουν καποια γεγονοτα, που δεν υπαρχει περιπτωση να συμβουν αλλου.

Στην Εκκλησία γινεται η Θεια Λειτουργια και ολα τα Μυστηρια και οι ιερες τελετες του Χριστιανισμου. Εκει θα παμε για να μεταλαβουμε το Σωμα και το Αιμα του Χριστου, αλλά και για να συμμετασχουμε με την παρουμε μας και την προσευχη μας, ολοι μαζι, στις μεγαλες εορτες του Χριστου, της Παναγιας και των Αγιων μας – καθως και στις χαρες και τις λυπες των συνανθρωπων μας (στο γαμο τους, τη βαπτιση του παιδιου τους, την κηδεια η το μνημοσυνο για την αιωνια αναπαυση της ψυχης). Εκει θα τελεσουμε και εμεις τις αληθινες μεγαλες χαρες και λυπες της ζωης μας.

Στην Εκκλησία πηγαινουμε για να συναντησουμε τους αδελφους μας, ολους τους ανθρωπους, και να περασουμε μαζι τους την ωρα της Θειας Λειτουργιας. Θα συναντησουμε οχι μόνο τους <καλους> (μόνο ο Θεος ξερει ποιος είναι στη αληθεια καλος η κακος και γιατι εγινε ετσι), εκεινους που αντιπαθουμε η μας αντιπαθουν, εκεινους που μας αδικησαν και μας εξεπατησαν η μας προσβαλαν, αλλά και εκεινους που πιθανον αδικησαμε και εξεπατησαμε η προσβαλαμε εμεις. Να καταλαβετε οτι δεν ειμαστε εμεις

αναμαρτητοι, καποιον εχουμε στενοχωρησει και εμεις, εστω και χωρις να το θελαμε η χωρις να το ξεραμε). Ετσι θα μαθουμε να συνυπαρχουμε με ολους αυτους, να τους βλεπουμε διπλα μας, να προσευχομαστε για αυτους και να τους συγχωρουμε.

<Συγχωρω> (απο το συν + χωρω) σημαινει <χωρω μαζι με τον αλλο στο ιδιο μερος>. Αυτο το μερος ειναι η καρδια μας, εκει <βαζουμε> οποιον συγχωρουμε, και ειναι απαραιτητο να συγχωρεσουμε εδω, αν φυσικα ενδιαφερομαστε να συγχωρεθουμε και εμεις στον Παραδεισο. Αν νομιζουμε οτι δεν υπαρχει Παραδεισος και οτι ο Χριστος ειπε ψεματα για αυτον η εδωσε μονο παρηγορια στους αδυνατους, τοτε ας χαιρομαστε μονοι μας για την δικαιοσυνη μας και ας μισουμε η ας περιφρονουμε τους αλλους, τους αμαρτωλους – ετσι θα καταλαβουμε σιγουρα τι ειναι στην πραγματικοτητα η κολαση.

Καποιοι απο εμας λενε: <Δεν παω στην Εκκλησια, γιατι εκει θα δω ψευτες, υποκριτες, απατεωνες και συμφεροντολογους. Τι να κανω, να παω, για να σκανδαλιστω; Παω λοιπον την Κυριακη το πρωι στο κυνηγι η στο ψαρεμα η ακομι και στη δουλεια, η και πουθενα αλλου, επειδη ειμαι πιστος, πηγαινω μπροστα απο το προσκυνηταρη μου στο σπιτι (εαν εχω), κανω το σταυρο μου και προσκυνω τις εικονες μου.>

Δηλαδη μονο με τους Αγιους κανεις παρεα; Δεν ειμαστε καταλληλοι για σενα εμεις οι αμαρτωλοι; Κριμα, γιατι ετσι αποκοπτεις τον εαυτον σου απο την συντροφια μας. Μα ακριβως για αυτο εισαι καλεσμενος να ελθεις στο Ναο Κυριακη πρωι, οταν γινεται Θεια Λειτουργια, για να δεις ολους εκεινους που δεν θελεις να βλεπεις και, μεσα στην ιεροτητα της Θειας Λειτουργιας, να μαθεις να τους συγχωρεις. Και, αν βλεπεις παρατραγουδα αναμεσα μας, κουτσομπολια, υποκρισια, επιδειξη, προσευχησου, σε παρακαλω, στον Θεο εσυ και για μας, για να μας συγχωρεσει και να μας καθοδηγησει. Αναψε ενα κερακι και για μας. Σε ευχαριστουμε. Και φυσικα, σε συγχωρουμε.

Ερχομενος στην Εκκλησια, ενωνεσαι με ολους τους Χριστιανους ολης της γης και του ουρανου. Ποσες Λειτουργιες γινοντε σε ολο το κοσμο καθε Κυριακη πρωι; Η απαντησι; **ΜΙΑ!** Μια Λειτουργια, παγκοσμια, η οποια ομως γινεται συγχρονως σε πολλους τοπους. Μια ειναι η Θεια Μεταληψη, ενας ο Θεος, ενα το σωμα των Χριστιανων, που συγκεντρωνεται την ιδια

ωρα σε ολο τον πλανητη, προστιθενται σε αυτους οι Αγγελοι, οι Αγιοι και ολες οι ψυχες, και εκτοξευουν αυτη τη σπουδαια παγκοσμια προσευχη προς τον Θεον.

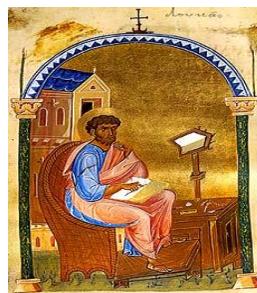
Δεν καταλαβαινεις τα λογια της Λειτουργιας, επειδη ειναι στα αρχαια; Αλλα καταλαβαινεις τουλαχιστον το <Κυριε ελεησον>. Μπορεις να παρεις μια μεταφραση και να την διαβασεις. Ομως σιγουρα μπορεις να ανοιξεις την καρδια σου και να μπεις μεσα σε αυτη τη μεγαλη συντροφια, με τους καλους και κακους (και ολοι μας ειμαστε καλοι και κακοι), ωστε ολοι μαζι να ανεβουμε προς τον Θεον. Εμεις θα σκαρφαλωσουμε λιγο και Αυτος θα μας ανεβασει πολυ. Η σωτηρια, ο Παραδεισος, ο Χριστιανισμος γενικα, δεν ειναι υποθεση ατομικη, αλλα ομαδικη. Για αυτο δεν ειναι απλη <θρησκεια>, αλλα <Εκκλησια>, δηλαδη συναντηση ολων των ανθρωπων. Αυτη η συναντηση μας μεταμορφωνει και μας δινει αυτο που λεμε <χαρα Θεου>. Και αυτη η χαρα, που προεκτεινεται στην αιωνιοτητα, ειναι ο Παραδεισος.

Νοεμβριο μηνια – Τι συμβολιζει ο Ναος;

Εν Χριστω,

SAINTS CELEBRATED IN OCTOBER

October 1	St. Romanos the Melodist
October 4	St. Dionysios the Areopagite
October 6	St. Thomas the Apostle
October 9	St. James, son of Alphaeus
October 11	St. Philip
October 18	St. Luke the Evangelist
October 20	St. Gerasimos of Cephallonia
October 23	St. Iakovos, brother of the Lord
October 25	St. Tabitha the Merciful
October 26	St. Demetrios the Myrrhbearer



Αγιοι του Οκτωμβριου

1η Οκτωμβριου	Αγιος Ρωμανος ο Μελοδος
4η Οκτωμβριου	Αγιος Διονυσιος ο Αρεοπαγιτης
6η Οκτωμβριου	Αγιος Θωμας ο Αποστολος
9η Οκτωμβριου	Αγιος Ιακωβος ο Αλφαιος
11η Οκτωμβριου	Αγιος Φιλιπας
18η Οκτωμβριου	Αγιος Λουκας ο Ευαγγελιστης
20η Οκτωμβριου	Αγιος Γερασιμος ο Κεφαλλονιτης
23η Οκτωμβριου	Αγιος Ιακωβος ο Αδελφοθεος
25η Οκτωμβριου	Αγια Ταβιθα η Ελεημων
26η Οκτωμβριου	Αγιος Δημητριος ο Μυροβλητης

THREE SAINTS OF OCTOBER

St. Ananias, Apostle of the 70 - October 1st

Ananias, whose name means "God is gracious," was from Damascus, where by divine revelation he was commanded to baptize the Apostle Paul (Acts 9: 10-17). He completed the course of martyrdom when he was stoned to death during the proconsulate of Lucian.

St. Philip the Apostle of the 70, one of the 7 Deacons - October 11th

Philip, who had four daughters that prophesied, was from Caesarea of Palestine. He preached throughout Samaria; it was he also who met the eunuch of Candace, the Queen of the Ethiopians, as the eunuch was reading the Prophet Esaias, and he instructed and baptized him (Acts 8:26-39). He reposed in Tralles of Asia Minor while preaching the Gospel.

St. Hilarion the Great - October 21st

He was born at Tabatha, near Gaza in Palestine, of pagan parents. Sent as a young man to Alexandria to be educated, he learned the Christian Faith and was baptized. While in Egypt he heard the fame of Saint Anthony the Great, and upon meeting that truly great man, the Father of monks, Saint Hilarion determined to devote himself also to the ascetical life. He returned to Gaza, when, he gave himself over to extreme fasting and unceasing prayer. Because of the miracles, which he soon began to work, he found himself compelled by his growing renown to leave Gaza, to escape from the throngs of

people coming to ask his prayers. In his journeys he visited Egypt, and came again with longing to the place where Saint Anthony had lived; but he was not able to remain in any one place for long, since despite all his attempts to conceal himself, the light of the grace that was in him could not be hid. After passing through Egypt and Libya, and sailing to Sicily, he came at last to Cyprus, where he ended the course of his life at the age of eighty, in the year 372.

KYPIE ELEHSON

Αν ολα τα εχασες – Κυριε ελεησον!
Και αν ολα τα κερδισες – Κυριε ελεησον!
Αν δακρυα κυλησαν στα ματια σου –
Κυριε ελεησον!
Και αν ψυχος γεμισαν τα σπλαχνα σου –
Κυριε ελεησον!
Αν εισαι μονος σου – Κυριε ελεησον!
Και αν εχεις φιλους διπλα σου –
Κυριε ελεησον!
Αν αγαπας – Κυριε ελεησον!
Και αν σε μισουν – Κυριε ελεησον!
Αν το παιδι σου βρισκεται στο μνημα –
Κυριε ελεησον!
Αν εχεις αμαρτανει – Κυριε ελεησον!
Και αν εχεις αρετες πολλες –
Κυριε ελεησον!
Αν οι ελπιδες χαθηκαν για παντα –
Κυριε ελεησον!
Και αν η ζωη σου χαμογελασε –
Κυριε ελεησον!
Αν σε στολισαν με κολακιες –
Κυριε ελεησον!
Και αν σε προσβαλλαν με ειρωνιες –
Κυριε ελεησον!
Και αν πληγωθηκες θανασινα –
Κυριε ελεησον!
Και αν αναπνεεις – Κυριε ελεησον!
Και αν περπατας – Κυριε ελεησον!
Οτι και αν σκεφτεσαι – Κυριε ελεησον!
Οτι και αν εχεις στη καρδια σου –
Κυριε ελεησον!
Ολη η ζωη σου αν ητανε μοναχα –
Κυριε ελεησον!
Κυριε ελεησον! Κυριε ελεησον! –
Κυριε ελεησον!

PARISH MINISTRIES

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

October 2	PTO
October 9	Daughters of Penelope
October 16	AHEPA
October 23	Philoptochos
October 30	GOYA/Dancers

ALTAR BOYS

October 2	Team #1
October 9	Team #2
October 16	Team #1
October 23	Team #2
October 30	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 October, the Prayer Service and Anointing will take place on October 12th.



ΠΑΡΑΚΛΗΣΙΣ ΚΑΙ ΜΥΡΩΜΑ

Η μηνιατική τελετή προσεχής και μύρωμα συνήθως γίνεται την πρώτη Τετάρτη κάθε μήνα εις τις 9.00 πμ μέσα εις την Εκκλησία. Όλοι προκαλούντε να λάβουν μέρος. Η τελετή του Οκτωμβρίου θα γίνει τη 12η Οκτωμβρίου.

ELEOS

The ELEOS meeting will be held this month on Thursday, October 13th, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Toula Lellos, 630 Katan Ave., 718-227-7587. Everyone is welcome.

ΕΛΕΟΣ

Παρακαλείσθε να παρουσιασθήτε στη συγκέντρωσι τη Πέμπτη, 13η Οκτωμβρίου, εις τις 7.30 μμ εις το σπίτι της Τουλας Λελλου, 630 Katan Ave., 718-227-7587.

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 Narthex.

THARROS

Our support ministry for separated and divorced individuals will meet this month in a social setting, on Friday, October 21st. More information to follow. 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 attend each Sunday on time.

ADULT EDUCATION MORNING BIBLE AND ORTHODOXY STUDY



There will be no Morning Bible and Orthodoxy Study during the month of October. We will resume our study in November.

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 begin in the month of November.

ORGANIZATIONS

GIRL SCOUTS

Daisies - Kindergarten & Grade 1
Fridays, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
October, 7th, 14th & 21st
Halloween Party on October 28th

Brownies - Grades 2 & 3
Fridays, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
October, 7th, 14th & 21st
Halloween Party on October 28th

Juniors - Grades 4 & 5
Tuesdays, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
October 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th

Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors
Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
October 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th

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.

GOYA

GOYA will meet on Tuesdays, October 4th & 18th at 7:30 p.m.

JOY

Hope you have settled in to your back to school routines. Now that the Festival is over we are ready to start our JOY meetings.



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.

Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 6th from 5:00-7:00pm. Registration will be that night.

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

Thank you
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SOCCER

For questions please call Yiannis Ikonou, 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.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Saturday, October 22, is the date of our Annual **Men Who Cook** event in our Community Center. This annual event gives the men in our community a chance to show off their cooking talents while treating us to a wonderful evening. Our entire community looks forward to this enjoyable evening of food, music and fellowship. All those who have attended in the past keep returning for a fun-filled evening.

Any gentleman in our community, who would like to **show-off** his skills as a chef, is welcome to join us. You will receive a personalized chef's hat as well as the accolades of those in attendance. What a great way to spend a Saturday evening - with your Holy Trinity St. Nicholas family! If you would like to volunteer to be a chef for the evening, please call Chris Charitis at 718-356-8377.

You can reserve tickets for this event by calling Irene Panagos at 718-288-7366 or Panagiota Karidis at 718-979-0940. We look forward to seeing you at **Men Who Cook** night!

SAVE THE DATE December 10, 2016, Agape Luncheon to benefit the Expansion Fund of St.

Michael's Home at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale, NY at 11:30 am. More information to follow

Philoptochos National Ministries for the Month of September:

Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology Scholarships: Scholarships are awarded to worthy and dedicated students, both men and women at Hellenic College and seminarians at Holy Cross to assist with tuition expenses.

Retired Clergy and Widowed Presbyteres Benevolent Fund (RCA):

The Retired Clergy Association (RCA) of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America was established in 1988 to provide support for retired clergy who face financial challenges.

Philoptochos National Ministries for the Month of October

National Philoptochos Emergency Fund

This fund enables the Philoptochos Society to immediately respond to those in need in times of national or international crisis.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct. 1, 3 & 4 DAD Regional Meetings
- Oct. 1 Cook for Trinity Lutheran Soup Kitchen
- Oct. 11 Meeting 8:00 Refreshments 7:30
- Oct. 16 Holy Cross Luncheon - Terrace on the Park
- Oct. 20 Knit/Crochet Afternoon Group 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- Oct. 22 **Men Who Cook**
- Oct. 23 Philoptochos Sunday
- Oct. 28 Cook for Project Hospitality
- Nov. 12 **Walk-a-thon at the Boardwalk**

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Happy Fall!

Reminder to reserve your seat for our fall fundraiser:

The Daughters of Penelope will be hosting a trip on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 to NYCB Theater at Westbury. The live stage show will be "Broadway Sings" with Broadway Performers singing popular songs from the Carole King Musical "Beautiful", "Mamma Mia", "Come Fly Away" and many more.

The trip includes admission to "Broadway Sings", Dinner at the Swan Club in Roslyn Harbor, (choice of meal: chicken franchise, pot roast or baked filet of sole), and deluxe motorcoach transportation.

The cost of the trip is \$110 per person.

Departure will be at 10am from the Holy Trinity-St Nicholas Greek Church parking lot.

For reservations please contact Elaina Morakis [718-981-0521](tel:718-981-0521); Chris Moscoso [718-605-0360](tel:718-605-0360) or Maria Dutton [718-356-8033](tel:718-356-8033). Meal choice must accompany reservation.

Monthly meeting:

Our October meeting will be Thursday, October 27 at 8pm, refreshments at 7:30 pm.



FESTIVAL UPDATE

Hard work + Fellowship + Dedication = Another memorable Festival in the life of Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Community.

The Festival Committee would like to thank everyone for their commitment and sacrifice for the greater good of our Church and Parish family. Working together we have created memories for another year. We all aided by planning, prepping, laboring, serving, cleaning, setting up and taking down, sharing, visiting, spending and hopefully, enjoying every part of our 2016 Festival. More importantly, we did it all TOGETHER and shared our pride in our Church, our traditions and our culture with the general community of Staten Island and the whole City of New York.

May God bless us and grant us restful and happy days to come. "Πάντα αξιολί".

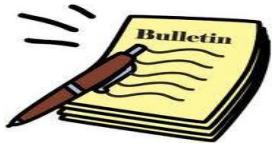
In appreciation, The Festival Committee



ST. NICHOLAS PANYGIRI

Saturday, December 3rd

Mark your calendars!



A WORD ABOUT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

There are many individuals who contribute to the content of the newsletter. Everyone's news is important to the community, and we welcome community news from anyone.

However, there is a deadline for submission, and that deadline is by the 15th of the previous month. We have set that deadline so that we will have time to assemble the content, plan out the layout of the newsletter accordingly, get it printed, and hopefully, distributed to everyone well before the 1st of the month. We ask for your cooperation in this matter. If you have a submission for the monthly newsletter, please get it to us **BY** the 15th of the previous month.

You can email your news to Father at xpnick@aol.com or to Presvytera at peesha@aol.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

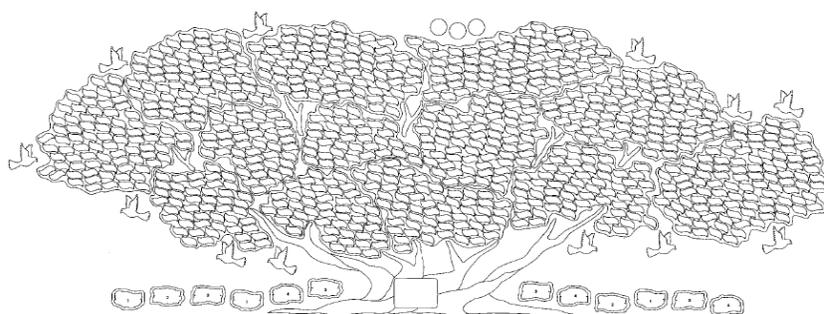


SYMBOLS OF HALLOWEEN

Halloween originated as a celebration connected with evil spirits. Witches flying on broomsticks with black cats, ghosts, goblins and skeletons have all evolved as symbols of Halloween. They are popular trick-or-treat costumes and decorations for greeting cards and windows. Black is one of the traditional Halloween colors, probably because Halloween festivals and traditions took place at night. In the weeks before October 31, Americans decorate windows of houses and schools with silhouettes of witches and black cats.

Pumpkins are also symbols of Halloween. The pumpkin is an orange-colored squash, and orange has become the other traditional Halloween color. Carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns is a Halloween custom also dating back to Ireland. A legend grew up about a man named Jack who was so stingy that he was not allowed into heaven when he died, because he was a miser. He couldn't enter hell either because he had played jokes on the devil. As a result, Jack had to walk the earth with his lantern until Judgment Day. The Irish people carved scary faces out of turnips, beets or potatoes representing "Jack of the Lantern," or jack-o'-lantern. When the Irish brought their customs to the United States, they carved faces on pumpkins because in the autumn they were more plentiful than turnips. Today jack-o'-lanterns in the windows of a house on Halloween night let costumed children know that there are goodies waiting if they knock and say "Trick or Treat"!





*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*

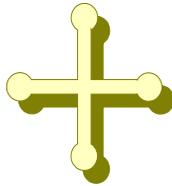
*Following are individuals and organizations who have invested in the
Tree of Life fund to date:*

<i>Jim & Dee Sidiropoulos</i>	<i>Ladies Philoptochos Society</i>	<i>Elaine Tsirigotis</i>
<i>Arthur & Mary Kusas</i>	<i>Gus & Katherine George</i>	<i>Stella Genovese</i>
<i>Steve & Sophia Mirones</i>	<i>Electra Markatos</i>	<i>Adrian Stathis</i>
<i>John & Christina Charitis</i>	<i>Aliki Scarpelos</i>	<i>Mary Baxivanis</i>
<i>Nick & Martha Loizos</i>	<i>Emmanuel & Stella Vlastakis</i>	<i>Helen Baxivanis</i>
<i>Tina Poulos</i>	<i>Andrew & Stacey Economos</i>	<i>Penelope Weil</i>
<i>Petros & Georgia Vlitas</i>	<i>Fr. Nick & Presvytera Petropoulakos</i>	
<i>A.H.E.P.A.</i>	<i>Nick & Elizabeth Papas</i>	<i>P.T.O.</i>
<i>Lori Karelas</i>	<i>Ierotheos Moraitis</i>	<i>Alex Vlastakis</i>
<i>Diane Vernados</i>	<i>Mary Frangopoulos</i>	<i>Pauline Grillos</i>
<i>Vernon & Maria Dutton</i>	<i>Golden Years Seniors</i>	<i>Angelo LoBasso</i>
<i>Daughters of Penelope</i>	<i>Evangelos & Anne Xouris</i>	<i>Mary Veros</i>
<i>Elias & Cathy Kalaizes</i>	<i>Toula Papanikolaou</i>	<i>Pat Silas</i>
<i>Diana Kolaitis</i>	<i>Pauline Panagos</i>	<i>Philip Denis</i>
<i>John & Kathy Plevritis</i>	<i>Nick & Carmen Demoleas</i>	<i>Anthony Psomas</i>
<i>Thomas & Popi Vlastakis</i>	<i>Chris Marinakis</i>	<i>Hristos Haliabalias</i>
<i>Joanne & Roxanne Tsirigotis</i>	<i>Constantinos & Helen Tsivas</i>	<i>Nick & Denise Garis</i>
<i>Emily Panagakos</i>	<i>Katherine Pappas</i>	<i>Anna Borg</i>
<i>Peter & Mary Mousmoutis</i>	<i>John Doyle & Florendia Dragazis</i>	<i>Christina Chukalas</i>
<i>Mary Frantzeskakis</i>	<i>The Sunday School Children 2011</i>	<i>Christine Moscoso</i>
<i>Kostas Papadakis</i>	<i>Soccer Academy- Philip Phytides 2012</i>	
<i>John & Joanne Nichols</i>	<i>Diamando & Steve Bontales</i>	<i>Tina Marie Vlitas</i>
<i>Panagiotis & Chrysoula Kotsonis</i>	<i>Sofia & Konstantinos Pavlidis</i>	<i>Seymour & Jean Hionas</i>
<i>Nick & Sophia Sotiriou</i>	<i>Petros & Eirini Gregoriou</i>	<i>George Anest</i>
<i>Steven & 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 & Nicole Della Croce</i>	<i>Carol Spithogiannis</i>
<i>Fay Corinotis</i>	<i>George Malliotakis</i>	

****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.



OCTOBER LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday	October 2	2 nd Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	October 9	3 rd Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	October 16	4 th Sunday of Luke The Holy Fathers of the 7 th Ecumenical Synod Orthros 9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	October 23	6 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	October 26	St. Demetrios the Great Martyr Orthros 9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	October 30	5 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Λειτουργικό Πρόγραμμα Οκτωβριου

Κυριακη	2α Οκτωμβριου	2α Κυριακη Λουκα Ορθρος 9.00 πμ	Θεια Λειτουργια 10.00 πμ
Κυριακη	9η Οκτωμβριου	3η Κυριακη Λουκα Ορθρος 9.00 πμ	Θεια Λειτουργια 10.00 πμ
Κυριακη	16η Οκτωμβριου	4α Κυριακη Λουκα Των Αγιων Πατερων της 7ης Συνοδου Ορθρος 9.00 πμ	Θεια Λειτουργια 10.00 πμ
Κυριακη	23η Οκτωμβριου	6η Κυριακη Λουκα Ορθρος 9.00 πμ	Θεια Λειτουργια 10.00 πμ
Τεταρτη	26η Οκτωμβριου	Αγιου Δημητριου Μεγαλομαρτυρος Ορθρος 9.30 πμ	Θεια Λειτουργια 10.00 πμ
Κυριακη	30η Οκτωμβριου	5η Κυριακη Λουκα Ορθρος 9.30 πμ	Θεια Λειτουργια 10.00 πμ