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FROM THE PASTOR



WHY WE NEED TO MAKE GOD, AND HIS CHURCH, THE MAIN PRIORITIES OF OUR LIFE

**“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well”.**
Matthew 6:33

The key to living the abundant life that God has for us is learning to make Him, and His Church, our FIRST priority.

If this is the truth and teaching of the Lord, then why do so many people seek the “things” of life first? Most people’s top priorities are jobs, houses, cars, money and so many other material things. “To seek” means “to crave, pursue, to make sacrifices to get, to go after with all of one’s strength and all of one’s heart”.

It is a mistake to crave and pursue possessions, believing that they will give us lasting peace, joy and contentment. These truly only come from God’s presence in our lives, lived within His Church.

We should all ask ourselves, “What am I seeking? What do I spend most of my time thinking and talking about? How do I invest most of my energy and where?” These are very important questions that must be answered if we are going to prioritize our life accordingly and rightly.

A few years ago I had a visit from a man who had many, many material things: money, palatial homes, vacation villas, investments and so on. But... he wasn’t really happy with his life. He kept saying, over and over, “I have everything! What’s wrong with me? Why can’t I find fulfillment and rise up in my life?”

Well, after saying a silent prayer for guidance, I said, “You are mired in the shallows

of life in your personal and your Christian life. It is time for you to step out into the deep.”

The man looked at me, stayed silent for a few minutes and then he stated. “You are right! I am a shallow Christian. I have always wanted to experience all the “fruits” of what God has put before me – love, joy, peace, patience – but I wasn’t seeking the right things at all. My roots have never been deep and that is why I am not fulfilled in God. I have always had it backwards – seeking things first and God second.”

It is so much the same for many of us. We want the money, the house, the position or whatever our thing is. So we chase after that rather than the true treasure, the treasure of God’s presence in our lives.

Just like a tree needs roots to go way down deep so that it can produce strong, healthy branches, Christians need to develop deep spiritual roots in Christ and His Church. Our lives need to be deeply rooted in the Word of God and in His teachings and not in our “stuff”. If we are not rooted in this way, then when the storms of life hit, we find out that our “stuff”, our “things”, cannot save us or make us happy. That is because these cannot give us what we truly need. And it doesn’t matter how much we have. It is never enough when the bad hits.

Believe me, I am not saying that it is bad to want nice possessions and to want to have a good life. But we need to examine our priorities. We need to seek God, to look deeply into His eyes, and then to reach out our hand in order to take His hand of blessing into ours. His hand is always there. We just have to look for it.

Many people do not understand how important it is to look deeply into God’s eyes. It is really simple. It just means that we need to cultivate our relationship with Him – to get to know Him. We need to learn who we are in Christ; study and learn His Word; participate in

the life of the Church in all and every way; seek opportunities to serve Him and His Church; and, above all, pray for His guidance and His blessings.

We are to chase after God in prayer; spend time with Him each and every day (not just once a week, a couple of times a year or whenever we feel like it); seek to strengthen our relationship with Him, even if it means sacrificing some of our “things”. Remember what Matthew says? “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you as well.”

So much of the time, we get it the other way around. We go after possessions as if we'll never get what we want if we don't. Just think of what this means at the end of our life.

When the time comes for us to meet God, when our earthly life is over, will we really be thinking about all our “stuff” or are we going to be concerned about what we will say to God when He asks us what we did, according to His teaching, with all that “stuff”? What will be most important at that very moment? Think about it. Think about it in all seriousness.

If we truly want to be happy, we have to learn to pursue those things that are meaningful and which is what God wants for us in our lives and in our lives in Him.

The key is to seek the Kingdom FIRST. Pursue, chase after, God. Look into His eyes so you can find His hand. Build your relationship with Him in everything that you do.

And along with this personal quest - live in, support, nurture, build up and guarantee that His Church will be here on earth (and in our city) forever.

God bless us all as we begin the New Ecclesiastical Year on September 1st!

In Christ,

**Τι Χρειαζομαστε Για Να
Κανουμε Τον Θεον, Και Την
Εκκλησια Του,
Τις Κυριότερες Προτεραιότητες Της Ζ
ωης Μας**

<Ζητείτε δε πρώτον την βασιλειαν του θεου
και την δικαιοσυνην αυτου,
και ταυτα παντα προστεθησεται υμιν.>
Κατα Ματθαιον 6.33

Το κλειδη για να ζουμε μια πληρης
ζωη εν Θεω ειναι να καταλαβουμε οτι
πρεπει να κανουμε Αυτον, και την

Εκκλησια Του, την πρωτη προτεραιοτητα
μας.

Εαν ειναι αυτο αληθεια και
διδασκαλια του Θεου, γιατι γυρευουν τοσοι
πολλοι ανθρωποι τα <πραγματα> της ζωης
πρωτα; Οι προτεραιοτητες για πολλους
ειναι εργασια, σπιτια, αυτοκινητα, χρηματα
και τοσα αλλα υλικά πραγματα. <Να
ζητησουμε> σημαινει να εκλιπαρουμε, να
ακολουθουμε, να θυσιαζουμε για να
λαβουμε κατι, να αγωνιζουμε με ολες τις
δυναμεις μας και με ολη την καρδια μας για
κατι το οποιο θελουμε.

Ειναι λαθος να εκλιπαρουμε και να
ακολουθουμε πραγματα, πιστευοντας οτι
αυτα θα μας φερουν ειρηνη, χαρα και
ευχαριστησι. Αυτα, στην αληθεια, ερχοντε
απο την παρουσια του Θεου εν της ζωης
μας οπως ζουμε την ζωη μας εν τη
Εκκλησια Του.

Ολοι πρεπει να ρωτησουμε τον
εαυτον μας, <Τι ζητω; Για τι ξοδεω ολο το
καιρο μου; Που βαζω τις δυναμεις μου;>
Αυτη η ερωτησι ειναι πολυ συμαντικη και
πρεπει να την απαντησουμε εαν θα
γνωρισουμε πως να προτεραιοτησουμε την
ζωη μας σωστα.

Πριν απο λιγα χρονια επισκεφθηκα
εναν κυριο ο οποιος ειχε πολλα, πολλα
πραγματα: χρηματα, μεγαλοτατα σπιτια,
βιλα για διακοπες, κ.τ.λ. Αλλα... δεν ηταν
καθολου χαρουμενος με την ζωη του. Ελεγε
και ελεγε, <Τα εχω ολα! Γιατι δεν μπορω να
βρω εκπληρωσι στη ζωη μου; Πατερ, πες
μου τι να κανω;>

Ειπα μια προσευχη για την οδηγια
του Θεου και του ειπα. <Λασπωνεις μεσα
στη αβαθεια της προσωπικης και
πνευματικης ζωης σας ως Χριστιανος. Ηλθε
ωρα να πατισεις μεσα στα βαθη>.

Ο ανθρωπος με κοιταξε, εμεινε
ησυχος για μερικα λεπτα, και ειπε. <Εισαι
σωστος! Ειμαι ενας αβαθης Χριστιανος!
Παντοτες ηθελα να καταλαβω ολες τις
ευλογιες τα οποια μου χαρισε ο Θεος –
αγαπη, χαρα, ειρηνη, υπομονη – αλλα τωρα
γνωριζω οτι δεν ζητουσα τα σωστα
πραγματα. Οι ριζες μου δεν ηταν ποτες
βαθειες και οτι δεν ημουν βασιζομενος εν
Θεω – ζητουσα πραγματα πρωτα και τον
Θεον δευτερα>.

Ειναι το ιδιο για πολλους απο εμας.
Θελουμε τα χρηματα, το σπιτι, την μεγαλη
θεσι και οτι νομιζουμε ειναι καλο για εμας.
Κυνηγουμε ολα αυτα αντι για τον αληθινο
θυσαυρο, την παρουσια του Θεου εν τη ζωη
μας.

Ακριβως οπως ενα δενδρο χρειαζεται
ριζες οι οποιες πηγαινουν πολυ βαθεια για

να είναι δυνατό, Χριστιανοί χρειαζόντε βαθιές πνευματικές ρίζες εν Χριστώ και εν τη Εκκλησία Του. Η ζωή μας χρειάζεται να είναι ερριζομένη εν τῷ Λόγῳ τοῦ Θεοῦ και εν τῆς διδασκαλίῃς Του και ὄχι μέσα σε <πραγμάτα>. Εάν δὲν εἴμαστε ερριζομένοι ἐτσι, ὅταν ἐρχόντε τὰ δυσκόλα τῆς ζωῆς, θὰ μάθουμε ὅτι τὰ <πραγμάτα> μᾶς δὲν θὰ μᾶς σώσουν. Τὰ πράγματα μᾶς δὲν θὰ μᾶς φέρουν χάρα.

Πιστεῦτε μὲ, δὲν λέω ὅτι δὲν πρέπει νὰ ἐχουμε τὰ καλά και τὰ ὠραία τῆς ζωῆς και νὰ ζουμε μίᾳ καλῆ ζωῆ. Ἀλλὰ πρέπει νὰ διωρῖσουμε τῆς προτερῖότητες μᾶς. Πρέπει νὰ ζητήσουμε τὸν Θεὸν πρῶτα, νὰ κοιταξουμε βαθειὰ μέσα στα μάτια τοῦ Θεοῦ και ἐπειτὰ νὰ ἀπλωσουμε τὸ χερί μᾶς γιὰ νὰ παρουμε τὸ χερί εὐλογίας Του. Τὸ χερί εἶναι παντοῦς ἐκεῖ. Μόνον πρέπει νὰ κοιταξουμε γιὰ νὰ τὸ βρουμε.

Πολλοὶ δὲν καταλαβαίνουν ποσο σημαντικό εἶναι νὰ κοιταξουμε βαθειὰ μέσα στα μάτια τοῦ Θεοῦ. Εἶναι πολὺ ἀπλο. Σημαίνει ὅτι πρέπει νὰ καλλιεργήσουμε μίᾳ δυνατὴ ἐπαφή μᾶς τοῦ – νὰ Τὸν μάθουμε καλῶς. Πρέπει νὰ μάθουμε ποιοὶ εἴμαστε ἐν Χριστῷ – νὰ μελετήσουμε και νὰ μάθουμε τὸ Λόγο Του – νὰ λαβουμε μέρος στὴν Εκκλησία Του ὅπου μπορούμε – νὰ γυρευουμε στηγμῆς γιὰ νὰ Τὸν υπηρετήσουμε και τὴν Εκκλησία Του – και μεγαλητέρα ἀπο ὅλα, νὰ προσευχῖθουμε γιὰ τὴν ὁδηγία Του και τῆς εὐλογίας Του.

Τοσῆς φορές κανουμε ἀκριβῶς τὸ ἀντιθετό. Κηνυγουμε τὰ <πραγμάτα> και καταλαβαίνουμε σε λίγο ὅτι αὐτὰ δὲν μᾶς φερνουν πιο κοντὰ στο Θεὸ ἀλλὰ μακριὰ ἀπο Αὐτόν.

Νὰ τὸ σκεφθῖτε αὐτὸ πολὺ και πολὺ σοβαρῶς!

Τὸ κλειδί εἶναι νὰ ζητήσουμε τὴν Βασιλείᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ ΠΡΩΤΑ. Νὰ κηνυγῖσουμε τὸν Θεὸν και τὴν ζῶν ἐν Αὐτόν. Νὰ κοιταξουμε μέσα στα μάτια Του γιὰ νὰ βρουμε τὸ χερί Του. Νὰ μεγαλώσουμε τὴν ἐπαφή μᾶς μᾶς τοῦ σε ὅλα τῆς ζωῆς μᾶς.

Και μᾶς με ὅλα αὐτὰ – νὰ ζήσουμε, νὰ υποστηρίξουμε, νὰ μεγαλώσουμε, και νὰ ἀσφαλίσουμε ὅτι ἡ Εκκλησία Του θὰ εἶναι ἐδῶ στο κόσμο (και στο νῆσι μᾶς) παντοῦτε.

Ὁ Θεὸς νὰ μᾶς εὐλογίση ὅπως ἀρχίζουμε τὸ Καινούργιο Εκκλησιαστικό Ἔτος τῆ 1ῆ Σεπτεμβρίου.

Ἐν Χριστῷ,

ORTHODOX LITURGICAL TERMS

For 20 years we have been publishing “Three Saints” of each month as an Orthodox educational tool. This means that we have studied the lives of 240 saints of our Orthodox Faith. I hope that you have enjoyed this section of each monthly bulletin.

We are going to make a change in this tool of study. I pray that you will enjoy it and learn from it even as you did with the saint’s study.

Each month I will publish five Orthodox Liturgical Terms; something like an Orthodox dictionary. Please read these terms and study them as you did the saints. Let’s begin!

Abstinence (Νηστεία)

A penitential practice consisting of voluntary deprivation of certain foods for religious reasons. In the Orthodox Church, days of abstinence are observed on Wednesdays and Fridays, or other specific periods, such as the Great Lent.

Baptism (Βαπτισμα)

A sacrament instituted by Christ Himself, this is the regeneration “of water and the spirit” (John 3:5). An Orthodox baptism is administered by the priest through three immersions and by pronouncing the individual’s name along with the name of the Trinity, “the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen”.

Candle (Κηριον)

Candles are used in the Orthodox Church as a form of sacrifice and devotion to God or Saints. They are used in various Orthodox services and ceremonies and are symbolic of Christ, who is “the Light of the World.”

According to a different symbolism, the two elements of a candle represent the two natures of Christ: the Divine (the burning wick) and the Human (the wax body).

Deacon (Διακονος)

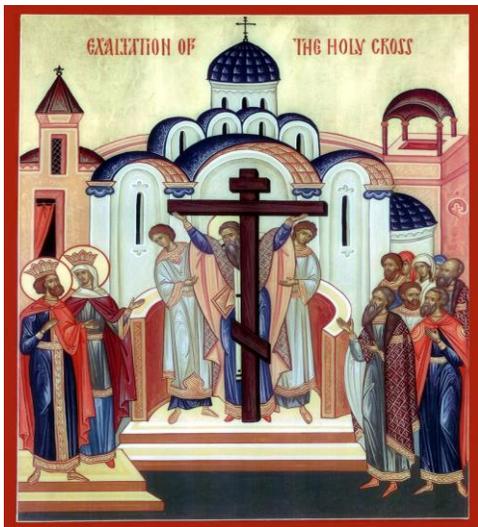
The first of the three orders of priesthood. A deacon is not permitted to perform the Sacraments, but assists the bishop and the presbyter in the Eucharist and other services or ministries of the church.

Engainia (Εγκαινια)

The ceremony of consecration of a new church, conducted only by a bishop. It is performed before the Eucharist, and it mainly consists of the washing of the Holy Table of the altar, the depositing of relics in it, and the blessing of the church icons.

SAINTS AND FEASTS OF SEPTEMBER

September 4	Moses the Prophet
September 5	Zacharias & Elizabeth
September 7	Kassiani the Hymnographer
September 8	Nativity of the Theotokos
September 9	Joachim and Anna
September 11	Euphrosynos the Cook
September 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 16	Euphemia the Great Martyr
September 17	Sophia and her daughters
September 20	Eustathios
September 24	Thekla Protomartyr
September 25	Euphrosyni the Righteous



Αγιοι και Εορτες του Σεπτεμβριου

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- 4η Σεπτεμβριου Μωσης ο Προφητης
5η Σεπτεμβριου Ζαχαριας και Ελισαβετ
7η Σεπτεμβριου Κασσιανη η Υμνογραφος
8η Σεπτεμβριου Γενεθλιον της Θεοτοκου
9η Σεπτεμβριου Ιωακειμ και Αννα
11η Σεπτεμβριου Ευφροσυνος ο Μαγειρας
14η Σεπτεμβριου Ο Τιμιος Σταυρος
16η Σεπτεμβριου Ευφημια η Μεγαλομαρτυς
17η Σεπτεμβριου Σοφια και οι
Θυγατρες της
20η Σεπτεμβριου Ευσταθιου
24η Σεπτεμβριου Θεκλα η Πρωτομαρτυς
25η Σεπτεμβριου Ευφροσυνη η Οσια

VASILIKO - BASIL LEAVES

Each year on the occasion of the Elevation of the Holy Cross (September 14th) we decorate a tray with Vasiliko - basil leaves for the Feastday procession.

If you would like to donate Vasiliko please bring it to the Church on Wednesday, September 13th or early in the morning on Thursday, September 14th.

Βασιλικο

Καθε χρονο στην Υψωσι του Τιμιου Σταυρου (14η Σεπτεμβριου) στολιζουμε ενα δισκο με βασιλικο.

Εαν θελετε να προσφερετε βασιλικο για την Εορτη, να το φερετε στην Εκκλησια τη 13η Σεπτεμβριου (Τεταρτη) η ενωρις τη 14η Σεπτεμβριου (Πεμπτη).



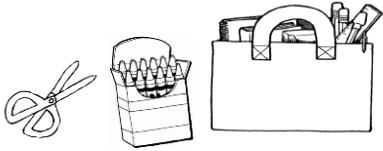
EDUCATION MINISTRIES

“ BACKPACK SUNDAY ”

On Sunday, September 10th, we would like all students to bring their backpacks to Church for a special blessing.

At the end of the Liturgy, Father Nick will ask all students to come up onto the Soleas with their backpacks. Father will then have a special prayer service and bless each and every backpack.

Father Nick is looking forward to seeing all the different backpacks that the children have chosen this year.



SCHOOL KIT DRIVE FOR CHILDREN IN GREECE

As part of **Backpack Sunday** we will also be supporting the **IOCC/LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS** effort to prepare and distribute **SCHOOL KITS** to the children in **GREECE**.

We are asking everyone, especially those children and teachers who are bringing their backpacks for a blessing, to bring a School Kit with them.

Each School Kit should have:

- 1 pair of blunt, round-tip, metal scissors
- 3 spiral (70-count) or tape-bound, 200-210 sheets notebooks (no loose leaf please)
- 1 30-centimeter (12") ruler
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 1 large eraser (2 ½ inch)
- 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24).

Place all of these items in a 12" by 14" or 14" by 17" cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles (no reusable shopping bags or backpacks).

When you come to Liturgy on September 10th, place your bag in front of the Iconostas so that all the bags will be there when we do the Backpack blessing.

If anyone besides the children and teachers would like to put together a School Kit, it would be most appreciated.

Let's set a **CHALLENGE GOAL** of 50 School Kits!

We thank you for your love for the children of Greece.



SUNDAY SCHOOL 2017-2018

All children 3 years of age through 8th grade are expected to be registered for, and attend regularly, our Sunday School program. We are blessed to have an excellent staff and wonderful resource material.

The first day of Sunday School is on September 24th and begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. Please be on time.

We are looking for at least two more teachers. If you would like to assist in any way, please contact Georgia Vlitas or Evon Sotiriou.

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS 2017-2018

Greek School classes will begin on Monday, September 25th.

The class schedule is as follows:

Mondays	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Kindergarten
	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	4 th Grade
Tuesdays	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	1 st Grade
	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	5 th Grade
Wednesdays	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	2 nd Grade
	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	6 th & 7 th Grades
Thursdays	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	3 rd Grade
	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	8 th Grade

In order to register a child or children, a family must be in good standing through the 3rd quarter of 2017. Until October 1st, registration is \$250 per child and after October 1st, registration is \$350 per child. You may register your children each Sunday of September or at the Church Office.

WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIALS



On Sunday, September 10th, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we will celebrate a Memorial Service for all World Trade Center victims. We call on all parishioners to come together on this day to pray for those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. May their memory be eternal.

MNHMOΣYNON

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Τη 10η Σεπτεμβρίου, εις το τέλος της Θείας Λειτουργίας, θα τελεσούμε Μνημοσυνον εις μνημη όλων των θυμάτων της επιθεσεως της 11ης Σεπτεμβρίου, 2001.

Παρακαλουντε ολοι οι ενοριτες να βρεθουν αυτην την ημερα για να προσευχηθουμε μαζυ για την μνημη τους. Αιωνια τους η μνημη.



FATHER & PRESVYTERA MACRIS MEMORIAL

On Sunday, September 24th, we will celebrate a mnimosinon for the memory of our former Pastor, Rev. Spyridon Macris along with his Presvytera, Anne Macris. We ask you to pray for their memories to be eternal.

Μνημοσυνον Πατηρ και Πρεσβυτερας Μακρη

Τη Κυριακη, 24η Σεπτεμβριου, θα τελεσουμε μνημοσυνον της μνημης του Πατηρ Σπυριδωνος και της Πρεσβυτερας Αννας Μακρη. Παρακαλεισθε να προσευχηθητε για την αιωνια μνημη των.

NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS HUNGER HERO AWARD

This June, the Feeding Children Everywhere organization honored National Philoptochos with its Hunger Hero Award that was presented to our very own Georgia Vlitas.

Feeding Children Everywhere is an international non-profit organization based in Florida. Our Metropolis Philoptochos (along with individual church Philoptochos organizations) purchases the ingredients, cooks, packages the meals and distributes them at a Manhattan location. Georgia has been instrumental in this undertaking since its inception.

Congratulations Georgia! You make us proud!



IT'S FESTIVAL TIME!!!

Sept. 8th, 9th, 10th & 15th, 16th, 17th

We are ready for a wonderful event!!!!

Please come and be a part of the annual fun!!!!

We'll work hard, but we'll reap the benefits.

Important time info:

Festival Set-Up: Wednesday, Sept. 6th and

Thursday, Sept. 7th

From AM to Evenings

Festival Hours are

Friday, Sept. 8th & 15th 6 pm to 11 pm

Saturday, Sept. 9th & 16th 2 pm to 11 pm

Sunday, Sept. 10th & 17th 2 pm to 10 pm

The Festival Committee thanks everyone in advance for their participation, thanks for donations to help defray mounting costs and thanks to those who extend any help in support of the event. If we all work hard, we can benefit our Church and have fun at the same time at our Annual Festival, celebrating and sharing our heritage, our foods, our pride and ourselves with the greater community.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!

PARISH MINISTRIES

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

September 3	Soccer
September 10	Kritiki Philoxenia
September 17	Parish Council
September 24	PTO

ALTAR BOYS

September 3	Team #1
September 10	Team #2
September 17	Team #1
September 24	Team #2

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

There will be no monthly prayer service and anointing the month of September.



ΠΑΡΑΚΛΗΣΙΣ ΚΑΙ ΜΥΡΩΜΑ

Η μηνιατική τελετή προσευχής και μύρωμα δεν θα γίνει το Σεπτέμβριο μήνα.

ELEOS

There will be no ELEOS meeting during the month of September.

ΕΛΕΟΣ

Η μηνιατική συγκεντρώση δεν θα γίνει το Σεπτέμβριο μήνα.

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.

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

the Narthex.

For choir information call Cathy Kalaizes 718-948-7995 or e-mail at katinaki@aol.com

THARROS

There will be no THARROS meeting in the month of September.

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. Please make sure your children are registered and on time. The first day of Sunday School is September 24th.

ADULT EDUCATION MORNING BIBLE AND ORTHODOXY STUDY

No Morning Bible and Orthodoxy Study in the month of September.

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

No Orthodox Study in the month of September.

ORGANIZATIONS

GIRL SCOUTS

Daisies - Kindergarten & Grade 1

Fridays, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

September 29th

Brownies - Grades 2 & 3

Fridays, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

September 29th

Juniors - Grades 4 & 5

Tuesdays, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

September 26th

Cadettes - Grades 6, 7 & 8

Seniors - Grades 9 & 10

Ambassadors - Grades 11 & 12

Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

September 26th

Where Girls grow strong!

Girl Scouts build Courage, Character and Confidence!

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PHILOPTOCHOS

Philoptochos would like to welcome everyone back from the summer break and wish you Kali Hronia - Καλή Χρονιά, as we enter a new Ecclesiastical Year. We are excited for all the

plans we have made and hope that you will participate in our journey to help those in need. We continue to sponsor two monthly feeding programs on Staten Island and to also participate in the National Philoptochos Feed the Hungry ministry. This past July 25, a group of Philoptochos women, several children and Father Nick and Presvytera Pat went into Manhattan as our chapter sponsored July's program outside Penn Station. This ministry always touches the hearts of those who participate. If you would like to be a part in this important ministry, please contact any member of the Philoptochos Board.



Saturday, October 21, 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 Chris Charitis or Irene Panagos at 718-288-7366. We look forward to seeing you at **Men Who Cook** night!

SAVE THE DATE November 11, 2017, Children's Medical Fund Luncheon at **The Venetian**, in Garfield, New Jersey.

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 Presvyteres 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.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 2 Cook for Trinity Lutheran Soup Kitchen
- 8-10 **Church Festival**
- 15-17 **Church Festival**
- 21 Knit/Crochet Afternoon Group 1-3 pm
- 22 Cook for Project Hospitality
- 24 **Welcome Back** Meeting - 12:00

GOLDEN SENIORS

"By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With Summer's best of weather
And Autumn's best of cheer."

Helen Hunt Jackson

Now is the time to become a member of The Golden Years Seniors. We are a vibrant group of "young at heart" people from all parts of Staten Island. We will resume our weekly meetings on September 26th, Tuesdays 11:30.

We had quite a busy summer. We saw a wonderful play, *A Bronx Tale*, in July and took a daylong trip to Essex Connecticut in August, where we rode a steam train, took a riverboat ride, and ate lunch at the Griswold Inn.

We had a formal luncheon at *The Marina Café* in June, and informal luncheons at local **restaurants: Oriental Plaza, and Aunt Butchie's, with more planned for September.**

We were saddened by the loss of two of our members, **Julia Bontales**, and **Helen Anagnostis**. They were truly lovely, gentle ladies. May their memories be eternal.



Fun for Seniors
UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 5 - Informal Lunch at *Cole's Dockside*

September 12 - **Endless Summer** Luncheon aboard Spirit Cruise line. Cruise around NYC with music, dancing, trivia games and prizes followed by leisure time at the *Chelsea Market* and *High line*.
Tickets: \$97 members
\$107 non-members

October 2 - Neil Simon's **Come Blow Your Horn** at the *Hunterton Hills Playhouse*.

Tickets: \$ 81 members
\$ 91 non-members

November 7 - We are joining the "Daughters of Penelope" on a trip to Lancaster, PA to see *The Miracle of Christmas* at

the *Sights and Sounds Theatre*. We stop at *Kitchen Kettle Village* for shopping and have lunch at *Miller's Restaurant*.

Tickets: \$125 for everyone.

If you are interested in any of the trips, please call Christine Charitis at 718-356-8377 for tickets.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! We look forward to the upcoming 2017-2018 year of activities.

At our last meeting in May 2017 elections were held for new officers.

Our new officers are :

President - Christine Moscoso

Vice President- Denise Andolino

Recording Sec'y- Elaina Morakis

Treasurer- Maria Dutton

Corresponding Sec'y- Diana Kolaitis

Membership Sec'y- Maria Frantzeskakis

Our chapter is planning a bus trip to Sights and Sounds, The Miracle of Christmas in Lancaster, Pa. The trip will take place on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 and will include a stop at Kitchen Kettle Village and lunch at Miller's Traditional Smorgasbord.

Cost is \$125 per person. Departure at 8 am sharp from the Holy Trinity Parking lot.

Reserve now! Please contact Chris Moscoso, 917 282 9403, Maria Dutton, 718 356 8033, Chris Charitis, 718 356 8377 or Elaina Morakis 718 981 0521.

Our first chapter meeting will take place on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 8pm, refreshments at 7:30pm.

Jr. GOYA - Grades 6, 7 & 8

Activity meeting on Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m.

GOYA - Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

Activity meeting on Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m.

GOYA lunch scheduled for Sunday, September



24th following Liturgy.

JOY

JOY will not meet in the month of September.

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.

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.



SCHOOL

School bells are ringing, loud and clear;
Vacation's over, school is here.

We hunt our pencils and our books,
And say goodbye to fields and brooks,

To carefree days of sunny hours,

To birds and butterflies and flowers.

But we are glad school has begun.

For work is always mixed with fun.

When autumn comes and the weather is cool,

Nothing can take the place of school.

by Winifred C. Marshall

NOW

Close the bar-b-que

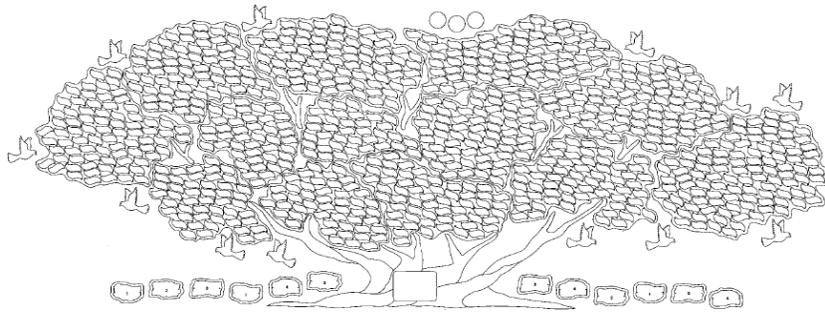
Close the sun

Close the home-run-games we won

Close the picnic

Close the pool

Close the summer



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-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*

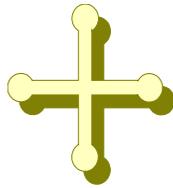
*Following are individuals and organizations who have invested in the
Tree of Life fund to date:*

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<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>
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<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 & Maria Dutton</i>	<i>Golden Years Seniors</i>	<i>Mary Veros</i>
<i>Daughters of Penelope</i>	<i>Evangelos & Anne Xouris</i>	<i>Pat Silas</i>
<i>Elias & 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 & Kathy Plevritis</i>	<i>Nick & Carmen Demoleas</i>	<i>Hristos Haliabalias</i>
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<i>Mary Frantzeskakis</i>	<i>The Sunday School Children 2011</i>	<i>Soccer Academy- Philip Phytides 2012</i>
<i>Kostas Papadakis</i>	<i>Diamando & Steve Bontales</i>	<i>Tina Marie Vlitas</i>
<i>John & Joanne Nichols</i>	<i>Sofia & Konstantinos Pavlidis</i>	<i>Seymour & Jean Hionas</i>
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<i>Alexios & Susan Katsanos</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.



SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday	September 3	13 th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	September 10	Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Thursday	September 14	The Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthros 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	September 17	Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	September 24	1 st Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Λειτουργικό Προγραμμα Σεπτεμβρίου

Κυριακή	3η Σεπτεμβρίου	13η Κυριακή Ματθαιου Ορθρος 9.00 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία 10.00 πμ
Κυριακή	10η Σεπτεμβρίου	Κυριακή Προ Της Υψωσης Ορθρος 9.00 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία 10.00 πμ
Πεμπτη	14η Σεπτεμβρίου	Υψωσις Του Τιμιου Σταρου Ορθρος 9.30 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία 10.00 πμ
Κυριακή	17η Σεπτεμβρίου	Κυριακή Μετα Της Υψωσης Ορθρος 9.00 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία 10.00 πμ
Κυριακή	24η Σεπτεμβρίου	1η Κυριακή Λουκα Ορθρος 9.00 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία 10.00 πμ