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Saint Andrew Family News

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Celebrating **60th Anniversary of Saint Andrew Church** - Sunday November 13th

Stewardship Sunday - November 20th

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE - Wednesday at 6pm – November 24th

SAINT ANDREW GREAT VESPERS Tuesday at 7pm – November 29th

SAINT ANDREW DIVINE LITURGY Wednesday at 9:30am - November 30th



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DIVINE SERVICES

NOVEMBER 2022

Tuesday	1	+COSMAS AND DAMIAN
Sunday	6	7th Sunday of Luke
Tuesday	8	+SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGELS
Wednesday	9	+ST. NEKTARIOS
Saturday	12	+John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria
Sunday	13	8th Sunday of Luke
Monday	14	+ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE <i>NATIVITY FAST BEGINS ON 11/15</i>
Wednesday	16	+MATTHEW THE APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
Sunday	20	9th Sunday of Luke
Monday	21	+THE PRESENTATION OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE
Wednesday	23	THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE & <i>ST. KATHERINE THE GREAT MARTYR 10/25</i> Orthros & Divine Liturgy @6PM
Sunday	27	13th Sunday of Luke
Tuesday	29	SAINT ANDREW GREAT VESPERS SERVICE FOR @7PM
Wednesday	30	+SAINT ANDREW THE FIRST CALLED APOSTLE * Orthros 8:15am & Divine Liturgy @9:30 AM

DECEMBER 22

Sunday	4	10th Sunday of Luke +ST. BARBARA THE GREAT MARTYR * / <i>Relics</i>
Tuesday	6	+ST. NICHOLAS ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA
Sunday	11	11th Sunday of Luke
Monday	12	+ST. SPYRIDON THE WONDERWORKER OF TRYMITHOUS
Thursday	15	+ST. ELEUTHERIOS THE HOLY MARTYR
Sunday	18	Sunday before the Nativity
Thursday	22	+ST. ANASTASIA THE GREAT MARTYR
Saturday	24	+EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST, +EUGENIA THE RIGHTEOUS Orthros, Great Hours, Great Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil the Great @8am
Saturday	24	+HOLY NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Orthros & Divine Liturgy of SJC @7:00 PM
Sunday	25	The Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ
Saturday	31	CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD & COMMEMORATION ST. BASIL Great Vespers @3:30pm

Sundays: Orthros begins @ 8:15AM & Divine Liturgy @ 9:30AM

Weekdays: Orthros begins @ 8AM & Divine Liturgy @ 9:15AM

*(We have this saint's Relics at our Saint Andrew Reliquary) **

ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΣ 2022

Τρίτη	1	+ΚΟΣΜΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΔΑΜΙΑΝΟΣ ΑΝΑΡΓΥΡΟΙ
Κυριακή	6	Ζ΄ Λουκά
Τρίτη	8	+Η ΣΥΝΑΞΙΣ ΤΩΝ ΑΡΧΙΣΤΡΑΤΗΓΩΝ ΜΙΧΑΗΛ ΚΑΙ ΓΑΒΡΙΗΛ
Τετάρτη	9	+ΝΕΚΤΑΡΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΥ ΠΕΝΤΑΠΟΛΕΩΣ ΤΟΥ ΘΑΥΜΑΤΟΥΡΓΟΥ
Σάββατο	12	Ίωάννου τοῦ Ἐλεήμονος, Πατριάρχου Ἀλεξανδρείας
Κυριακή	13	Η΄ Λουκά
Δευτέρα	14	+ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΥ <i>ΣΑΡΑΝΤΑΗΜΕΡΟ ΝΗΣΤΕΙΑΣ 15/11</i>
Τετάρτη	16	+ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΤΗΣ ΜΑΤΘΑΪΟΣ
Κυριακή	20	+ Θ΄ Λουκά
Δευτέρα	21	ΤΑ ΕΙΣΟΔΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ
Τετάρτη	23	ΚΑΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΗΜΕΡΑΝ ΤΩΝ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΙΩΝ +ΑΙΚΑΤΕΡΙΝΗ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΣ 25/10 Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία - <u>ώρα 6μμ</u>
Κυριακή	27	ΙΓ΄ Λουκά
Τρίτη	29	ΜΕΓΑΣ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΑΝΔΡΕΟΥ <u>ώρα 7μμ</u>
Τετάρτη	30	+ΑΝΔΡΕΟΥ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΩΤΟΚΛΗΤΟΥ Όρθρος 8:15 πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία <u>ώρα 9:30πμ</u>

ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΣ 22

Κυριακή	4	Ι΄ Λουκά +ΒΑΡΒΑΡΑΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ* <i>Λείψανα</i>
Τρίτη	6	+ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΥ ΜΥΡΩΝ ΤΗΣ ΛΥΚΙΑΣ ΤΟΥ ΘΑΥΜΑΤΟΥΡΓΟΥ
Κυριακή	11	ΙΑ΄ Λουκά
Δευτέρα	12	+ΣΠΥΡΙΔΩΝΟΣ ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΥ ΤΡΙΜΥΘΟΥΝΤΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΘΑΥΜΑΤΟΥΡΓΟΥ
Πέμπτη	15	+ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΙΟΥ ΙΕΡΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ
Κυριακή	18	Κυριακή πρό τῆς Χριστοῦ Γεννήσεως
Πέμπτη	22	+ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΦΑΡΜΑΚΕΥΤΡΙΑΣ
Σάββατο	24	+ΠΡΟ ΣΑΡΚΑ ΓΕΝΝΗΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ, +ΕΥΓΕΝΙΑΣ Όρθρος, Μεγάλοι Ώροι, Μέγα Εσπερινός, και Θεία Λειτουργία Αγίου Βασιλείου
Σάββατο	24	+Η ΚΑΤΑ ΣΑΡΚΑ ΓΕΝΝΗΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία Αγίου Ιωάννη Χρυσοστόμου <u>ώρα 7:00μμ</u>
Κυριακή	25	Η Γέννησις του Ζωστήρος ημών Ιησού Χριστού
Σάββατο	31	Η ΚΑΤΑ ΣΑΡΚΑ ΠΕΡΙΤΟΜΗ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ, ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΥ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΥ ΚΑΙΣΑΡΕΙΑΣ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ 3:30ΜΜ

Την Κυριακή – Όρθρος - ώρα 8.15πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία - ώρα 9:30πμ
Τις καθημερινές – Όρθρος - ώρα 8πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία - ώρα 9.15πμ

*(Έχουμε τα Λείψανα του Αγίου στην Λειψανοθήκη της εκκλησία μας)**

KEEP THE SABBATH DAY HOLY

By Fr John Theodosion

As we look at the gospel passage from Saint Luke 13:10-17, we see that Christ is preaching in a synagogue on the Sabbath. There are many people there including the temple ruler and a woman whom the Bible describes as having a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years. She was unable to fully straighten herself. Jesus caught sight of the woman and called to her and said, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And as he said this, he laid his hands upon her and immediately she was made straight, then she began to praise God.

Now, as I mentioned earlier this was the Sabbath day and even in modern times, according to Jewish law, no one is supposed to engage in any sort of work on the Sabbath day. The temple ruler saw that Jesus had healed the woman and became indignant and said, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" The temple ruler had no reply for Jesus because he realized that his comment was wrong and hardhearted. What better day was there to show kindness and mercy to this crippled woman? We see, illustrated here in this situation, the important conflict that Christ's had with the Pharisees. And this was the reason that they were so against him. They saw Him has violating all of the rules that they had so diligently followed for



so many years. They thought that he would do away with the very system that gave them power and authority over the people for so many years. Christ came not to have power and authority over mankind. His power and authority are over sin and death. His power and authority were used to help humanity not to suppress it.

The scribes and the Pharisees made a religion out of Jewish Law bordering on worship, but the Jewish Law was

not set up to be worshipped it was set up to help the Jewish people follow God's teachings and worship Him. Today, we see a similar problem. Our country seems to be held hostage by its own laws. Politicians are fighting for power and authority in this country, and the rest of us are caught in the middle. The problem I see is that instead of being used as a guide to resolve conflict, the law is being manipulated to further the agendas of politicians. I have a deep concern for our country, and I pray for peace here and in the whole world. We should not take our country for granted. We should thank God that for all that we have; peace; prosperity; and the freedom to worship as much and as often as we like. We should not take our worship for granted either. We should commit to coming to church as often as possible to worship God and to glorify Him. I ask you to join your prayers with mine as we pray that God will enlighten the leaders of this country and enlighten us as well to follow Him and His teachings. We should pray that His will should be accomplished in our country and our lives so that we may live peacefully and do all things which will lead us to salvation.

Κρατείστε την Ημέρα του Σαββάτου Ιερή

Διαβάζοντας το κείμενο του Ευαγγελίου του Αγίου Λουκά 13:10-17, βλέπουμε τον Ιησού να κάνει κήρυγμα στην συναγωγή την ημέρα του Σαββάτου. Υπάρχει πολύς κόσμος εκεί μαζί και ο αρχισυναγωγός και μία γυναίκα που περιγράφεται στην Βίβλο ως έχουσα ασθενικό πνεύμα για δεκαοχτώ χρόνια. Δεν μπορούσε να σταθεί με το κορμί της όρθιο. Ο Ιησούς αφού την πρόσεξε, την κάλεσε κοντά Του και της είπε, «Γυναίκα, εἶσαι ἐλευθερωμένη ἀπὸ τὴν ἀρρώστεια σου». Και λέγοντας αυτά την ακούμπησε με τα χέρια του και αμέσως ίσωσε. Τότε εκείνη δόξασε τον Θεό.

Λοιπόν όπως ανέφερα πριν, αυτό έγινε την ημέρα του Σαββάτου όπου ακόμη και στην σύγχρονη εποχή, σύμφωνα με τον Ιουδαϊκό Νόμο δεν πρέπει κανένας να ασχοληθεί με κανενός είδους εργασία την ημέρα του Σαββάτου. Ο αρχισυναγωγός είδε που ο Ιησούς θεράπευσε τη γυναίκα και αγανακτισμένος είπε, Ὑπάρχουν ἔξη ἡμέρες πὸν ἐπιτρέπεται ἢ ἐργασία· τότε νὰ ἔρχεσθε καὶ νὰ θεραπεύεσθε καὶ ὄχι τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ Σαββάτου». Ὁ Κύριος ἀπεκρίθη, «Ὑποκριταί, δὲν λύνει καθέναν ἀπὸ σᾶς, κατὰ τὸ Σάββατον, τὸ βόδι τοῦ ἢ τὸν ὄνον τοῦ ἀπὸ τὸν σταῦλον καὶ τὸν φέρνει νὰ τὸν ποτίσῃ; Αὐτὴ δὲ πὸν εἶναι θυγατέρα τοῦ Ἀβραάμ καὶ τὴν εἶχε δεμένη ὁ Σατανᾶς ἐπὶ δέκα ὀκτὼ χρόνια, δὲν ἔπρεπε νὰ λυθῇ ἀπὸ τὰ δεσμὰ αὐτὰ τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ Σαββάτου;». Ο αρχισυναγωγός δεν απάντησε στον Ιησού αφού κατάλαβε ότι το σχόλιό του ήταν λάθος και σκληρό. Ποιά άλλη μέρα θα ήταν καλύτερη να δείξει καλωσύνη και έλεος σε αυτή την ανάπηρη γυναίκα; Φαίνεται εδώ σε αυτή την υπόθεση, η σημαντική αντιπαράθεση που ο Ιησούς είχε με τους Φαρισαίους. Και αυτή είναι η αιτία που του εναντιώθηκαν τόσο πολύ. Τον είδαν να παραβιάζει όλους τους κανόνες που αυτοί ακολουθούσαν με τόση επιμέλεια για πολλά χρόνια. Νόμιζαν πως θα καταργούσε το σύστημα που τους έδινε δύναμη και εξουσία πάνω στους ανθρώπους για τόσα χρόνια. Ο

Ιησούς δεν ήλθε για να εξουσιάζει τους ανθρώπους. Η ισχύς και η εξουσία Του είναι πάνω στην αμαρτία και τον θάνατο. Η ισχύς και εξουσία Του ήταν για να βοηθήσει την ανθρωπότητα και όχι να την καταπιέσει.

Οι γραφές και οι Φαρισαίοι δημιούργησαν μία θρησκεία εκ του Ιουδαϊκού Νόμου που οριοθετούσε την θρησκευτική λατρεία, αλλά ο Ιουδαϊκός Νόμος δεν δημιουργήθηκε για θρησκευτική λατρεία, δημιουργήθηκε για να βοηθήσει τους Ιουδαίους να ακολουθούν τις διδασχές του Θεού και να Τον προσκυνούν. Σήμερα έχουμε ένα παρόμοιο πρόβλημα. Η χώρα μας μοιάζει να είναι όμηρος των δικών της νόμων. Οι πολιτικοί πολεμούν για εξουσία σε αυτή τη χώρα, και εμείς οι υπόλοιποι είμαστε δεμένοι στη μέση. Το πρόβλημα που εγώ βλέπω είναι ότι αντί να χρησιμοποιηθούν ως οδηγός για να λύνονται διαφορές, εκμεταλλεύονται το νόμο για να προωθήσουν τα σχέδια των πολιτικών. Έχω μια βαθιά ανησυχία για τη χώρα μας, και προσεύχομαι για την ειρήνη εδώ και στον υπόλοιπο κόσμο. Δεν πρέπει να θεωρούμε δεδομένη τη χώρα μας. Πρέπει να ευχαριστούμε τον Θεό για όλα όσα έχουμε, ειρήνη, ευημερία, την ελευθερία να εκκλησιαζόμαστε όσο συχνά θέλουμε. Δεν θα έπρεπε να έχουμε τον εκκλησιασμό μας δεδομένο. Θα έπρεπε να δεσμευτούμε να ερχόμαστε στην εκκλησία όσο πιο συχνά μπορούμε για να λατρέψουμε τον Θεό και να Τον δοξάζουμε. Σας καλώ να ενώσετε τις προσευχές σας με τις δικές μου και να προσευχόμαστε ο Θεός να φωτίσει τους ηγέτες αυτής της χώρας και να φωτίσει και εμάς επίσης να ακολουθούμε τον Θεό και τη διδασκαλία Του. Θα πέπει να προσευχόμαστε το θέλημά Του να εφαρμοστεί στη χώρα μας και στις ζωές μας ώστε να ζούμε ειρηνικά και οι πράξεις μας να μας οδηγήσουν στη σωτηρία.

Adaptation by Maria Kiritsis, Athens GR



Come celebrate with us
The 60th Anniversary

Of Saint Andrew Church

It will be an Elegant Gala Celebration!

On

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH 2022

at

THE MEADOW WOOD | 461 NJ-10 RANDOLPH

COCKTAIL RECEPTION 4PM | DINNER & DANCING 5PM

PREMIUM OPEN BAR

\$100 YOUTH AGES 13-18 | \$50 AGES 5-12 | FREE AGES 0-4

\$150 PER PERSON

\$1,350 FOR TABLE OF 10 PEOPLE

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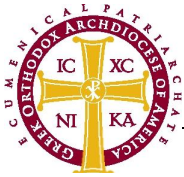
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After Divine Liturgy for a

REUNION & FELLOWSHIP

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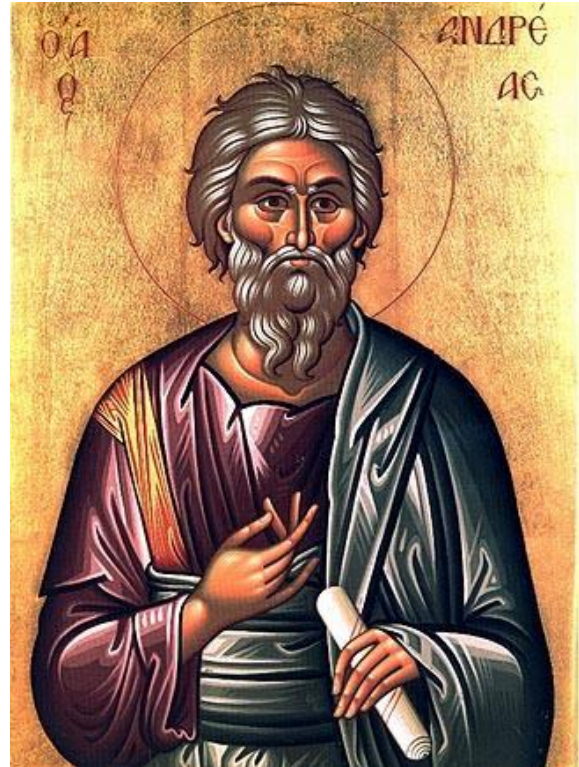
Fr. John Theodosion together with the parish council of Saint Andrew invite you and your family to participate in the Feastday festivities of our Patron Saint, Andrew the First Called Apostle. His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medea will lead our Celebrations on Tuesday night.

Tuesday, November 29, 2022
7:00 pm Great Vespers
with Artoclasia

Reception following services hosted by our Ladies of Philoptochos.

Wednesday, November 30, 2022
8:15 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
with Artoclasia

Luncheon Following Services hosted by our Ladies of Philoptochos.



If you cannot attend Live Stream of Services

Participation in services is also available via livestream - go to:

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LIVESTREAM on the MENU BAR

Light a Virtual Candle

We know we can't physically be at church, but if you're following the live video stream of the services and would like to light a candle as you "enter" the church or would like to "drop some money in the basket" please consider a donation by lighting a "virtual candle"

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SAINT KYRIAKOS
THE ANCHORITE

SAINT JULIA
THE MARTYR

SAINT NIKETAS
GREAT MARTYR THE GOTH



Saint Kyriakos the Anchorite (also known as 'Cyricus the Hermit') (Greek: 'Όσιος Κυριάκος ο Αναχωρητής', Hosios Kyriakos oh Anachōrētēs) was born in Corinth in the year 448. His father was a priest named John and his mother's name was Eudoxia. When he was 18 years old, he went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. He reached the age of 109. **Commemorated on September 29th.**

Saint Julia the Martyr was apprehended and fettered for Christ together with seven other virgins. They were offered up to be defiled but remained unharmed by the grace of God ... they were then submerged in a lake ... the holy maidens received the crown of the contest... Along with the Holy Martyrs of Ankyra: Tekousa, Alexandria, Claudia, Phainee, Evphrasia, Matrona, **Saint Julia**, Theodote, and Theodotos. **Commemorated on May 18th.**

Saint Niketas was a warrior who lived with the Gothic tribes on the eastern side of the Danube River within the boundaries of present-day Romania. He was a convert to Christianity of the Gothic Bishop Theophilus, a well-known enlightener of the Goths, who also had baptized Niketas.. Niketas was martyred by the pagan prince Athanaric. Saint Niketas is **commemorated on September 15th.**

NEW ICONS AT SAINT ANDREW

WRITTEN BY ICONOGRAPHER AUSTIN KACHECK

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GOYA November 2022

To kick off the year, GOYAN's attended the Harvest Dance, which proves year by year to be blast! The dance always gives GOYANS an opportunity to not only meet people, but to make meaningful friendships with other fellow Greek youths. Many of these friends are of the GOYANS who also play GOYA volleyball and basketball! The first basketball and volleyball game for our Randolph GOYA was held at the Roseland Church. Both sports teams played very well, and we are extremely proud of the work they put in! November will prove to be an extremely busy month with these sports. Not only do they teach GOYANS sportsmanship, but enable them to attend liturgy on Sundays, and to learn in Sunday School. It is a great opportunity for all Greek Orthodox Youths!



Each year, 2 GOYANS are chosen to participate in the Mr. and Miss GOYA competition. Representing our church, 11th grader, Despina Sedereas and 12th grader, Vageli ran for Miss and Mr. GOYA on October 9th at the Hanover Manor.. Despina was one of the finalists and was the runner up! We are so very proud of both of our GOYANS for representing our church so greatly! Bravo to both of you!

Currently, we are looking forward to Sights and Sounds and are preparing for the upcoming season. Many talented artists, musicians, actors all join Sights and Sounds and have so much fun! It is a great opportunity. We are also looking forward to the bowling tournament at Fairview. With this event, GOYANS spend their afternoon bowling with other GOYANS, which is a great place to meet new people. Later that day, all GOYANS come back together, and attend the dance at the Fairview Church, which is a lot of fun as well! There is always amazing food, music, and people!

By : Dora Katsanos



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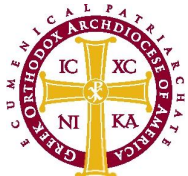
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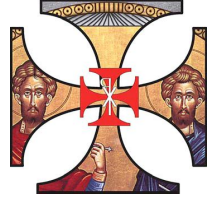
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and family, and
to perpetuate
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November - A Time to Remember

"Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." (Colossians 3:17)

"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving." (Colossians 4:2)

Why should we care for anyone else but ourselves? Doesn't the world send us this message? But you see, when all that matters, there's no need to say "thank you" because no one else matters. Such a deep self-centeredness is alien to Orthodoxy. Here we find a God, the very Creator of the universe, taking the time to notice that we need help even when we are completely convinced that "I can do it myself!" Truth is, most of us need quite a bit of help!

There are so many people who just ended up needing help, lots of help. Jesus asks us quite boldly to avoid judging. We always seem to want to have reasons to help us decide whether we should help. That's a bad way to help. And that's not how Philoptochos helps. Philoptochos helps because someone, anyone, is calling out. That's it! "How can I help?"

Thanksgiving connects us to an event in which a need was met. It's always easy to help friends, people you might like, but it's also easy to avoid helping others who might not be friends, who might not meet our standards. There's another side to helping - what if it were you in need rather than you having the chance to help? You might appreciate it if you didn't have to qualify for help. That's the point of the Good Samaritan, isn't it? How easy to pass by someone we can eliminate from our preferred list of those we help.

That's not Philoptochos!

Philoptochos invites each of us to be centered in its mission to meet the need of those in need. But as Paul reminds us, we all have different gifts,

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different gifts, different roles, in God's kingdom. Getting to know what your gift is, is important, because it is from that place that you are called to respond. This is what God asks of each of us.

November is a busy month for Philoptochos:

- **Thanksgiving food drive: Donations should include:**

- Turkeys, Potatoes, Stuffing, Cranberry sauce, apple pies, pumpkin pies, cans of peas, corn, sweet potatoes, Yams, mash potatoes boxes, Juices (Apple, Cranberry, Grape) and anything else you would like to donate. The food drive will end on November 10th so that we can distribute the food at various locations.

- **Coat/Scarf/Gloves Drive**

Thank you for supporting our Coat/scarf/gloves drive.

- **Saint. Andrew Vespers and Name Day of our Church:** Save the dates:

- November 29 - Great Vespers
- November 30 - Saint Andrew Day

Your help is needed - Philoptochos members and St. Andrew Families to help us during the Name Day of our Church. As you know we will have visiting clergy with their families, Archons, visitors from other communities, and our St. Andrew families.

Please help us with the setup/cleanup for both days.

Food needed - Fish, Shrimps, Lenten desserts, fruit platters, salad for 150 people, water bottles, Juices, soda cans, 5 pounds of Coffee (decaf and regular). A list will be prepared and will be available for everyone to select what they can bring.

Thank you very much!

In the Service of the Lord,

Maro Nicolaou Schuster
Saint Andrew Philoptochos, Treasurer



GIVING THANKS: Eucharistic Stewardship

The Holy Eucharist is called Holy Communion because it unites us as the Body of Christ. The word *Eucharist* comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving. This is what we do when we celebrate the Divine Liturgy – we are giving thanks. The Eucharist – the sacrament of Holy Communion – is the focus of our parish life. It is through the Eucharist that we take on our true nature as the Church of Jesus Christ. We are *transformed* from a human community into the Body of Christ.

Stewardship is our response to God's grace and moves us from grace to gratitude. Just as we love because God first loved us (I John 4:14), we give because God first gave to us. The question of the Psalmist "What shall I give to the Lord in return for all His benefits towards me?" (Ps 116:2), is answered in every liturgy when we pray, "Let us offer ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God."

In his book on the Eucharist, Fr. Alexander Schmemmann explains that in the early Church, the Eucharistic sacrifice was offered by all the members of the church. Each person



coming to the gathering of the Church brought with them everything they could spare for the needs of the Church. This is the Church that we as Orthodox Christians claim to be.

We read about this in Acts 2: "Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

How many times have you heard people say, "I don't get anything out of liturgy"? The truth is that we don't come to church to *get* something, but to *give* ourselves – our whole being --- to God. We have to give ourselves as an offering to God and what we get in return is the presence of Jesus Christ within us. As we come to know Jesus this way, we are drawn into the communion of the Church.

Through Holy Communion, we are drawn out of ourselves and embrace the mission of our parish. We carry the fire of God's love within us with the power to renew all things. When we understand the true meaning of the Holy Eucharist, we bridge the gap between liturgy and life, between the love of Jesus on the cross and our daily lives, between our beautiful theology and practical stewardship. As Eucharistic

Orthodox Christians, we see the world as God's gift. We offer the world back to God in thanksgiving with the words, "Thine own of Thine own we offer to Thee...."



ΠΡΟΣΦΕΡΟΝΤΑΣ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΙΑ: Οικονομία της Θείας Ευχαριστίας

Η Θεία Ευχαριστία ονομάζεται Θεία Κοινωνία επειδή μας ενώνει ως Σώμα Χριστού. Η λέξη *Eucharist* προέρχεται από την Ελληνική λέξη Ευχαριστία. Αυτό κάνουμε όταν εορτάζουμε την Θεία Λειτουργία – προσφέρουμε ευχαριστίες. Η Θεία Ευχαριστία – το μυστήριο της Θείας Κοινωνίας – είναι το επίκεντρο της ενοριακής μας ζωής. Μέσα από την Θεία Ευχαριστία προσλαμβάνουμε την αληθινή φύση μας ως Εκκλησία του Ιησού Χριστού. *Μεταμορφωνόμαστε* από ανθρώπινη κοινωνία σε Σώμα Χριστού.

Η Οικονομία είναι η απόκρισή μας στην χάρι του Θεού που μας πάει από την χάρι στην ευγνωμοσύνη. Όπως ακριβώς αγαπάμε γιατί ο Θεός πρώτος αγάπησε ημάς (I Ιωάννης 4:14), έτσι και προσφέρουμε γιατί ο Θεός πρώτος προσέφερε σε εμάς. Η ερώτηση του Ψαλμωδού «Τί να αποδώσω στον Κύριο σε αντάλλαγμα για όλες Του τις ευεργεσίες σε εμένα;» (Ψς 116:2), απαντάται σε κάθε λειτουργία όταν προσευχόμαστε και λέμε, «Ας προσφέρουμε τους εαυτούς μας και ο ένας τον άλλο και ολόκληρη την ζωή μας στον Χριστό τον Θεό μας.»

Στο βιβλίο του για την Ευχαριστία, ο Πατέρας Alexander Schmemmann εξηγεί πως στις πρώτες Χριστιανικές Εκκλησίες, η θυσία της Ευχαριστίας προσφέρονταν από όλα τα μέλη της εκκλησίας. Ο καθένας που ερχόταν στην συγκέντρωση της Εκκλησίας έφερνε μαζί του ό,τι μπορούσαν για τις ανάγκες της Εκκλησίας. Αυτή είναι η εκκλησία που εμείς ως Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί ισχυριζόμαστε ότι είμαστε.

Το ακόλουθο διαβάσαμε στις Πράξεις των Αποστόλων 2: *43Ένα δέος τούς κατείχε όλους όσοι έβλεπαν πολλά εκπληκτικά θαύματα να γίνονται μέσω των αποστόλων. 44Όλοι οι πιστοί ζούσαν σε έναν τόπο και είχαν τα πάντα κοινά· 45πουλούσαν ακόμα και τα κτήματα και τα υπάρχοντά τους, και μοίραζαν τα χρήματα σε όλους, ανάλογα με τις ανάγκες του καθενός. 46Κάθε μέρα συγκεντρώνονταν με ομοψυχία στο ναό, τελούσαν τη θεία Ευχαριστία σε σπίτια, τρώγοντας την τροφή τους γεμάτοι χαρά και με απλότητα στην καρδιά. 47Δοξολογούσαν το Θεό, κι όλος ο λαός τούς εκτιμούσε. Και ο Κύριος πρόσθετε κάθε μέρα στην εκκλησία αυτούς που σώζονταν.*

Πόσες φορές έχετε ακούσει ανθρώπους να λένε, «Δεν παίρνω τίποτε από την λειτουργία»; Η αλήθεια είναι πως δεν ερχόμαστε στην εκκλησία να πάρουμε κάτι, αλλά για να προσφέρουμε τους εαυτούς μας –ολόκληρη την ύπαρξή μας – στον Θεό. Πρέπει να δώσουμε τους εαυτούς μας σαν ποσφορά στον Θεό και σαν αντάλλαγμα παίρνουμε την παρουσία του Ιησού Χριστού μέσα μας. Όταν

ερχόμαστε να γνωρίσουμε τον Ιησού με αυτόν τον τρόπο, οδηγούμαστε μέσα στην κοινωνία της Εκκλησίας.

Μέσα από την Θεία Κοινωνία, οδηγούμαστε έξω από τους εαυτούς μας και αγκαλιάζουμε την αποστολή της ενορίας μας. Μεταφέρουμε τη φλόγα της αγάπης του Θεού μέσα μας με τη δύναμη να ανανεώσουμε όλα τα πράγματα. Όταν κατανοήσουμε την αληθινή έννοια της Θείας Ευχαριστίας, γεφυρώνουμε το κενό μεταξύ της λειτουργίας και της ζωής, μεταξύ της αγάπης του Χριστού πάνω στον σταυρό με τις καθημερινές μας ζωές, μεταξύ της πανέμορφης θεολογίας και της πρακτικής οικονομίας. Ως Ευχαριστήριοι Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί, βλέπουμε τον κόσμο ως δώρο Θεού. Προσφέρουμε τον κόσμο πίσω στον Θεό για να Τον ευχαριστήσουμε με τα λόγια, «Τὰ Σὰ ἐκ τῶν Σῶν Σοὶ προσφέρομεν κατὰ πάντα καὶ διὰ πάντα»

Adaptation by: Maria Kiritsis Athens, GR



Knitting & Pillow Ministry

Summer and early Fall report

Many of the ladies worked very diligently over the summer to produce blankets, hats, scarves, and pillows for The Dover Regency Manor, New Jersey fireman, Merry Heart, dialysis centers, hospice and even to those in Ukraine.

A phone call was received recently from a medical social worker at the Hospice Foundation in Newton, New Jersey. They stated they are thrilled with our pillows and blankets.



A pastor from a Protestant Church was amazed by the work of our ministry. He was told we had blankets and scarves for the Battered Women's Shelter for mothers and children. These were given during the pandemic. He questioned, "Did the women work during Covid-19?"

Some women worked from home, while others came to the church. These women are extremely dedicated, and we are so proud of all of their accomplishments. They have such love, pride and humbleness in their monumental achievements. God bless them all.

Reflection

This life is a spiritual struggle. To conquer or to be conquered! If we conquer, we will enjoy the fruits of victory through all eternity. If we are defeated, we will endure the horrors of destruction through all eternity. This life is a duel between man and all that opposes God. God is an almighty Ally to all who sincerely call upon Him for help.

"This life is not a joke or a plaything," says Father John of Kronstadt, "but men turn it into a joke and plaything. The capricious play around with the time given to us for preparing for eternity; they play around with empty words.

They gather together as guests, they sit and chatter and after that they sit and play this or that game. They gather in theaters, and there they entertain themselves. All of life is

[From The Prologue of Ohrid by St. Nikolai Velimirovic](#)


Daughters Of Penelope- Chapter Alexander #250

Our **Daughters Of Penelope** Chapter Alexander #250 is selling Raffle Tickets for \$20. The lucky winner will be awarded a \$2,000 travel voucher for Travel anywhere in the world. It can be used for International or Domestic Travel. The sky is not the limit! You can fly, cruise, board a train or a bus or even drive and stay in the fanciest of hotels. So don't delay!! See any member of our Daughters of Penelope and be that lucky winner! The raffle winner will be chosen during the DOP hosted Coffee Hour and Founders Day celebration on **November 20th**. Winner need not be present to win!



On November 20th at 1:00 p.m. we will be gathering at Casa de Pasta to continue our Founder's Day Celebration. We would like to invite

all of our members and prospective members to join us. \$40 per person for a delicious all inclusive meal ! For more information, please contact Eleni Boyadjis at (609) 304-3714 or eboyadjis@aol.com.

Daughters of Penelope Alexander Chapter # 250 # 0001  Win Two Tickets to Greece ! * *Travel Voucher for \$2,000 Proceeds to Benefit the Philanthropic Works of the DOP St. Andrew Hall, 1447 Sussex Turnpike, Randolph, NJ 07869 Drawing: November 20, 2022, 12:30 p.m. Donation: \$20.00 ID# 411-3-30555 LIC# RL- 08-22	DOP Alexander Chapter #250 #0001 Win Two Tickets to Greece- \$2,000 Travel Voucher Drawing: November 20, 2022; 12:30 pm NAME _____ Address _____ _____ Phone _____
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JOIN US FOR OUR **GENERATIONAL CAREGIVING WORKSHOP!**

Andi Knoble of Hackensack Meridian Health, and Catherine Rabidis, will be hosting workshops to answer your questions on aging, caregiving, finance, grief, and a variety of other topics. We will be joined by guest speakers who are subject-matter experts who are happy to answer any questions and provide guidance. Our first session will be in November after services in room 102. Look for date in Weekly Bulletin. We are looking forward to seeing you!





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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On behalf of the Parish Council, we cordially invite you to attend in person the Saint Andrew
General Assembly meeting on Sunday, December 4th 2022 at 12:00pm.

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 2022. There will be many important topics discussed.

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Εκ μέρους του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου ευρισκόμαστε στην ευχάριστη θέση να σε
προσκαλέσουμε στην Εικονική Γενική Συνέλευση της Κοινότητας που θα γίνει την
Κυριακή, 4^{ης} Δεκεμβρίου, 2022 στις 12:00μμ.

Σύμφωνα με το ομοιόμορφο 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 2022. Θα συζητήσουμε πολλά σημαντικά θέματα.

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. President's Report
5. Priest's Remarks
6. Treasurer's Report
7. 2023 Budget
8. Future of the Festival
9. Youth Safety Policy Compliance
10. Nominations for Parish Council (*Elections will be held on Sunday December 18th, 2022*)
11. Nominations for Election Committee
12. Nominations for Auditing Committee
13. Comments & Questions
14. Closing Prayer

Yours in Christ,

Rev. John Theodosion, *Protopresbyter*
Nicholas Monokandilos, *Parish Council President*

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. Μήνυμα ου προέδρου
5. Μήνυμα του π Ιωάννη
6. Έκθεσης Ταμείου
7. Προϋπολογισμός για το 2023
8. Το μέλλον του Φεστιβάλ
9. Συμμόρφωση με την πολιτική ασφάλειας των νέων
10. Προτάσεις για την ανάδειξη νέων μελών προς πλήρωση των κενών θέσεων του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου (*οι εκλογές θα γίνουν την Κυριακή, στις 18^η Δεκεμβρίου 2022*)
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*
Νικόλαος Μονοκάντιλος, *Προέδρος Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου*



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October 2022

Dear fellow Parishioners:

The attached financial summary through September 2022 shows that our contribution and fundraising income remains significantly *below* budget, by \$68,000. While our expenses are also below budget, expenses *exceeded* income by about \$51,000 this year. Currently our unrestricted cash (that is, funds that do not belong to ministries or represent specific-purpose donations such as for new carpeting) is about \$75,000, or slightly above a normal month of expenses. Because expenses can vary greatly from month-to-month, particularly in winter months for snow-plowing, we seek to have two months of unrestricted cash, or about \$125,000 to meet expected and unexpected obligations.

Our current deficit is reflected by the fact that 1) contributions have not recovered to make up for the cushion afforded by the PPP loans received during the first two years of the pandemic, and 2) our net from the festival was only about 60% of pre-pandemic levels. On the positive side, Stewardship donations were on budget during September for the first time in many months.

We ask that you continue to support the church through your donations. We also encourage all of you to attend the upcoming General Assembly meeting to receive a more detailed discussion of this year's financials and our projected budget for 2023. Thank you.

Peter Petrou, Parish Treasurer

St Andrew Financial Summary 2022

	Jan-Sept	Budget	\$ over Budget
INCOME			
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	339,854.88	348,937.00	(9,082.12)
EDUCATION/DANCE NET INCOME	29,014.58	34,000.00	(4,985.42)
SUMMER CAMP NET INCOME	-	400.00	(400.00)
FUNDRAISING EVENTS NET INCOME	148,372.05	205,625.00	(57,252.95)
OTHER INCOME	34,436.90	30,744.00	3,692.90
TOTAL INCOME	551,678.41	619,706.00	(68,027.59)

EXPENSE

STAFF EXPENSE	239,733.91	284,713.00	(44,979.09)
CAR EXPENSE	9,849.50	9,000.00	849.50
INSURANCE EXPENSE	52,313.27	53,190.00	(876.73)
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3,982.07	4,480.00	(497.93)
EQUIPMENT	2,747.66	4,497.00	(1,749.34)
BANK CHARGES	3,387.17	5,211.00	(1,823.83)
MORTGAGE PAYMENT (Principal & Interest)	100,293.57	100,293.75	(0.18)
TELEPHONES/INTERNET EXPENSE	3,840.35	4,263.00	(422.65)
ADVERTISING	415.00	1,125.00	(710.00)
PERMITS	-	300.00	(300.00)
LITURGICAL	-	1,872.00	(1,872.00)
UTILITIES	53,090.95	40,866.00	12,224.95
SUPPLIES & PRINTING EXPENSE	19,407.99	24,759.00	(5,351.01)
BLDG & GROUNDS EXP.	39,530.91	37,500.00	2,030.91
POSTAGE & HANDLING	3,070.17	3,375.00	(304.83)
MINISTRY EXPENSE	63,766.63	63,266.00	500.63
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH	1,400.00	4,376.00	(2,976.00)
CONVENTIONS & SEMINARS	5,608.45	5,000.00	608.45
TRANSPORTATION	-	1,200.00	(1,200.00)
MISC.	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSE	602,437.60	649,286.75	(46,849.15)
NET CASH RECD (SHORT)	\$ (50,759.19)	\$ (29,580.75)	\$ (21,178.44)

From Operations

Unrestricted Cash 12/31/21	128,022.83
Cash generated (used) this year	(50,759.19)
Cash Balance 9/30/22	77,263.64

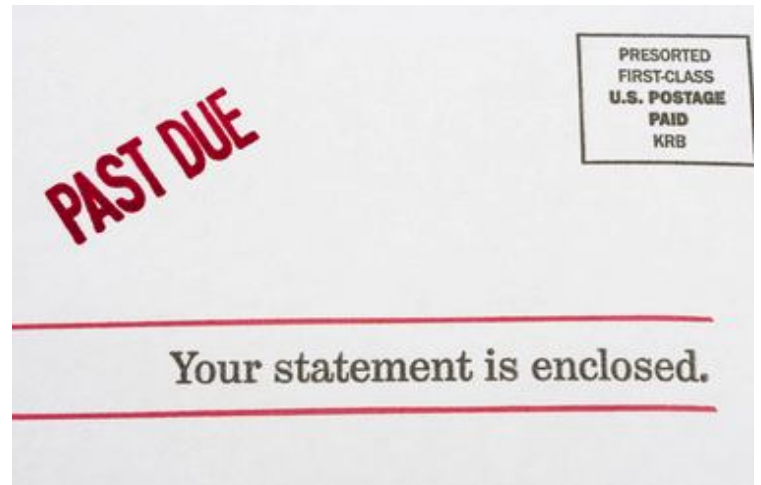
HOW MUCH DO I OWE?

By Bill Marianes¹

"How much do I owe" asked the parishioner. "For what?" I asked. "You know, for my church dues." I truly did not know what to say next, so I asked a simple question: "How much have you been blessed?" "A lot" they said, "but what has that got to do with anything? I just want to know how much of my money I have to give to the church as dues to be a member?"

And that was when I finally realized that, among other things, they got the pronoun wrong. They weren't really dealing with "their" assets. They are all "His" (i.e., God's). They failed to understand that Christ's church does not sell "memberships" or charge "dues" and that everything "they" had was really a gift from God, their Father. Everything! Their life, their talents, their genetic composition, their life experiences, the people who loved them, the opportunities presented them for greatness, the chances to make a difference in the world, their stuff and even their money. None of it was really theirs. They were merely a temporary steward (caretaker) of God's gifts. They didn't get it and just wanted me to give them a magic number as if it were written in some golden tablets.

So I replied with what Christ taught us on the subject: **"Give it all, I said."** In Matthew 19:16-21 we are presented with parable of the young man who asked Christ: "What good deed must I do to have eternal life?" The young man was focused on the right thing, namely eternal life, and not some temporary success, job promotion or nice lifestyle. Christ responded by essentially first reviewing the 10 Commandments and then gave the following clear guidance: **"If you would be**



perfect, go sell what you possess and give it to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; and come follow me."

Notice what Christ said. "If you would be **perfect**..." Perfect, he said, not average, or in the 2nd quartile. The roadmap to perfection is to give back everything we have been given. How many of us are ready to go "all in" and take the journey down that path toward an ultimate goal that is more rich and fulfilling than anything we could imagine? The young man was not ready, and "...he went away sad."

Paradoxically, it is kind of funny, because eventually we will give everything. When we die (on this earth) we will not take any of our stuff with us. You still never see a hearse followed by a UHaul trailer. So why not give it now and experience the joy that comes from helping someone else. Or would you prefer to also "go away sad."

An endless number of Scripture passages make it clear that our obligation of stewardship over God's many gifts to us is to give in proportion to the blessings we have received. Indeed the

Parable of Talents from Matthew 25:14-30 is all about taking whatever gifts God gives us, putting them out into the world and causing them to multiply, and then giving them back in proportion to what we earned in order to receive the reward of hearing: "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much."

1st Corinthians 9:7 teaches us: "*So let each one give as he purposeth in his heart, not grudgingly or out of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.*" Note the emphasis on cheerful giving, not 2 paying dues. And of course we cannot forget the indicting message of Luke 16:11 "***And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches of heaven?***" So it keeps coming back to giving in proportion to the blessings God has given you.

In Holy Scripture we do not see references to "dues" but we do find many references to the tithe. The tithe is an obligation to give at least 10% of our blessings. Notice the words are "at least" and notice that it is giving 10% of ALL of our first fruits and blessings. That includes our time and our talents, as well as our treasures. And the title is not just an Old Testament phenomenon as we learn in many places, including Matthew 23:23 where the scribes and Pharisees were admonished to continue the tithe (the law) as well as following Christ's new commandments of justice, mercy and faithfulness.

Even St. John Chrysostom in the 4th century said "And if there was a danger then (he was referring to the Old Testament) in omitting the tithes, think how great it must be now!" And if there was a danger in omitting the tithes during St. John Chrysostom's time, think how much greater the danger is now.

The Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in Article 18 Section 1 states: "**Stewardship is recommended to be 10% of one's annual income as stated in Holy Scripture to help meet the financial obligations of the Parish, the Metropolis and the Archdiocese.**" The OCA has also adopted the tithe as the vehicle to fund their Dioceses.

The guidance from all sources is clear, the message is simple and the formula easy. A minimum of 10% of all of the gifts God has given us. Not some arbitrary dollar amount set with little relationship to the blessings that each one of us may have individually received. Not some formula based on operating budgets divided by a fluctuating, and sometimes random, number of pledging units, or some other relatively irrelevant formula. Not a one size fits all amount which mistakenly suggests that each of us have been blessed equally.

Even when our Lord went to the house of the tax collector, Zacchaeus, the message of love Christ delivered led Zacchaeus to give 50% to the poor along with a promise to compensate those who he had wronged four-fold.

Holy Scripture does not give us any different guidance other than proportional giving of a percentage. Whether it is Christ's "all in" percentage to the young man, the tithe, or the example of the Virgin Mary's father, Joachim, who gave 33% to the church, 33% to the poor and lived on the remaining 33%. It is all about a percentage of the blessings you received.

So, pick the percentage you like best: **100%** (the young man); **66%** (Joachim), **50% + 4 times any wrongdoing** (Zacchaeus) or **10%** (Holy Scripture and the UPR). But make no mistake about it, it is a percentage, not a static number.

Christian parishes that have a dues system tend to struggle financially, and they certainly do not experience growing numbers of robust and expanding ministries and outreach and evangelism. Whereas, Christian parishes that practice some form of tithing of a percent, or true stewardship, have an abundance of resources, ministries and blessings. As we learn in 2nd Corinthians 9:7 3

“But this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” Brothers and sisters, this is just not that hard.

In the over 500 parishes I have been blessed to present to over the last 5 years throughout the country, I have repeatedly discovered that when people stop thinking about their commitment to Christ’s Church as a bill to be paid, or consumer transaction that depends on their satisfaction, and instead see it as the opportunity to share willingly and joyfully the blessings that God has bestowed upon them, their lives and parishes are full of joy, peace and love and true riches and abundance.

Dues systems are archaic recipes for extinction. So when someone wants to argue in favor of a dues system, I typically ask them: *“If you truly think that a dues system is the right answer for your church, how did you figure out the “right” level of dues, when was it last changed and how’s it working for your church?”* The silence that follows is usually deafening. They know it is wrong. They know it does not work over the long term. They know it is not Scriptural or righteous. They just have trouble giving up what is easy.

Yet, in the great book, [Passing the Plate – Why American Christians Don’t Give Away More Money](#),

Christian Smith, Michael O. Emerson and Patricia Snell report on a study that concluded: **“Nearly all the parishioners we interviewed said that they in fact could give more than they do and believe that they should give more.”** We know what we should do. Sometimes we just need a little help and encouragement to do the right thing. Consider this message that encouragement.

Holy Scripture, best practices in Christian churches and all the research studies reach the same conclusion. Dues systems, set levels of contributions do not work, will not work, cannot work and are neither proper expressions of faith nor effective operational strategies.

My definition of stewardship is relatively simple. I believe stewardship is what you do with all of the gifts God gave you. All of those gifts. So if you want to be judged as a great steward, than be generous with all the gifts that have been given to you by your Father. Or you can choose not to live the kind of life Christ taught and you can just do whatever you want to do.

So each day you get to look in the mirror and assess your life as a steward (caretaker) of all of the many gifts and blessings God has given and entrusted to you, and ask yourself: **“How much does God owe me, and how much do I owe Him?”** The choice is yours. As are the consequences. That is the beauty of free will. You know what you need to do, so choose wisely!

May God bless you as you pursue your own unique stewardship calling. Stay on The Path and enjoy the journey. (SOTPAETJ)

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PARENTS' CORNER

By Alexandra Protopapas

November 2022 - Mom, Dad, I am thankful for... My Dear Children, as your parent, I am thankful for...

We all have expectations from our children and our children have expectations from us; we should be thankful and grateful first for our Greek Orthodox faith which keeps us balanced, we pray for our health, the roof over our head, our family, and our friends.

Hm....! Now how do we teach our children to be thankful all year round? Always expect good behavior from our children and good grades, and not always reward them with material things when they get those good grades or because they behaved well. Show your children love and reward them with your time by spending exclusive time with your children. For the adolescent teen, do the same and share photos or old report cards from *your* time in school.

Explain to your children how lucky they are to get an education, to be able to have a meal with their family, clean clothes, and supportive family members. Volunteer with them at a soup kitchen,

at events at church, clothing banks, and always encourage them to help those in need. By helping others, it will motivate them to show gratitude when someone reaches out to them to help them with something they may need. The older children can volunteer by even helping Philoptochos and being mentors to the younger children on Sunday in Sunday School and in Greek School. The younger children can help clean up after church services, or volunteer to help GOYA!

Parents, practice what you preach! Pray together as a family, pray at meals, give hugs and thanks all the time, and you will see eventually they will do the same when they are with others outside the family and when they become adults. Practice being grateful all the time not just at Thanksgiving. Say "please" and "thank you" as these are such excellent little words that have a gigantic impact on mood and show thoughtfulness and gratitude. Those words become contagious as do smiles.

This month's **Table Prayer Guide** is from the prayer for "Thanksgiving" which is:

"PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS"

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your 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 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. Psalm 92:1-2, 4-5, 12-15

Feel free to e-mail me with your comments and suggestions for our "Parents' Corner" at: alexandraproto@gmail.com – Have a good month!

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New to the Parish Council?

Fr. Jim Kordaris



The Neophyte by Gustav Dore

This is the season of Parish Council elections throughout the Archdiocese. Well-intended, faithful parishioners are invited to “run” for the parish council. Suddenly thrust into the spotlight as a candidate, with photo and biography published in the parish bulletin and web site, candidates come to church with a new, distracting self-awareness. Offering to serve, but with the possibility of rejection looming in the approaching election, the willing candidate enters a strange state of limbo awaiting election day.

Best advice... Don't let it change you. Don't solicit votes. Don't worry about getting elected. You don't have to be on the parish council to serve your Church. If you are not elected the first time you are nominated, you will probably be elected next time.

If you are elected, take the following steps to prepare for your first parish council meeting:

1. Download and read the [Archdiocese Regulations](#) especially the section pertaining to the parish, beginning on page 23. The Parish Regulations are the guide for parish leadership. These regulations were compiled and are regularly updated by clergy and lay leaders from throughout the Archdiocese.
2. Knowledge of the Regulations, and referring to them on a regular basis, will keep the parish council from making easily avoidable errors. The Regulations offer helpful guidance, having evolved over the years, changing and being clarified as made necessary by evolving parish life.
3. Consider your education, experience and skill set before your first meeting in January when committee assignments are usually made. You may choose to offer your professional training in service to the church, or you may prefer to offer other talents, knowledge and skills unrelated to your profession.

“It is important to remember that your priest is the head of the parish. He is also a member of the parish council. Although he does not vote, he brings long-term vision, historical perspective, and theological grounding to the current parish leadership group.”

Speak to your priest about your service on the parish council. Ask his advice on what he thinks may be the best use of your knowledge, skills and experience. It is important to remember that your priest is the head of the parish. He is also a member of the parish council. Although he does not vote, he brings long-term vision, institutional memory, and theological grounding to the current parish leadership group.

Serving on the Parish Council is not a resume-builder or an opportunity to do professional networking. It is a calling to serve God and your fellow parishioners. For a few years you will sacrifice the peace of sitting prayerfully in the pews as you carry out your duties and assist other council members in theirs.

Parish Council meetings tend to expand to fill the time allotted. Stick to the agenda. Limit digressions and side conversations. Avoid micromanaging those empowered to carry out assignments. Delegate detail work to committees that will report back to the parish council at a later date. Empower capable individuals who are not on the parish council to take responsibilities that fit their interests or skill set.

As a new council member, you will initially need to listen more than you speak. As time goes by and you become familiar with procedures and issues, it will become easier to participate constructively in the discussions. Avoid slowing down the meeting with questions that pertain only to your need to get up to speed. Find a mentor on the council, ask them questions and listen to their advice.

Always come prepared to parish council meetings. One famous attorney wrote that 99% of the work is done outside the courtroom. The same is true for parish council meetings. Preparation avoids tedious conversations over the minutiae of every project and report. It is helpful to distribute the meeting agenda, the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report electronically for review prior to the meeting. This saves time and prepares council members for the meeting by refreshing their memory on the proceedings of the previous meeting.

Though you may come to the Parish Council with fresh eyes and ideas for change and improvement, don't be discouraged by the natural tendency of resistance to change. The phrases, "That's the way we've always done it," and "We've never done it like that before," are not valid reasons for rejecting new ideas. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. Persist diplomatically in implementing new ideas and procedures. Look for efficiencies and improvements in the way things are done. But be patient. Change comes slowly in the parish.

Throughout your service on the Parish Council, keep in mind Article 29, Section 1 of the Regulations, which states, "The members of the Parish Council shall attend the Divine Liturgy regularly and participate in the sacramental life of the Church, thereby setting an example for the Parishioners." Most of all, remember Article 24: Section 1: "To serve on a Parish Council is a ministry and all those who serve are called to represent Christ and the Orthodox Faith to all whom they meet in all aspects of life."

May your ministry be blessed.

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THE TENT OF THE HEAVENLY GOD

The feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos comprises a reminder to each one of us what it means to be able to glorify God, making our own self a tent of His. Because in the person of the All Holy Theotokos our human nature offers itself to the Great High Priest Christ, who enters in once, He alone, in order to offer Himself as a sacrifice “for the sake of the ignorances of the people” (Heb. 9:7). And the All Holy Theotokos becomes a “treasury of the glory of God” as the kontakion of the feast mentions.

Parents who truly love

Zachariah welcomes her with lanterns, because God has informed him about her. Her parents, Joachim and Anna leave her at the temple and to God, not because they are not able to raise her, but because they feel that this treasure no longer belongs to them. She is God's, and to Him she must be returned. They are her birthgivers, but she will give birth to Him who will give rebirth to our being from death. Thus, the parents feel that this child has been called for another mission. She will no longer be their child, but she will glorify in God, the entire human race. And so, for this reason, whatever they taught her becomes prayer. It becomes communion with God. It becomes trust in His will. And her parents themselves,



prematurely withdraw from her life. Because they feel that the joy they received with her birth will become the joy of the whole universe. Thus is the love of those who truly believe in God. Open to everyone. Ready to leave aside even also whatever are the main elements of human relationships, what we call “possessiveness”. The “she belongs to me”, the “she is mine”.

The All Holy Theotokos, the heavenly temple

The entrance of the All Holy Theotokos into the temple of God, opens up the road for what will happen later on: the coming of Christ. God gives the sanctification to the All Holy Theotokos not only at the age of three years old, but in all of her life. She will work with prayer, asceticism, the ministry at the Holy of Holies, by receiving the food that the angel of God brings her, so that she can be ready, from a member of the earthly temple made by hands, to receive the Godman, and to make herself a temple of the Holy Spirit. She will say the "yes" in the name of all of humanity to the calling of God to become His mother, and, just like her parents, she will share her Son with all of humanity. She will not keep Him for her own self, but she will offer back the gift that she received to everyone. In the earthly temple, she will study the love for God. Establishing herself a temple of the heavenly one, she will share this love with everyone, and she will continue sharing it, just as she was and remains a mediatrix for everyone.

Love is sacrifice

Christ will show us that the crowning of love is sacrifice. He was sacrificed for our sins, for those that we know, and for those that we are ignorant of. And His sacrifice becomes life. The All Holy Theotokos left human things behind, her parents, her childlikeness, the right for earthly joy and happiness, and she said her own "yes" to the love that becomes sacrifice. And she calls us to the earthly temple to offer our own self, our passions, and our mistakes, the feeling that we exist for our "ego", and to open ourselves up to love. In the Jewish temple, only the high priest would enter into the Holy of Holies. In our own Orthodox Christian churches, the Holy of Holies come out to us, and we commune the sacrifice of our Christ. Thus, we become, as much as we are able, like the All Holy Theotokos, that is, a tent of the heavenly God. Let us imitate her also in our spiritual preparation, in our joy of being members of the Church, of the body of Christ.

Fr. Th. M.

Icon of the Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple presented in the "Icon of the Feast" section provided by Theologic Systems and used with permission

November 21

The Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on November 21 each year. The Feast commemorates when as a young child, the Virgin Mary entered the Temple in Jerusalem.



Η ΣΚΗΝΗ ΤΟΥ ΕΠΟΥΡΑΝΙΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ

Η εορτή των Εισοδίων της Θεοτόκου αποτελεί υπόμνηση στον καθέναν μας τί σημαίνει να μπορούμε να δοξάζουμε τον Θεό, καθιστώντας τον εαυτό μας σκηνή Του. Διότι στο πρόσωπο της Παναγίας μας η ανθρώπινη φύση προσφέρεται στον Μέγα Αρχιερέα Χριστό, ο οποίος εισέρχεται άπαξ μόνος αυτός για να προσφέρει τον εαυτό του θυσία «υπέρ των του λαού αγνοημάτων» (Εβρ.9,7). Και η Παναγία γίνεται «θησαύρισμα τής δόξης του Θεού», όπως αναφέρει το κοντάκιο της εορτής.

Γονείς που αγαπούν αληθινά

Την υποδέχεται ο αρχιερέας Ζαχαρίας μετά λαμπάδων, διότι ο Θεός τον έχει πληροφορήσει γι' αυτήν. Την αφήνουν οι γονείς της, ο Ιωακείμ και η Άννα, στο ναό και στον Θεό, όχι διότι δεν μπορούν να την μεγαλώσουν, αλλά διότι αισθάνονται ότι αυτός ο θησαυρός δεν τους ανήκει πλέον. Είναι του Θεού και σε Εκείνον πρέπει να επιστραφεί. Είναι οι γεννήτορές της, αλλά εκείνη θα γεννήσει Αυτόν που θα αναγεννήσει την ύπαρξή μας από τον θάνατο. Έτσι, οι γονείς νιώθουν ότι αυτό το παιδί έχει κληθεί για μια άλλη αποστολή. Δεν θα είναι πλέον το παιδί τους, αλλά

αυτή που θα δοξάσει στον Θεό όλο το ανθρώπινο γένος. Και γι' αυτό ό,τι της έμαθαν γίνεται προσευχή. Γίνεται κοινωνία Θεού. Γίνεται εμπιστοσύνη στο θέλημά Του. Και οι ίδιοι οι γονείς πρόωρα αποσύρονται από τη ζωή της. Διότι νιώθουν ότι η χαρά που έλαβαν με τη γέννησή της θα γίνει χαρά του σύμπαντος κόσμου. Έτσι είναι η αγάπη αυτών που πιστεύουν αληθινά στον Θεό. Ανοιχτή προς όλους. Έτοιμη να αφήσει στην άκρη ακόμη και ό,τι είναι από τα κύρια στοιχεία των ανθρώπινων σχέσεων, αυτό που ονομάζουμε «κτητικότητα». Το «μου ανήκει», το «είναι δικό μου».

Η Παναγία, επουράνιος ναός

Η είσοδος της Παναγίας στον ναό του Θεού ανοίγει τον δρόμο γι' αυτό που θα συμβεί αργότερα: τον ερχομό του Χριστού. Ο Θεός δίνει τον αγιασμό στην Παναγία όχι μόνο στην ηλικία των τριών χρόνων, αλλά σε όλη της τη ζωή. Θα εργαστεί με την προσευχή, την άσκηση, τη διακονία στα Άγια των Αγίων, με τη λήψη της τροφής που ο άγγελος του Θεού της φέρνει, ώστε να είναι έτοιμη από ένα μέλος του επίγειου, του χειροποίητου ναού, να προσλάβει τον Θεάνθρωπο και να καταστήσει τον εαυτό της ναό του Αγίου Πνεύματος. Θα πει το «ναι» εξ ονόματος όλης της ανθρωπότητας στην κλήση του Θεού να γίνει μητέρα Του, και, όπως και οι γονείς της, θα μοιραστεί τον υιό της με όλη την ανθρωπότητα. Δεν θα τον κρατήσει για

τον εαυτό της, αλλά θα αντιπροσφέρει το δώρο που έλαβε σε όλους. Στον επίγειο ναό θα σπουδάσει την αγάπη για τον Θεό. Καθιστάμενη η ίδια ναός του επουρανίου, θα μοιραστεί αυτή την αγάπη με όλους και θα συνεχίσει να την μοιράζεται, καθώς ήταν και παραμένει μεσίτρια πάντων.

Η αγάπη είναι θυσία

Ο Χριστός θα μας δείξει ότι το επιστέγασμα της αγάπης είναι η θυσία. Εκείνος θυσιάστηκε για τις αμαρτίες μας, γι' αυτές που γνωρίζουμε και για εκείνες που αγνοούμε. Και η θυσία Του γίνεται ζωή. Η Παναγία άφησε πίσω της τα ανθρώπινα, τους γονείς της, την παιδικότητά της, το δικαίωμα στην επίγεια χαρά και ευτυχία και είπε το δικό της «ναι» στην αγάπη που γίνεται θυσία. Και μας καλεί στον επίγειο ναό να προσφέρουμε τον εαυτό μας, τα πάθη μας και τα λάθη μας, το αίσθημα ότι υπάρχουμε για το «εγώ» μας, και να ανοιχτούμε στην αγάπη. Στον ιουδαϊκό ναό μόνο ο αρχιερέας έμπαινε στα Άγια των Αγίων. Στους δικούς μας ορθόδοξους χριστιανικούς ναούς, τα Άγια των Αγίων εξέρχονται προς εμάς και μεταλαμβάνουμε τη θυσία του Χριστού μας. Γινόμαστε έτσι, όσο μπορούμε, σαν την Παναγία, δηλαδή σκηνή του επουρανίου Θεού. Ας την μιμηθούμε και στην πνευματική μας προετοιμασία, στη χαρά να είμαστε μέλη της Εκκλησίας, του σώματος του Χριστού.

Η ΕΝ ΤΩ ΝΑΩ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΑΓΙΑΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟ

Γιορτάζεται κάθε χρόνο στις 21 Νοεμβρίου

BAPTISMS – ΒΑΠΤΙΣΕΙΣ

MARIA ELENI MALOUPIS, daughter of Nickolas Maloupis and Elizabeth Tryantafyllos of Wharton, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church at 1:30pm on Sunday September 25th, 2022 and given the name **MARIA – ΜΑΡΙΑ**. Godparents were Nikolaos and Panayiota Delis.

NICHOLAS DANIEL LANG, son of Stephen Richard Lang and Nicole Gentile of Denville, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church at 2:00pm on Friday September 30th, 2022 and given the name **NICHOLAS – ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΣ**. Godfather was Theodore Pappas.

ANASTASIA ELIZAABETH LANG, daughter of Stephen Richard Lang and Nicole Gentile of Denville, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church at 2:00pm on Friday September 30th, 2022 and given the name **ANASTASIA – ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΑ**. Godfather was Theodore Pappas.

EVANGELOS ALEXANDER VEZOS, son of Steven Vezos and Jennifer Rena Balva of Parkland, FL was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church at 9:00am on Saturday, October 8th, 2022 and given the name **EVANGELOS – ΕΒΑΝΓΕΛΟΣ**. Godfather was Peter Vezos.

SIENNA MARIA PILOVSKI, daughter of Anthony Thomas Pilovsky and Victoria Maria Stamoutsos of New Providence, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church at 11:00am on Saturday October 8th, 2022 and given the name **MARIA – ΜΑΡΙΑ**. Godfather Gus (Anastasios) Stamoutsos.

WEDDINGS - ΓΑΜΟΙ

On Thursday August 18th 2022 at 4:00pm **Bret Thomas Kadramas** wed **Sofia Kalavrezos** of Boonton, NJ at Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Randolph, NJ. Officiant was Rev Fr John Theodosion, sponsors were Anna and Michael Kambouris, witness was Jackie Height.

On Friday September 30th 2022 at 4:00pm 2022 **Thomas Theodore Janulis** wed **Shella (Rachel) Aprillaini** of Roxbury, NJ at Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Randolph, NJ. Officiant was Rev Fr John Theodosion, sponsor was Calliope Rose Janulis, Witness was Constantine Thomas Janulis.

On Saturday October 1st, 2022 at 4:30 pm **Yianni Gagianas** wed **Marika Tsamutalis** at Saint George Greek Orthodox Church in Ocean Township NJ. Officiants were Fr. John Theodosion and Fr. John Touloumes, among other clergy. The sponsor was Vasili Rizos. The witnesses were John Lowman and Christina Moreira.

On Sunday October 2nd, 2022, **Constantine Demopoulos** wed **Samantha Meraz** of Fanwood, NJ at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Nashville, TN. Officiant was Fr. Jarrod Russell, sponsors were Charles and Elaine Golden, witnesses were Zachary and Phyllis Demopoulos.

Congratulations to all and we wish them all the blessings.
Συγχαρητήρια σε όλους και τους ευχόμαστε όλες τις ευλογίες.

A Funeral Service

Jolanta (Ija Kanthak) **Findley**, of Parsippany NJ passed away on October 12th 2022 at the age of 98. A Funeral Service was held for the repose of her soul on Monday, October 17th, 2022 @9:30am followed by the burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Bronx NY. Jolanta was a retired Medical Auditor at Montefiore Hospital Medical Records and is survived by her daughter Irene Findley. Our sincerest condolences to her family. May her memory be eternal.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Sundays after Holy Communion

PILLOW & KNITTING 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY 11AM

BAKING GROUP Tuesdays 9am

Hellenic Afternoon School Thu 4:30pm

Greek Dancing Thu Grp 1 @6:30 & Grp 2 @7:15pm

Greek Dancing GOYA/Group 3 Thursdays @8:00pm

LAP TB Determined

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS IN NOVEMBER: 11/6 PHILOPTOCHOS
11/13 PTA, 11/20 DOP*, 11/27 BAKALIKO* (LENT)*

11/3 @7:00PM **THURSDAYS** BIBLE STUDY IN FR JOHN'S OFFICE
also on 11/10, and 11/17

11/4 @10AM LAP PLAY GROUP WILL MEET
11/4 LIFELINE SCREENING 8AM-4PM AT ST ANDREW

11/5 MARKET STREET MISSION COAT GIVEAWAY @10AM/
Please bring your donations to Church by 10/27

11/6 @2PM **LOUCA_GREENLEE WEDDING**

11/10 THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE *Philoptochos*
Please bring to church prior to Thursday Nov 10th

11/13 60TH ANNIVERSARY GALA AT THE MEADOWOOD

11/15 @7:30PM PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

11/19 @11AM SCHNEIDER BAPTISM @ 12:30PM REBOREDO
BAPTISM

11/20 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

11/20 DOP FOUNDERS DAY & TRAVEL RAFFLE DRAWING

11/15 @7PM PHILOPTOCHOS MONTHLY MEETING

11/17 @6:30PM GOYA MONTHLY MEETING

11/22 FAITH KITCHEN- PARISH COUNCIL HOSTING

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS IN DECEMBER: 12/4 PHILOPTOCHOS,
12/8 PTA, 12/18 DOP*, (LENT)* 12/25 CHRISTMAS

12/4 BIENNIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUNDAY AT 12PM

12/4 @1:30PM **BAPTISM**

12/9 CHRISTMAS EVENT/ HOPE & JOY

12/11 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT | DEC 18 SNOW DATE

12/11 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

12/15 METROPOLIS CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

12/24 FAITH KITCHEN- HAEPA & DOP HOSTING

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS IN JANUARY: 1/1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023,
1/8 PHILOPTOCHOS, 1/15 PTA, 1/22 DOP, 1/29 GOYA

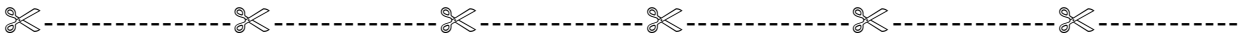
1/8 COMMUNITY VASILOPITA

1/14 @4PM **WEDDING**

1/15 SAINT ANDREW ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

1/29 HAS THREE HIERARCHS PROGRAM IN CHURCH

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS IN FEBRUARY: 2/5 PHILOPTOCHOS,
2/12 PTA, 2/19 DOP, 2/26 GOYA



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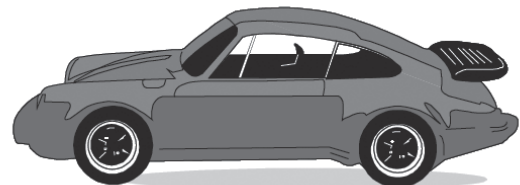
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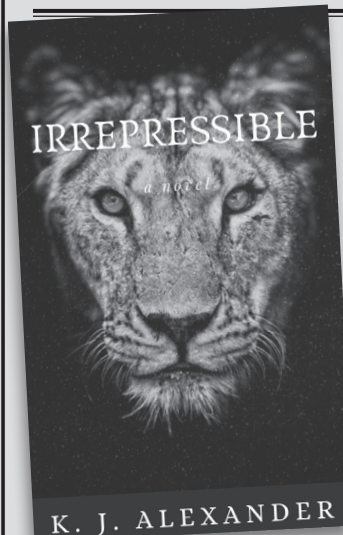


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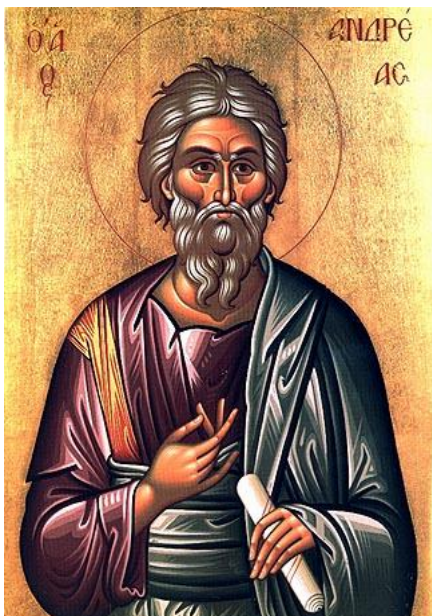
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