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DIVINE SERVICES

NOVEMBER

- Thursday 1 COSMAS AND DAMIAN
- Sunday 4 5th Sunday of Luke**
- Thursday 8 SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGELS
- Friday 9 +ST. NEKTARIOS
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- Tuesday 13 +ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE *in Westfield, NJ*
- 14 +ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
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- Wednesday 21 THE PRESENTATION OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE
- Wednesday 21 THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE +ORTHROS & Divine Liturgy @6pm
- SUNDAY 25 13TH SUNDAY OF LUKE** +ST. KATHERINE THE GREAT MARTYR
- THURSDAY 29 GREAT VESPERS SERVICE FOR ST. ANDREW @7PM**
- FRIDAY 30 +SAINT ANDREW THE FIRST CALLED APOSTLE * Orthros & Divine Liturgy @9 AM**

DECEMBER

- Sunday 2 14th Sunday of Luke**
- Tuesday 4 +ST. BARBARA THE GREAT MARTYR *
- Thursday 6 +ST. NICHOLAS ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA
- Sunday 9 10th Sunday of Luke** +THE CONCEPTION OF +ST. ANNA
- Wednesday 12 +ST. SPYRIDON THE WONDERWORKER OF TRYMITHOUS
- Saturday 15 +ST. ELEUTHERIOS THE HOLY MARTYR
- Sunday 16 11th Sunday of Luke**
- Saturday 22 +ST. ANASTASIA THE GREAT MARTYR
- Sunday 23 Sunday before the Nativity**
- Orthros, Great Hours, Great Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great +EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST, +EUGENIA THE RIGHTEOUS
- Orthros & Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom +HOLY NATIVITY OF OUR LORD @6PM
- Thursday 27 +ST. STEPHEN, ARCHDEACON & FIRST MARTYR
- Sunday 30 Sunday before Epiphany**
- Monday 31 CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD & COMMEMORATION ST. BASIL | Great Vespers Service @3:30pm

Sundays: Orthros @ 8:45AM & Divine Liturgy @ 10AM | **Weekdays:** Orthros @ 8AM & Divine Liturgy @ 9:15AM
(*We have this saint's Relics at our Saint Andrew Reliquary*)*

Religious Education School students will attend the Divine Liturgy at 10am, line up on the left to receive Holy Communion, and then proceed to their class.

ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΣ

- Πέμπτη 1 ΚΟΣΜΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΔΑΜΙΑΝΟΣ ΑΝΑΡΓΥΡΟΙ
- Κυριακή 4 Ε΄ Λουκά**
- Πέμπτη 8 Η ΣΥΝΑΞΙΣ ΤΩΝ ΑΡΧΙΣΤΡΑΤΗΓΩΝ ΜΙΧΑΗΛ ΚΑΙ ΓΑΒΡΙΗΛ
- Παρασκευή 9 +ΝΕΚΤΑΡΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΥ ΠΕΝΤΑΠΟΛΕΩΣ ΤΟΥ ΘΑΥΜΑΤΟΥΡΓΟΥ
- Κυριακή 11 Η΄ Λουκά**
- Τρίτη 13 ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΥΣΟΣΤΟΜΟΥ, ΑΠ. ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΥΠΟΛΕΩΣ *in Westfield, NJ*
- Τετάρτη 14 ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΥ
- Παρασκευή 16 ΆΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΤΗΣ ΜΑΤΘΑΪΟΣ
- Κυριακή 18 Θ΄ Λουκά**
- Τετάρτη 21 ΤΑ ΕΙΣΟΔΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ
- Τετάρτη 21 ΚΑΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΗΜΕΡΑΝ ΤΩΝ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΙΩΝ Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία - ώρα 6πμ
- ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 25 ΙΓ΄ Λουκά** ΑΓΙΑΣ ΑΙΚΑΤΕΡΙΝΗΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ
- ΠΕΜΠΤΗ 29 ΜΕΓΑΣ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΑΝΔΡΕΟΥ**
- ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ 30 ΑΝΔΡΕΟΥ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΩΤΟΚΛΗΤΟΥ | Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία ώρα 9π**

ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΣ

- Κυριακή 2 ΙΔ΄ Λουκά**
- Τρίτη 4 +ΒΑΡΒΑΡΑΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ*
- Πέμπτη 6 +ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΥ ΜΥΡΩΝ ΤΗΣ ΛΥΚΙΑΣ ΤΟΥ ΘΑΥΜΑΤΟΥΡΓΟΥ
- Κυριακή 9 Ι΄ Λουκά | Η ΣΥΛΛΗΨΗΣ ΤΗΣ +ΑΓΙΑΣ ΘΕΟΠΡΟΜΗΤΟΡΟΣ ΆΝΝΗΣ**
- Τετάρτη 12 +ΣΠΥΡΙΔΩΝΟΣ ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΥ ΤΡΙΜΥΘΟΥΝΤΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΘΑΥΜΑΤΟΥΡΓΟΥ
- Σαββάτο 15 +ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΙΟΥ ΙΕΡΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ
- Κυριακή 16 ΙΑ΄ Λουκά**
- Σαββάτο 22 +ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΦΑΡΜΑΚΕΥΤΡΙΑΣ
- Κυριακή 23 Κυριακή πρό τῆς Χριστοῦ Γεννήσεως**
- Δευτέρα 24 Όρθρος, Μεγάλοι Ώροι, Μέγα Εσπερινός, και Θεία Λειτουργία Αγίου Βασιλείου +ΠΡΟ ΣΑΡΚΑ ΓΕΝΝΗΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ, +ΕΥΓΕΝΙΑΣ
- Δευτέρα 24 Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία Αγίου Ιωάννη Χρυσοστόμου +Η ΚΑΤΑ ΣΑΡΚΑ ΓΕΝΝΗΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ ώρα 6:00μμ
- Πέμπτη 27 +ΣΤΕΦΑΝΟΥ ΠΡΩΤΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΑΡΧΙΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΥ
- Κυριακή 30 Κυριακή προ των Φώτων**
- Δευτέρα 31 Η ΚΑΤΑ ΣΑΡΚΑ ΠΕΡΙΤΟΜΗ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ, ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΥ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΥ ΚΑΙΣΑΡΕΙΑΣ Μέγα Εσπερινός **3:30μμ**
- Την Κυριακή – Όρθρος - ώρα 8.45πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία - ώρα 10πμ |**
Τις καθημερινές – Όρθρος - ώρα 8πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία - ώρα 9.15πμ
*(Έχουμε τα Λείψανα του Αγίου στην Λειψανοθήκη της εκκλησία μας)**

Οι μαθητές του Κατηχητικού Σχολείου θα έρθουν πρώτα στην Θεία Λειτουργία ώρα 10πμ, θα προχωρήσουν από την αριστερή πλευρά για να λάβουν την Θεία Κοινωνία και θα συνεχίσουν στις τάξεις τους.

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN CHRIST

by Fr. John Theodosion

As we have begun a new ecclesiastical year at Saint Andrew I am filled with feelings of awe and thanksgiving as I think about all that we have done and are doing as a community. Sometimes things don't always go our way and we begin to question if everything is going to be okay or is God still with us.



But when I take a step back and I look at our church and how people always step up and things are accomplished, I see God's hand at work in our community. Things aren't perfect and don't happen without some struggle, but they happen nonetheless, and we always grow and learn in the process.

So, when the Bible teaches, "**All things are possible to the one who believes in Christ,**" it is a confirmation of what I know and have experienced at Saint Andrew. At times, things looked bleak but then they somehow work out. For example, the miracle of the fish and the loaves, so many people needed to be fed and there wasn't enough food. Only one boy had seven fish and two loaves. God took a seemingly impossible situation and made it work so

that 5000 were fed with 12 baskets of food leftover. A few years ago, our budget literally doubled when we opened our new building. I must tell you we were worried. We said, "How will we cover our expenses?" We didn't have the answers, but we knew we had to keep doing the work of the church. I won't tell you that we weren't a little worried, but we

felt God's presence as we negotiated those turbulent times and somehow our stewardship doubled, and the festival grew, and we were able to pay all our bills. More importantly we grew our ministries and our parish. For example, we visit the Faith Kitchen in Dover each month to feed the hungry, and our blankets made by the knitting group on Wednesdays are made to warm people all over the world, the sandwiches made by our GOYANS are distributed to the needy in Newark, the Thinking of You Committee who visit our nursing home and home bound parishioners, and I can go on and on. As a community we never lost hope that God would help us to do His work.

I bring this to your attention because in our homes we also have so many financial

pressures. We also worry about our young children, our college students, our aging parents, and our own retirement one day, and so much more, but God isn't only in our church, He is in our homes as well. He is there to help us and guide us when we don't know which way to turn. He gives us strength to accomplish our goals which lead to salvation. When we have faith in God and trust in His strength He will become our helper in everything good that we undertake to do.

Friends, in the next few weeks we will have three **"stewardship Sundays"**. We will discuss what it means to be a good steward of the blessings God has blessed you with in life. We will discuss God's saving work in our lives and why it's important to get involved in all that the church has going on.

I along with the members of the parish council and the Stewardship committee invite you to come and see the good work that is taking place in our church. Ask questions of our parish council members and stewardship committee members. Speak to our ministry leaders and ask them all about the good work taking place at Saint Andrew.

Come and see how your offering of time, talent, and treasure helps our church to be the Christian Community that Christ has called us to be. We thank you for all you do in our church and for your support of the work we do. We ask you to pray for our church and its leadership and that God will show us the way, as we pray for all our families that God's blessings will be with you all now and forever.

*When we believe, stewardship follows.
Stewardship is faith in action;
action motivated by humble gratitude to God
for his blessings in our life.*

It is by offering our blessings back to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, empowering, transfiguring, loving ministry through the Church. For God, Infinite though He is, has chosen to work through us, through our gifts, to continue His saving work in the world today.

Fr. Anthony M. Coniaris

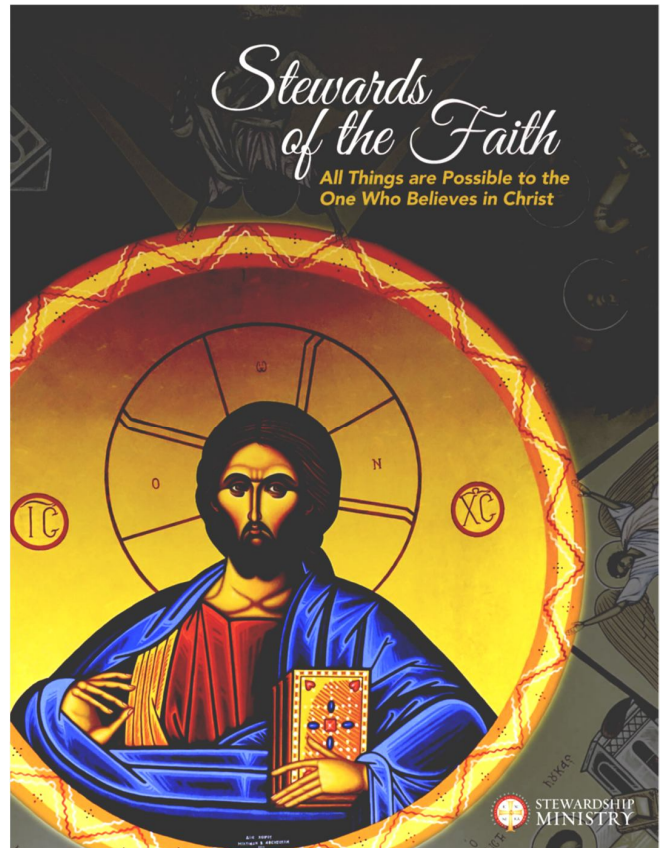
Stewards of the Faith

Having faith can be difficult. Keeping faith in the face of doubt is the ongoing struggle of every Christian since the earliest days of Christianity. We dedicate the first Sunday after Easter to Thomas the Apostle, forever remembered as “Doubting Thomas” because he doubted the first reports of the Resurrected Christ.

In the Gospel of Mark (9:22 NKJV), we read that when the disciples couldn’t help him, a father brings his epileptic son to Jesus in desperation, saying, “...if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Jesus replies to the father’s lack of faith, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” The father’s response is a prayer we can pray every day: “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

Faith is our trust in God. Faith is our trust that He watches over us and has a plan for us: “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV). Living with the uncertainty of daily life requires faith. Uncertainty also invites doubt. But doubt does not indicate a lack of faith. As theologian and philosopher Paul Tillich has written, “Doubt is not the opposite of faith; it is one element of faith.” Doubt is a part of our journey of faith, but we need to face our doubt honestly and directly.

Faith is often accompanied by struggle as we search for the truth. Doubt instills humility. Doubt motivates us to learn and to grow. In spite of his doubt, the Apostle Thomas remained open to the truth of the Resurrection. When he saw the Risen Christ, he immediately believed and became a great apostle of the faith. His doubt led him to a greater faith.



Stewardship of our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to do those things that protect and strengthen the faith that lies within us. Taking the time to learn about our Orthodox Christian Faith, praying to God for understanding and guidance, and worshiping with others as the Body of Christ – all these things protect and strengthen our faith. As stewards of the faith, Saint Peter instructs us to “...always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you....” (1 Peter 3:15 NKJV).

Faith is not a big rule book of “dos and don’ts.” It is about loving and seeing Jesus Christ in the other. Stewardship of our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to do those things that reflect our faith to others, living our faith through our actions. As Jesus tells us, “By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35 NKJV). There is no better way of sharing the faith that lies within us than to see Christ in others and to love and care for them.

Through faith, God's will is accomplished in the world. Our great example is Mary, the Theotokos, the Mother of our Lord. When Archangel Gabriel came to her at the Annunciation, tradition and hymnology hold that all creation awaited her response. In faith and obedience to the will of God, Mary replied to the angel, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be according to your word" (Luke 1:38 NKJV). Mary responds with faith in order to fulfill God's will for all the world.

Research has shown that Christians we seek three things from their church: Transcendence, Significance and Fellowship (*Lost in America*, Clegg & Bird 2001). Transcendence is to know God and to experience His presence. This we do through prayerful participation in Liturgy and the sacraments. Significance is the desire to have a purpose – to do something meaningful – most

often in service to our fellow man. Fellowship is connecting with others through meaningful relationships. The Church offers opportunities for Transcendence, Significance and Fellowship, and in their pursuit, we also serve and support the Church and fully become members of the Body of Christ. To be stewards of the faith we are also called to be stewards of our local church which nurtures our faith and the faith of others.

Stewardship is an act of faith. When we believe, stewardship follows. Stewardship is faith in action; action motivated by humble gratitude to God for his blessings in our life.

As Saint John tells us about all that is written in his Gospel, "...these things are written **that you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31 NKJV).

Οι Οικονόμοι της Πίστεως (Stewards of the Faith)

Το να έχει κανείς πίστη μπορεί να είναι δύσκολο. Το να κρατά την πίστη του παρά την αμφιβολία, είναι ο συνεχής αγώνας κάθε Χριστιανού από τις πρώτες ημέρες του Χριστιανισμού. Αφιερώνουμε την πρώτη Κυριακή μετά το Πάσχα στον Απόστολο Θωμά, ο οποίος έχει μείνει για πάντα στη μνήμη ως «ο άπιστος Θωμάς» επειδή αμφισβήτησε τις πρώτες αναφορές για τον Αναστάνα Χριστό.

Στο Ευαγγέλιο του Μάρκου (9:22), διαβάζουμε ότι όταν οι Απόστολοι δεν μπορούσαν να τον βοηθήσουν, ένας πατέρας σε απελπισία φέρνει τον επιληπτικό γιο του στον Ιησού, λέγοντας, «..... αν μπορείς να κάνεις τα πάντα, δείξε μας συμπόνοια και βοήθησέ μας.» Ο Ιησούς απαντά στην έλλειψη πίστης του πατέρα, «Εάν μπορείς να πιστέψεις, όλα τα πράγματα είναι πιθανά σε όποιον πιστεύει.» Η απάντηση του πατέρα είναι μία προσευχή που

μπορούμε να τη λέμε κάθε μέρα: «Κύριε, πιστεύω· βοήθησε την απιστία μου!»

Πίστη είναι η εμπιστοσύνη μας στο Θεό. Πίστη είναι η εμπιστοσύνη που έχουμε ότι μας προστατεύει και έχει το σχέδιό Του για εμάς: «Αφού γνωρίζω τις σκέψεις που κάνω για σένα, λέει ο Κύριος, σκέψεις ειρήνης και όχι κακίας, για να σας δώσω ένα μέλλον και ελπίδα» (Ιερεμίας 29:11). Το να ζεις με την αβεβαιότητα της καθημερινής ζωής απαιτεί πίστη. Η αβεβαιότητα επίσης προσκαλεί την αμφιβολία. Αλλά η αμφιβολία δεν δηλώνει έλλειψη πίστης. Όπως έχει γράψει ο ο θεολόγος και φιλόσοφος Paul Tillich, «Η αμφιβολία δεν είναι το αντίθετο της πίστης· είναι ένα στοιχείο της πίστης.» Η αμφιβολία είναι ένα μέρος του ταξιδιού της πίστης μας, αλλά πρέπει να αντιμετωπίσουμε την αμφιβολία μας ειλικρινά και άμεσα.

Η πίστη συχνά συνοδεύεται από αγώνα καθώς αναζητούμε την αλήθεια. Η αμφιβολία ενσταλάζει ταπεινότητα. Η ταπεινότητα μας παρακινεί να μάθουμε και να εξελιχθούμε. Παρ' όλη την αμφιβολία του, ο Απόστολος Θωμάς παρέμεινε ανοιχτός στην αλήθεια της Ανάστασης. Όταν είδε τον Αναστημένο Χριστό, αμέσως πίστεψε και έγινε μέγας απόστολος της πίστης. Η αμφισβήτησή του τον οδήγησε σε μεγαλύτερη πίστη.

Η οικονομία της πίστεώς μας στον Ιησού Χριστό μας καλεί να κάνουμε πράγματα που προστατεύουν και δυναμώνουν την πίστη που υπάρχει μέσα μας. Διαθέτοντας τον χρόνο μας να μάθουμε για την Ορθόδοξη Χριστιανική Πίστη, ζητώντας από τον Θεό στην προσευχή μας κατανόηση και καθοδήγηση, και η λατρεία μαζί με άλλους ως Σώμα του Χριστού – όλα αυτά μας προστατεύουν και δυναμώνουν την πίστη μας. Ως οικονόμοι της πίστης μας, ο Άγιος Πέτρος μας συμβουλεύει «... να είστε πάντα έτοιμοι να υπερασπιστείτε τον καθένα που θα σας ζητήσει ένα λόγο για την ελπίδα που βρίσκεται μέσα σας.....» (1 Πέτρος 3:15 NKJV)

Η πίστη δεν είναι ένα μεγάλο βιβλίο κανόνων με «πρέπει και όχι». Έχει να κάνει με το να αγαπάμε και να βλέπουμε τον Ιησού Χριστό στον συνάνθρωπό μας. Η οικονομία της πίστης μας στον Ιησού Χριστό μας καλεί να κάνουμε πράξεις που αντανακλούν την πίστη μας στους άλλους, ζώντας την πίστη μας μέσα από τις πράξεις μας. Όπως μας λέει ο Ιησούς, «Από αυτό και μόνο θα ξέρουν ότι είστε οι απόστολοί μου, αν έχετε αγάπη ο ένας για τον άλλο» (Ιωάννη 13:35 NKJV). Δεν υπάρχει καλύτερος τρόπος να μοιραστούμε την πίστη που υπάρχει μέσα μας από το να βλέπουμε τον Χριστό σε άλλους και να τους αγαπάμε και να τους νοιαζόμαστε.

Μέσω της πίστης, το θέλημα του Θεού επιτελείται στον κόσμο. Το σπουδαίο μας παράδειγμα είναι η Παναγία, η Θεοτόκος, η Μητέρα του Κυρίου μας.

Όταν ο Αρχάγγελος Γαβριήλ παρουσιάστηκε μοστά της στον Ευαγγελισμό, η παράδοση και η υμνολογία αναφέρουν ότι όλη η δημιουργία περίμεναν την απάντησή της. Με πίστη και υπακοή στο θέλημα του Θεού, η Μαρία απάντησε στον Αρχάγγελο, «Ιδού, η δούλη Κυρίου· γένοιτό μοι κατά το ρήμα σου» (Λουκά 1:38 NKJV). Η Μαρία απαντά με πίστη για να εκπληρώσει το θέλημα του Θεού για όλον τον κόσμο.

Η έρευνα έχει δείξει ότι ως Χριστιανοί αναζητούμε τρία πράγματα από την εκκλησία: Υπέρβαση, Ουσία και Κοινωνία (*Lost in America*, Clegg & Bird 2001). Η Υπέρβαση είναι το να γνωρίζουμε τον Θεό και να ζούμε την παρουσία Του. Αυτό το κάνουμε μέσα από τη συμμετοχή μας στη Λειτουργία και τα Μυστήρια με προσευχή. Η Ουσία είναι η επιθυμία να έχουμε κάποιο σκοπό – να κάνουμε κάτι ουσιώδες- πολύ συχνά βοηθώντας έναν συνάνθρωπό μας. Κοινωνία είναι η σύνδεση με άλλους μέσα από ουσιώδεις σχέσεις. Η Εκκλησία προσφέρει ευκαιρίες για Υπέρβαση, Ουσία και Κοινωνία, και στην αναζήτησή τους, υπηρετούμε επίσης και υποστηρίζουμε την Εκκλησία και γινόμαστε εξ' ολοκλήρου μέλη του Σώματος του Χριστού. Για να είμαστε οικονόμοι της πίστης καλούμαστε επίσης να είμαστε οικονόμοι της εκκλησίας της περιοχής μας, η οποία θρέφει την πίστη μας και την πίστη των άλλων.

Η οικονομία είναι πράξη πίστης. Όταν πιστεύουμε, η οικονομία ακολουθεί. Η οικονομία είναι πίστη στην πράξη· πράξη που έχει κίνητρο την ταπεινή μας ευγνωμοσύνη στο Θεό για τις ευλογίες του στη ζωή μας.

Όπως μας λέει ο Άγιος Ιωάννης για όσα είναι γραμμένα στο Ευαγγέλιό του, «.....αυτά γράφονται για να πιστέψετε ότι ο Ιησούς είναι ο Χριστός, ο Υιός του θεού, **και ότι με το να το πιστέψετε** μπορείτε να έχετε ζωή στο όνομά του» (Ιωάννη 20:31 NKJV).

Adaptation by Maria Kiritis, HAS teacher

In the October, 2018 issue of the Saint Andrew Family News the article "THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME" was offered in English. We are happy to be able to include the same article for our Greek readers below.

ΤΟ ΟΝΟΜΑ ΠΑΝΩ ΑΠΟ ΚΑΘΕ ΟΝΟΜΑ

Από τον Πατέρα Ιωάννη Θεοδοσίου

Ο Κύριός μας δήλωσε: "Αφού Με κατεδίωξαν, θα καταδιώξουν και εσένα· αφού κράτησαν τον λόγο μου, θα κρατήσουν και το δικό σου επίσης. Αλλά όλα αυτά θα σας τα κάνουν για λογαριασμό μου, επειδή δεν γνωρίζουν Αυτόν που Με έστειλε» (Ιωάννη 15.20-21). Και έτσι κατεδίωξαν τον Κύριό μας, και κατεδίωξαν και τους Δώδεκα, και έτσι ακόμη και σήμερα συνεχίζουν να καταδιώκουν τους αποστόλους του, ακόμη και τον Μεγαλομάρτυρα Δημήτριο, του οποίου την μνήμη εορτάζουμε την 26^η Οκτωβρίου, επειδή δεν θέλουν να γνωρίσουν Αυτόν που ήλθε και αποκάλυψε τον εαυτό Του.

Εάν θέλετε να γνωρίσετε κάποιον, η πρώτη ερώτηση που βέβαια θα κάνετε είναι για το όνομά του. Όταν ο προαιώνιος Λόγος αποκαλύφτηκε στην καιόμενη ύπαιθρο και ανέθεσε στον Μωυσή να καλέσει τους Εβραίους έξω από την Αίγυπτο, ο τελευταίος χρειαζόταν ένα όνομα, για να πει ποιος τον έστειλε. «Ας εξυμνήσουν το Όνομα του Κυρίου Γιαχβέ, Αυτός που είναι και Αυτός που ήταν και Αυτός που πρόκειται να έλθει, ο Παντοδύναμος» (Αποκάλυψη, 1.8β), αφού και μόνο το Όνομά Του εξυψώνεται· η δόξα Του είναι πάνω από τη γη και τα ουράνια» (Ψαλμ. 148.13).

Υπάρχει σπουδαία δύναμη σε ένα όνομα. Δεν είναι απλά μία ετικέτα. Με την επίκληση του ονόματός Του, προικιζόμαστε με θεία δύναμη. Όταν δύο ή τρεις συγκεντρώνονται στο Όνομά του, είναι προσωπικά παρών μέσα μας (Ματθ. 18.20). Όταν ερχόμαστε στην εκκλησία, συγκεντωνόμαστε στο Όνομά Του· κάνουμε τα πάντα στο Όνομα του Πατρός και του Υιού και του Αγίου Πνεύματος.

Ο Μωυσής παρουσιάστηκε στον Φαραώ. Στο Όνομα του Κυρίου, στάθηκε και δήλωσε θαρραλέα, «Έτσι λέει ο Κύριος..... Γιατί θα μπορούσα να προβάλλω το χέρι μου και να χτυπήσω εσένα και τον λαό σου με λοιμό, και εσύ θα αποκοβόσουν από την γη· αλλά για τον σκοπό αυτό σας άφησα να ζήσετε, να δείξετε τη δύναμή μου, ώστε το Όνομά μου να δηλωθεί σε όλη τη γη» (Εξοδος, 9.13β, 15-16).

Χίλια εξακόσια χρόνια αργότερα, στο ίδιο Όνομα, ένας νέος άνθρωπος ονομαζόμενος Δημήτριος στάθηκε θαρραλέα εμπρός σε έναν άλλο τύραννο, τον Αυτοκράτορα Μαξιμιανό, και μαρτύρησε στον Κύριο τον οποίο γνώριζε και αγάπησε τόσο, που έχυσε το αίμα Του. Αυτός ο Δημήτριος από τη Θεσσαλονίκη, επίσης κλήθηκε από αυτό το Όνομα, με τη δύναμη του οποίου κατέκτησε τους εχθρούς του, ακόμη και τον θάνατο και τον Άδη, τον τελευταίο εχθρό. Ο Θεός μας έχει καλέσει όλους να βγούμε από το σκοτάδι και να μπούμε μέσα στο θαυμάσιο φως Του, ενωμένοι στο άγιο Σώμα Του, την Εκκλησία. «Αυτός που ακούει, ας ακούσει τι λέει το Άγιο Πνεύμα στις εκκλησίες. Σε αυτόν που κατακάθα θα δώσω λίγο από το κρυμμένο μάννα, και θα του δώσω μία λευκή πέτρα, με ένα νέο όνομα γραμμένο πάνω στην πέτρα» (Αποκ. 2.17 α), ώστε να είμαστε ζωντανά λιθάκια στο Ναό του Κυρίου μας. Για να το θέσω απλά ονομαζόμαστε Χριστιανοί (Πράξεις 11.26β)· πήραμε την ονομασία από το Όνομα του Κυρίου. Την ζωή την βρίσκουμε στο Όνομά Του και σε τίποτε άλλο. Εορτάζουμε το όνομα και τη ζωή του Δημητρίου επειδή ο Δημήτριος έφερε το όνομα του Χριστού.

«Πώς γίνεται αυτό;» ίσως ρωτήσετε. Μπορεί να τονίσετε ότι το όνομα Δημήτριος είναι παγανιστικό

όνομα, και θα είχατε δίκαιο. Είναι αλήθεια ότι η Δήμητρα ήταν η αρχαία Ελληνίδα θεά των καρπών και της γονιμότητας. Η λατρεία της εξαπλώθηκε σε όλο τον ελληνορωμαϊκό κόσμο. Ήταν γνωστή ως Ceres στα λατινικά, από όπου και προέρχεται η λέξη cereal (δημητριακά). Είναι αυτό Χριστιανικό όνομα; Γιατί δεν άλλαξε το όνομά του;

Ο Άγιος Δημήτριος έκανε ότι ο καθένας μας πρέπει να πράξει. Είναι πολύ εύκολο απλά να αλλάξεις ένα όνομα. Είναι πολύ εύκολο απλά να πάρει το όνομα ενός αγίου και να εορτάζει κάθε χρόνο τη γιορτή του κάνοντας πάρτυ. Ο Δημήτριος όμως, με τη δύναμη του Χριστού, έκανε το όνομά του νέο. Ακριβώς όπως ο Χριστός δεν δημιούργησε ένα νέο παράδεισο και μία νέα γη αλλά τα κάνει νέα, θα γεννηθούμε από νέο νερό και το Πνεύμα, και θα βαπτίζουμε όχι μόνο το δέρμα μας αλλά και τις καρδιές μας, το νου μας, τα ονόματά μας, την ομιλία μας, και ακόμη και τον πολιτισμό γύρω μας.

Αυτό έκανε ο Δημήτριος στο δικό του όνομα, κάνοντάς το Χριστιανικό όνομα.

Πρέπει με τον ίδιο τρόπο να είμαστε μάρτυρες στην Ονομασία, όχι με τα χείλη κλειστά, ούτε μια απλή αλλαγή μιας ετικέτας, αλλά με πραγματικό αγώνα, όπως ο Δημήτριος έδωσε το παράδειγμα σε όσους φέρουν το όνομά του και σε όλο τον κόσμο. Με κάθε του ανάσα, έως την τελευταία, ο Δημήτριος μαρτύρησε στο Χριστό και εξύψωσε το Όνομα του Κυρίου, «Επομένως,» μαζί με τον Κύριό του, «ο Θεός τον έχει εξυψώσει, και του έχει απονεμίσει το όνομα που είναι υπεράνω άλλων ονομάτων. Στο όνομα του Ιησού κάθε γόνατο πρέπει να γονατίζει, στα ουράνια και πάνω στη γη και κάτω από τη γη, και κάθε γλώσσα να ομολογεί ότι ο Ιησούς Χριστός είναι ο Κύριός μας, εις δόξαν του Θεού Πατρός» (Φίλιπ. 2.9-11). Αμήν.

Adaptation by Maria Kiritsis, HAS Teacher

FEAST DAY OF SAINT ANDREW THE FIRST CALLED APOSTLE

Thursday, November 29th, 2018 @ 7 pm

Great Vespers with Artoclasia

Reception following Services will be hosted by St. Andrew Philoptochos.

Friday, November 30th, 2018 @ 9 am

Orthros and Divine Liturgy with Artoclasia

Luncheon following Services will be hosted by St. Andrew Philoptochos.

ΕΟΡΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΑΝΔΡΕΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΩΤΟΚΛΗΤΟΥ

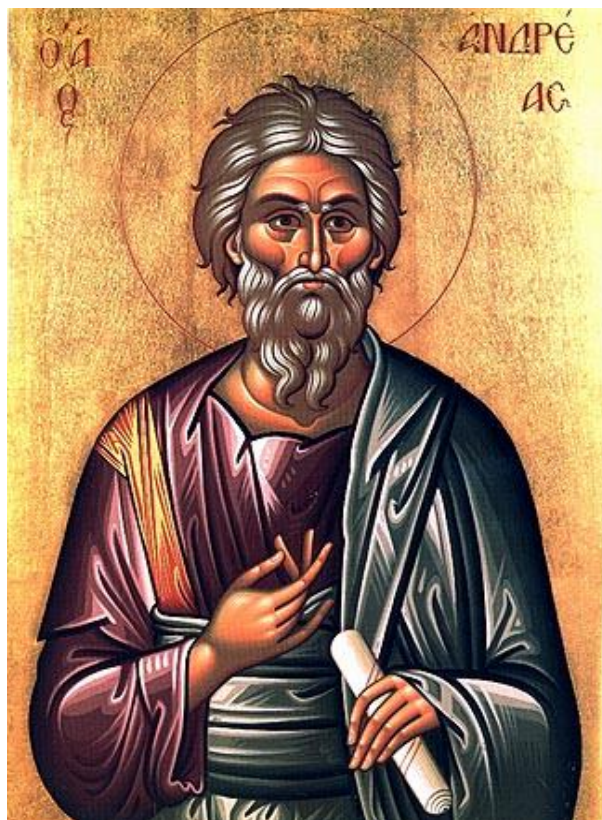
Την Πέμπτη 29 Νοεμβρίου, ώρα 7 μμ

θα τελεστεί Μέγας Εσπερινός με αρτοκλασία

Την Παρασκευή 30 Νοεμβρίου, ώρα 9 πμ

Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία για την γιορτή του Αγίου Αποστόλου Ανδρέου του Πρωτοκλήτου.

Θα επακολουθήσει Γεύμα προς τιμήν του



SAINT ANDREW THE FOOL-FOR-CHRIST

Andrew was a Slav by birth. As a young man, he was enslaved; and was bought by Theognostus, a wealthy man in Constantinople, during the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise (son of Emperor Basil the Macedonian). Andrew was handsome in body and soul. Theognostus took a liking to Andrew, and allowed him to become literate. Andrew fervently prayed to God, and with love attended church services.

Obedying a heavenly revelation, he adopted the asceticism of foolishness for Christ. Once, when he went to the well for water, he tore off his clothes, and slashed them with a knife, feigning insanity. Saddened by this, his master Theognostus bound him in chains and brought him to the Church of St. Anastasia the Deliverer from Bonds, so that prayers would be read for him. But Andrew did not improve, and his master freed him as mentally ill.

Andrew pretended insanity by day, but prayed to God all night long. He lived without shelter of any kind. He even spent the nights outside, walked around half-naked in a single tattered garment, and ate only a little bread when good men would give it to him. He shared all that he received with the beggars, and would mock them--to avoid being thanked by them--for holy Andrew wanted all his reward to come from God.

Therefore, the great grace of God entered into him and he was able to discern the secrets of men, perceive angels and demons, exorcise demons from men, and correct men from their sins. Andrew had a most beautiful vision of Paradise and the exalted powers of heaven. He also saw the Lord Christ on His throne of glory; and he, with his disciple Epiphanius, saw the Most-holy Theotokos in the Church of Blachernae as she covered the Christian people with her omophorion. This occurrence is celebrated as the Feast of the



Saint Andrew The Fool for Christ, contemporary representation by

Protection of the Most-holy Theotokos (October 1). In a vision he also heard ineffable, heavenly words that he dared not repeat to men. After a life of almost unparalleled harshness of asceticism, Andrew entered into rest in the eternal glory of his Lord in 911 A.D.

Reflection

A vision of St. Andrew the Fool-for-Christ: A monk in Constantinople was distinguished as an ascetic and spiritual father, and many people came to him for prayers. But this monk had the secret vice of avarice. He collected money and gave it to no one.

St. Andrew met him on the street one day, and saw a terrible snake coiled around his neck. St. Andrew took pity on him, approached him, and began to counsel him: "Brother, why have you lost your soul? Why have you bound yourself with the demon of avarice? Why have you given him a resting place within yourself? Why

are you amassing gold as though it will go to the grave with you, and not into the hands of others? Why are you strangling yourself by stinginess? While others hunger and thirst and perish from cold, you rejoice looking at your heap of gold! Is this the path of repentance? Is this the monastic rank? Do you see your demon?"

At that, the spiritual eyes of the monk were opened, and he saw the dark demon and was greatly horrified. The demon dropped away from the monk and fled, driven by Andrew's power. Then a most radiant angel of God appeared to the monk, for his heart was changed for the good.

Immediately, he went about distributing his hoarded gold to the poor and needy. From then on, he pleased God in everything and was more greatly glorified than before.

From The Prologue of Ohrid by St. Nikolai Velimirovich

Ecclesiastical Situation in Ukraine

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy

Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Esteemed Members of the Metropolitan Council, Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils, Philoptochos Sisterhood, Faculty and Students of the Catechetical and Greek Afternoon Schools, Directors and Participants of all Youth Organizations, and all devout Orthodox Christians of the Greek Orthodox Communities of our Holy Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved in the Lord,

For the past seventeen centuries, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople has embraced all the Orthodox faithful throughout the oikoumene with faith, love, care, and pastoral sensitivity as it has aimed to ensure peace, unity, and healing throughout the Orthodox world. One of the central roles of the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, is safeguarding the unity of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, the Holy Orthodox Church with which he has been entrusted by the Grace of the Holy Spirit. This is a responsibility that he accepts willingly and most seriously since this role requires sincere love, unfettered faith, strong leadership and objectiveness in making decisions. The right decision is rarely the easy decision and this holds true for the current ecclesiastical situation in Ukraine.

Since the 10th century, there existed a vibrant Orthodox community in what is known as present day Ukraine and the people of this area were known as the Kievan Rus'. The Orthodox Kievan Rus', with their ecclesiastical center being the Metropolis of Kiev, was and remains under the canonical jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. This Metropolis had been the ecclesiastical center of the local Ukrainian Church for several centuries and, even with the establishment of the Patriarchate of Moscow in 1589 (the manner with which the Patriarchate of Moscow acquired the status of a Patriarchate is another matter), the Metropolis of Kiev remained under the canonical jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Due

to exigent historical circumstances, in 1686 the Ecumenical Patriarchate granted the Patriarch of Moscow the ability to ordain the Metropolitan of Kiev providing he had the canonical permission of the Ecumenical Patriarch. The Metropolitan of Kiev would serve as Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarch, and would commemorate the Ecumenical Patriarch as *“among the first”* at the celebration of every Divine Liturgy, which proclaims and affirms unequivocally his canonical dependence to the Mother Church of Constantinople, and the Ecumenical Patriarch.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople has never ceded jurisdictional authority of the Metropolis of Kiev and present day Ukraine to the Patriarchate of Moscow. With geopolitical changes over the last century, distrust and disunity plagued the ranks of Orthodox Christians in Ukraine to the extent that, by the mid 1990's, there were three groups of Orthodox Christians; one group being a part of the Patriarchate of Moscow, headed by Metropolitan Onoufrios, and the other two independents (the Ukrainian schismatic “patriarchate” under Filaret, and the “autocephalous church” under Makarios). This division persists and, whereas the Ecumenical Patriarchate has prayed unceasingly that the ecclesiastical powers in Ukraine would resolve this issue internally, it has become apparent that the intervention of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, as both the Mother Church of the Ukrainian Orthodox and as the First Among Equals who safeguards Orthodox unity, is essential. It is crucial to know and comprehend this brief

history of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine to understand today's situation especially since many faithful in the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey have been inquiring about the issue at hand, and also since there is an effort by some ecclesiastical presences in this country to misinform the Orthodox faithful concerning history and canonical correctness.

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate desire to heal this division within the Church so that the sheep who had been lost can return to the ninety-nine, and so that our Lord may ***“gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad”*** (Jn. 11:52). This decision of His All-Holiness and the Holy and Sacred Synod endeavoring to correct the uncanonical situation is not being taken because it is the easy option, but because it is the difficult and necessary solution. We must acknowledge and understand that these decisions are being made in the spirit of healing, love, peace, canonical correctness in order to safeguard the unity of the ecclesial body, a challenge and responsibility entrusted to the Mother Church of Constantinople.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate my beloved faithful **will** grant autocephaly to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. As stated in the words of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, ***“It is her right to receive the status of autocephaly and...it is the right, and indeed the exclusive right of our Ecumenical Patriarchate, to grant the autocephaly just as it was granted to all the newer Orthodox Churches, beginning with Russia in the 16th century, to the Church of Czech and Slovakia in 1998.”*** The Ukrainian people, all children of the Mother Church, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, those

within the fold and those who have over the decades have fallen out of it, have **expressed the desire to end this division with their brothers by repeatedly petitioning for the Ecumenical Patriarchate to take the necessary steps, which would end the ecclesiastical colonialism which had been imposed on them. How could we say no to ending this or any division in the Body of Christ and restoring its unity?** Our Lord is not the Lord of division, but the God of unity. He is the Lord of love. He is the Prince of peace. He is the God of mercy.

Let us continue to pray for and with our spiritual Leader and Father, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who for the past twenty seven years as our Ecumenical Patriarch, has and continues to do that which is right by seeking and promoting unity and peace throughout the Orthodox world. Let us pray for the Members of the Holy and Sacred Synod, one of whom I am, as we continue deliberating these pastorally sensitive issues with great care and love, and above all, faith in our Triune Lord and God. And let us pray for all the people of Ukraine who seek peace and unity in the faith, so that they all **“may be one”**. Further, let us pray for those who for reasons, **known to them and the rest of the world**, are being openly defiant. May they too see with the eyes of their soul, come to the knowledge of and acknowledge the truth, by embracing the decisions of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and His All Holiness, based of course on the centuries old historic facts and Patriarchal documents which exist. Finally, let us reiterate the prayer heard at the Divine Liturgy, ***“O Lord, our God...unite them to Your Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church and number them together among your elect flock.”***

With Paternal Love and Blessings,
† E V A N G E L O S
Metropolitan of New Jersey



Greek Orthodox
Metropolis of
New Jersey

SAINT ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ

Reverend
John Theodosion

October 2018

Dear Steward of St. Andrew,

On behalf of the Parish Council, we cordially invite you to attend a St. Andrew General Assembly meeting on **Monday, November 26th, 2018 @7:00pm**.

According to the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Archdiocese, all parishioners present, and wishing to participate in the discussions and voting, must be active stewards for 2018. There will be many important topics discussed.

The AGENDA is as follows:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Nomination and election of Chairperson and appointment of Recording Secretary by the Chairperson for the General Assembly Meeting
3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous General Assembly Meeting
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Audit Report
6. President's Message
7. 2019 Budget
8. Capital Campaign: Church Entrance Repairs/Improvements
9. Priest's Remarks
10. Nominations for Parish Council Elections (*will be held on December 9, 2018*)
11. Nominations for Election Committee
12. Nominations for Auditing Committee
13. Comments & Questions
14. Closing Prayer

Yours in Christ,
Rev. John Theodosion, *Protopresbyter*
Steven P. Mitrakos, *Parish Council President*

Οκτώβριος 2018

Αγαπητέ Steward του Αγίου Ανδρέου,

Εκ μέρους του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου ευρισκόμαστε στην ευχάριστη θέση να σε **προσκαλέσουμε** στην Γενική Συνέλευση της Κοινότητας που θα γίνει την **Δευτέρα, 26 Νοεμβρίου στις 7:00μμ ακριβώς**.

Σύμφωνα με το ομοίομορφο καταστατικό των Κοινοτήτων της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής όλοι οι παρόντες οικονόμοι (*stewards*) για να έχουν δικαίωμα συζητήσεων και ψήφου πρέπει να είναι ενεργά μέλη για το 2018. Θα συζητήσουμε πολλά σημαντικά θέματα.

Τα ΘΕΜΑΤΑ είναι τα εξής:

1. Προσευχή
2. Διορισμός και εκλογής προέδρου και διορισμός Γραμματέως Πρακτικών για την Γενική Συνέλευση.
3. Έγκριση των πρακτικών της τελευταίας Γενικής Συνελεύσεως
4. Έκθεσης Ταμείου
5. Εφορευτική Επιτροπή Έκθεσης ταμείου Επιτροπής Αναπτύξεως
6. Μήνυμα ου προέδρου
7. Προϋπολογισμός για το 2019
8. Επείγουσα Εκστρατεία Εξεύρεσης Κεφαλαίου: Βελτιώσεις επισκευών Είσοδος εκκλησίας
9. Μήνυμα του π Ιωάννη
10. Προτάσεις για την ανάδειξη νέων μελών προς πλήρωση των κενών θέσεων του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου (*οι εκλογές θα γίνουν στις 9/12/18*)
11. Προτάσεις για την Εξελεγκτική Επιτροπή
12. Προτάσεις για την Εφορευτική Επιτροπή
13. Ερωτήσεις & Παρατηρήσεις
14. Προσευχή

Με αγάπη Χριστού,
π. Ιωάννης Θεοδοσίου, *Αιδ. πρωτοπρεσβύτερο*
Σωτήριος Π Μητράκος, *Πρόεδρος Διοικ. Συμβουλίου*

SAINT ANDREW FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2018

	Jan - Aug	Budget	\$ over Budget
INCOME			
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	289,377.65	324,238.00	(34,860.35)
EDUCATION/DANCE NET INCOME (includes dance)	19,739.75	10,000.00	9,739.75
SUMMER CAMP NET INCOME	128.88	500.00	(371.12)
FUNDRAISING EVENTS NET INCOME	154,138.38	225,000.00	(70,861.62)
OTHER INCOME	15,765.00	14,668.00	1,097.00
TOTAL INCOME	479,149.66	574,406.00	(95,256.34)
EXPENSE			
STAFF EXPENSE	202,776.98	204,932.00	(2,155.02)
CAR EXPENSE	1,781.99	3,000.00	(1,218.01)
INSURANCE EXPENSE	28,948.57	36,032.00	(7,083.43)
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	8,228.73	9,410.00	(1,181.27)
EQUIPMENT	2,773.59	6,944.00	(4,170.41)
BANK CHARGES	1,562.83	1,640.00	(77.17)
MORTGAGE PAYMENT (Princ & Int)	89,724.00	90,000.00	(276.00)
TELEPHONES/INTERNET EXPENSE	3,525.50	3,404.00	121.50
ADVERTISING	-	-	-
PERMITS	-	250.00	(250.00)
LITURGICAL	-	336.00	(336.00)
UTILITIES	35,858.40	32,236.00	3,622.40
SUPPLIES & PRINTING EXPENSE	17,786.62	16,642.00	1,144.62
BLDG & GROUNDS EXP.	49,642.86	44,566.00	5,076.86
POSTAGE & HANDLING	2,706.55	2,336.00	370.55
MINISTRY EXPENSE	45,692.09	48,240.00	(2,547.91)
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH	3,400.00	3,268.00	132.00
CONVENTIONS & SEMINARS	7,958.53	9,100.00	(1,141.47)
TRANSPORTATION	-	-	-
MISC.	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSE	502,367.24	512,336.00	(9,968.76)
NET CASH RECD (SHORT)	\$ (23,217.58)	\$ 62,070.00	\$ (85,287.58)
From Operations			
Unrestricted Cash 12/31/17	154,295.58		
Cash generated (used) this year	(23,217.58)		
Cash Balance 8/31/18	\$ 131,078.00		

- (1) Stewardship was significantly better than budget early in the year; but typical for this time of year has slowed down over the summer, so YTD total contributions are under budget.
- (2) Fundraising is lower than budget due to all major efforts coming in under budget.
- (3) Total income is significantly lower than budget due to lower Stewardship and Fundraising.
- (4) Total expenses are close to budget with offsetting variances due to timing.
- (5) Net cash is off budget due to lower revenues.....we have around two months reserve.

ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟΥ ΤΗΣ ΕΝΟΡΙΑΣ ΜΑΣ

Αγαπητά μου εν Χριστώ αδέρφια,

Θα ήθελα κατ'αρχάς να ευχηθώ σε όλους μία Ευτυχισμένη Εκκλησιαστική Χρονιά, έστω και καθυστερημένα (άρχισε το Σεπτέμβριο).

Είναι μία καλή ευκαιρία για ένα Νέο Ξεκίνημα καθώς όλοι συνεχίζουμε τους Πνευματικούς μας αγώνες προς την τελειότητα για να κερδίσουμε τη Σωτηρία.

Ανέλαβα τη θέση του Προέδρου του Συμβουλίου της Ενορίας μας, την παραμονή της 6^{ης} Αυγούστου, που τυγχάνει να είναι και η ονομαστική μου εορτή, μόλις ολοκληρώθηκε η συνέλευση του Αυγούστου όπου απεχώρησε ο προηγούμενος πρόεδρος, Keith Marin, και η τέως βοηθός Ταμείου Holly Marin, ως αποτέλεσμα της μετακόμισής τους στο Myrtle Beach, South Carolina που τόσο τους άξιζε να κάνουν. Εκ μέρους ολοκλήρου της κοινότητας του Αγίου Ανδρέα, θα ήθελα επίσης να εκφράσω την ειλικρινή μας ευγνωμοσύνη για την ηγετική τους υπηρεσία και την ακλόνητη αφοσίωσή τους υπηρετώντας την εκκλησία μας του Αγίου Ανδρέα. Εκτιμούμε αφάνταστα τις ακούραστες προσπάθειές και βοήθειά τους στο να φτάσουμε στην σημερινή κατάσταση. Χωρίς αυτούς, δεν ξέρω πού θα βρισκόμασταν σήμερα. «Σας ευχαριστούμε Keith και Holly!», και «Ο Θεός να σας ευλογεί!» Σίγουρα θα μας λείψουν.

Έχω όμως καλά νέα· ο Keith συμφώνησε να παραμείνει στο Ενοριακό Συμβούλιο ως ο νέος μας Αντιπρόεδρος, θέση που κατείχα εγώ πριν, για να μας συμβουλευτεί και να συνεχίσει να μοιράζεται μαζί μας την τεράστια γνώση του και τα ταλέντα του. Σ'ευχαριστούμε Keith! Επιπλέον, ο Peter Petrou έγινε πάλι μέλος του Ενοριακού Συμβουλίου στη θέση του Βοηθού Ταμεία. Σ'ευχαριστούμε Peter!

Είναι τιμή μου και είμαι ευγνώμων που αναλαμβάνω τη θέση του Προέδρου. Είναι μία μεγάλη ευθύνη που δεν παίρνω καθόλου αψήφιστα. Είχα σκεφτεί πολύ σοβαρά τη θέση αυτή, καθώς με απασχολούσε το αν θα μπορέσω να επωμιστώ το φόρτο εργασίας – επειδή όλοι έχουμε ήδη πολλά να κάνουμε στην προσωπική, οικογενειακή και επαγγελματική ζωή μας. Έτσι, το σκέφτηκα πάρα πολύ. Μίλησα στη σύζυγό μου Αναστασία και στον Πατέρα Ιωάννη ο οποίος με συμβούλεψε να προσευχηθώ και να ζητήσω την καθοδήγησή Του· και σε ό,τι και να καταλήξω, είτε είναι «ναι», είτε «όχι» - θα είναι εντάξει. Το πιστεύω επειδή θα είναι από τον Θεό. Έτσι, προσευχήθηκα και ζήτησα την καθοδήγησή Του. Αυτό που συμπέρανα μετά από σκέψη και προσευχή, είναι ότι ο Θεός δίνει στον καθένα μας ευθύνες και προκλήσεις, σύμφωνα με τις ανάγκες και τις ικανότητές μας. Διαφέρουν από άνθρωπο σε άνθρωπο. Όμως, γενικά είναι «αντίστοιχο». Ελπίζω και προσεύχομαι ο Θεός να με βοηθήσει να τον υπηρετήσω σωστά στην Εκκλησία του Αγίου Ανδρέα ως πρόεδρος του Ενοριακού Συμβουλίου.

Ως ο νέος Πρόεδρος, θα ήθελα επί τη ευκαιρία να επισημάνω την κατάσταση της Ορθόδοξης Εκκλησίας μας του Αγίου Ανδρέα.

Οι προσπάθειές μας για την ανεύρεση κεφαλαίου -το φεστιβάλ, οι λαχνοί για το αυτοκίνητο, η Ελληνική βραδιά, οι πωλήσεις γύρου, οι πωλήσεις επίπλων – έχουν όλα μειωθεί και πέσει έξω από τον οικονομικό στόχο τους. Έτσι οικονομικά, είμαστε σε κίνδυνο, ιδιαίτερα με την άμεση ανάγκη για τις πολύ αναγκαίες επισκευές για να αποτρέψουμε μία καταστροφική βλάβη στο ηλεκτρολογικό μας σύστημα. Μπορούμε να αναρωτηθούμε «γιατί;» και να περάσουμε πολύ χρόνο και προσπάθεια να το λύσουμε. Και βέβαια μπορούμε να προσδιορίσουμε πώς να

επανορθώσουμε την μικρή οικονομική πτώση με ακόμη περισσότερες διοργανώσεις δραστηριοτήτων, όπως φαίνεται ότι κάνουμε που και που. Αυτό είναι κάπως ριζωμένο μέσα μας. Μα τότε ρωτώ, Γιατί είμαστε εδώ στον Άγιο Ανδρέα; Ποιός είναι ο σκοπός μας; Για ποιό πράγμα είμαστε πιο γνωστοί; Για το φαγητό μας, έτσι; Όχι για την πανέμορφη Ορθόδοξη Χριστιανική Πίστη και το πνευματικό μας έργο, συμπεριλαμβάνοντας και τον ελληνικό μας πολιτισμό.

Το Ποιμαντικό μας Έργο είναι πολύ περισσότερο διασπασμένο απ' ό,τι θα θέλαμε να παραδεχθούμε. Τα προγράμματά μας είναι συχνά αποσυνδεδεμένα, το καθένα διαγράφει τη δική του τροχιά. Αυτό είναι γνωστό ως διακονία «παγοθήκη». Επειδή, αντί να δημιουργήσουμε ένα απρόσκοπτο σύνολο, τα προγράμματα και οι διακονίες μας δείχνουν να καταλαμβάνουν το καθένα το δικό τους μικρό κουτί / παγοθήκη. Φυσικά, ξέρουμε τι παθαίνουν τα παγάκια Λιώνουν. Και τα μη συνδεδεμένα προγράμματα

- Μόνο **20%** (79/389 δεσμεύσεις) έδωσαν πάνω από **\$1k** πέρυσι το 2017

Σημείωση: οι 65 μη δεσμεύσεις δεν συμπεριλαμβάνονται

- Only 12% (47/389) έδωσαν πάνω από \$1.5k
 - 7% (29/389) έδωσαν πάνω από \$2k
 - 4% (18/389) έδωσαν πάνω από \$2.5k
 - 2% (8/389) έδωσαν πάνω από \$3k
 - 0.5% (2/389) έδωσαν πάνω από \$8k
- **80%** (310/389) έδωσαν **μόνο έως \$1.000** τη χρονιά 2017
 - 63% (245/389) έδωσαν μόνο έως \$500 last year
 - 41% (159/389) έδωσαν μόνο έως \$400
 - 33% (127/389) έδωσαν μόνο έως \$300
 - 22% (84/389) έδωσαν μόνο έως \$250
 - 14% (55/389) έδωσαν μόνο έως \$200
 - 9% (34/389) έδωσαν μόνο έως \$150

Σας φαίνεται αυτό δυσανάλογο; Τώρα, δεδομένου ότι δεν γνωρίζουμε τις περιστάσεις. Μόνο ο Θεός γνωρίζει. Και είναι φυσικά εντάξει. Παρ' όλα αυτά, σαν αποτέλεσμα, η τρέχουσα οικονομία μας δεν μας επιτρέπει να

και διακονίες μας, το καθένα συχνά τραβώντας σε διαφορετική κατεύθυνση, αγωνίζονται να δημιουργήσουν μία νέα γενιά Πιστών Ορθοδόξων Χριστιανών. Μάλιστα, η Πίστη μας είναι υπό πολιορκία, με πτώση στην προσέλευση πιστών στην εκκλησία από την καινούργια γενιά – το μέλλον μας!

Επιπλέον, **οι χρηματικές εισφορές** έχοντας μειωθεί σημαντικά δεν ανταποκρίνονται στις υποχρεώσεις μας. Μάλιστα, την προηγούμενη χρονιά το 2017, εφτασε **μόνο για το 40%** του προϋπολογισμού, πολύ χαμηλό κατά τη γνώμη μου – και τα καταφέραμε ως αποτέλεσμα των προσπαθειών περιορισμού του κόστους από το Ενοριακό μας Συμβούλιο υπό την ηγεσία του τέως προέδρου μας, Keith Marin.

Το 2017, είχαμε 389 δεσμεύσεις και 65 μη δεσμεύσεις – 454 στο σύνολο.



χρηματοδοτήσουμε τα ποιμαντικά μας έργα· αυτό μας εξαναγκάζει να διεξάγουμε πολυάριθμους εράνους επιζήμιους για την προβολή και τις ποιμαντικές δραστηριότητες με κέντρο τη Χριστιανική μας αποστολή. Αυτό δεν είναι

καθόλου καλό. Μου φαίνεται ότι κάτι κάνουμε λάθος. Δεν θα έπρεπε να είναι έτσι. Αντιλαμβάνομαι ότι αυτό είναι μόνιμη μάστιγα για την Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία της Αμερικής. Τι είδους επιστάτες ή οικονόμοι του Αγίου Ανδρέα είμαστε εμείς συνολικά; Τί απάντηση θα δώσουμε στο Θεό όταν έλθει η μέρα, και μας ρωτήσει, «Τί κάνατε για τον Άγιο Ανδρέα»; Τέλος πάντων, δεν υποτίθεται ότι όλοι είμαστε Απόστολοι και Σώμα της Εκκλησίας Του;

Πιστεύω υπάρχει καλύτερος τρόπος. Όμως, είναι αλήθεια ότι δεν μπορούμε να το κάνουμε μόνοι μας. Δεν είναι βιώσιμος. Χρειαζόμαστε του καθενός την αντίστοιχη θυσία του χρόνου τους, των ταλέντων τους και της οικονομικής εισφοράς τους για να επιτευχθεί. Δεν επιτυγχάνεται με μόνο τους «ολίγους» να κουβαλάνε το φορτίο, και τους «πολλούς» να στέκονται στο πλάι. Ίσως να έπιασε στο παρελθόν, αλλά δεν πιάνει τώρα· ούτε θα πιάσει στο μέλλον - γιατί οι «λίγοι» έχουν εξαντληθεί με αποτέλεσμα να αγωνίζονται, ενάντια και στην πνευματικότητά τους μερικές φορές.

Στη σημερινή ψηφιακή εποχή, με την πληθώρα υψηλής έντασης ψυχαγωγίας στη διάθεσή μας, μπορεί να είναι εύκολο να είμαστε απαθείς προς τον Θεό και την Εκκλησία μας του Αγίου Ανδρέα, πιστεύοντας ότι είναι πάντα κάποιου άλλου ευθύνη να επιτελέσει το αναγκαίο σημαντικό έργο. Πολλοί άνθρωποι νομίζουν ότι είναι αποδεκτό να κάνουμε το απειροελάχιστο ή να δίνουμε το ελάχιστο, αλλά αυτή η νοοτροπία είναι λανθασμένη. Δεν πρέπει ποτέ να είμαστε ευχαριστημένοι με πόση εργασία κάνουμε, πόσο χρόνο και ταλέντο διαθέτουμε, ή με το πόσο προσφέρουμε από την περιουσία μας στην Εκκλησία του Αγίου Ανδρέα, επειδή ο Χριστός πάντα κάνει για μας περισσότερα από όσα μπορούμε να φανταστούμε.

Και ο Θεός μπορεί εύκολα να αγνοηθεί. Μερικές φορές βάζουμε το Θεό στην άκρη και

συγκεντρώνουμε την προσοχή μας στις επίγειες ευθύνες, ανάγκες ή επιθυμίες. Ίσως χάσουμε τη λειτουργία ή έλθουμε αργά. Είναι εύκολο να το κάνουμε επειδή δεν θα έχουμε άμεσα επιπτώσεις. Αλλά αν το κάναμε για άλλες υποχρεώσεις της ζωής μας, όπως στην εργασία μας ή τα προσωπικά μας, τότε ίσως να υπήρχαν οικονομικές ή συναισθηματικές επιπτώσεις. Δεν θα είμασταν ευτυχημένοι. Κι όμως ακόμη αναβάλλουμε μερικές φορές τα καθήκοντά μας προς τον Θεό και δεν στεναχωριόμαστε για αυτό μέχρι να έλθει η μέρα που χρειάζεται απολύτως να νοιαστούμε. Ελπίζουμε, Θεού θέλοντος, να μην είναι τότε πολύ αργά. Πρέπει να έχουμε περισσότερο **φόβο Θεού** και να δίνουμε την πρέπουσα σημασία στην Πνευματική μας ζωή - την οποία εύκολα παραμελούμε.

Ως αδελφοί εν Χριστώ, πρέπει όλοι να αναπτυχθούμε μαζί Πνευματικά, ως οικογένεια του Θεού. Έτσι, εξαρτάται από όλους στην κοινότητά μας - ως οικογένεια του Θεού - αν θα ζήσουμε τον Παράδεισο εδώ στη Γη. Πρέπει μαζί να προσευχόμαστε· να είμαστε μαζί. Να προσερχόμαστε στη λειτουργία μαζί, πιο τακτικά. Να δείχνουμε περισσότερο σεβασμό κατά τη διάρκεια της λειτουργίας και των προσευχών. Δεν βρισκόμαστε σε μία θεατρική παράσταση. Δεν είμαστε στην όπερα ή σε κάποιο κέντρο διασκέδασης. Χρειάζεται, να το θυμόμαστε μερικές φορές. Ο κάθε ένας από εμάς είναι μέλος της οικογένειας του Θεού. Γι'αυτό έχουμε ευθύνη, ελπίζοντας να κερδίσουμε τη Σωτηρία μας.

Πρέπει να αλλάξουμε το πώς σκεφτόμαστε την «Εύρεση Οικονομικών Πόρων» που είναι κάπως ριζωμένο μέσα μας ως ένα «Ποιμαντικό Έργο», όπου η χρηματική μας εισφορά και μόνο είναι αρκετή για όλες τις ανάγκες της Εκκλησίας. Οποιοσδήποτε έρανος, εάν ποτέ γίνει, πηγαίνει στα ποιμαντικά έργα. Δεν θα έπρεπε να βασίζουμε τις ανάγκες της Εκκλησίας μας του Αγίου Ανδρέα σε εράνους. Δεν νομίζω είναι ευτυχημένος ο Θεός

γνωρίζοντας ότι οι ευλογίες που δίνει στον καθένα μας δεν επαρκούν για να συντηρηθεί η ανάπτυξη της Εκκλησίας Του, του Αγίου Ανδρέα. Όλοι μας πρέπει να αναγνωρίσουμε πόσο σημαντικό είναι αυτό και να το κάνουμε προτεραιότητά μας. Η πραγματικότητα είναι ότι ο καθένας μας έχει την ευθύνη για την επιτυχία του Αγίου Ανδρέα. Και όχι απλώς για να τη συντηρήσουμε, αλλά να βοηθήσουμε να αναπτυχθεί και να διαπρέψει. Αυτό μπορεί να επιτευχθεί με τη βοήθεια όλων μας, σύμφωνα με τις προσωπικές μας ικανότητες – ώστε να δοξάσουμε, όχι τον εαυτό μας, αλλά τον Θεό. Πρέπει να προσπαθούμε με όλες μας τις ικανότητες να προσφέρουμε τον χρόνο **που μας αντιστοιχεί**, τα ταλέντα μας, και την περιουσία μας στην Εκκλησία μας, του Αγίου Ανδρέα, με τρόπο που να δοξάζουμε τον Θεό και να Τον ευχαριστεί, γιατί ο Θεός μας δίνει τα χαρίσματα και τις ικανότητες για να Του ανταποδίδουμε ό,τι μας έχει ήδη χαρίσει. Πρέπει να αναγνωρίζουμε ότι με αυτόν τον τρόπο καταλαβαίνουμε την ενεργό μας συμμετοχή στο Σώμα του Χριστού, την Εκκλησία Του και, επομένως, τη Βασιλεία του Θεού. Αυτή η δέσμευση και αφοσίωση δεν πρέπει να τη βλέπουμε σαν υποχρέωση που πρέπει να εκπληρώσουμε, αλλά σαν μια ευκαιρία να είμαστε ένας ενεργός μέτοχος του Παραδείσου.

Η Εκκλησία μας του Αγίου Ανδρέα μπορεί να είναι δυνατή, γεμάτη ζωή και εποικοδομητική για όλους, όλο το χρόνο. Μπορούμε να συντελέσουμε μία τεράστια αλλαγή στη ζωή της νεολαίας μας, των νέων ενηλίκων, οικογενειών, των ηλικιωμένων και γενικότερα όλης της κοινότητας. Μπορούμε να βοηθήσουμε όλες τις γενιές να ενωθούν με τον Χριστό και να ζήσουμε την Ορθοδοξία μας και τον Ελληνισμό μας σε καθημερινή βάση ώστε να κερδίσουμε τη Σωτηρία μας. Πρέπει να περνάμε λιγότερο χρόνο βρίσκοντας οικονομικούς πόρους και να περνάμε περισσότερο χρόνο διακονώντας ο ένας τον άλλο. Πρέπει το μυαλό μας να είναι «επικεντρωμένο στα ποιμαντικά έργα» και όχι σε

«εξεύρεση πόρων», με την καλλιέργεια της Ευγνωμοσύνης. Χρειάζεται να είμαστε πιο αποτελεσματικοί έχοντας τον Χριστό και τη Βασιλεία Του προτεραιότητά μας για να δοξάσουμε τον Θεό. Ο Κύριός μας τόνιζε στους μαθητές Του, «Αγαπάτε αλλήλους ως και εγώ ηγάπησα εσάς».

Χρειάζεται να καθιερώσουμε μία Ενορία Πίστεως, Αγάπης και Σεβασμού. Να δίνουμε το καλό παράδειγμα προσερχόμενοι τακτικά στις εκκλησιαστικές λειτουργίες και ό,τι διοργανώνει η ενορία μας, συμπεριλαμβάνοντας και τις Γενικές Συνελεύσεις. Ξεκινά με κάθε ένα από εμάς, όλοι μαζί είμαστε η Οικογένεια του Αγίου Ανδρέα, η Οικογένεια του Θεού.

Αδελφοί μου εν Χριστώ, έφτασε ο καιρός να είμαστε όλοι μαζί σε ένα κοινό μονοπάτι και στόχους, να περπατήσουμε μαζί προς τον Χριστό. Πρέπει να ξεπεράσουμε τις διαφορές μας και τυχόν ζητήματα που παρουσιάζονται, όπως το καταφέρνουμε αυτό στο χώρο εργασίας μας. Μπορούμε να γίνουμε κοινότητα υπόδειγμα για τους εαυτούς μας και τους άλλους – να δοξάσουμε τον Θεό. Μπορούμε να πετύχουμε για τους εαυτούς μας, και για τους επισκέπτες μας, **«Μία Εμπειρία της Βασιλείας του Θεού!»**, εδώ στη γη, στην δική μας Εκκλησία του Αγίου Ανδρέα – εκτός από ή και αντί του «Μία Εμπειρία Γεύσης από Ελλάδα!».

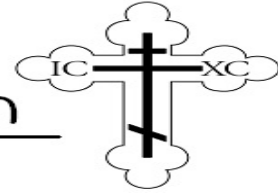
Ελπίζω και προσεύχομαι να αναπτυχθούμε μέσω της ωραιότατης Ορθόδοξης Χριστιανικής πίστης και αφοσίωσης προς τον Κύριό μας, προς την Εκκλησία του Αγίου Ανδρέα, προς τους συνανθρώπους και γείτονές μας. Ο Θεός να μας ευλογεί όλους και η Εκκλησία του Αγίου Ανδρέα να έχει την ευλογία του Θεού!

Ο εν Χριστώ αδελφός σας,
Σωτήριος Π. Μητράκος, Πρόεδρος της Ενορίας

Adaptation by Maria Kiritsis, HAS teacher



Religious Education



The Religious Education program had a fabulous first month. Our Kindergarten class learned all about the Tower of Babel and made Fruit Loop rainbows to remind us about God's Promise and Noah's Ark!



Meet our Teachers

Christina Seretis has been our Kindergarten teacher for the past five years! Her mother was a Religious education teacher at St Andrew for over 30 years and she always remembers how much she loved teaching and her students. She's so proud to follow in her mother's footsteps. Christina loves teaching kindergarten and seeing those little inquisitive faces every Sunday morning. She especially loves watching her former students grow into our faith and the hugs she get from them every Sunday. It renews her faith and commitment. This year is particularly special to her because she is teaching alongside her best friend and koumbara, Dina. They grew up together in this church. Christina has such wonderful memories of the religious upbringing they received at St Andrew and hopes to pass on the same memorable experience to their students. Christina helps her husband run a construction company and they reside in Montville with their children, Elias Ephraim and Paraskevi.



Dina Aspromatis is our second Kindergarten teacher. This is her first year teaching Sunday School and she absolutely loves it and hopes to continue for years to come! She also is excited to be co-teaching with her koumbara, Christina. Dina enjoys working with the children, especially their enthusiasm to learn. She grew up attending St. Andrew services and is a member of the PTA as a corresponding secretary. Outside of church, she works full time at B&G Foods. She lives with her husband and two children, Yanni and Eleftheria, in Dover.

SAINT ANDREW FAMILY CHRISTMAS CARD

FOR ALL ST. ANDREW YOUTH (6-18 YEARS)
 Each Child is asked to submit One DRAWING:



1. DRAWING MUST be in COLOR on white computer paper 8 ½ x11.
2. **Original drawings only** will be judged
3. No tracing, or computer drawings
4. It must also be drawn with the religious theme of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ
5. Include on the **back** of drawing:

Date of Birth, Grade, First & Last Name and Telephone number of contestant

The selected drawings will be published in our St. Andrew Family Christmas Card and mailed with the Ecclesiastical Calendar

DEADLINE for Drawing entry IS MONDAY November 5, 2018

Share your Christmas & New Year's Wishes



Some volunteer, some donate. We know that our parishioners do both. Saint Andrew Philoptochos appreciate all that you do and we are grateful for your generosity which helps us offer hope and strength to those who are most in need.

The global economic crisis continues to affect each and every one of us. A great number of requests for assistance are being presented to us and WE CONTINUE TO RESPOND.

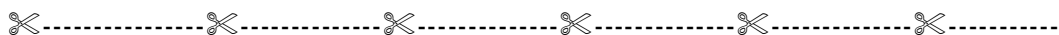
It is our tradition to mail **Christmas and New Year's greetings** from parishioners to the entire church family. This year we will again select a Holiday Card which will be drawn by one of the children in our parish. Please print clearly how you would like your family name to appear and return the form to the church office or to any Philoptochos member on Sundays after church.

Deadline for greetings is **November 12, 2018**

The donations you make this year will be set aside and will only be used to assist more individuals and families overcome these tough times.

We appreciate any assistance that you may offer.

Respectfully, St Andrew Philoptochos



Yes I/we would like to donate:

\$_____ Other \$25.00 \$50.00 \$75.00 \$100.00 \$_____ more

PRINT YOUR NAME CLEARLY

ΓΡΑΨΕΤΕ ΤΟ ΟΝΟΜΑ ΣΑΣ ΚΑΘΑΡΑ

Saint Andrew Philoptochos

Our dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Have you ever really wondered, and cared to learn, who Philoptochos is? What do we do? And why you, as an Orthodox Christian, should know who we are and what we do?

Saint Andrew Philoptochos Society wants to explain the role of Philoptochos in our Church.

Philoptochos is considered the Philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Church. Philoptochos identifies need and knows how to respond. Philoptochos responds to this need on the local, national as well as on the international level by feeding the homeless, providing clothing and shelter for needy families, by collecting food to stock food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters. The focus on outreach is contemporary with assistance for victims of Hurricanes, Earthquakes, Tsunamis and any overwhelming devastation. We work with Habitat of Humanity to help built and repair homes.

In order to raise the necessary funds to respond to the many cases, which are in our parish or come to us from our Metropolis and National Office Social Services, we have to hold various fundraisers.

We begin the ecclesiastical year with our Rummage Sale. Funds from this fundraiser support our Saint Andrew Church and the knitting group, which provides blankets, hats, and scarves to nursing homes, senior centers, homeless shelters and hospitals. We have responded to needs in our church and we are now saving funds to beautify our beloved Saint Andrew with iconography. At the end of the rummage sale all unsold items are donated to major organizations such as: Soles 4 Souls (shoes), Market Street Mission, Lupus Foundation, Purple Heart Veterans, Peace Works



Outreach), Roxbury Social Services, Battered Women's Shelter, Cape Regional Medical Center, Randolph Township Library, Ironia Firehouse, New Legacy Books (VFW Book drop), Morristown Library & Community, Roxbury Fire Department (collection box), Dog Shelters and others.

In November, Market Street Mission coordinates donations of coats, hats, and scarves to be distributed to adults and children in Morristown. Saint Andrew Philoptochos has already donated over 150 coats, scarves, hats and gloves. A second pick up will take place at the end of this month and we pray that our parishioners will bring additional items and support this initiative.

Next comes our Thanksgiving Baskets giveaway. The items you will donate will give families a chance to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner and will restock the Interfaith Food Pantry.

And at Christmas we will gather toys for the children of the Market Street residents as well as hygiene items for the residents of the Dover Seniors Center. The Christmas

Greetings form will be available for all St. Andrew families to place their family names and wishes. Please support this as money raised will help needy cases.

We will hold a Christmas and Easter Bake Sales.

Every May we hold our largest fundraiser, our Tricky Tray. Over the years, a portion of the funds raised helped Make A Wish Foundation, children with physical and mental disabilities, Family Promise, Faith Kitchen, Saint Jude's Children's Hospital, Muscular Sclerosis and many others.

So, please keep all these things in mind when you see us ask for your support and generosity.

Recent horrific events, such as Hurricane Florence's devastation in North and South Carolina and the fires in Athens, Greece, have united Philoptochos chapters across the county to aid victims of such disasters at home and abroad. To date, Philoptochos chapters have raised over \$106,000.00 and continue to raise money to help our brothers and sisters in Greece, in Cyprus and at home.

Once a month, as you exit the church, you will see us holding a basket. Money that you graciously donate supports the National Philoptochos commitments. Listed here are some of these commitments:

Saint Basil's Academy, Hellenic Holy Cross Seminary School, Cancer and Other Major Illnesses Fund, Autism, OCF, IOCC, UNICEF and many others. We thank you for your generous donations.

Please visit the National Philoptochos Society **Website and learn more about who we are and what we do.** Read the 2018 convention Voice, to get the latest updates, and join our sisterhood. [http://www. Philoptochos .org/news/2018-convention/the-voice-2018](http://www.Philoptochos.org/news/2018-convention/the-voice-2018)

Philoptochos - **Philoptochos** (Friend of the Poor), but we also are: **Philotheos** (Friend of God), **Philadelphos** (friend of our brothers and sisters), **Philanthropos** (friend of mankind), **Philoxenos** (friend of the strangers)

We ask that every woman in our church, over 18 years of age become a member of Philoptochos. Men are also welcome and invited to join as associate members. Imagine how much we can accomplish if we are all united as one family helping our Church and our neighbors. Isn't this what Christ asks of all of us?

In January 2019 we will begin our new membership drive. Please join us and be part of the Saint Andrew Philoptochos Society.

Our monthly meetings are the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Thank you.

In the Service of the Lord,
Maro Nicolaou Schuster,
St. Andrew Philoptochos, Treasurer



ARTOCLASIA SERVICE ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11TH

The U.S. sets aside **November 11th** to **honor all veterans** who served in all military branches since WW I. That war ended on June 28, 1919, but fighting between the Allies and Germany had ended with an armistice months earlier. **Armistice Day**, celebrated as November 11, was set aside as a national holiday to celebrate the wars end in 1926. On June 1, 1954, the name was changed to **Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans.**



In 1968, Veterans Day was celebrated on the fourth Monday in October however, since November 11 was a date of historic significance, Congress returned the holiday to its traditional date, November 11th.

We at Saint Andrew will have an **Artoclasia Service on Sunday, November 11th**.

Please join us in praying for the brave souls who fought for our freedom and are the reason we are here today. Let us show our appreciation for their sacrifice, let us honor and thank them for loving and serving our country.

DROP OFF LOCATION HERE



SAINT ANDREW CHURCH

Collecting
Nov 15 - Dec 15
TOYS FOR TOTS
ACCEPTS ONLY
NEW
UNWRAPPED
TOYS

Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. The program was founded in 1947 by reservist Major Bill Hendricks.

St Andrew-Randolph Calendar of Events thru December 2018

Volleyball - Practice every Tuesday; 6:30-8:30, Junior & Senior Girls

Basketball - Practice every Wednesday; 6:30 is Junior Boys, 7:30 is Senior Boys

9/28 - Kickoff Dance in Trenton: The kickoff dance is the first dance of the Goya season and is a lot of fun because we see all the GOYAnS from the churches across the state. It is a fun time and chaperoned by the advisors.

9/29 - St Basil Walk-a-Thon - Saturday: The Walk-a-Thon is a fundraiser open to visitors such as Philoptochos and GOYA to raise money for the kids at St. Basil's Academy. We walk around the grounds.

9/30 - Basketball/Volleyball Games vs Fairview: Opening Games for all Teams

10/7 - Mr. & Ms. GOYA at the Pines Manor: Mr. and Mrs. is a pageant where churches have two of their GOYAnS represent their church. This year's representatives are Phil Christodoulou and MariaElena Kalas. Goya members are allowed to attend and support their friends at this event.

10/14 - Basketball/Volleyball Games vs Wyckoff

10/21 - Basketball/Volleyball Games at Roseland

10/25 - Monthly GOYA Meeting and Faith Soup Kitchen Prep

10/27 - Faith Soup Kitchen, Dover: GOYAnS get together the night before and prepare the food to serve (sandwiches). The next morning, some GOYAnS over 16 go with a couple of advisors to Dover to serve soup, salad, whatever. We serve the people there food, and it's just a nice event overall and a good way to get some volunteer hours. Not everyone will serve, but everyone can and should come the night before to prepare.

10/28 - Basketball/Volleyball Games vs Clifton

11/3 - Bowling Tournament in Fairview

The bowling's tournament is a fun day. First, we go bowling and you get placed into groups and meet so many new people. Then we go to Fairview Church and have a dance. That's so fun because you get to spend time with the new people you met.

11/4 - Basketball/Volleyball Games vs Paramus

11/15 - Monthly GOYA Meeting

11/29 - St Andrew Vespers: Metropolitan Evangelos will come to our Church Great Vespers of St. Andrew name day, along with the priests of North Jersey, and we greet His Eminence with flowers. After the services, we will go downstairs for refreshments and fellowship.

12/1 - Christmas Caroling: This is an amazing experience where we go and sing Christmas Carols to the elderly and homeward the bound. It makes their day and is a great way to start the Christmas season.

12/2 - Basketball/Volleyball Games vs Tenafly

12/8 - 12/9 - Basketball/Volleyball Tournament in Randolph & Roseland: This is the final tournament and games for the volleyball and basketball seasons. The volleyball games will be hosted in Roseland and the basketball games in Randolph. The Championship Volleyball and Basketball Games are held in Randolph.

12/20 - Monthly GOYA Meeting

12/27 - Christmas Dance in Asbury Park: The Christmas dance is a yearly event where GOYAnS get to dress up and celebrate the holidays with music, dancing, and a good time with fellow GOYAnS in the community. This event is always a blast and definitely is one to not miss.

RANDOLPH GOYA OCTOBER 2018 NEWS ARTICLE

The 2018 GOYA season has officially kicked off! The new season full of events and activities has had an amazing start and there is still so much more to come!

Mr. and Miss Pageant

The Mr. and Miss Pageant was hosted at Pines Manor on October 6th, and was an elegant night full of beautiful gowns, suits and ties, and of course wonderful candidates for the title of Mr. and Miss Goya 2018. This year's Randolph



candidates were Phil Christodoulou and MariaElena Kalas who went through an interview process and the pageant the next day. Both Phil and MariaElena did a wonderful job and represented our church well. They brought pride to their Greek culture, Greek Orthodox Faith and of course our St. Andrew Church. We also congratulate Tina Moskonas and Cassandra Ibrahim who were awarded the GOYA Youth Scholarship at the pageant.

Kick Off Dance

Music, dancing, and of course Greek food. The 2018 Kick Off Dance held in Trenton, NJ was the perfect way to jump into the GOYA year! GOYAns laughed and danced along with other New Jersey GOYAns celebrating the new season!



Volleyball/Basketball Teams

Sunday afternoons are always something to look forward to!. This year's volleyball and basketball teams practice every week for our Sunday games. The boys' Senior team is 1-1 and are ready to take on the next coming team, while the boys' Junior team is 1-0 and are excited to play at the next game.

Girls Senior Volleyball is 1-1 with their first win against Fairview and a loss against Wyckoff. Yet the girls plan on a comeback working hard and having fun getting ready for the next game against Roseland. The girls' Junior team is working hard and playing even harder.

Congrats to all the teams on their wins!

Want to catch the next game but not sure when to come? Check out the schedule and come support your Randolph GOYAns Volleyball and Basketball Games on Sundays after church! It's never too late to join our GOYA family, just contact one of our GOYA advisors!

COMMUNION WITH GOD IN LITURGY AND LIFE

Nativity Fast Lenten Study

December 7, 14, 21, 2018 - Fridays at 10:30 AM

Serve the Lord in joy; come before Him in praise, Know that it is the Lord Who is God; it is He Who made us and we are His. ~ from Psalm 99

The Liturgy is the heart of the Orthodox Christian experience, the place where one meets the Lord and learns to abide and live with Him. It is here that one learns to serve and praise the Lord. It is through the Liturgy that one finds and works out one's salvation. Prayer is the central focus of both the Liturgy and our life. Without real prayer there is no real life!

In this study we will focus on:

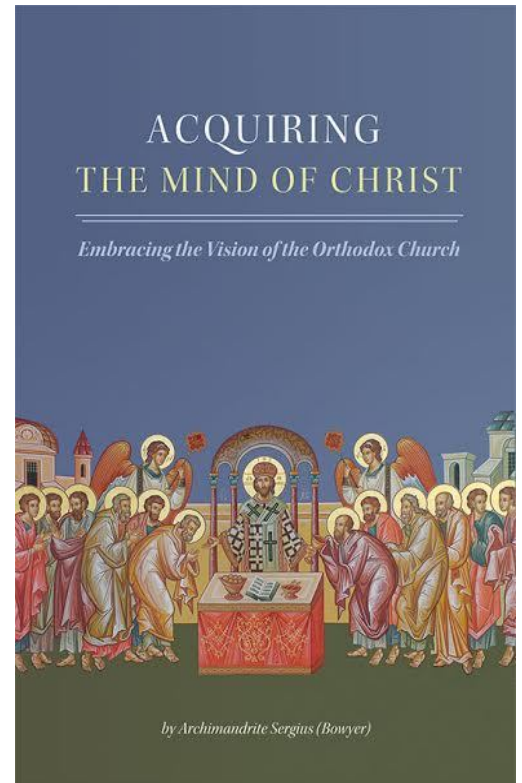
Week one: Liturgy as life The Liturgy informs the heart and changes us imperceptibly. It is through the grace that we receive at each Liturgy that we are enabled to enter eternity.

Week Two: Prayer as communion with God According to St. John Climacus, prayer is defined as "converse and union with God." Our task in this short earthly life is to resume the dialogue that was lost with God in Paradise.

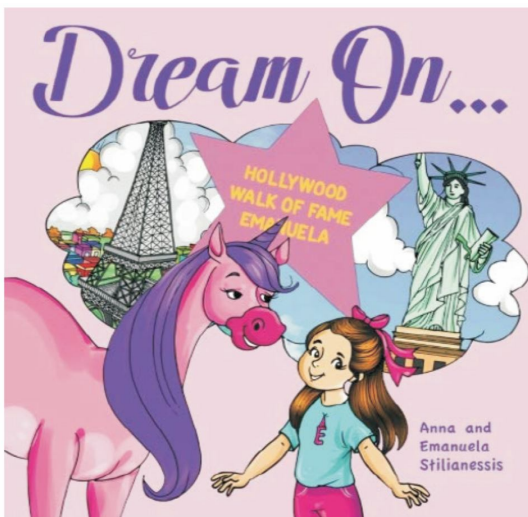
Week Three: Living the Life of Christ in Liturgy and in life In this session we will share with each other ways we praise and serve God in our life, in our Saint Andrew community, and in the world.

We will be focusing on the first two chapters of ACQUIRING THE MIND OF CHRIST, by Archimandrite Sergius Bowyer. There will be free books available for participants of this study in the bookstore. Please pick up a copy and read the first two chapters 😊.

Please join us, and bring a friend or two!!! A Lenten Luncheon will follow the study. Please bring and share what you are able.



Dream On is a story about a girl, Emanuela, who is a pediatric cancer survivor and her magical unicorn, Sparkles. They travel to Paris, NYC, and LA. She brings joy and Sparkle to the world of cancer. It teaches us that dreams can come true. Never stop believing!



Ten year old Emanuela was diagnosed with hepatoblastoma at 15 months old. She had an eight hour surgery where they removed the left lobe of her liver, gall bladder, and a lymph node. Following that, she had chemotherapy.

Emanuela and her mother have written a children's book to raise awareness. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to pediatric cancer charities. Join Emanuela in the fight against childhood cancer by purchasing a book!

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Room for Agape

a voice for our seniors November 2018



We have so much to be grateful for, especially as recalling challenges some of our great ancestors were forced to face, yet managed to contribute a lot - especially as regarding Faith built with love by Holy Fathers who compounded strength through prayer, and delivered Life to the Church with eyes on the future as well as on those presently suffering.



Awaken my people! We have a huge problem in our Electronic Age. It came upon us as this invisible surge of communicative possibilities – the *Insidious Threat* (find a copy in the Bookstore) that children especially, with their delicate virgin, fertile brains, cannot begin to comprehend. Without us to provide a disciplined wall, they know not where they venture. It's like giving them a magic machine that spins and whirls about, responding to every desire: just with the slightest touch of their fingertips, drawing them in - fascinated with how quickly it responds to every command. Adults get hooked as well, but children are establishing their foundational lie upon which to build the platform their mind will build from for the rest of their formative years. Without balance, and with all systems roughed in to function right, they will necessarily struggle for the rest of their lives. Our most natural milieu is to grow in a wide-open space, with parents to provide security of focus.

Now we have to – and simply must as a moral imperative - know better because of the unnatural way we live. We have to make extra effort regarding how to extract and separate wealth of potential from toxic trash, no matter how flashy and magical it may seem to be when carried to extreme, or how smart it makes us look – or clever to others – or stupid to some - especially when trying to find a reliable distractor: to enjoin with a partner who goes along with whatever whim we

want to please at the moment - or finite goal we strive to achieve.

Rather than go out and visit mother nature, or experience more of the strengthening power of God in Spirit through our precious Faith, we've either been allowing our most treasured hope for the future to stay glued on “perils” untold rather than, more likely, their personal Guide and Teacher; or, to negotiate balance, bifurcate, and take the threat too lightly in a negative way! We've gone topsy-curvy.

True, some kids are more amenable to self-discipline than others. However, there is something about electronic surge, chemically speaking, that can be likened to Heroin and/or Cocaine. All the clues are there to see: sound-wise, *fuelish*! Now, finally, it's being treated as an addiction – not unlike detoxing radical zealots of old who burned saintly Christians as witches and warlocks. Different times/ different translations – but one by way of spirit just the same. Subtleties thrive.

One Power flows as paired, parallel to each other – as synergy, chemistry in word - to kNOw/to C/see! Whether more or less, still there. Veto power is innate to everything we “have to” do. Scripture addresses Satan as the opposing force. We cringe in silence – frozen there: perish the thought of saying the name aloud. And so we sing, overriding with faith, power and grace: *have mercy*

on me/us, Lord Jesus, thank you for saving my/our soul – plus the soul of our priceless Church, whose future is, yes, little angels of ours - on loan – to teach, to train, and cherish!

For the most part, we take all we get for granted as “just being there” for the taking without asking (being that God, the “Just Being”, goes right along with *alternate* challenges we are forced to face day by day – so to speak). We must thank Him mightily for His Live-in Word, Lord Jesus, *the Christ*, who is crystal clear both structurally and scripturally speaking, about sound wisdom, charity in love and sweetness with compassion every moment: right here innate as the core super-sound structure of our very most personal being.

The all-powerful “present” is an ageless Gift, carbon-copied – for Life! It doesn’t take much to straighten a line that sparkles bright with His guiding hand for leverage! Spirit speaks in ways unheard of before, multi-lingual in kind: irrepressible!

So now, right in line with a new clear vision and fusion of thought: a way to teach inner vision – by ear: **God’s law “preseeds” everything; all of us follow orders.** It’s as if: the very sound way God made us – is in order: to function to thrive to feel to word – and work!

Perspective means everything, according to Jesus, who’s been teaching me all about wheel-connections, Light-hearted. Allow me to be more graphic here - by drawing certain lines as He taught me. *Your point of view is the side you face. Look at your hands – just opposite – paired, suited to serve one another: one thumb right; one thumb left, palms facing. Just opposite – flipped.* He forces me to really Think Hinged for a change, offering balance in trade.

He carries on: *Symmetry reigns in God’s house – along with synergy’s prize; they’re paired to be complete. Zoom in/zoom out; step forward/retreat. Perspective adds depth to the meaning. “Truth” is fixed on the stance you are taking, based*

on your understanding. (Observe the soul of your feat!)

The most unforgettable insight He shared with me regards the way to question. “*You have to structure your question: write – or everything flows asunder.* First ask to wonder. He offers twoarkeyes (sounding like quark): *the whole of a Seed is purified mess of remembrance; making a sound investment means to plant deep in a fertile garden of soul.*”

Jesus, meye teacher/ Brilliance Of Essence, reconfirmed for me - that *fundamental understanding becomes perfectly clear: all white/ written right, radiating fundamental delight for those who live by the Seed of Christ: perfectly fitting - suitable, staid.* The “Other Side” of His coin is this: a dark mess of carbon copy.

Awesome Wonder magnifies from least to most – and then returns: a Gain – no longer the “*maybe* of might” but awesome magnifications of Light: personified as the One and Only Lord Jesus!



THANKSGIVING TUESDAY LUNCHEON, November 13

Staying Safe in your Space for Senior: Randolph Police Officer will discuss senior-focused safety hazards at home and shopping – including while away for lengths of time; also dealing with scammers, exploiters, solicitors, “robo” calls and more. Gather and bring your concerns and questions. Seniors are especially vulnerable these days because of electronic access.

this talk was rescheduled from last month.

Maryann Brinkley (973-442-3011) and
Betty Kelly (973-704-0377) co-chairs

Tolerance 2018 - 2019

In September we remembered the tragedy of September 11th and in schools around the nation it was part of the curriculum to discussing this event. In October our children thought about candy from going out on Halloween, while parents focused on the fall leaves, apple picking, and explaining some of the evil signs associated with Halloween. Religion, be it Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, is not discussed in public schools except in historical references. What does this mean? It means, as parents, it is our responsibility as Greek Orthodox Christians to make sure our children learn about our Greek Orthodox faith and at the same time, we must teach our children tolerance. It is important to point out that we are in a diverse nation where tolerance also means not only accepting others who are of a different race or culture, but also accepting and understanding others of a different faith as we must accept that traditions and places of worship, as well as how we pray may be different than our own in our Greek Orthodox faith. Teaching tolerance will also make you aware as a parent about any bullying that may be going on as we discussed in last month's article.

Encourage your children, no matter what their age, to attend Sunday School and encourage them to ask questions about our faith as well as why it is different or similar to other religions. We say the Creed the same in some churches as well as The Lord's Prayer and some children are confused as to why there are differences in Christian faiths as well as those of Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism. Tell them to ask their Sunday School



teachers, and do the research together if the answers are still confusing.

No matter what, the important thing in this day and age with all that our children are exposed to on television, social media, and even in school, please teach them tolerance as well.

Below are some pointers that were on kidshealth.org that are useful for parents to help children and adolescents learn tolerance.

- *“Notice your own attitudes. Parents who want to help their kids’ value diversity can be sensitive to cultural stereotypes they may have learned and make an effort to correct them. Demonstrate an attitude of respect for others.*
- *Remember that kids are always listening. Be aware of the way you talk about people who are different from yourself. Do not make jokes that perpetuate stereotypes. Although some of these may seem to be harmless fun, they can undo attitudes of tolerance and respect.*
- *Select books, toys, music, art, and videos carefully. Keep in mind the powerful effect the media and pop culture have on shaping attitudes.*
- *Point out and talk about unfair stereotypes that may be portrayed in media.*
- *Answer kids’ questions about differences honestly and respectfully. This teaches that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.*
- *Acknowledge and respect differences within your own family. Demonstrate acceptance of your children’s differing abilities, interests, and*

styles. Value the uniqueness of each member of your family.

- Remember that tolerance does not mean tolerating unacceptable behavior. It means that everyone deserves to be treated with respect — and should treat others with respect as well.
- Help your children feel good about themselves. Kids who feel badly about themselves often treat others badly. Kids with strong self-esteem value and respect themselves and are more likely to treat others with respect, too. Help your child to feel accepted, respected, and valued.
- Give kids opportunities to work and play with others who are different from them. When choosing a school, day camp, or child-care facility for your child, find one with a diverse population.
- Learn together about holiday and religious celebrations that are not part of your own tradition.

- Honor your family's traditions and teach them to your kids — and to someone outside the family who wants to learn about the diversity you have to offer.

When parents encourage a tolerant attitude in their children, talk about their values, and model the behavior they would like to see by treating others well, kids will follow in their footsteps.” (Kidshealth.org)

Parents and Grandparents, have a great month ahead with Christ in your heart, and good times with family and friends! **Thanksgiving** during this month is the month we should also be grateful that we could learn from our Parent’s Corner articles as well as being able to ask questions in Sunday School or ask Father John for answers. Teach your children TOLERANCE and about our GREEK ORTHODOX faith!

With **Thanksgiving** in the month of November, This month’s **Table Prayer Guide** is from **“Prayers for Special Occasions – Thanksgiving - Psalm 92: 1-2, 4-5, 12-15**

“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to our name, O Most High: To declare Your loving kindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night. For You, Lord, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands. The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing, To declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Feel free to e-mail me with your comments and suggestions for our “Parents’ Corner” at: alexandraproto@gmail.com
Have a great month and a wonderful school year!

(You can also find me on FACEBOOK under my name Alexandra Alex Protopapas)

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SAINT ANDREW COMMUNITY PARTNERS “DIAMOND PARTICIPANTS

Contact the church office if you would like information on becoming a Community Partner. There are various levels and opportunities that you and your business can participate in



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BAPTISM – ΒΑΠΤΙΣΗ

VAIOS JELIS son of Elias Jelis and Christina A. Antoniou of Budd Lake, NJ was baptized on September 15th, 2018 according to the rites of our faith and given the name **VAIOS – ΒΑΙΟΣ**. Godmother was Kyriaki Antoniou.

WEDDING – ΓΑΜΟΣ

On September 29th, 2018 at 10:30am **Stephen H. Moshen** wed **Samantha M. Rose** of Bedminster, NJ. Sponsors were Dimitri and Mary Miaoulis, witness was Shana Crisana .

Congratulations to all! Συγχαρητήρια σε όλους!

FUNERALS – ΚΗΔΕΙΕΣ

+Argyro Syristatides, of Mendham, NJ passed away on September 26th, 2018. Our sincerest condolences to her family. Also known as Roula (Koutsaliotis) Syristatidis was the wife of Semeon, mother of Nicholas, Stratos and Haralambos Syristatidis. A Funeral Service was held at Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church for the repose of her soul on Monday, October 1st.

+Nicholas Pallis, of Wharton Township, NJ passed away on October 4th, 2018. Our sincerest condolences to his family. Also known as Nick Paleoyiannis, was the beloved husband of Beatrice Kamitse Pallis, father of: Mrs. Peggy Ann Kalamaras, Dr. Basil Pallis, Dr. Evangelos Pallis, Mrs. Elaine Gregorio, and Ms. Georgina Pallis. A funeral was held at St. Andrew for the repose of his soul on Monday, October 8th.

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PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR THE SOULS OF:

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May their memory be eternal. Αιωνία η μνήμη αυτών.

SAINT ANDREW CALENDAR

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **Sundays** after Holy Communion

PILLOW MINISTRY TBA ON A **Monday** @11am

BAKING GROUP **Tuesdays** @9am

GOYA Volleyball **Tuesdays** @6:30-8:30pm

Greek Language Adults **Tuesdays** @7-9pm

KNITTING GROUP **Wednesdays** @10am -2pm

GOYA Basketball **Wednesdays** @6:30-8:30pm

Greek Dance Adults **Wednesdays** @7:30-8:30pm

Hellenic Afternoon School **Thursdays** @4:30pm

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GOYA Greek Dancing **Thursdays** @7pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NOVEMBER: 11/4 PHILOPTOCHOS
11/11 PTA, 11/18 DOP, 11/25 GOYA

11/2 @8am -4pm Lifeline Screening Pre-registration is required call 888-653-6450

11/3 GOYA Bowling Tournament in Fairview

11/3 RHS Hockey Booster/Gym rental

11/3 Market Street Mission Coat Giveaway on Morristown Green @10am-1pm

11/4 @1:30PM HANEY BAPTISM

11/4 @2:30pm GOYA GAMES (Paramus/Randolph)

11/10 @9am-3pm SPECIAL OLYMPICS of NJ Area 3

11/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE +VETERANS

11/11 @1:30PM MASTROGIANNAKOS BAPTISM

11/11 @3pm PTA field trip to NYC at 5pm for the "CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR"

11/13 @11:30am Agape Luncheon note date change

11/15 @5:45pm PTA Mardi Gras Committee Meets

11/15 @6:30 GOYA Meeting NOTE date change

11/17 JOY Activity /Sterling Hill Mine

11/17 Strategic Planning Retreat Time TBA

11/17 @2:30PM FISCHETTI BAPTISM

11/18 Stewardship SUNDAY

11/18 @12:15pm HOPE/JOY Monthly Meeting

11/18 @1pm DOP Monthly Meeting

11/18 @1:30PM TSAKIRIS BAPTISM

11/22 Thanksgiving Day

11/22 NO HAS / NO Greek Dance

11/24 Faith Kitchen – AHEPA & DOP

11/24 @11:00AM CAMERON BAPTISM

11/24 HOPE/JOY Activity "Holiday Craft"

11/25 Family Worship/ NO Religious Ed Class

11/26 @7pm GENERAL ASSEMBLY & Parish Council Meeting

11/27 @7pm Philoptochos Meeting 4th Tuesday

11/29 @4:30-6:30pm HAS TEACHERS MEET

11/29 NO HAS / NO Greek Dance

11/29 @7pm Great Vespers at Saint Andrew

11/30 Friday, SAINT ANDREW FEAST DAY

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS DECEMBER: 12/2 BAKALIKO

12/9 PTA, 12/16 DOP, 12/23 GOYA, 12/30 BAKALIKO

12/2 @2:30pm GOYA GAMES (Tenafly/Randolph)

12/8 HOPE/JOY CAROLING at Marry Heart

12/8 @1:30pm Wedding Andreopoulos & Barletta

12/9 Recognizing Ministries ARTOCLASIA for the Philanthropic Volunteers of Saint Andrew

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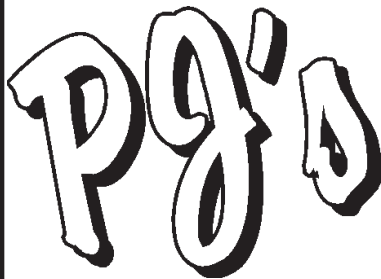
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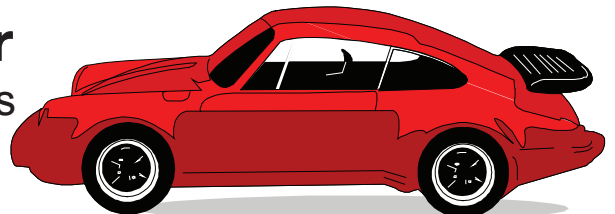


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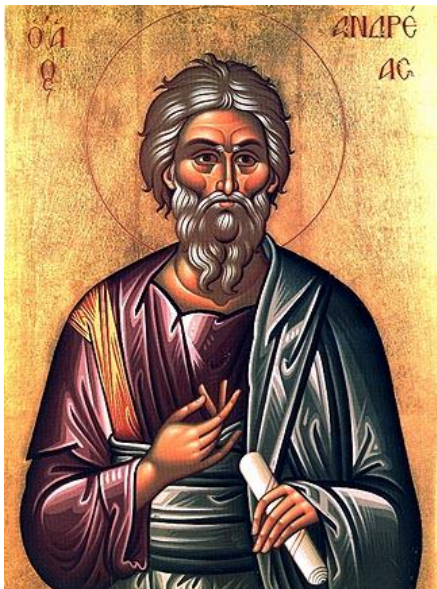
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HYMN OF THE APOSTLE ST. ANDREW

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and very brother of the prince of them,
intercede O Andrew,
with the Master of all of us,
peace to all the world to grant,
and to our souls His great mercy.

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