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- Sunday 3 2nd Sunday of Luke**
- Monday 4 +ST. HIEROTHEOS OF ATHENS* *Relics*
- Wednesday 6 +ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
- Sunday 10 3rd Sunday of Luke**
- Sunday 17 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council**
- Monday 18 ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
- Saturday 23 +ST. IAKOVOS THE BROTHER OF THE LORD
- Sunday 24 6th Sunday of Luke**
- Tuesday 26 ST. DEMETRIOS THE MYRRH BEARER
- Thursday 28 OXI DAY" *Greek National Holiday* | +HOLY PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS
- Sunday 31 5th Sunday of Luke**

NOVEMBER

- Monday 1 +COSMAS AND DAMIAN
- Sunday 7 7th Sunday of Luke**
- Monday 8 +SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGELS
- Tuesday 9 +ST. NEKTARIOS
- Sunday 14 8th Sunday of Luke | +ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE**
- Tuesday 16 +MATTHEW THE APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
- Sunday 21 +THE PRESENTATION OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE**
- Wednesday 24 THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE & ST. KATHERINE THE GREAT MARTYR
Orthros & Divine Liturgy @6PM**
- Sunday 28 13th Sunday of Luke**
- Monday 29 SAINT ANDREW | GREAT VESPERS SERVICE FOR @7PM**
- Tuesday 30 +SAINT ANDREW THE FIRST CALLED APOSTLE * Orthros & Divine Liturgy @9 AM**

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

Weekdays: Orthros begins @ 8AM & Divine Liturgy @ 9:00AM

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

ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

ΟΚΤΩΒΡΙΟΣ 2021

Κυριακή 3	Β' Λουκά
Δευτέρα 4	+ ΙΕΡΟΘΕΟΣ ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ * <i>Λείψανα</i>
Τετάρτη 6	+ΘΩΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΥ
Κυριακή 10	Γ' Λουκά
Κυριακή 17	Των Αγίων Πατέρων τῆς Ζ' Οίκ. Συνόδου
Δευτέρα 18	ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΛΟΥΚΑ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΤΗ
Σαββάτο 23	+ ΙΑΚΩΒΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΑΔΕΛΦΟΘΕΟΥ
Κυριακή 24	ΣΤ' Λουκά
Τρίτη 26	ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΑΣ
Πέμπτη 28	28 ^Η ΟΚΤΩΒΡΙΟΥ» ΤΗΣ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΣΚΕΠΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ
Κυριακή 10	Ε' Λουκά

ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΣ 2020

Δευτέρα 1	+ΚΟΣΜΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΔΑΜΙΑΝΟΣ ΑΝΑΡΓΥΡΟΙ
Κυριακή 7	Ζ' Λουκά
Δευτέρα 8	+Η ΣΥΝΑΞΙΣ ΤΩΝ ΑΡΧΙΣΤΡΑΤΗΓΩΝ ΜΙΧΑΗΛ ΚΑΙ ΓΑΒΡΙΗΛ
Τρίτη 9	+ΝΕΚΤΑΡΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΥ ΠΕΝΤΑΠΟΛΕΩΣ ΤΟΥ ΘΑΥΜΑΤΟΥΡΓΟΥ
Κυριακή 14	Η' Λουκά +ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΥ
Τρίτη 16	+ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΤΗΣ ΜΑΤΘΑΪΟΣ
Κυριακή 21	+ΤΑ ΕΙΣΟΔΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ
Τετάρτη 24	ΚΑΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΗΜΕΡΑΝ ΤΩΝ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΙΩΝ +ΑΙΚΑΤΕΡΙΝΗ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΣ Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία - <u>ώρα 6μμ</u>
Κυριακή 28	ΙΓ' Λουκά
ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ 29	ΜΕΓΑΣ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΑΝΔΡΕΟΥ
ΤΡΙΤΗ 30	+ΑΝΔΡΕΟΥ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΩΤΟΚΛΗΤΟΥ Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία <u>ώρα 9π</u>

Την Κυριακή – Όρθρος - ώρα 8.15πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία - ώρα 9:30πμ

Τις καθημερινές – Όρθρος - ώρα 8πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία - ώρα 9.00πμ

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

Anger Pride or Humility and Love?

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I like you, have been consumed and overwhelmed with COVID news and announcements and restrictions and masks and vaccines and boosters, and, and, etc. As well, we are all thinking about this and talking about it with friends, relatives, and even strangers.

It seems that the whole issue seems to make people angry. They are angry about being locked down, about the fact that the churches and so many other places they frequent were closed, angry about the inconsistencies and many of the policies handed down by the government, angry about the dissenting opinions from within the medical community, angry about those who wear masks, angry at those who are not vaccinated, angry at the response of our church leaders, angry at the lack of response by our church leaders, angry angry angry.

I have seen and experienced many divisive issues in my lifetime, politics, abortion, Watergate, civil rights, to name a few. But I have never experienced the anger and divisiveness like we are experiencing right now. It is a rare occurrence that someone does not start a discussion with me regarding the



Coronavirus and then begin to tell me what is wrong with the people who disagree with them. I even receive multiple texts and emails regularly with opposing views on the issues surrounding the pandemic. This problem has people universally upset and angry.

It seems that opinions about the Coronavirus and all the surrounding issues are like ears, everybody has two.

Anger and divisiveness over the Coronavirus Pandemic even have people within the

church at odds. People who at one time, loved and respected each other now have separated themselves from one another. The disagreement and the anger which follows has led to many divisions amongst the people of God. As I contemplate this, I have to say, the devil must be rejoicing at this situation. The further division of the people of God is something that he and his demons work at all the time. In fact, the Greek work for devil is diabolos, (diaboloV), which means to divide. Nothing makes the devil happier than when we become divided and separated from one another. Nothing makes the Lord more unhappy than when we are divided and separated from one another.

What chases the devil away? How do we keep him out of our life and our community? One virtue and the most important of them all is the one which chases him away. This virtue is humility. Humility is the opposite of pride or egotism. Being egotistical means putting yourself first and thinking that you are better, more knowledgeable, stronger, above others, more worthy, more advanced, and even more spiritual than the people around you. Pride makes us question our superiors and allows us to give ourselves permission to be disobedient to them. We must be careful. Pride can be a very tricky vice because it can even trick us into thinking that we are better than others because we are more humble than they are.

We must be on guard. Pride and anger are vices that can divide us from God and others, and we must be very careful that we do not become prey to these vices because they will devour us and those around us and we won't even realize that it is happening until it's too late. Anger and pride are blinding, and they sow the seed of division.

One bishop said that "Unfortunately, divisions happen. They happen in families and friendships. They happen within churches.

They happen wherever the evil one has an opportunity to interfere with the natural operations of the human heart which seeks belonging and yearns for union." We know that Christ wants us to be united we know this because He said, "A house divided cannot stand". We need to resist the tug and the pull of societal and demonic pressures which feeds our anger and pride and seeks to tear us apart.

Pride and anger, which lead to hatred, in my opinion, is to be feared more than any other virus or disease and must be shed in order to allow us to be true followers of Christ and that the Love of God the Father and the Grace of the Holy Spirit can fill us. When we follow Christ and are filled with Grace and Love we can't help but be close to those around us, whether they be family members, fellow parishioners, friends or even acquaintances.

Friends, the Coronavirus pandemic has helped the devil effectively divide people more than he has ever been able to do before. Let us pray for God to grant us the spirit of humility and love and not be consumed by anger, hatred, and pride. As we do this, we can **be** united as families, as a community and as a church.

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Thank you to all who participated in making our raffle a success

In the September issue of the Saint Andrew Family News the article

DON'T LET the World Confuse Your Priorities”

was offered in English. We are happy to be able to include the same article for our Greek readers

Μην Αφήνετε Τον Κόσμο Να Περιπλέκει Τις Προτεραιότητές Σας

Του Πατέρα Ιωάννη Θεοδοσίου

Γράφω αυτό το άρθρο ενώ πλησιάζουμε το Νέο Εκκλησιαστικό Έτος και σκέπτομαι τους ταραχώδεις καιρούς που ζούμε. Συμβαίνουν τόσα πολλά στη ζωή μας όπως το μεγάλωμα των παιδιών μας, η φροντίδα των ηλικιωμένων συγγενών μας, οι επαγγελματικές υποχρεώσεις, διάφορες άλλες δραστηριότητες, η εθελοντική εργασία μας στην εκκλησία ή στην πόλη μας, κ.λ.π., και φυσικά μαζί με όλα αυτά προσπαθούμε να βρούμε και κάποια λογική με την πανδημία του κορωνοϊού που φαίνεται να κατακτά με την επίδρασή του κάθε πτυχή της ζωής μας. Το μόνο άλλο γεγονός που μπορώ να σκεφτώ που μας επηρέασε τόσο πολύ ήταν οι επιθέσεις της 11^{ης} Σεπτεμβρίου 2001.

Στο πλαίσιο αυτό μπαίνουμε στο Νέο Εκκλησιαστικό Έτος και γράφω αυτό εδώ το γράμμα με ανησυχία στην καρδιά μου. Ανησυχία για το μέλλον του Αγίου Ανδρέου και την σωτηρία των μελών της κοινότητάς μας. Νιώθω πως η σχέση με τον πλησίον μας και με την κοινότητα αποδυναμώνεται. Μάλιστα αυτό το ένιωθα ακόμη και πριν ξεσπάσει η πανδημία του κορωνοϊού. Ανησυχώ γιατί βλέπω την εκκοσμίκευση της κοινωνίας και το γεγονός ότι η Κυριακή δεν είναι πια η ημέρα η αφιερωμένη στον Κύριο. Είναι τόσες πολλές οι δραστηριότητες του σχολείου και της κοινότητας που προγραμματίζονται τα πρωινά της Κυριακής και απασχολούν τα μέλη της ενορίας μας. Ή μήπως να πω που απομακρύνουν τα μέλη μας από τη ζωή της κοινότητάς μας. Πρόσφατα, προστέθηκε και η κατάσταση της πανδημίας που έχει περιπλέξει ακόμη περισσότερο τα πράγματα. Το να κρατάμε τις σωστές προτεραιότητές μας και να μην μπαίνουμε στον πειρασμό να προσαρμοστούμε στα πρότυπα αυτού του κόσμου, είναι ένας αγώνας. Μοιάζει σαν να θέλει να μας

τιμωρήσει ο κόσμος όταν προσπαθούμε να ακολουθήσουμε τις διδασκαλίες της εκκλησίας μας. Λέω μοιάζει γιατί οι αποκαλούμενες τιμωρίες αυτού του κόσμου δεν μπορούν να συγκριθούν με τις ευλογίες της Ουράνιας Βασιλείας του Κυρίου μας. Είναι δύσκολο να παραμείνεις δυνατός στις πιέσεις των προπονητών, των γειτόνων, των φίλων, συγγενών, ακόμη και των παιδιών μας.

Ως καθοδηγητής και ποιμένας αυτής της κοινότητας, έχω μία αυξανόμενη ανησυχία για τις οικογένειες και τους ενορίτες του Αγίου Ανδρέου ότι αυτές οι πιέσεις να αλλάξουμε τις προτεραιότητές μας, απομακρύνουν κάποιους από εμάς. Αλλά και οι περιορισμοί του κορωνοϊού και ο φόβος που προκαλεί, επίσης κάποιους ανθρώπους τους κρατάνε μακριά.

Ελπίδα μου είναι πως όλοι θα θεωρούν τις δραστηριότητες και τις επιδιώξεις αυτού του τωρινού κόσμου και ακόμη και τον ίδιο τον κορωνοϊό προσωρινούς. Σε ένα με δύο χρόνια, η πανδημία θα είναι παρελθόν. Θα είναι κάτι που θα διηγούμαστε στα παιδιά και τα εγγόνια μας. Οι δραστηριότητες και τα χόμπι και τα αθλήματα υπάρχουν για να κάνουν τη ζωή πιο ενδιαφέρουσα και διασκεδαστική ή για να μας βοηθήσουν να παραμείνουμε υγιείς ενώ είμαστε σε αυτόν τον κόσμο. Μόνο ο Θεός δεν είναι προσωρινός. Ο Θεός μας και η πίστη μας σε Αυτόν είναι τα μόνα σε αυτή την ζωή που είναι για πάντα. Ο σκοπός αυτής της ζωής στη γη είναι να μάθουμε να ζούμε σαν τον Χριστό και να πλησιάσουμε τον Θεό και ο ένας τον άλλο ως κοινότητα μέσω της κοινής προσευχής, δηλαδή των θείων λειτουργιών, των πράξεων φιλανθρωπίας, της μάθησης, ακόμη και της κοινωνικότητας. Κάνοντας όλα αυτά μαζί ως κοινότητα της εκκλησίας, δημιουργείται μία

κοινότητα αγάπης. Μία κοινότητα αγάπης όπου όλοι συμμετέχουν και μοιράζονται την αγάπη του Χριστού με όσους ανήκουν στην κοινότητα αλλά και με όλους έξω από αυτήν. Η πραγματοποίηση αυτού του οράματος φέρνει την πραγματικότητα της Ουράνιας Βασιλείας του Θεού στις καθημερινές ζωές μας.

Οι δραστηριότητες και τα χόμπι μπορεί να είναι μέρος της πνευματικής μας ανάπτυξης όταν τα αντιλαμβανόμαστε σωστά, όταν όμως κυριαρχούν και εμποδίζουν την πνευματική μας ζωή, γίνονται επικίνδυνο εμπόδιο στην σωτηρία μας. Ο Κύριος στο Κατά Ματθαίον κεφάλαιο 6:33-34 μας λέγει, «

του Θεού και την επικράτηση του θελήματός του, κι όλα αυτά θα ακολουθήσουν.³⁴ Μην αγωνιάτε, λοιπόν, για το αύριο, γιατί η αυριανή μέρα θα έχει τις δικές της φροντίδες. Φτάνουν οι έργοιες της κάθε μέρας». Γι' αυτό να κρατάτε σωστά τις προτεραιότητές σας, πρώτα να έχετε τον Θεό και αναζητείτε τη δικαιοσύνη της Βασιλείας Του και προσέχετε να μη βάζετε την πίστη και την εμπιστοσύνη μαζί με τα του κόσμου τούτου. Ο κόσμος και όλα τα πράγματα αυτού του κόσμου είναι μόνον προσωρινά.

Adaptation by Maria Kiritsis of Athens GR

A prayer for Greece 🇬🇷 🔥 🔥 🙏 🏛️

Απόψε Παναγία μου,
όλοι θα σου ζητήσουν...
τ'αστέρια κάνε τα "νερό"
τις πυρκαγιές να σβήσουν...

Το Εικόνισμά σου Παναγία
κοιτάω και δακρύζω...
να σώσεις την Ελλάδα μας...
μόνο σε σένα ελπίζω...

Εσύ που είσαι εκεί ψηλά
κι οι προσευχές σ'αγγίζουν,
κρύψε μας μες στα Χέρια σου...
να μην μας βασανίζουν...

Ποιό Μοναστήρι να διαβώ
και να σε προσκυνήσω;;
Τον όμορφο τον τόπο μας
να μας τον δώσουν πίσω...

Το ξέρω Παναγία μου
τι στεναχώρια έχεις...
που μόνο σε θυμόμαστε
στα δύσκολα να τρέχεις...

Κάνε το Θαύμα Δέσποινα
και του Χριστού Μητέρα,
τον τόπο μας να μην τον βρει
και άλλη μαύρη μέρα..



Tonight, our Panagia, everyone will ask you to change all the stars into water to put out the fires

I look at your icon and I cry and my only hope to save Greece lies in you

You, who are high in Heaven and our prayers touch you, please hold us in your hands and save us from further suffering

Which monastery can I go to, my beloved Panagia, kiss your icon and pray and ask that our country be saved

I know that we make you sad because we come to you only in our hour of need and ask you to help us

We pray that you will grant us a miracle, Mother of God, so that our country does not live another dark day.

A prayer for the Panagia

Submission and adaptation by Eleni Constantinides

Γι' αυτό πρώτα απ' όλα να επιζητείτε τη βασιλεία

STEWARDSHIP AS CREATION CARE

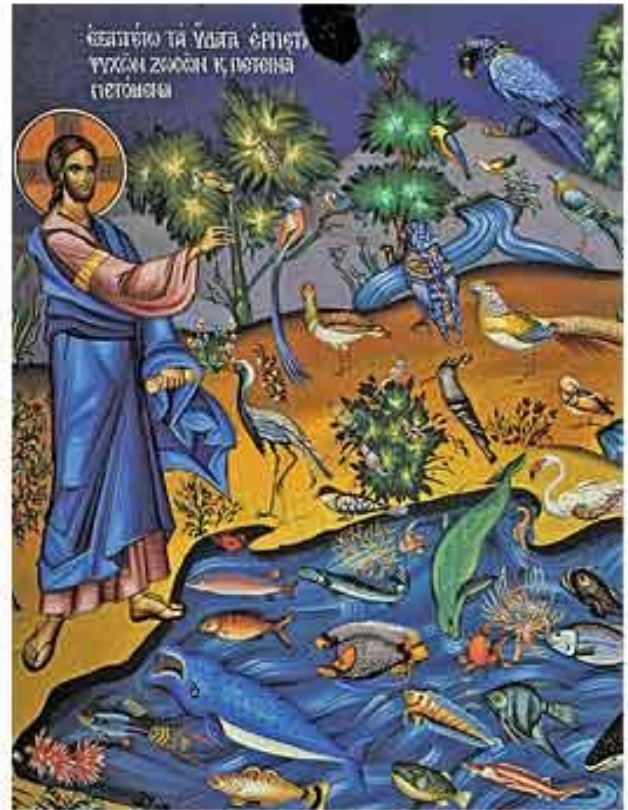
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SCRIPTURE AND THE FATHERS

When we think of the term stewardship, we frequently consider only matters related to financial support. The prevalent rendering of the term *oikonomia* as “stewardship” or “economy” is not very illuminating as it provides both a linguistic as well as conceptual reduction of this critical and originally scriptural word. In so doing, however, we have narrowed the scope of the Bible’s teaching and neglected the depth of our Church’s tradition about our place and role in the world, indeed at a time when such knowledge is more vital and critical than ever before.

If we turn to the Church Fathers, we see that they attribute the highest importance to *oikonomia* (stewardship or economy), which in their eyes implied a broader and more inclusive concept of revelation and salvation, identified with God’s vision and desire to save the whole world. For our great theological teachers and spiritual masters, economy in fact refers to our very salvation by the all-embracing love of God for all humankind and to the universal compassion of the Creator for all creation. Somewhere along the line, we unfortunately shrunk the theme of “stewardship” to purely monetary terms that primarily include making contributions to philanthropic organizations – probably as a result of a narrow interpretation of scripture, and possibly as a result of the rigid focus of modern society.

All of this invariably affects not just our understanding of the moral obligation that we have toward one another as human beings, but also inevitably distorts the worldview that shapes our moral responsibility toward creation. By limiting our attention to divine commandments for human compassion, we have invariably excised from scripture the clear mandate to creation care. Yet, these two dimensions of Christian life are integrally



interrelated; one cannot envisage human progress without ecological preservation. The way we treat God’s creation in nature essentially reflects the way we respect human beings created “in the image and likeness of God.” The reality is that we should respond to nature with the same tenderness that we are called to respond to people. All of our spiritual activities are ultimately measured by their impact on the natural creation; just as all of our ecological choices are finally evaluated by their effect on the poor.

THE SIN OF NEGLECT; THE ARROGANCE OF DOMINATION

It is no wonder, then, that our Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew surprised the theological and secular worlds alike when he identified carelessness or indifference to the natural environment as tantamount to sin. It is plainly wrong to regard sin as the negative impact of our behavior on other people, whether individually or collectively, while disregarding the ecological and cosmological consequences of our actions (or inaction). As His All-Holiness remarked at Santa Barbara in 1997:

For human beings to cause species to become extinct and to destroy the biological diversity of God’s creation, for humans to degrade the integrity of the earth by causing changes in its climate, stripping the earth of its natural forests, or destroying its wetlands . . . for humans to contaminate the earth’s waters, its land, its air, and its life with poisonous substances – all these are sins.



The vocation and covenant to cherish and care for the creation is the principal reason for which God placed Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden (Genesis 2.15), namely “to till and keep it” – a phrase I like to translate (based more closely and literally on the Greek translation of the Septuagint) as “to serve and preserve it.” It has not, of course, helped in the least that we have also misconstrued the Biblical term “dominion” (in Genesis 1.28 and Psalm 8.5-8) as “domination” in an unashamedly self-centered and self-serving manner; after all, “dominion belongs only to the Lord.” (Psalm 22.28) Any authority over creation implies ruling in accordance with the love, peace, and justice of the Creator. Whether for fear of pagan idolatry or out of a sense of arrogant selfishness, there is no doubt that – over the centuries and in our own lives – we have

overemphasized the unique role of humanity. Anthropocentrism is the “original sin” – albeit an entrancing temptation – to which we are all guilty of succumbing at one time or another, and which has detrimentally burdened our perspective and practice. “The whole of creation has been groaning together in pain until now, inwardly awaiting its liberation by the children of God.” (Romans 8.22-23)

WHAT CAN I DO?

There are numerous practical ideas available and readily accessible today for parishes and families that choose to become aware of their ecological impact on the planet and on people. Indeed, some of our Orthodox parishes – and even more of our sister Christian congregations – have already undertaken initial steps or else made considerable progress toward this goal. Seeking their counsel, or

offering our advice to others, is undoubtedly a fundamental form of sharing and communion. Alternatively, parishes may consult professional environmental and energy auditors, often freely at the disposal of local communities.

Parishes and parishioners can make a difference by becoming sensitive to what they use (energy-efficient light bulbs and heating/cooling systems), what they can reuse (recycled paper, bags, ink cartridges, glassware and cutlery), what they waste (electricity, water, heat, energy, even cups and plates), and what they do (carpooling or support of local products).

Most importantly, however, we can all learn to do and live with less. In order to alter our self-image, what is required is nothing less than a radical reversal of our perspectives and practices. The balance of the world has been shattered. The ecological crisis will not be solved with sentimental slogans or smiley stickers but by proposing self-denial as a solution to self-centeredness or selfishness, by learning to exercise self-control or self-restraint, by the ability to say “no” or “enough.”

Here, I think, lies the heart of the problem. For we are unwilling – in fact, violently resist any call – to adopt simpler lifestyles. We have misplaced the spirituality of frugality and abstinence. The challenge is this: How do we live in such a way that promotes harmony – not division? How can we acknowledge – daily – “the earth as the Lord’s” (Psalm 23.1)?

This means that stewardship opens up more than simply our pockets and our hands to charitable institutions and tax-deductible options. It opens up our eyes and our hearts to proper and harmonious relations among all of God’s creatures. Learning to give up in a spirit of self-control implies learning to give in a spirit of sharing. It is learning to live in such a way that communicates gratitude and generosity, not avarice and greed.

AM I ACCOUNTABLE?

While there are numerous passages in the Old and New Testaments that provide insight into the principle and practice of stewardship – intimately relating its social and ecological aspects – it is a message that acquires increasing urgency in light of our ultimate accountability on the day of judgment with Christ’s parable about the faithful and prudent steward in Luke chapter 12, which concludes with the following warning: “From everyone to whom much has been given, more will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.” (verse 48) This is a verse that might not meet with general agreement on a political level; yet it is a statement that deserves close attention on a spiritual level: “Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.” (verse 43)

Like the servant in the parable, we too will be asked for accountability by the Master: “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management.” (Luke 16.2) We will surely be judged for the abuse of the earth that has been entrusted to us “to preserve,” as for the unjust distribution of its resources to human beings that we are called “to serve” – for the devastation of God’s creation by human beings unjustly usurping the right to control it and arrogantly presuming the right to manipulate it, as for the exploitation of the poor (and the poor nations) by the rich (and the rich nations).

If we open ourselves – avail ourselves and become sensitive – to all people and to the whole creation, then we shall recognize our history as inextricably linked to the destiny of the world. We shall begin to perceive the universe in its unfathomable interconnectedness, and we shall surely feel the spirit of God as a gentle breeze and hear the seal’s heartbeat as the pulse of our own life.

FURTHER READING

For further information on this subject, consult the **Orthodox Fellowship of the Transfiguration**, a ministry officially endorsed by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops: <http://www.orth-transfiguration.org/>

For details on how to achieve greater awareness and environmental action in your community, see F. Krueger (ed.), **Greening the Orthodox Parish: A Handbook for Christian Ecological Practice**, CreateSpace Independent Publishing, 2012 (www.CreateSpace.com, book number 3776415). Also available from <http://www.amazon.com>; and The Orthodox Fellowship of the Transfiguration, c/o 887 Sebastopol Road, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95407-6828.



For a comprehensive list of (over 2000) scriptural passages highlighting creation care and ecological stewardship, see **The Green Bible**, HarperOne, 2008.

Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis is a deacon of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, where he works in the Ecumenical Office. He is also Archdeacon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, where he serves as theological advisor to His All-Holiness on environmental issues.

Philoptochos of Saint Andrew is collecting **gently used coats, hats and scarves** for the
MARKET STREET MISSION'S ANNUAL COAT DRIVE



Please drop off your donated items in marked bins located in the hallway outside the church office no later than

Wednesday, October 27th



Winter Coats for:
MEN, WOMEN, MEN/WOMEN 2X-4X,
CHILDREN & HATS/SCARVES

*The Mission has requested that we **DO NOT COLLECT light jackets, raincoats, or sweaters etc.***

Kindly sort your donated items and deposit them in the appropriate bins

*Coat Giveaway will be held at
The Morristown Green in Morristown, NJ
November 6th Saturday 10am-1pm*



The Daughters of Penelope # 250 presents their annual

Fall Fashion Show

Please join us on
Saturday October 16, 2021
11 am – 3 pm
The Meadow Wood Manor
461 Rt. 10 East, Randolph, NJ

Featuring
Fashions by Beciga of Sparta NJ

Luncheon and designer raffles
To benefit the charitable works* of the Daughters of Penelope

Donation : \$50

*Penelope House Family Violence Center, Limbitless Solutions, Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation, 5th District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation, DOP 5th District Scholarship Fund and The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation

For tickets and more information please contact: Eleni Boyadjis, eboyadjis@aol.com
Athena Borzeka, aborzeka@gmail.com



Daughters of Penelope Alexander Chapter # 250



Yves Saint Laurent "West Hollywood Shoulder Bag"
Raffle - Value \$2,450

Proceeds to Benefit the Philanthropic Works of the DOP
The Meadow Wood 461 State Route 10, Randolph, NJ 07869

Drawing: October 16, 2021, 1:00 p.m. Donation: \$20.00
ID# 411-3-30555 LIC# RL- 07-21

Ticket Number: 1

THE PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

One of the most beloved holidays in the Orthodox calendar is the Protection of the Mother of God. The Slavic people celebrate this holiday on October 1. The Greek tradition celebrates it on October 28.

The tradition holds that during the tenth century, the city of Blachernae in Constantinople was threatened by a barbarian invasion. Saint Andrei Yurodivyi (Andrew of Constantinople), his disciple Saint Epiphanius, and a group of people saw the Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, and several other saints and angels during a vigil in the church. This same church housed several of the relics of the Virgin Mary, including her robe, veil and part of her belt. These were brought from Palestine during the fifth century.

During this vision, the Theotokos came to the center of the church, knelt down and prayed for a long time. Her face was drowned in tears. Afterwards, she removed her veil and spread it over the people as a sign of protection. After this appearance, the danger passed and the city was spared the bloodshed of an invasion.

The icon of the Holy Protection shows the feast in which the Theotokos is standing above the faithful with her arms stretched open in prayer and draped with a veil. Angels are on both sides of her. In most icons, Saint Andrew and his

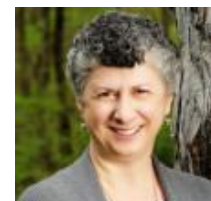
disciple Epiphanius are in the lower right. St. Epiphanius is wearing a tunic under his cloak and seems astonished at this miraculous appearance. St. Andrew is dressed only in a cloak. Below the Theotokos, in the center of the icon, is a young man with a halo dressed in a deacon's sticharion. In his left hand he is holding an open scroll with the text of the Kontakion for the Nativity in honor of the Mother of God. This is St. Romanus the Melodist, the famous hymnographer whose feast is celebrated on October 1. His choir is with him as is the Emperor Leo the Wise, the Empress, and the Patriarch of Constantinople.

On my Greek Orthodox calendar, the October 28th is also marked "OXI Day". What does this mean? In the past few years, this feast has been recognized as a thanksgiving for the deliverance of the Greek nation from the Italian invasion of 1940. It is a national holiday in Greece known as "Ochi Day" or "No Day", in reference to the response of the Greek leader Metaxas to Mussolini's ultimatum.

I love the icon of this feast. It is so beautiful and allows us to again recognize and pay tribute to our Lady the Theotokos. She is indeed protection for all of us and this is a great day to commemorate her.

Joanne Jamis Cain

Joanne Jamis Cain is a steward of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. She has been married to the love of her life, Jim for thirty five years. They have two beautiful children and two grandchildren. Joanne is a wedding and event planner. Published on OCN October 27, 2015



The 28th of October (OXI Day) is a very significant day for all Greeks around the world. As Greeks commemorate the anniversary when Prime Minister Ioannis Metaxas said, “NO” to an ultimatum made by the Italian Prime Minister Benito Mussolini to allow Italian forces to occupy strategic locations in Greece or otherwise face war. As a result, Greece entered World War II and the Greek-Italian war of 1940-1941 began. This “NO!” to fascism proved to be disastrous for the Mussolini’s forces. The Greeks succeeded in pushing the Italian back into Albania after just one week which led to Mussolini’s humiliation. As Greece’s participation in the war was so impressive than many of the surrounding countries, it earned them unprecedented praise and respect, from many great world leaders. At Saint Andrew Hellenic Afternoon School, we proudly continue to celebrate OXI Day!

ΖΗΤΩ Η ΕΛΛΑΔΑ! -- ΖΗΤΩ ΤΟ ΟΧΙ!

*“...until now we would say that the **Greeks fight like heroes**. From now on we will say that **heroes fight like Greeks**”. Sir Winston Churchill.*



28 Οκτωβρίου 1940

Σε όλη την ιστορία της Ελλάδας, η λέξη «ΟΧΙ» («Όχι») εκφωνήθηκε στον εχθρό αρκετές φορές με διάφορους τρόπους. Ήταν στα χείλη του Λεωνίδα όταν αντιμετώπισε τον ισχυρό περσικό στρατό στις Θερμοπύλες πριν από πολλούς αιώνες. Ήταν επίσης η περήφανη απάντηση του Θεμιστοκλή όταν βύθισε ολόκληρο το Περσικό Πολεμικό Ναυτικό στη Σαλαμίνα. Ως επί το πλείστον, ήταν εποχές που ο εχθρός ήταν ο πανίσχυρος Γολιάθ και η Ελλάδα ο Δαβίδ.

Αυτό συνέβει σίγουρα στις 28 Οκτωβρίου 1940, όταν οι στρατοί του Αδόλφου Χίτλερ πολεμούσαν σε πολλαπλά μέτωπα και επέτρεψε στον Ιταλό σύμμαχό του Μπενίτο Μουσολίνι να αναλάβει την Ελλάδα. Ο Ιταλός ηγέτης έβλεπε την Ελλάδα ως τον ουδέτερο λιλιπούτειο γείτονα που θα παραδοθεί

από τον φόβο του ισχυρού στρατού του. Ο Έλληνας πρωθυπουργός Ιωάννης Μεταξάς είχε προετοιμαστεί καλά για το αναπόφευκτο. Είχε οχυρώσει τα σύνορα της Ελλάδας και ήξερε ότι οι Ιταλοί θα δυσκολεύονταν να πολεμήσουν στα φυσικά σύνορα των ψηλών βουνών της Ηπείρου.

Ο Μεταξάς γνώριζε επίσης ότι ο ελληνικός λαός ήταν ήδη θυμωμένος, αφού ένα ιταλικό υποβρύχιο είχε βυθίσει το πολεμικό ναυτικό «Έλλη» στο λιμάνι της Τήνου, σε μια από τις πιο ιερές ημέρες για την Ορθοδοξία, την Κοίμηση της Θεοτόκου, στις 15 Αυγούστου 1940.

Έτσι, όταν ο Ιταλός πρεσβευτής Emanuele Grazzi χτύπησε την πόρτα του Μεταξά στις για να παραδώσει το τελεσίγραφο από τον Μουσολίνι, ο Έλληνας πρωθυπουργός ήταν προετοιμασμένος

Το τηλεσίγραφο απαίτησε από τον Μεταξά να επιτρέψει στον Ιταλικό Στρατό να εισέλθει ελεύθερα στην Ελλάδα. Ο Έλληνας πρωθυπουργός απάντησε κατηγορηματικά στα γαλλικά, τη διπλωματική γλώσσα της εποχής: «Alors, c'est la guerre». («Τότε, είναι πόλεμος»), το οποίο μετατράπηκε γρήγορα στο λακωνικό «ΟΧΙ».

Ο Μεταξάς απευθύνθηκε στον ελληνικό λαό μέσω του ραδιοφώνου το πρωί της 28ης Οκτωβρίου. Τα λόγια του είναι διαχρονικά: «Ηρθε η στιγμή που θα παλέψουμε για την ανεξαρτησία της Ελλάδας, την ακεραιότητα και την τιμή της. Παρόλο που κρατήσαμε την πιο αυστηρή ουδετερότητα και την ίδια απόσταση με όλους, η Ιταλία δεν αναγνωρίζει ότι πρέπει να ζούμε ως ελεύθεροι Έλληνες και μας ζήτησε σήμερα στις τρεις το πρωί να παραδώσουμε μέρος της εθνικής μας επικράτειας της επιλογής μας, αλλιώς θα ξεκινούσαν στρατιωτικές κινήσεις εναντίον μας στις έξι το πρωί. Απάντησα στον Ιταλό πρέσβη ότι θεωρώ το αίτημα και τον τρόπο με τον οποίο έγινε το αίτημα ως κήρυξη πολέμου της Ιταλίας κατά της Ελλάδας. Έλληνες, τώρα ήρθε η ώρα να αποδείξουμε αν πράγματι είμαστε άξιοι των προγόνων μας και της ελευθερίας που μας εξασφάλισαν οι πρόγονοί μας. Το έθνος μας στο σύνολό του θα ανέβει ενωμένο ως ένα σώμα. Αγώνας για την Πατρίδα, τις γυναίκες, τα παιδιά μας και τις ιερές μας παραδόσεις. Τώρα παλεύουμε

για τα πάντα ». Η γενναιότητα του ελληνικού στρατού ήταν τέτοια που η Ελλάδα είχε απωθήσει τις δυνάμεις εισβολής. Ο Μουσολίνι ταπεινώθηκε και εξοργίστηκε. Η δημοφιλής Ελληνίδα τραγουδίστρια της εποχής Σοφία Βέμπο χλεύασε τον Μουσολίνι με το τραγούδι «Βάζει ο Ντούτσε τη στολή του (« Ο Ντούτσε βάζει τη στολή του »). Στους στίχους, ο Ιταλός ικτάτορας εμφανίζεται ως κουλουράς που βάζει τη γελοία στολή του με τα φτερά στο καπάκι και κάνει το σοβαρό λάθος να προσπαθήσει να καταλάβει την Ελλάδα. Ήταν ένα τραγούδι που, μαζί με το «Παιδιά της Ελλάδος»τόνωσε το ηθικό τόσο των ελληνικών στρατευμάτων όσο και των αμάχων.

Ιστορικά πρόσωπα επαινούν εδώ και καιρό τους Έλληνες για τη δύναμη και τη δέσμευσή τους στη ελευθερία. Ο Βρετανός πολιτικός Ουίνστον Τσώρτσιλ, επαίνεσε περίφημα τον ελληνικό λαό, δηλώνοντας: «Μέχρι τώρα λέγαμε ότι οι Έλληνες πολεμούν όπως ήρωες. Τώρα θα πούμε: Οι ήρωες πολεμούν σαν Έλληνες ».

Στις 28 Οκτωβρίου, οι Έλληνες επίσης γιορτάζουν την Αγία Προστασία ή Αγία Σκέπη να τιμήσουν τη Θεοτόκο για την ιδιαίτερη προστασία της έναντι του ελληνικού λαού κατά το Β 'Παγκόσμιο Πόλεμο.

ΖΗΤΩ Η ΕΛΛΑΔΑ (Κα Ελένη Ζέρη)

Metropolis of New Jersey Holds Annual Holy Cross Celebration

On Sunday, September 12, 2021 the Metropolis of New Jersey held its Annual Holy Cross Celebration in Asbury Park, New Jersey. The Blessing of the Waters and Diving for the Cross by the Youth was celebrated by His Grace, Bishop Apostolos of Medeia. Hundreds of faithful gathered on the beach of Asbury Park to witness over 60 youth from throughout the state of New Jersey dive into the ocean in an attempt to retrieve the Holy Cross. The Cross was retrieved by:

- Jr. Girls - Caterina Carayannopoulos from Holy Trinity in Westfield, NJ
- Jr. Boys - Petros Kiafoulis from St. George in Asbury Park, NJ
- Sr. Girls - Christina Skouliariotis from St. Athanasios in Paramus, NJ
- Sr. Boys - Niko Karavakas from St. George in Asbury Park, NJ



GOYA NEWS October 2021



As the state-wide restrictions start to ease up, our Randolph GOYA is participating in as many events as possible!

In September our two largest events were the Cross Diving and the weekend Gyro Sale.

Our four divers did a phenomenal job at the cross diving and had lots of fun representing our church.

Our gyro sale was incredibly successful, getting customers from all over North Jersey.

Written by Pola Katsanos

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CLERGY LAITY HONOREES AT THE GRAND BANQUET

On Monday, September 20th Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox church honored only a few of the many hard working and dedicated parishioners of our community. This year the following people were chosen to be honored by our church and received an award at the Grand Banquet held at the Venetian in Garfield, NJ by His Eminence name .: Saint Andrew Parish Council Honoree **Peter Petrou**, Philoptochos Honoree **Mary Michailidis**, Saint Andrew Community Honoree **John A Paxos**, GOYA Honoree **Andrew Venizelos**, Essential Medical Worker Honoree **Dr. Theodore Markou**, Parent Teachers Organization Honoree **Anastasia Mitrakos**, Oldest Person in the Parish of Saint Andrew Honoree **Hariklia Thomopoulou**.



As well on **Sunday October 3rd** after the service we will re-present the plaques to the honorees in front of our community. We would like to thank them all for their services and contributions to the success of our ministries.

Peter Petrou came to the United States with his family from a small farming village in Cyprus when he was just two years old. Like many families in our community, they made ends meet with a small family-run diner where he worked every day after school and on weekends.

He graduated with honors from Bucknell University, and later graduated from Duke Law School where he became a member of, and published in, the Duke Law Journal.

Peter recently concluded a 35-year career as a practicing attorney to assume the role of Executive Director of ECLC of New Jersey, comprised of several non-profit organizations serving students and adults from the developmentally disabled community. He is currently working on his dream to establish a business operated by ECLC that will provide meaningful employment opportunities for this population.

Peter currently serves as the Treasurer of the Parish Council, following earlier stints as its Vice-President, President and Festival Chair.



He believes that personal liberation arises from the opportunity to apply our God given talents in meaningful life pursuits. His involvement in the church, community and professional organizations has been a source of great personal fulfillment, as well as the source of many strong relationships established in the course of shared service, for which he is eternally grateful.

From his time as President, Peter is particularly proud of the completion of the second-floor classrooms -- fulfilling a long-standing goal of our community. As a fellow parishioner of St. Andrew, he revels in the many times visitors to our services have remarked how friendly and welcoming they were received by our members and admires our charitable ministries serving the needs of many in and beyond our community.



Mary Michailidis joined the Saint Andrew Community in 2017 after moving from her hometown, Stamford, CT and the Church of Archangels. Mary is 1st generation Greek American and has always been proud of both her Hellenic heritage and Orthodox religion. Her father is from Kalamata and her mother is from Argos. She has served her CT community in her youth as Junior choir member, GOYA president, GOYAL secretary, Greek and Sunday school student, Basketball league volunteer, and served the Archdiocese as a camp counselor at Ionian Village in Greece. As an adult, as a choir member and Philoptochos member. Her sons attended Greek school and Sunday school at the Church of Archangels. Mary also volunteered with the Hellenic Hockey Federation and was a volunteer at the 2004 Olympics in Athens. After moving to NJ, she and her husband, Dr. Nicholas Sauter, joined Saint Andrew. Mary

quickly became an active member in both the Philoptochos and choir. Currently she is in her 3rd year as Philoptochos president and recently joined the Daughters of Penelope and this Summer attended the AHEPA family Supreme Convention in Athens. Mary is the principal of Florence Avenue Elementary in Irvington, NJ.

John A. Paxos was born in Newark New Jersey. He was raised in Roxbury NJ with his 4 sisters. As a child he attended Saint Andrew Greek orthodox Church and graduated Greek Education in Dover NJ. He Graduated Roxbury High School. He worked with his family in the Restaurant industry. John and his dad owned a successful restaurant in Mendham before entering semi-retirement.

Presently John enjoys volunteering at Saint Andrew Ministries. He prepares the meals with other volunteers for the monthly outreach to the Faith Kitchen. John is also involved in the furniture re-sale ministry. John and other volunteers pick-up donated furniture, bring it to the church there it is

posted on the web site and sold. The proceeds go to Saint Andrew ministries. John also volunteers his time to the maintenance and beatification of our church and has joined the Parish Council. John A. Paxos can be found in the kitchen for the GYRO FEST, organizing, cooking, and cleaning up for the sale. He feels it is a responsibility to God and his faith to give back to our church family. Thank you, John, for your dedication and devotion to Saint Andrew.



Andrew Venizelos was baptized at Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church and has been an active member ever since. Growing up, Thursday nights were designated to events at the church, such as Greek school and dance. The best parts of the year for Andrew were performing at Mardi Gras and the Greek Festival, as well as participating in the Oratorical Festival.



As Andrew grew older, he began going into the altar to serve as an altar boy, which was one of the best experiences for him as an Orthodox Christian. He also joined GOYA, where he joined the board his ninth-grade year as treasurer. He then served as Vice President for two years and then President for his senior year. Some of his fondest memories were Sights and Sounds, religious retreats and winning the GOYA basketball championship his freshman year.

The best part of the year was going to Monmouth University to represent Saint Andrew in the GOYA Olympics.

Andrew took over as GOYA President in 2020, when not much was allowed to be done due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, he found ways for everyone to safely meet in person as much as possible with the help of his board and advisors. The GOYAnS were able to attend a corn maze, rent out an AMC movie theatre and hold a few in person meetings with various fun activities afterwards. When not meeting in person, Randolph GOYA held zoom meetings as a way to share news and to simply talk amongst one another.

Andrew graduated from Sparta High School, where he was inducted into the National Honors Society, as well as the Spanish and Science Honors Societies. He was also the Executive Vice-President of the school. Andrew currently attends Fordham University at The Gabelli School of Business where he will be majoring in Marketing with a concentration in Entrepreneurship.



Theodore Markou, MD, is an infectious disease correspondent for RT America. In his career, Dr. Markou started the CDAT (*C. diff.* Attack Team) at Johns Hopkins Hospital and had their findings published in a medical journal. At the age of 14, Dr. Markou was diagnosed with lupus and was amazed by the medical profession — not only intellectually but also from a caring aspect. Now, Dr. Markou is enamored with the dynamic field of infectious disease and finds excitement in tackling the unknown and helping heal patients.

Dr. Markou volunteers at a local jiu-jitsu school for infection prevention to help curb outbreaks such as MRSA. As a former professional dancer, Dr. Markou stays active with CrossFit, weight lifting, and jiu-jitsu. He also enjoys brewing his own alcohol.

Parishioners best remember Theodore or Teddy as that kid who was a great Greek dancer, with more “FIGOURES” and gusto than the best of them. He was the one who lit up the room every time he walked in. He was kind and generous to all who he had any contact with. His parents Ioannis and Nikki Markou are very proud of their son as we all are at Saint Andrew.

Education: ●Fellowship: Johns Hopkins Hospital ●Residency: University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey – Rutgers New Jersey Medical School ●Medical School: University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey – Rutgers New Jersey Medical School ●Undergraduate: Johns Hopkins Hospital

Awards & Honors ●Resident of the Month – Rutgers New Jersey Medical School – April 2014, October 2014 ●Intern of the Month – Rutgers New Jersey Medical School – March 2013, July 2012 ●Graduated Summa Cum Laude – Johns Hopkins University

Anastasia Mitrakos is married to Steven Mitrakos. They have three children, Marina 23, Peter 21 and Anthony 13. She is originally from Vietnam and lived in Rhodes until she got married and came to the States in 1996. They relocated to Morristown the following year through Steven's job. They visited the Saint Andrew church immediately and said they felt very welcomed during their very first coffee hour and became members.



Anastasia loves the community of Saint Andrew and tries to help as much as possible. She says... *I have to be honest, I was first puzzled when we received an envelope with suggested stewardship tuition. However, once we sat down and talked about it, I understood. We realized that the Church, its community, and needs are not funded by the government like in Greece. WE, as members, need to keep it alive with financial and in person assistance all year round.* Through the years Anastasia has been helping with HOPE, Joy, PTA, GOYA, Mardi Gras and festival. She says .. *It gives me such a great fulfillment to be able to help our community along with many great members who patiently and tirelessly have been keeping up with children and fellowship programs day after day, year after year. Hats off to the Yiayiades, especially K. Maria, K. Betty and K. Eleni!!!*

Anastasia also said... *I'm very honored to be chosen by members of our community to be recognized in this year's Clergy Lady PTO Honoree. Thank you and I hope God blesses me to continue being part of Saint Andrew's family for years to come.*



Mrs. Hariklia Thomopoulou was born Hariklia Siamas on March 2, 1925, in Eleftheriani Nafpactias. When she was three years old her mother passed away leaving her and her two older sisters to be raised by their father and grandmother. She married Vasilios and had four children. In 1966 they moved their family to Athens until they immigrated to New Jersey in 1973. She was employed at Howmet Corporation until she retired in 1987. Her husband died in 1995 after a long illness and in 2002 she lost her only son George. She also has three daughters: Paraskevi (Vasilios) Seretis, Antonia (Ioannis) Gizas both living of New Jersey and Vasiliki (Kostantinos) Tsikotzis of Greece. Hariklia liked to always stay busy. When she wasn't working or cooking she enjoyed taking care of her flowers and crocheting. She was sad because she didn't know how to read or write, since she never went to school, but in her seventies, she started reading on her own, very slowly, and the first book she read was the Bible. Since then, she spends a lot of her time reading. Hariklia was always very strong and independent. She lived alone until the age of ninety-five. Now she lives with her daughters and visits Greece every year for a few months.

Hariklia is very proud of her family and very loved by her three daughters twelve grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

HELLENIC AFTERNOON SCHOOL 2021-2022

The basic purpose of the Greek School is to systematically and methodically teach the Greek language so that our children are able to read, write, understand, speak Greek, and express their thoughts in writing with precision. The successful operation of the Greek School is based upon the determination, organization and teaching methods of experienced and enthusiastic teachers.

In conjunction with these goals, the teaching of the Greek language is closely linked with the cultural and religious teachings of our ethnic group. The teaching of our history, our traditions, our folksongs and dances, our customs and our religion serve as a means of strengthening our children's awareness of, and respect for, their religious and ethnic heritage. Moreover, their esteem for the moral and ethnic values of their ancestors will help them form a strong Hellenic Christian character.

The ultimate goal is to motivate our children to maintain and promote the values they have received from their parents and ancestors, and to keep them close to their fellow Greeks, to Hellenism and to our Greek Orthodox Faith.

HELLENIC AFTERNOON SCHOOL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Fr. John Theodosion, Athena Borzeka, Vasilia Christodoulou, Maria Galvin, Steven Mitrakos

HELLENIC AFTERNOON SCHOOL *TEACHERS*

Haroula Christodoulou, Vasilia Christodoulou, Archontia Fromouzopoulou Effie Kritharis, Yiota Louca, Stacey Papanikolaw, Eleni Zeris

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MS ATHENA BORZEKA

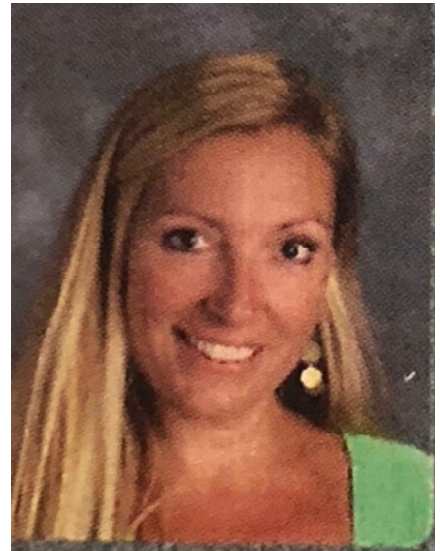
Athena has been a lifelong member of St. Andrew Church. She grew up involved in the Sunday School Program, the Greek School program and GOYA. Throughout her life she has served the church in many different capacities. In addition to spending time as a Sunday School teacher, GOYA Advisor and Dance Instructor she has actively volunteered for the Festival and is currently a member of the Parish Council, Philoptochos and member of the Daughters of Penelope. Athena believes in the importance of preserving the Greek Orthodox faith and Community through education and service within the Church. Athena has enjoyed a 20+ year career in education. She has been employed as a special education teacher, guidance counselor and is currently the Director of Student Services & Special Education at the Morris County School of Technology. She is looking forward to bringing her experience and knowledge to the education committee to enhance the Greek school program.



EDUCATION COMMITTEE MRS MARIA (KELLY) GALVIN

Maria Galvin is a lifelong member of St. Andrew's. She has served her church as a Sunday School teacher, director of Camp Saint Andrew, a member of both Philoptochos and Daughters of Penelope, as well as the PTA liaison on the Education Committee.

Maria holds a bachelors and master's degree in elementary education and has been teaching elementary school for **21** years. She currently teaches fifth grade at Alexander Hamilton School in Morristown. In addition, Maria coaches cheerleading, teaches dance, chess, and Harry Potter reading classes, as well as tutors students in various subjects. Her educational philosophy is to create students who are lifelong learners in a nurturing and positive environment



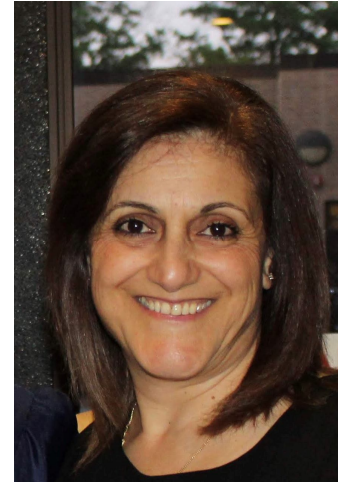
HAS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION HELENIC AFTERNOON SCHOOL

LEVEL K MS VASILIA CHRISTODOULOU κ^α Βασιλεία Χριστοδούλου

Vasilia's experience and interest in education began in her early childhood years in New York City, where she was born and raised. Growing up as the middle child of four brothers and two sisters with parents who emphasized the importance of education led them to appreciate and achieve their most significant potential in completed higher education. Until today, she continues to work on attaining certificates to advance her professional career as an educator. In concluding her Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Pittsburgh, her experience goes back to teaching in the New York City public schools, the Pittsburgh private schools, and the New Jersey public schools in elementary and secondary levels in English and Greek language. Teaching is a challenging and rewarding profession, one that Vasilia continues to be passionate about. She is an avid reader and believes in self-education to never stop learning. She believes all children are unique and learn differently, but their natural curiosity and an innate ability to learn are what they have in common. Bringing out students' learning styles and spark their interest will motivate them to learn to their best abilities. Her belief in building solid relationships and connections with parents and students can bring communication and collaboration for enhanced student learning for a successful school year.

6th GRADE MRS HAROULA CHRISTODOULOU κ^α Χαρούλα Χριστοδούλου

Ονομάζομαι **Χαρίκλεια Χριστοδούλου** και είμαι μέλος της κοινότητας του Αγίου Ανδρέα για 29 χρόνια. Κατάγομαι από την αγαπημένη και πολύπαθη Κύπρο και έχω τέσσερα παιδιά, τα οποία είναι απόφοιτοι του ελληνικού απογευματινού μας σχολείου. Έχω αποφοιτήσει από τη Φυσικομαθηματική Σχολή του Πανεπιστημίου Αθηνών, από το Ελληνικό Κέντρο Παραγωγικότητας, όπου παρακολούθησα με επιτυχία το διετές πρόγραμμα «Προγραμματισμός και Ανάλυση Ηλεκτρονικών Υπολογιστών» και έλαβα το σχετικό δίπλωμα. Επίσης παρακολούθησα με επιτυχία σεμινάρια του Ελληνικού Στατιστικού Ινστιτούτου με θέμα "Δειγματοληψία - Δημοσκοπήση" και έτυχα του σχετικού διπλώματος.



Είχα την τιμή να εργαστώ σαν δικαστική υπάλληλος στο Πρωτοδικείο Αθηνών και κατόπιν στον Άρειο Πάγο, που είναι το Ανώτατο Δικαστήριο της χώρας. Επίσης, εργάστηκα σαν αναπληρώτρια καθηγήτρια σε Γυμνάσιο και Λύκειο της ιδιαίτερης μου πατρίδας.

Εδώ στην Αμερική, για δέκα ολόκληρα χρόνια τώρα και με τεράστιο το αίσθημα ευθύνης, διδάσκω την υπέροχη ελληνική μας γλώσσα στα ελληνόπουλα της κοινότητας του Αγίου Ανδρέα.

Σας ευχαριστώ.



5th LEVEL MRS HELEN ZERIS κ^α Ελένη Ζερη

My name is Eleni Zeris and together with my wonderful husband (Stamatis) our three beautiful kids (Amalia, Christopher, Elias) and our dog (Prince) we reside in Randolph, NJ. I was born and raised in Athens, Greece where I attended High School and graduated with Honors. During my school years, I attended the Italian Institute where I received private lessons and I graduated with a degree in Italian Literature. Upon my arrival in the United States, I attended college and studied Computer Science.

My first job was for Citibank as a Marketing Coordinator. For the next 10 years, I worked as Marketing Manager for several corporations.

After taking a break from working for a few years, I returned to the work force. Being a volunteer parent at my kids school, part of the PTA and a class mother, I developed a great love for teaching. I started my teaching career as a Greek

School teacher 17 years ago. My mission is to provide a well-rounded Greek Language program which instills a sense of pride in Hellenism, Orthodoxy and Greek American Identity. I teach about the Greek culture, heritage, Greek orthodoxy religion, history and literature through fun and engaging activities and projects.

I have also worked for the Public School System and local districts at the Special Education and Guidance Department. I am an active member of the St. Andrew's community involved with the Daughters' of Penelope and the Saint Andrew Philoptochos.

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." (Aristotles)

4th LEVEL & 2nd LEVEL MRS ARCHONTIA FROMOUZOPOULOU κ^α Αρχοντία Φρομουζοπούλου



Χαίρετε, My name is Archontia Fromouzopoulou, I am 23 years old and I was born and raised in a small town near Nafpaktos, Greece. I was always passionate about all aspects of Greek culture from a very young age. I spent a lot of my time growing up involved with traditional Greek dance groups and classical Greek literature book clubs. Teaching was something I was always heading towards as a profession. I studied Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, favoring subjects like Modern Greek History and Ancient Greek Literature. I am looking forward to meeting and working with the

young students of Saint Andrews Greek Orthodox Church and not only teaching them about the Greek language and Culture, but also getting them excited to learn about these subjects as well. Εύχομαι, λοιπόν, τόσο στους μαθητές, όσο και στους γονείς και τους εκπαιδευτικούς μία καλή, ευλογημένη και δημιουργική σχολική χρονιά!

3rd LEVEL MRS STACEY PAPANIKOLAW κ^α Αναστασία Παπανικολάου

My name is Anastasia (Stacey) Papanikolaw, and this year I am excited to be teaching our 3rd grade class. I was born and raised in Piraeus, Greece. After graduating from Teft Business College, I worked at St. John's Riverside Hospital in the Medical Records Department. I have earned my Greek Language Certification from the Greek Government and worked at a private language school for 10 years teaching the Greek language to children and adults of all ages. For almost 30 years, I have been blessed to be a Greek Language teacher at St. Andrew. Also, for the past 3 years, I have been teaching the Intermediate, Advanced, and Adult classes at St. Anna. My family and I have been members of the St. Andrew community since 1984. I thank God for the opportunity to teach our wonderful students about our faith, language, and culture.



1st LEVEL MRS EFFIE KRITHARIS κ^α Ευστρατία Κριθάρη

My name is Efstratia (Effie) Kritharis and I was born and raised in Limnos Greece.

I got my diploma for Computer programming at Doxiadis College. I also studied economics in Athens and English language at the Hellenic American Institute. I tutored in Greece for elementary school kids and also taught Sunday school there.

I worked in Athens for 4 years as a secretary in an import/export company Noratex.

After I met my husband, Kosta, I moved to the US and have been living in Morris County for 30 years. We have 2 daughters, Athina and Amalia.

Here I worked in Apple Montessori School as a teacher's assistant and I love working with kids. Before becoming a teacher for the Greek school I was a teacher's aide for first grade Greek School at St. Andrew.

I am very happy to be part of this great Hellenic afternoon school program and I hope with God's help to be able to pass my love for the Greek language to your children.



JR. PRE- KINDERGARTEN & PRE-K MRS PANAYIOTA LOUCA κ^α Παναγιώτα Λουκά



My name is **Yiota Louca**, and I was born on the beautiful island of Cyprus! I have been a member of the St. Andrew Community since 1976. Initially, I lived in Morristown where I attended my Junior and Senior years at Morristown Hight School. I received my bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University. I reside in Randolph with my husband, Antony, and my five children: Katerina, Andreas, Demetri, Nicole and Alexia.

I worked for AT&T/Lucent International for 17 years where I held the position of an Account Support Manager for Europe, the Middle East and Africa. For the last 20 years I have been employed by The Randolph Board of Education where I have worked in a Kindergarten classroom and I am currently working with Special Needs Children, ages 3-5 years old.

Within the St. Andrew community, I was an advisor for the St. Andrew Youth Group (GOYA), member on the PTA board and taught Sunday School. Currently, I am a member of Philoptochos Board and the Daughters of Penelope.

In the past 5 years I have had the pleasure of teaching Greek School. I am currently teaching Jr. Pre-K and Pre-K class. I love teaching our native language and Greek Heritage and look forward to teaching this year again where I will continue incorporating fun and hands-on lessons for the youth of our church. Thank You!



ROOM FOR AGAPE VOICE FOR THE SENIORS OCTOBER 2021



I can't imagine living without memory. I would have to keep track when to turn on my heart and when to digest what I have taken in. It's the way God made us, as a matter of fact, by providing a script we read by heart. No matter where we are or the conditions under which we are existing or trying to thrive. There is a catch to all the above.

It is a sweetness, and we know everything by heart. It is a constant present, a gift and it covers, a lift, and it covers everything we need to know in order to live a fruitful life. I suddenly realized that everything is covered like a blanket statement, and we have gotten tangle in the word work. Even to go so far as to claim it's all in the way you read it as courage or storage, some sort of rage. Not knowing how or why, it comes out that way.

Remember in Romans Chapter 8:38-39, the theme of my life. I was given a gift and I am responsible for making sure I perform according to the way intended. With great gifts comes great responsibility to translate into the language of the ones to whom you are speaking. Some folks are given the spirit to conquer the world, in a sense. But without doing so in a loving way, all becomes a waste. I was given the task of sorting out a great big pot of stew, a mess. I volunteered. No one else would ever do it. It was a job no one wanted to do. Luckily for me, I had a stubborn streak. So, I kept on going with it.

Then I hit another jackpot, and there were the ladies stirring the stew. But a lot was stuck on the bottom. So, they let it grow to a crust. I knew I didn't want

that anymore. But then I realized that was my work. I had to find out what was in the bottom. And there I found deep in the base of the big stew pot that is where I found the carbon copies.

But the ladies were loving their work. One cannot measure a unit of love. That is up to God to determine. We must work, to love to be doing. Always carrying the weight of a load until brightness addresses the dawning. And then I realized in an allegorical way, that this was like giving birth. As Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Then, when we are being delivered, we are forced to a terrible trial. But then we take a breath of air, that is a struggle too. But we graduated from one generation to another to start all over again.

And all of this by heart, all of this in the yarn age, in the storage, in the memory bank where God keeps it all in a manual, a script, and gives to us to live out whatever that happens to be. In every cell of our body, we have the script that we can follow. In the heart of our soul, we have anchored there the sum of the spheres, of Light of all lights. And its joyful, and it is happy, but it is also blinding, and we walk and trust. It is the joy of likeness, of brightness. It is the all-consuming courage and joy. God is brilliant! He is truly brilliant! His son, Christ Jesus, our personal creator.

We must be aware and rejoice. And all Holy Theotokos embraces all!

Athena Maria (Mary Ann) and Betty

PARENTS' CORNER

By Alexandra Protopapas

October – Fall – Halloween – so much to think about!

Yia sas! Welcome again to the quick ending of summer, children settled in schools, and time for leaves falling, Halloween, but oh so many fun things to do!

So we have holidays for children such as Halloween! Personally, I don't like this holiday, but I do go to my door to give out snacks but I haven't decided yet with what to do because of protocols during the pandemic, I don't like scary costumes or scary movies, and yes, when my children were small I ate their candy!

Many parents do not let their children participate in Halloween activities, but before you deprive them of many fun activities during this holiday, research the reasons. I will just quote one paragraph from Allan Rudnick below that I agree with and for me, it's not really an anti-Christian holiday.

"The key in understanding of the origins of the term Halloween comes from the sense of what is "hallowed" or "holy". In the Lord's Prayer, Christians pray, "Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name..." In the fourth century, John Chrysostom tells us that the Eastern Church celebrated a festival in honor of all saints who died. In the seventh and eighth centuries, Christians celebrated "All Saints' Day" formally."

Halloween can be interactive fun time for our children and carving pumpkins, going to Halloween parties with friends at church or school, dressing up in costumes, is giving them a feeling of belonging and they have good clean fun following safety guidelines. It's not good to let young children watch scary movies at any time, but let them enjoy Halloween. If something scares them, tell them to say a prayer and this will take their fears away.

October is a great time for many activities for our children. Put those light jackets on those kids and let them be outdoors while they can still enjoy the fresh air. Have them rake leaves and collect colored leaves and make a collage. Explain to them the beauty of nature that is upon us because of all the great things that God has given us and how the changing season of life is like the unchanging character of God. Go apple and pumpkin picking and even have them listen to the Bible stories during this time in their Sunday School classes.

What about our teenagers? Don't let them tell you they have too much homework and they can't go outside to rake leaves! No leaves to rake? They can take the younger children apple picking, for a walk to observe the changing colors, and watch the birds fly south. Encourage your teens to go outdoors for fresh air whether it is to rake leaves, walk the dog, or just sit outside to do some homework or read. It is amazing what they can see when they look up and just quietly observe the wind move the leaves, the songs of the birds, or the clouds moving. All these observations are part of the miracles given to us by God.

We should encourage prayer with our children, young and old as well as continue to enjoy the outdoors. I know when I am in a stressful situation I pray and this power of prayer, for me, gives me strength to overcome my stress, my fears, and my shortcomings. The fall season is beautiful and with the hot summer we just had, before the rain and snow, spend some time with your children outdoors and take the time yourself to pray outdoors as well. Do we tell our children to pray often other than in church? If not, we should. Our home is a school as well.

With my husband Mike, and son Nicholas, we wish you a safe and healthy month of October for your children, and serenity throughout the year

With that in mind, my prayer this month from my book ***“A Table Prayer Guide”*** is from ***“The Church of the Home”*** by Rev. Fr. Anthony M. Coniaris, *“Making God Real in the Orthodox Christian Home”*.

“The most influential school in the world is not Oxford or Harvard or the Sorbonne or Yale or Cambridge. It is the home. The question is not, “Is there a school under your roof?” The real question is, “How good is the school under your roof?” What are you teaching? What are you not teaching?” If the one hour a week spent in Church and Church School is to be effective, it must be supplemented in the greatest of all schools, the home, by dedicated Christian parents who, by family discussions, family prayer, a special family evening, family Bible reading, family devotions at the supper table, will give their children the greatest gift possible: the knowledge of the One True God Jesus Who will walk with them through life, strengthen them, heal them, guide them, and give them meaning to their life, grant the peace of God and lead them ultimately to life eternal.”

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

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

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Archbishop Elpidophoros Announces New Priest for

the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center

August 25, 2021

New York, NY – Today, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America announced his appointment for the new proistamenos (presiding priest) for the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine: The Reverend Protopresbyter Andreas Vithoukias, the Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.



The Archbishop made his announcement today in a special meeting with the Friends of Saint Nicholas (FoSN), the non-for-profit organization tasked with raising the funds to secure completion while also managing all construction issues in this final phase of rebuilding. FoSN's Board of Directors also includes the President of the Saint Nicholas Church Parish Council. His Eminence also elevated the position of proistamenos of the Saint Nicholas Church and National Shrine to henceforth hold the distinguished title of "Archiepiscopal Vicar."

In his remarks to FoSN, the Archbishop stated:

The appointment comes at this time, as we prepare to illuminate the exterior of the Church officially marking the Twentieth Anniversary of 9/11. Although the Church will not commence its liturgical life until the Spring of next year, there are now pastoral decisions that require a priest-in-charge. And as Archiepiscopal Vicar for the Shrine, Father Andreas will emphasize the connectivity with the Holy Archdiocese of America, and help to build that bridge of connectivity with the Friends, once the Shrine is physically complete. Father Andreas has been an outstanding Chancellor, and as construction goes on, he will serve in a dual capacity

as Chancellor for a suitable time of transition – both for the Shrine and for the Archdiocese. I have no doubt that he will navigate both roles splendidly during this period.

Dennis Mehiel, the Chairman of FoSN stated after the meeting:

Once again, the Archbishop has made the right move at the right time. We are now at the stage of construction where it makes sense for the appointment of the Parish

Priest. We are gratified that His Eminence has selected Father Vithoukias, and has granted the title of "Archiepiscopal Vicar" to him, in recognition of the enormously public role of the National Shrine.

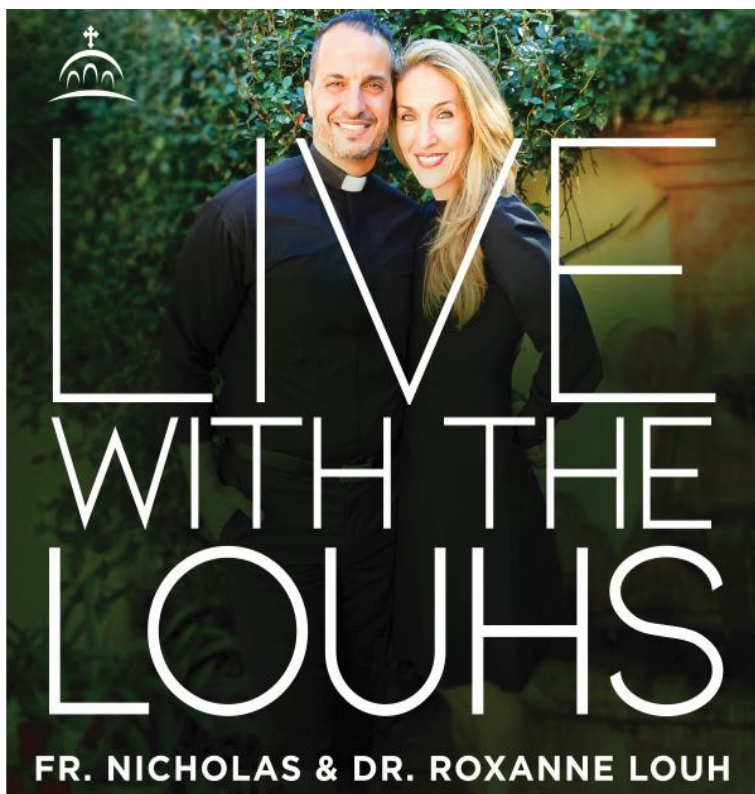
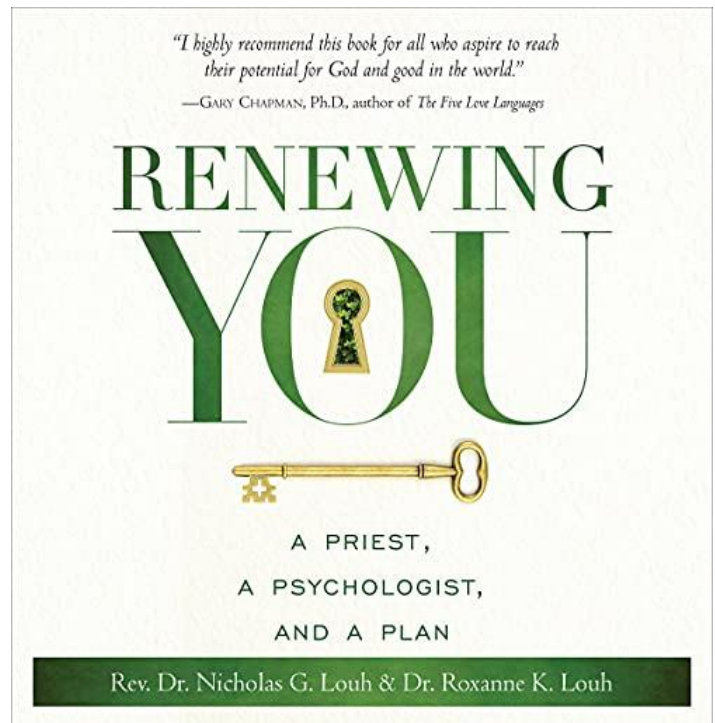
George Mihaltses, the President of the Board of the Saint Nicholas Parish also commented:

We are deeply grateful to His Eminence for the appointment of Father Andreas to our parish. We look forward to working together with him to reconnect the parishioners of Saint Nicholas with their beloved church, welcome new members and visitors, and establish the ministries of the National Shrine. It is an exciting time for Saint Nicholas, and I know that I speak for all the members of our parish when I say to Father Andreas: "Welcome!"

Father Andreas currently serves as Chancellor of the Archdiocese — a position that he will continue to hold — and has been ministering to the Saint George Greek Orthodox Church in Midtown Manhattan. His appointment to Saint Nicholas fills a gap left since the former priest, Father John Romas, passed away five years ago.

RENEWING YOU

Are you struggling in your walk with Christ? Do you want to rediscover your reason for living, the person you were created to be? *RENEWING YOU: A PRIEST, A PSYCHOLOGIST, AND A PLAN* gives you the keys to unlock areas of your life that hold you back from fully experiencing the renewal and transformation God has in mind for you. Co-authored by a priest and a psychologist, *RENEWING YOU* combines principles of spiritual growth with psychological tools to help you become your best self, fully connected with God's purpose for you.



Rev. Dr. Nicholas Louh is a priest, and **Dr. Roxanne Louh** is a clinical psychologist. In their book and in their ministry, the Louhs are a marriage of two different worlds and fields of study. Their work unites the seemingly opposing fields of faith and psychology to support the kind of inward reflection that leads to lasting outward transformation. For the last 10 years, Fr. Nicholas and Dr. Roxanne have worked together to help people seek the changes they want most for their lives.

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On Tuesday, the Louhs will begin offering weekly live broadcasts on Ancient Faith Radio! Still focused on supporting healthy minds and healthy souls, Fr. Nick and Dr. Roxanne will bring you good counsel, thoughtful conversation, and interesting guests! **Join us live on Tuesday at 8 PM ET!**



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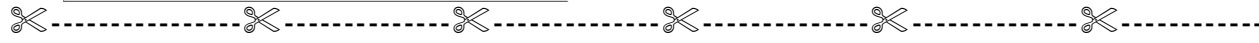
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BAPTISMS – ΒΑΠΤΙΣΙΣ

ORIANTHI ANASSTASIA BERMUDEZ PETRAKOS, daughter of Christian Bermudez and Stephanie Petrakos of Ledgewood, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church on Saturday August 28th, 2021 and given the name **ANASTASIA – ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΑ**. Godmother was Alexia Petrakos Bell.

JOANNA AGORITSA DELIS, daughter of Nick Elias Delis and Panayiota Balaskonis of Lake Hopatcong, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church on Saturday September 11th, 2021 and given the name **JOANNA – ΙΩΑΝΝΑ**. Godparents were Antonios and Anna Housakos.

JAMES DANIEL CORONA, son of Oxmani Esao Corona and Katerina N. Rotsides of Dover, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church on Saturday September 11th, 2021 and given the name **DEMETRIOS – ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΣ**. Godfather was Andreas Louca.

NICHOLAS DEMTRIOS ROTSIDES, son of Demetrios N. Rotsides and Xin (Veronica) Dai of Dover, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church on Saturday September 11th, 2021 and given the name **NICHOLAS - ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΣ**. Godmother was Niki Ioannou.

CHRISMATION - ΧΡΙΣΜΑ

CHHARLS SAMUEL PETERSON of Andover, NJ was Chrismated according to the rites of our church on Saturday September 11th, 2021, and given the name **SAMUEL- ΣΑΜΟΥΗΛ**. Sponsor was Antoni Louca.

OBIT & FUNERAL – ΝΕΚΡΟΛΟΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΚΗΔΕΙΑ

Stella Bertha Papalos, 78, of Morristown, passed away following a long illness on Friday, September 3, 2021 at University Hospital, Newark. She was born in Pittsburg, PA and was a resident of Morristown, Morris Plains, and formerly Ledgewood NJ.

Stella was long time parishioner of Saint Andrew and a more recent parishioner of Ss. Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Roseland, the Morristown Women's Club and Choir, Choir member of the Roseland Church. She touched so many through her kindness, loving and selfless ways. Stella loved to sing, was an avid cook and loved to entertain.

She is survived by two children Ann Lemon of St Louis, MO and Michael John Papalos and his wife Michelle of Morristown; two grandchildren Evangelina and Alexandra. She is predeceased by her son Theodore in 1995.

Funeral for the repose of her soul was held of Friday, September 10, 2021 at 11:00AM at Ss Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Roseland. Interment to follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Chester. Our sincerest condolences to her family and may her memory be eternal.



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Prayers for the Repose of Souls

With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Thy departed servants, (names), where there is neither sickness nor sorrow nor sighing, but life everlasting. Amen.

Remember, O Lord, the souls of Thy departed servants (names) and of all my kins according to the flesh. Also remember all those of our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection and of the life eternal, and render unto them eternal memory.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend the souls of Thy departed servants (names) and pray to Thee to grant them rest, O Lord, in the place of Thy rest, where all Thy blessed saints repose, where the light of Thy countenance shineth. Grant that our lives may be godly, sober and blameless, that we may be worthy to meet them again in Thy Heavenly Kingdom. For Thou art the Resurrection and the Life and the Repose of Thy departed servants, O Christ our God, and unto

Thee we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Remember, O Lord, our parents and brethren who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection, and all those who have ended their lives in piety and faith. Forgive them all their transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary, committed by them in word or deed or in thought. Set them in bright places of light, in places of green pasture, in places of rest whence all pain, sorrow and sighing have fled away, and where the light of Thy countenance shineth and gladdeneth forever all Thy saints. Grant unto them and unto us Thy Kingdom and participation in Thine ineffable and eternal blessings, and to delight in Thine unending and blessed life. For Thou art the Life, the Resurrection and the Repose of Thy servants who have fallen asleep, O Christ our God, and we render glory to Thee, with Thine Eternal Father, and with Thine All-holy, Gracious and Life-giving Spirit, now and forever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Sundays after Holy Communion

PILLOW MINISTRY 1ST & 3RD MONDAY 11am

BAKING GROUP Tuesdays 9am

KNITTING GROUP 2nd & 4th Wednesday 10am -2pm

Hellenic Afternoon School

Mondays or Thursdays 4:30pm

Greek Dancing Thursdays

Group 1 @5:45 & Group 2 @6:30pm

GOYA Greek Dancing Mondays 7pm

GOYA Volleyball Tuesdays 7pm

GOYA Basketball Wednesdays 7pm

Little Angels Playgroup LAP Fridays 10am-12pm

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS IN OCTOBER 2021: 10/3 PHILOPTOCHOS, 10/10 PTA, 10/17 DOP, 10/24 GOYA, 10/31 BAKALIKO

10/2 @11AM BAPTISM MOSHEN

10/3 @ 1PM PAPAS BAPTISM

10/4-10/18 at 11am Pillow Ministry

10/10 Mr. & Miss GOYA /HANOVER MANOR 4PM

10/12-10/15 Natl. Clergy Retreat San Antonio TX

10/13-10/27 @10am Knitting Group Meets

10/16 DOP FASHION SHOW / MEADOW WOOD MANOR 11AM

10/16 @2:30PM BAPTISM

10/17 @1PM BAPTISM (2)

10/23 FAITH KITCHEN – GOYA

10/23@11AM BAPTISM (2)

10/25 @7:30PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10/26 @7PM PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING

10/28 @7PM GOYA MEETING

10/31 OXI DAY CELEBRATION HAS

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS IN NOVEMBER 2021: 11/7 PHILOPTOCHOS, 11/14 PTA, 11/21 DOP, 11/28 GOYA

11/2 @8AM-4PM LIFELINE SCREENING/SOCIAL HALL

11/6 TENTATIVE DATE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

11/7 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE

RESCHEDULED TO MAY 2022 TRICKY TRAY / PHILOPTOCHOS

11/14 MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR VETERANS 11/11

11/20 @4PM WEDDING KAVALOS_FREIDHOF

11/22 @7PM GENERAL ASSEMBLY

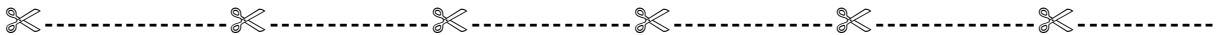
11/25 THANKSGIVING

11/27 FAITH KITCHEN – PHILOPTOCHOS

11/29 MONDAY GREAT VESPERS/REFRESHMENTS

11/30 SAINT ANDREW DAY LUNCHEON/PHILOPTOCHOS

12/25 FAITH KITCHEN – DOP -AHEPA



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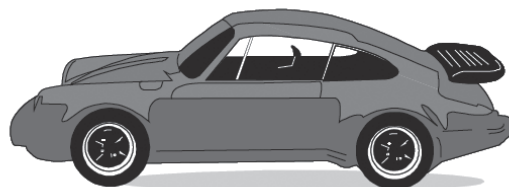
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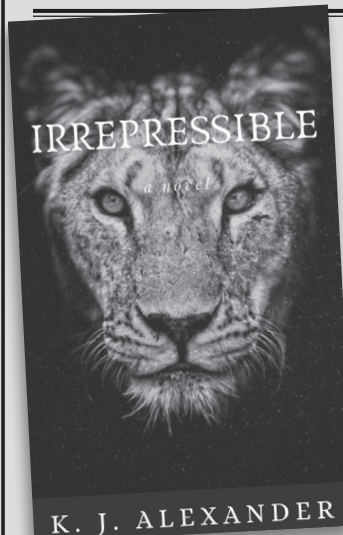


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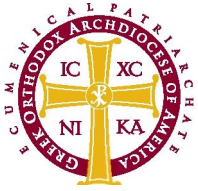
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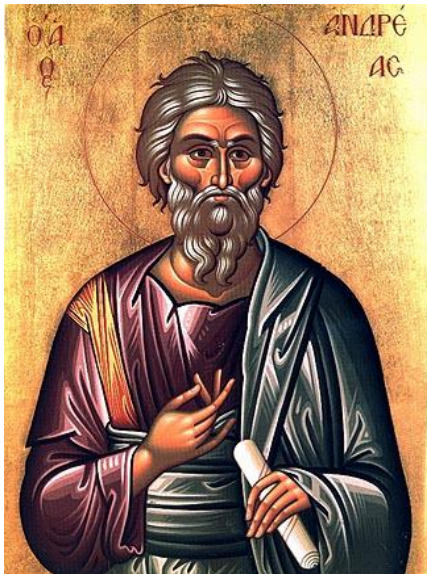
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