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Whatever you do
work at it with
all your heart
as working for the Lord,
not for men

Colossians 3:23



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ICON ST PHOCAS THE GARDNER & ST EUPHROSINOS THE COOK

SAINT DEMETRIOS – OCT 26

HOLY PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS & OXI DAY! | OCT 28

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DIVINE SERVICES

OCTOBER

- Sunday 2 2nd Sunday of Luke**
Sunday 9 3rd Sunday of Luke
Sunday 16 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Tuesday 18 ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
Sunday 23 6th Sunday of Luke | +ST. IAKOVOS THE BROTHER OF THE LORD
Wednesday 26 ST. DEMETRIOS THE MYRRH BEARER
Friday 28 OXI DAY" *Greek National Holiday* | +HOLY PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS
Sunday 30 5th Sunday of Luke

NOVEMBER 2022

- Tuesday 1 +COSMAS AND DAMIAN
Sunday 6 7th Sunday of Luke
Tuesday 8 +SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGELS
Wednesday 9 +ST. NEKTARIOS
Sunday 13 8th Sunday of Luke
Monday 14 +ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
NATIVITY FAST BEGINS ON 11/15
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 & ST. KATHERINE THE GREAT MARTYR 10/25
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

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

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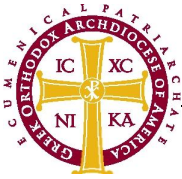
ΟΚΤΩΒΡΙΟΣ

Κυριακή	2	Β' Λουκά
Κυριακή	9	Γ' Λουκά
Κυριακή	16	Των Αγίων Πατέρων τής Ζ' Οίκ. Συνόδου
Τρίτη	18	ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΛΟΥΚΑ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΤΗ
Κυριακή	23	ΣΤ' Λουκά + ΙΑΚΩΒΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΑΔΕΛΦΟΘΕΟΥ
Τετάρτη	26	ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΑΣ
Παρασκευή	28	28 ^Η ΟΚΤΩΒΡΙΟΥ» ΤΗΣ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΣΚΕΠΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ
Κυριακή	30	Ε' Λουκά

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
Κυριακή	13	Η' Λουκά
Δευτέρα	14	+ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΥ <i>ΣΑΡΑΝΤΑΗΜΕΡΟ ΝΗΣΤΕΙΑΣ 15/11</i>
Τετάρτη	16	+ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΤΗΣ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΣ
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
Τετάρτη	30	+ΑΝΔΡΕΟΥ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΩΤΟΚΛΗΤΟΥ Όρθρος 8:15 πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία <u>ώρα 9:30πμ</u>

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*)*



SAINT ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



GREEK ORTHODOX
METROPOLIS OF
NEW JERSEY

Rev. John Theodosion
Pastor

Beloved in Christ,

As I think about the last 60 years, I can only think of one word and that is stewardship. Please don't put this letter down. I'm not asking for money. The reason I think of the word stewardship is because I think of the parable of the workers in the vineyard. *"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.'"*

Throughout these past 60 years people were called to serve and have labored in this vineyard of the Lord we call Saint Andrew. Some worked a lot some worked a little. Some were here from the beginning some came at the end. Who worked more or less doesn't matter. What matters is that we all gave from our hearts for the benefit of the church and the community and God blessed our efforts and multiplied them.

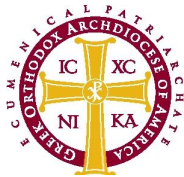
The results of His work very are apparent. So many people have been blessed from their involvement in the life of the community. Lives were touched and changed because they experienced the work of the Holy Spirit. God's presence has been felt and experienced throughout all of the liturgies, weddings, baptisms, funerals, hospital visits, events, meetings, charitable outreach and so much more. Whether our parishioners experienced good times, or difficult times the church has been there to celebrate with them or share in their sorrow and support them in any way possible.

You see, I didn't ask for money, but I did describe good stewardship, because as a community we have been good stewards of this vineyard and the fruits of our labors are all around. The only thing I ask is that you **come on Sunday November 13 at The Meadowood to celebrate** the many blessings of our community. *(Please RSVP by October 30th)* As we look forward to the next 60 years, I pray God will continue to bless our church so that our work in this blessed vineyard will continue to grow and touch many more lives.

With Love in Christ,


Fr. John Theodosion
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Αγαπητοί εν Χριστώ αδελφοί,

Καθώς σκέπτομαι τα τελευταία 60 χρόνια, μία μόνο φράση μπορώ να σκεφτώ και αυτή είναι η οικονομική διαχείριση. Σας παρακαλώ μην αγνοήσετε αυτό το γράμμα. Δεν σας ζητώ χρήματα. Ο λόγος που σκέπτομαι τη φράση αυτή είναι επειδή σκέπτομαι την παραβολή των εργατών του αμπελώνα. «*Η Βασιλεία των ουρανών μοιάζει με τον κύριο ενός σπιτιού ο οποίος βγήκε νωρίς το πρωί για να μισθώσει εργάτες για το αμπέλι του. Αφού συμφώνησε με τους εργάτες να τους δώσει ένα δηνάριο την ημέρα, τους έστειλε στο αμπέλι του. Βγήκε επίσης και την τρίτη ώρα περίπου και είδε κάποιους άλλους να στέκονται άνεργοι στην αγορά: και τους είπε: “Πηγαίνετε και εσείς στο αμπέλι και θα σας δώσω ό,τι είναι δίκαιο”. Πήγαν λοιπόν και εκείνοι. Όταν ξαναβγήκε περίπου την έκτη ώρα καθώς και την ένατη ώρα, έκανε το ίδιο. Τελικά, περίπου την 11η ώρα, βγήκε και βρήκε κάποιους άλλους να στέκονται και τους είπε: “Γιατί στέκεστε εδώ άνεργοι όλη την ημέρα;” Εκείνοι απάντησαν: “Επειδή κανείς δεν μας πήρε για δουλειά”. Τότε τους είπε: “Πηγαίνετε και εσείς στο αμπέλι και θα λάβετε ό,τι είναι δίκαιο”».*

Μέσα σε αυτά τα τελευταία 60 χρόνια έχουν κληθεί άνθρωποι να υπηρετήσουν και έχουν εργαστεί σε αυτόν τον αμπελώνα του Κυρίου που ονομάζουμε Άγιος Ανδρέας. Κάποιοι εργάστηκαν πολύ και κάποιοι εργάστηκαν λίγο. Κάποιοι ήταν εδώ από την αρχή και κάποιοι ήλθαν στο τέλος. Δεν έχει σημασία ποιός δούλεψε περισσότερο ή λιγώτερο. Αυτό που έχει σημασία είναι ότι όλοι προσφέραμε από την καρδιά μας για το καλό της εκκλησίας και της κοινότητας και ο Θεός ευλόγησε τις προσπάθειές μας και τις πολλαπλασίασε.

Τα αποτελέσματα της εργασίας Του είναι προφανή. Τόσοι πολλοί άνθρωποι ευλογήθηκαν από την ενασχόλησή τους στην ζωή της κοινότητας. Πόσες ζωές αγγίχτηκαν και άλλαξαν επειδή βίωσαν το έργο του Αγίου Πνεύματος. Η παρουσία του Θεού έχει γίνει αισθητή και τη βιώνουμε στις λειτουργίες, τους γάμους, τις βαπτίσεις, τις κηδείες, τις επισκέψεις στα νοσοκομεία, στις εκδηλώσεις, τις συνεδριάσεις, τις φιλανθρωπίες και τόσα πολλά άλλα. Είτε τα μέλη της ενορίας μας έζησαν ωραίες στιγμές είτε δύσκολες στιγμές, η εκκλησία βρίσκεται κοντά τους στις γιορτές ή στις λύπες και τους στηρίζει με όλα τα δυνατά μέσα.

Βλέπετε; Δεν ζήτησα χρήματα, αλλά σας περιγράψω την καλή συνεισφορά στην εκκλησία, γιατί ως κοινότητα είμαστε καλοί εργάτες του αμπελώνα και οι καρποί της εργασίας μας βρίσκονται παντού. Το μόνο που σας ζητώ είναι να έλθετε την **Κυριακή 13 Νοεμβρίου στο Meadowood για να γιορτάσουμε** τις άπειρες ευλογίες της κοινότητάς μας. (Παρακαλώ απαντήστε μέχρι τις 30 Οκτωβρίου) Καθώς ατενίζουμε τα επόμενα 60 χρόνια, προσεύχομαι ο Θεός να συνεχίσει να ευλογεί την εκκλησία μας για να προοδεύει και η εργασία μας σε αυτόν τον ευλογημένο αμπελώνα και να αγγίζουμε περισσότερες ζωές.

Με εν Χριστώ αγάπη,

Πατήρ Ιωάννης Θεοδοσίου

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THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY GALA OF SAINT ANDREW CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

THE MEADOW WOOD, 461 NJ-10 RANDOLPH, NEW JERSEY

COCKTAIL RECEPTION 4:00 PM | DINNER & DANCING 5:00 PM

PREMIUM OPEN BAR ALL EVENING

LIVE GREEK & AMERICAN MUSIC PERFORMED BY NICOS NICOLAIDES – THE COSMOPOLITANS

RSVP BY OCTOBER 30

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RESERVATIONS

RSVP BY OCTOBER 30

PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING & THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.

List the names of those in your party and any additional seating requests on the reverse side of this form. Also indicate entree selection. Complete both sides of this form and return it along with your payment BY OCTOBER 30.

_____ **# ATTENDING**

ADULTS \$150

YOUTH AGES 13-18 \$100

AGES 5-12 \$50

AGES 0-4 **FREE** = \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DAY PHONE _____ EVENING PHONE _____

_____ **# TABLE(S) OF 10**

FOR \$1,350 = \$ _____

EMAIL _____

I am unable to attend, please accept the enclosed donation \$ _____

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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MENU OPTIONS

CHATEAUBRIAND (B)

The Classic Sliced Filet of Beef Tenderloin, Topped with a Port Wine Reduction

CHICKEN MARGARITA (C)

French Chicken Breast Stuffed with Fresh Homemade Mozzarella Cheese, Tomatoes & Fresh Basil, Served with Rosa Cheese Ravioli

BRONZINI (F)

Pan Seared Served with Oven Roasted Cherry Tomatoes, Spinach and Topped with White Wine Lemon Sauce

ROASTED VEGETABLE RISOTTO (V)

Served with Marinated Portobello Mushrooms and a Red Pepper Coulis

RESERVATIONS — SEATING REQUESTS

TABLES SEAT 10 PEOPLE. IN THE SPACE BELOW, PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF THOSE IN YOUR PARTY. ALSO INDICATE ENTREE SELECTION PER PERSON: B = BEEF, F = FISH, C = CHICKEN, V = VEGETARIAN

You may also list the names of other guests that you would like to be seated with.

We will do our best to accommodate your requests. Please print neatly — thank you!

NAME(S) OF THOSE IN YOUR PARTY.
CIRCLE ENTREE SELECTION PER PERSON.

NAME(S) OF OTHER GUEST(S) YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE SEATED WITH, IF POSSIBLE.

1. B F C V _____

6. B F C V _____

2. B F C V _____

7. B F C V _____

3. B F C V _____

8. B F C V _____

4. B F C V _____

9. B F C V _____

5. B F C V _____

10. B F C V _____

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WRITE YOUR NAME & GREETING IN THE SPACE BELOW.

Please print neatly, thank you!

NAME(S) _____

GREETING (OPTIONAL) _____

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

" ..CLEAN AIR "

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

Καθαρός Αέρας

Του Πατέρα Ιωάννη Θεοδοσίου

Στις μέρες μας ακούμε πολλά για τον καθαρό αέρα και την προστασία του περιβάλλοντος. Είναι πραγματικά ένα πολύ σημαντικό θέμα γιατί η φροντίδα του πλανήτη μας είναι ευθύνη κάθε Χριστιανού. Δεν είναι πολιτικό θέμα, αλλά μία ευθύνη που μας παραχωρήθηκε από τον Θεό μόλις δημιούργησε τον άνθρωπο. (Γένεση 1:26) Η σκέψη της εισπνοής βρώμικου αέρα είναι κάτι που θυμάμαι από τα παιδικά μου χρόνια. Θυμάμαι όταν οδηγούσαμε δίπλα από τα εργοστάσια χάλυβα στο Κλήβελαντ, τον βρώμικο αέρα που έβγαινε από τα φουγάρα, πόσο απαίσια μύριζε. Θυμάμαι που, παιδί εγώ, μέσα στο αυτοκίνητο έκανα τόση φασαρία γι' αυτό, επειδή μου βρωμούσε πάρα πολύ. Για το λόγο αυτό όταν πηγαίνω κάπου που ο αέρας είναι καθαρός πολύ, σκέπτομαι πόσο εκτιμώ αυτόν τον φρέσκο, καθαρό αέρα.

Όταν συμβεί να μυρίσω βρώμικο αέρα, είναι σαν ένα σύννεφο να μου εμποδίζει την ανάσα, την όρασή μου, που δημιουργεί ομίχλη τριγύρω μου. Αυτό μπορώ να το παρομοιάσω με την πνευματική ζωή.

Στην πνευματική μας ζωή η ζωή μας συννεφιάζει με τις τόσες φροντίδες, προβλήματα και ανησυχίες της καθημερινότητας. Αυτές οι έννοιες, τα προβλήματα και οι ανησυχίες τριγυρνάνε μέσα στο κεφάλι μας προκαλώντας μας ασφυξία από τις δυσκολίες και τα προβλήματα που αντιμετωπίζουμε στη ζωή. Οι δικές μου ανησυχίες και έννοιες διαφέρουν από τις δικές σας στεναχώριες και φροντίδες αλλά όλοι μας έχουμε κάτι που μας προκαλεί ανησυχία και μας γονατίζει. Μα πού να στραφούμε για να μας καθαρίσει τον νέφος που θολώνει την ικανότητά μας να αντιμετωπίσουμε τις έννοιες, τις δυσκολίες

και τα προβλήματα της ζωής; Νομίζω πως το πιο σημαντικό μέρος που μπορούμε να σταθούμε, είναι στην Ορθόδοξη Πίστη και την Εκκλησία.

Πιστεύω πως η προσέλευση στην Εκκλησία είναι ένα από τα σπουδαιότερα δώρα που μας έκανε ο Κύριος για να επαναφέρουμε στις πολυάσχολες ζωές μας τον φρέσκο, καθαρό αέρα της παρουσίας του Θεού στη ζωή μας. Οι ψυχές μας ποθούν και διψούν για το άγγιγμά Του στις καρδιές μας. Θέλουμε να ζούμε γι' Αυτόν, να Τον γνωρίσουμε, να ανυψώσουμε τη καρδιά μας στον Κύριο. Ονειρευόμαστε πότε θα μπορέσουμε να γευτούμε την αγάπη Του και να γεμίσουμε την ψυχή μας με τη γαλήνη Του. Το φαντάζεστε, να έχουμε την γαλήνη του Θεού που ξεπερνά την κάθε νόηση; Αναρωτιόμαστε αν αυτήν τη γαλήνη μπορούμε να την αποκτήσουμε.

Το καλοκαίρι κάνουμε διακοπές από τη ρουτίνα της εργασίας, του σπιτιού και των πολλών υποχρεώσεων. Έχουμε ανάγκη την ευκαιρία αυτή να ηρεμήσουμε και να αφήσουμε τις φροντίδες, τις ανησυχίες και έννοιες πίσω μας για λίγο. Κάποιος συγγραφέας το αποκαλεί το τρόχισμα του πριονιού. Λέει πως ο ξυλουργός που χρησιμοποιεί το πριόνι ξανά και ξανά και ξανά στο τέλος το αμβλύνει. Παίρνοντας την ευκαιρία να σταματήσει να κόβει με το πριόνι και κάνοντας το πριόνι πάλι κοφτερό σημαίνει επίσης ότι μετά θα είναι πιο αποδοτικό, όταν δηλαδή θα ακονιστεί και θα χρησιμοποιείται πάλι για εργασία. Αυτό μπορεί να συμβεί και με τις διακοπές μας, να είναι μια ευκαιρία για ανάπαυση και να φορτίσουμε τις μπαταρίες μας ώστε όταν επιστρέψουμε στη ζωή και την εργασία μας, να είμαστε και πιο αποτελεσματικοί.

Πολλοί από εμάς κάνουν διακοπές το καλοκαίρι και από την εκκλησία και τη λειτουργία. Σε αυτές τις διακοπές όμως, δεν βλέπω κανένα όφελος. Ο λόγος που το λέω αυτό είναι ότι επειδή δεν ερχόμαστε στην εκκλησία να προσευχηθούμε, αυτό μας απομακρύνει από τον Θεό. Σπάει την ρουτίνα της προσευχής που δημιουργούσε μία σταθερή και ουσιαστική σχέση ανάμεσα σ'εμάς και τον Θεό. Είναι μία σχέση που όλοι έχουμε ανάγκη. Μία σχέση που μας βοηθά να καθαρίζουμε τον αέρα της ζωής μας και να βλέπουμε πιο ξεκάθαρα πώς να καλυτερεύσουμε τη ζωή μας και να συμπεριφερόμαστε.

Αυτό το φθινόπωρο, πολλοί από εμάς επιστρέφουν στην εκκλησία μετά από απουσία ακόμη και μηνών. Μερικοί θεωρούν την πίστη και την εκκλησία μας

ότι είναι μία δραστηριότητα όπως το ποδόσφαιρο, το σχολείο ή τα μαθήματα χορού ή πιάνου, και έτσι κάνουν διάλειμμα το καλοκαίρι. Η Ορθόδοξη Χριστιανική Πίστη όμως, είναι σίγουρα πιο σημαντική από μία δραστηριότητα σαν αυτές. Η Χριστιανική Πίστη μας είναι τρόπος ζωής, θα πρέπει να είναι μία δύναμη που μας καθοδηγεί στην καθημερινή μας συναναστροφή με άλλους. Η Πίστη και η εκκλησία μας θα πρέπει να είναι το μέρος που πηγαίνουμε να δυναμώσουμε πνευματικά, να ζούμε έτσι που να δοξάζουμε τον Θεό. Είναι το μέρος που θα πάρουμε καθαρό αέρα και θα καθαρίσουμε το νέφος μέσα στο κεφάλι μας, εκεί που θα εισπνεύσουμε τη Θεία Ανάσα του Θεού.

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Αγαπητά μέλη της ενορίας μας,

Ο συνημμένος συνοπτικός οικονομικός απολογισμός μέχρι και τον Ιούλιο 2022 δείχνει πως άρχισαν να φαίνονται οι συνέπειες της απουσίας της προστασίας που παρείχαν τα PPP δάνεια που λάβαμε τα πρώτα δύο χρόνια της πανδημίας. Στο τέλος του Ιουλίου, μετά βίας είχαμε αρκετά χρήματα για την πληρωμή λογαριασμών ενός μόνο μηνός. Τη στιγμή που γράφεται αυτή η επιστολή, μέσα Αυγούστου, τα χρήματά μας δεν αρκούν για τις υπηρεσίες μας ούτε για ένα μήνα. Είναι συνηθισμένη η μεγάλη μείωση κατά το καλοκαίρι, η προσέλευση όμως στην εκκλησία φαίνεται πολύ χαμηλότερη φέτος από προηγούμενα καλοκαίρια και το παρατηρούμε αυτό και στις δωρεές που είναι μικρότερες

Δυστυχώς, το καθαρό ποσό από το φέστιβαλ των \$62,000, είναι σχεδόν το μισό από ότι είχαμε προ της πανδημίας επειδή οι επισκέπτες μειώθηκαν και το κόστος των φαγητών ανέβηκε πολύ. Τα έξοδα των λογαριασμών ήταν 25% υψηλότερα για το ηλεκτρικό, και 50% υψηλότερα για το γκάζι.

Καθώς περνάμε την καλοκαιρινή ύφεση, σας παρακαλούμε να σκεφτείτε μία αναθεώρηση της εισφοράς που έχετε δεσμευτεί να προσφέρετε. Επίσης μπορείτε να στηρίξετε τις τρέχουσες και μελλοντικές μας προσπάθειες για οικονομική ενίσχυση: τη λοταρία για το αυτοκίνητο, την πώληση γύρου τον Σεπτέμβριο και το Εορτασμό της 60ης Επετείου τον Νοέμβριο.

Σας ευχαριστώ,
Π. Πέτρου, ταμίας

*Teach us to number our days
that we may gain a heart of wisdom."*

Psalm 90:12

Stewardship of Work

*"Whatever you do, work at it with
all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for
men...."*

Colossians 3:23

Saint Phocas was a **gardener** and **Saint Euphrosinos** was a **cook**. They are not known as "Phocas the Great" or "Euphrosinos the Theologian." Known instead by the work they did, they became saints of the Church. We know that service to God and His Church is sacred, and because of this we strive to serve and support the Church. But is it possible for our work to be sacred? Can we be Christian stewards of our work? According to Saint Porphyrios, "At your work, whatever it may be, you can become a saint through meekness, patience, and love."

In the second chapter of the Old Testament Book of Genesis we read, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it" (Genesis 2:15). God put man in the garden to *work*. It is part of God's plan for us that we work. In Exodus we read, "Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest...." The world has changed, very few of us are called to work the land, and our work week may not be six days, yet we are created and called by God to work, and we can serve him through our work.

Whatever you do
work at it with
all your heart
as working for the Lord,
not for men
Colossians 3:23



Some are blessed to follow a career path to a life's work bringing satisfaction. Others may work in a position that may not appear to be spiritually or emotionally fulfilling. In whatever type of work we find ourselves, our work can become sacred when we dedicate it to God. In the words of Mother Theresa, "Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do, but how much love we put into it."

Life on earth is a gift. The work we do is also a gift if we see it as an opportunity to serve God and others. Saint Paul instructs us, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...." (Colossians 3:23). When we see our work in this way, we are able to become Christian stewards of our work.

Stewardship of work teaches us that we don't own our work, our position, our title. We are only stewards of a position for a period of time. We are

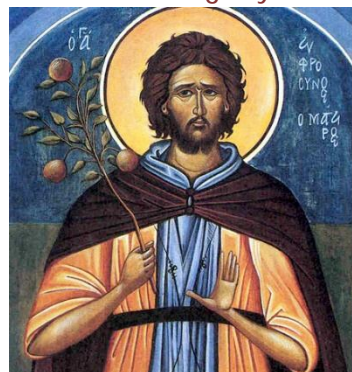
responsible to fulfill our duties and also to prepare it for the person that will follow us in that position. We may also have the opportunity to mentor the person that will assume our position when we move on, empowering them to apply their particular gifts and talents to take the position to the next level.

Christian stewardship of work also teaches us that we are responsible to those with whom we work and those that may be served by our work. We are called to reflect the light of Christ in their lives, encourage them, support them and even love them. We are also stewards of our co-workers inasmuch as we cooperate and support them in their efforts for the good of all.

Saint Phocas the Gardener lived in the late 3rd Century, in the ancient region of Paphlagonia (now northern Turkey). Phocas lived humbly on the sale of fruits and vegetables he would grow in his garden. Through his work, Phocas fed the hungry and gave shelter to those in need. Because of his dedication to his work and his generosity to those in need, he became a Christian example to others. Even the non-believers treated him with respect, and by his Christ-like manner, many were drawn to the Christian Faith.



Saint Euphrosynos worked as cook in a monastery in Palestine, serving the brother monks humbly and faithfully. The others were not aware of the depth



of his spiritual growth until it was revealed in a dream to a priest-monk of the monastery and then related to the brother monks. Euphrosynos is known to us by his humble work – Saint Euphrosynos the Cook.

In times of trouble or worry, especially over our career, we call upon God to strengthen us, to provide opportunity and to bring us success. When we achieve some measure of worldly success, it is easy to say to ourselves as we read in the Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy (8:17), “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But the next verse quickly reminds us, “Remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.”

As Christian Stewards we are called to give back to God from the “first fruits” of our labor. We support our parish and her ministries in an intentional way and not with only what is left after everything else has been taken care of.

In whatever work we do, we are called to give glory to God for the abilities and opportunities he provides. We do this by caring for the work we do, applying our God-given abilities to our work, and by respecting the responsibilities with which we have been entrusted. We do our best and give the glory to God.

Saint Euphrosinos was a cook is celebrated on September 11

Saint Phocas was a gardener and his Feast days are: March 5, **July 23**, or September 22

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All are Welcome at Saint Andrew Church

« Δίδαξον ημάς να μετρώμεν ούτω τας ημέρας ημών, ώστε να προσκολλώμεν τας καρδίας ημών εις την σοφίαν.»

Ψαλμός 90:12

Οικονομία της Εργασίας

«Όποια εργασία κάνετε, να την κάνετε με την καρδιά σας, σαν να δουλεύετε για τον Κύριο κι όχι για τους ανθρώπους.....»

ΠΡΟΣ ΚΟΛΟΣΣΑΕΙΣ 3:23

Ο Άγιος Φωκάς ήταν κηπουρός και ο Άγιος Ευφρόσυνος ήταν μάγειρας. Δεν είναι γνωστοί ως «Φωκάς ο Μέγας» ή «Ευφρόσυνος ο Θεολόγος». Αντίθετα, ήταν γνωστοί για τα έργα τους και έγιναν άγιοι της Εκκλησίας. Γνωρίζουμε ότι η υπηρεσία στον Θεό και την Εκκλησία Του είναι ιερή, και για αυτό το λόγο αγωνιζόμαστε να υπηρετούμε και να υποστηρίζουμε την Εκκλησία. Είναι όμως δυνατόν η εργασία μας να είναι ιερή; Μπορούμε να είμαστε Χριστιανοί οικονόμοι της εργασίας μας; Σύμφωνα με τον Άγιο Πορφύριο, «Στην εργασία σου, όποια και να είναι, μπορείς να γίνεις άγιος μέσα από την πραότητα, υπομονή και αγάπη».

Στο δεύτερο κεφάλαιο του Βιβλίου της Γένεσης Της Παλαιάς Διαθήκης διαβάζουμε, « Πήρε, λοιπόν, ο Κύριος ο Θεός τον άνθρωπο και τον έβαλε μέσα στον κήπο της Εδέμ για να τον καλλιεργεί και να τον προσέχει» (Γένεσις 2:15). Ο Θεός έβαλε τον άνθρωπο στον κήπο να εργαστεί. Είναι μέρος του σχεδίου του Θεού για εμάς να εργαζόμαστε. Στην Έξοδο διαβάζουμε, «Έξι μέρες θα εργάζεστε, αλλά την έβδομη θα αναπαύεστε ...» Ο κόσμος έχει αλλάξει, πολλοί λίγοι από εμάς καλούμαστε να δουλέψουμε τη γη, και η εβδομαδιαία εργασία μας μπορεί να μην είναι εξαήμερη, όμως δημιουργηθήκαμε και καλούμαστε από τον Θεό να εργαστούμε, και μπορούμε να Τον υπηρετούμε μέσα από τη δουλειά μας.

Μερικοί είναι ευλογημένοι και ακολουθούν ένα μονοπάτι καριέρας που τους φέρνει ικανοποίηση. Άλλοι μπορεί να εργάζονται σε μία θέση που δεν

φαίνεται να τους ανταμείβει πνευματικά ή συναισθηματικά. Σε οποιοδήποτε όμως είδος δουλειάς βρεθούμε, η εργασία μας μπορεί να γίνει ιερή όταν την αφιερώσουμε στον Θεό. Η Μητέρα Τερέζα λέγει, «Όπου σας έχει τοποθετήσει ο Θεός, αυτό είναι το λειτούργημά σας. Δεν έχει σημασία τί κάνουμε, αλλά πόση αγάπη βάζουμε σε αυτό που κάνουμε.»

Η ζωή στη γη είναι ένα δώρο. Η εργασία μας είναι επίσης δώρο αν τη βλέπουμε ως ευκαιρία να υπηρετούμε τον Θεό και τους άλλους. Ο Απόστολος Παύλος μας συμβουλεύει, «Όποια εργασία κάνετε, να την κάνετε με την καρδιά σας, σαν να δουλεύετε για τον Κύριο κι όχι για τους ανθρώπους.....» (Προς Κολοσσαείς 3:23). Όταν βλέπουμε έτσι τη δουλειά μας, μπορούμε να γίνουμε Χριστιανοί οικονόμοι της εργασίας μας.

Η οικονομία της εργασίας μας διδάσκει ότι δεν μας ανήκει η εργασία μας, η θέση μας, ο τίτλος μας. Είμαστε απλά οικονόμοι μίας θέσης για μία χρονική περίοδο. Έχουμε την ευθύνη να εκπληρώσουμε τα καθήκοντά μας και επίσης να προετοιμάσουμε τη θέση μας να δεχτεί το άτομο που θα μας διαδεχθεί στη θέση αυτή. Ίσως ακόμη να έχουμε την ευκαιρία να καθοδηγήσουμε το άτομο που θα πάρει τη θέση μας όταν εμείς προχωρήσουμε και να τους δώσουμε κουράγιο να εφαρμόσουν τα ιδιαίτερα χαρίσματα και ταλέντα τους ώστε να ανέβει και να βελτιωθεί η θέση αυτή.

Η Χριστιανική Οικονομία της εργασίας μας μαθαίνει επίσης να είμαστε υπεύθυνοι για αυτούς που

εργαζόμαστε μαζί και για όσους δέχονται την εργασία μας. Καλούμαστε να αντανakλούμε το φως του Χριστού στις ζωές τους, να τους ενθαρρύνουμε, να τους στηρίξουμε, ακόμη και να τους αγαπάμε. Είμαστε επίσης οικονόμοι των συναδέλφων μας και συνεργαζόμαστε και τους στηρίζουμε στις προσπάθειές τους για το καλό όλων.



Ο Άγιος Φωκάς ο Κηπουρός έζησε στο τέλος του 3^{ου} αιώνα, στην αρχαία περιοχή της Παφλαγονίας (Βόρεια Τουρκία τώρα). Ο Φωκάς έζησε ταπεινά από την πώληση των φρούτων και λαχανικών που καλλιεργούσε στον κήπο του. Με την εργασία του ο Φωκάς τάιζε τους πεινασμένους και έδινε στέγη σε όσους είχαν ανάγκη. Η αφοσίωσή του στην εργασία του και η γενναιοδωρία του προς όσους είχαν ανάγκες, τον έκαναν Χριστιανικό παράδειγμα προς τους άλλους. Ακόμη και όσοι δεν πίστευαν του συμπεριφέρονταν με σεβασμό, και πολλούς έλκυσε στην Χριστιανική Πίστη με την συμπεριφορά του που έμοιαζε με του Ιησού.

Ο Άγιος Ευφρόσυνος εργάστηκε ως μάγειρας σε ένα μοναστήρι στην Παλαιστίνη, όπου υπηρέτησε τους αδελφούς μοναχούς ταπεινά

και με πίστη. Οι άλλοι δεν είχαν καταλάβει το βάθος της πνευματικής του ανάπτυξης πριν αποκαλυφθεί σε ένα όνειρο ενός ιερομόναχου της μονής. Ο Ευφρόσυνος μας είναι γνωστός από την ταπεινή εργασία του ως Άγιος Ευφρόσυνος ο Μάγειρας.

Σε καιρούς προβλημάτων και στεναχώριας, ιδιαίτερα για θέματα καριέρας, προσφεύγουμε στον Θεό να μας δυναμώσει, να μας δώσει ευκαιρίες και να μας βοηθήσει να επιτύχουμε. Όταν καταφέρουμε κάποια επιτυχία στον κόσμο, είναι εύκολο να λέμε στον εαυτό μας όπως διαβάζουμε στην Παλαιά Διαθήκη στο Δευτερονόμιο (8:17), «Η δική μου υπεροχή και η δύναμή των χεριών μου έφερε όλο αυτόν τον πλούτο.» Ο επόμενος όμως στίχος αμέσως μας υπενθυμίζει, «Να θυμάσαι τον Κύριο, τον Θεό σου, γιατί αυτός σου δίνει τη δύναμη να αποκτάς τον πλούτο.»

Ως Χριστιανοί Οικονόμοι, καλούμαστε να επιστρέφουμε στον Θεό από τους «πρώτους καρπούς» της εργασίας μας. Στηρίζουμε οικονομικά την ενορία μας και τις διακονίες της με την θέλησή μας και όχι μόνο με ότι περισσεύει αφού έχουμε πρώτα τακτοποιήσει όλες τις ανάγκες μας.

Οποιαδήποτε εργασία και να κάνουμε, καλούμαστε να δοξάζουμε τον Θεό για τις ικανότητες και ευκαιρίες που μας παρέχει. Αυτό γίνεται όταν νοιαζόμαστε για την εργασία που κάνουμε, εφαρμόζουμε τις ικανότητες και τα χαρίσματα που μας χάρισε ο Θεός, και όταν σεβόμαστε τις ευθύνες που μας έχουν εμπιστευτεί. Κάνουμε το καλύτερο που μπορούμε και δοξάζουμε τον Θεό.



Όλοι είναι Ευπρόσδεκτοι στην Εκκλησία του Αγίου Ανδρέα

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Saint Andrew Family,

We started our Religious Education Ministry on September 11th. We look forward to the parents and children coming back to our programs and learning about our Orthodox Faith!

Please come back to St. Andrew and register your children from 3 Years old to High School. Our teachers are eager to teach the children and the adults.

On Sunday mornings Divine Liturgy begins at 9:30 am. We ask that children and teachers sit in the Center front left pews. There will be a homily by Fr John prior to Holy Communion and then all the children will then go to their classrooms until 11:30 am.

Please Save the Date **October 9th - Open House for our Religious Program.**

You will meet all the teachers and have a better understanding of the curriculum for each grade!

We look forward to our St. Andrew families coming back to church!!!!


OPEN HOUSE on Sunday October 9th

Meet your children's Teachers And review their Religious Material for the year

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!

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Why Bible Study?

Let's be honest -I've never read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and I doubt many of you have. I applaud those who have managed to follow one of those "Read the Bible in a Year" guides but question the result. Simply having read the Bible in this way may leave you as confused as ever.

"The Bible is a very complex book. It is essentially a whole library of books and letters with all kinds of purposes and styles" (***Orthodox Christian Beliefs About the Bible***, Stanley Harakas, 2003, page 1). Despite this diversity in literary composition, the Bible has a singular purpose - to offer each of us God's revelation of God. Without this, God's being, and essence remains completely outside of our ability to comprehend God. Any effort we make to present God from anything we know produces an idol. God repeatedly warns us against this tendency to form God in any "graven" image. The Bible in all its complexity is God reaching out to creation through communion. Each of us is called into relationship with God. This message of relationship might be the single common theme of the entire Bible.

The Bible is never "read", as if it were just another book of interest. Because God is relational, we begin reading the Bible with prayer. "The Bible should be read in God's presence and as the unfolding of God's mind. It is not just a book, but God's love letter to you. It is God's revelation, God's mind, operating through your mind and your reading, so your reading is a response to God's mind and will. Reading it is aligning your mind and will with God's;

therefore, it is a fulfillment of the prayer 'Thy will be done' (***You Can Understand the Bible***, Peter Kraft, 2005, page xi-xii). The reading of the Bible as prayer is crucial for our ability to listen to the Word of God.



Too often reading fails to hear what is being read and in the silence, our minds allow our own presuppositions to structure our reading. It frequently happens that people read the Bible in order to find support for what they already believe. This results in many serious distortions that have produced tragic consequences.

Often the Bible, if read prayerfully, reveals to each of us our reluctance to allow it to speak to us on its terms. We often read the Bible on our terms and hear what we want to hear. Just look at how the ridiculous conversations between science and religion have resulted in the numerous conflicts that have caused many today to reject the Bible and what it actually has to say. It isn't just science but history, ethics, and philosophy that have repeatedly reduced the Bible to another "book" recognized as an ancient reading that no longer seems relevant. Without realizing it, each of us judges the Bible by our standards. In reality, the Bible no longer functions as a revelation of God that requires our hearing, but instead has become irrelevant in our definition of reality. This is the very essence of idolatry.

The purpose of a Bible Study is to bring Orthodox Christians into fellowship. This fellowship helps to focus the study away from individual interpretations and centers the fellowship towards a prayerful listening of God speaking to us. We may not like what we hear. When Moses heard God's plan for

him, he looked for strong reasons why he would not be a good candidate for God's mission. Moses had been living an anonymous life for most of his life and what God was asking him to do was not something Moses wanted to hear. It demanded radical change. God accepted Moses' objections because God knew this is where Moses' obedience and trust would allow God to fulfill this momentous event of liberation. The final liberation of all creation would come later in Jesus Christ.

It is in a Bible Study taking place in such fellowship that each of us can hear God within our unique context and our listening to how God is speaking to us might result in the radical and profound life change that empowered Moses. In many ways Moses yielded himself to God just as Christ will before His Crucifixion. Each of us is called by God through our unique individuality because God dialogues with each person alone. A Bible Study has

the ability to open our ears and hear God speak a little clearer through our effort to hear how God spoke to so many others before us. Just like Moses, each of us is never beyond being able to make a difference if we allow God to lead us.

Given a Bible Study at your Church, you ought to make the effort, just as Moses did by drawing near to the burning bush, to see "this thing", and come and open yourself to hearing God. Jesus was very fond of stressing both seeing and hearing. We find ourselves in a spiritually challenging time. Knowing how to hear might help us renew our prayer life because God's presence in hearing God speak to us seems even more personal than seeing.

We look forward to your eager participation in our Church Bible Studies.

Herbert Schuster



Join us for

**BIBLE
STUDY**

in Fr. John's Office on

Thursdays at 7:00pm

October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10 & 17



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!

*Please join us on **Sunday, October 30, 2022** after church service for the
28TH OF OCTOBER OXI DAY PERFORMANCE.*

The Hellenic Afternoon School students will recite their poems.

We hope to see you there!

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.

*Ohi Day, also known as **Oxi Day** or Ochi Day, is commemorated each year on October 28 in Greece and Cyprus, and by all the Greeks living around the world. This day is celebrated in remembrance of the moment when the then prime minister of Greece, Ioannis Metaxas, refused to let the Italian troops enter Greece's border on October 28, 1940, during the Greco-Italian War. After receiving an ultimatum from the Italians, he responded in French (which was the diplomatic language at that time) that Greece refuses their demand even if it leads to war. Following this, Metaxas's refusal became famous around the country and the people came out to the streets, shouting "Oxi!" (Which means "No!" in Greek). This is remembered as a brave decision by Metaxas and is believed by millions of Greeks to be a heroic act.*

The history of Ioannis Metaxas (Prime Minister of Greece 1871-1941) and the Greek OXI



The absolute brilliance of Ioannis Metaxas undoubtedly left its mark in Greek history when on October 28th, 1940, he refused to surrender the country to the Italian forces. With his strategic knowledge and bravery, Ioannis Metaxas seized power on August 4th, 1936 and led the country through a series of political and social changes into the second World War to defend the country, its people and its glorious history from the enemy.

Responsible for the Metaxas Line, one of the largest fortification complexes at the time, Metaxas led the country to a victorious battle against the Italian

invasion on March 1941 and a strong defense against the German forces during the Battle of Greece in 1941, raising the country's national morale and determination to succeed.

While in office, Metaxas was responsible for some of the most important and innovative restructurings of the state in every field from agriculture to education and culture. Most notably:

1. Founded E.O.N., a non-political youth organization in attempt to imbue the youth with the ethnic ideas and values of Hellenism, which had been subjected to years of political propaganda.

2. He established the Social Insurance Institute therefore implementing the 8-hour working schedule, the official days off-work and pension organization.
3. He established hospitals and medical offices for the treatment of many diseases such as malaria, kindergartens, schools, organizations for the promotion of Greek culture (Ergatikí Hestia), food rationing for millions of children and unemployed people.
4. Created airports in Thessaloniki and Crete, performed anti-flooding constructions, created aqueducts, roads, tunnels, pavements, erected schools, offices and other buildings.
5. Built homes and districts for refugees.
6. Established National Forests and hired guards for the protection of the wildlife and enforced the agriculture. By 1938, the cultivable acres of Greece had increased to 25.841.400 from 12.452.980 that was since 1922.
7. Enforced the Greek culture by establishing organizations, institutions and cultural centers, most notably Stegi Grammaton kai Technon, organized theatrical presentations for the first time in ancient theatres, founded the national organization for publishing school books.
8. Built 1739 new schools and hired 3288 teachers.
9. Developed tourism in Greece and organized promotion of the country.
10. Cancelled the Greek national debt.
11. Implemented the Price Control Code, by which he could control the prices of all products in the country. This way there was a regulation in the profit between the merchant and the intermediary.
12. Established protection and restoration of every archaeological artefact and monument in the country. It is interesting to note that during wartime,

Metaxas ordered the protection of as much archaeological artefacts and monuments as possible by hiding them underground.

13. Fought against communism, which had begun expressing anti-Hellenic ideologies.
14. Fought against crime and drugs. He deployed units which uncovered drug dealing companies and confiscated huge amounts of imported drug substances. In just 5 years robberies had dropped from 82 to 13 and assassinations had dropped from 360 to 67.
15. He organized, educated and armed the Greek Army so well that in 1940 everybody in Europe was amazed from its triumphant victories in the mountains of Epirus to such an extent that the British Prime Minister Winston Churchill proclaimed *"From now on, we will not say that Greeks fight like Heroes, but that Heroes fight like Greeks"*.

As the greatest political and military figure in the history of modern Greece, he encompassed every ideal that ought to encompass a political leader, taking place in battles, organizing the country's army and defenses and reforming every single field of the country, always to the benefit of the peoples and country.

His act of refusing to surrender the country to the enemy, Metaxas' OXI, is alone an act that characterizes a Great Greek.

Harold Nicolson, a member of the British government said about Metaxas: *"John Metaxas, who assumed in 1936 the governance of his divided country, managed in just a few years to imbue it with determination and to make it strong and capable to confront, with the nation united behind him, the greatest challenge that Greece had ever faced in its course. We the British bow in respect before the memory of this great man..."*

<https://greekcitytimes.com/2021/04/06/greece-germany-world-war-reparations/>

Philoptochos News



The Annual Saint Andrew Philoptochos rummage sale was held in the gym on September 9th-11th, 2022. There was something for everyone – from jewelry to housewares to shoes/clothing to art/books and so much more. Many shoppers turned out during these 3 days to search for treasures and bargains and were quite pleased with the organization, cleanliness, value and pricing of our items.

Irene Laoudis and Mary Michailidis, co-chairs, would like to thank all the community members for their generosity for donating items and/or for their time as volunteers. The proceeds raised, over \$7,000, will benefit our church's knitting group, Saint Andrew, and Philoptochos ministries. The unsold items, which are also invaluable, were packed and sorted by volunteers and donated to the following charitable organizations including the Saint Andrew Hellenic Afternoon School and Sunday School:

- Market Street Mission
- Habitat for Humanity: ReStore
- United Breast Cancer Foundation
- Green Visions
- Mendham Township Library
- New Legacy
- Saint Joseph Church Thrift Shop, Newton
- United Methodist Church Thrift Shop, Succasunna
- United War Veterans Council

Again, thank you to the donors and I am especially grateful to all the volunteers who helped to make this year's Rummage Sale such a success. Volunteers provided countless hours to prepare, organize, sort, sell and finally pack up unsold items. Without the many volunteers this fundraiser would not be possible.

Hoping to see you soon in church, at our next meeting, Sept. 27th, and the Saint Andrew 60th Anniversary Gala on Sunday, Nov. 13th.

Sincerely,
Mary Michailidis, Philoptochos President

Philoptochos News



KNITTING & PILLOW MINISTRY



We have started meeting and knitting again on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 11am

Let us know if you can join us or just come pick up some yarn to knit at home.

We all came together for the 1st time after a long hot summer on Wednesday September 28th and will meet as well on the following Wednesdays to knit blankets and scarves as well as sew and stuff pillows.

10/12, 10/26, 11/9, and 12/14

Saint Andrew Family News October 2022

Philoptochos News

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

Thursday, 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.

Coat Giveaway will be held at The Morristown Green in Morristown, NJ **November 5th Saturday 10am-1pm**



Philoptochos Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please bring to church no later than Thursday, **November 10th**

Food Drive is to benefit the Inter-Faith Food Pantry of Morris County and other area food pantries.

Items to bring: turkey, ham or large chicken; instant mashed potatoes; brownie mix or cake mix with icing; nuts; mini marshmallows; pickles; stuffing; turkey gravy (no glass jars), roll or muffin mix; salad dressing; canned vegetables (low salt if possible); canned yams or sweet potatoes; hearty soups (low salt if possible); coffee, tea or hot cocoa mix; apple, cranberry, grape or other 100% fruit juice (64 oz.); canned fruit; Jell-O or pudding mixes; and fresh potatoes, yams, onions, apples and oranges.

Thank you for helping ensure families have a Happy Thanksgiving!



GOYA OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

GOYA is back and better than ever! Registration is now open to all those in 7th to 12th grade! We encourage all to join to have an experience like no other! Please do not shy away if you are new, we welcome everyone!

GOYA Volleyball and Basketball is starting back up again; volleyball practices on Tuesdays and Basketball on Wednesdays starting the week of September 18th!

Our first GOYA meeting is September 13th, and we will be having another one the following week on the 22nd. Please all come to get a feel for GOYA.

In other news, the Harvest Dance is on September 30th at Westfield! The dances are super fun and a great way not only to become closer with those in our GOYA but also meet people from all over NJ!

Mr/Miss GOYA Pageant is October 9th at the Hanover Manor, representing Saint Andrew is Despina Sedereas and Evangelos Clapsis! Tickets are available to come watch and support our Randolph representatives at the pageant!



We cannot wait to introduce new, exciting events this year so please make sure you are on the emailing list and signed up with Remind to receive important details.

If you have any questions about the upcoming GOYA year, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the GOYA Executive Board Members and advisors! The GOYA can best be reached at saintandrewgoya@gmail.com!

Hope to see everyone back again for another exciting year!! :)

Written By: GOYA President Despina Sedereas

GOYA October Tentative Calendar

- October 2- All Games at Roseland
- October 9- Mr/Miss GOYA Pageant
- October 15- Volleyball at Union
- **October 16- Sunday**
All Games at Randolph against Fairview
- October 22 - FAITH KITCHEN- GOYA HOSTING
- October 23- All Games at Clifton
- October 27- Monthly Meeting @6:30pm
- October 30- All Games at Tenafly



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Feast of the Holy and Glorious Great Martyr Saint Demetrios,

The Myrrh-Streamer - OCTOBER 26

LIFE OF THE SAINT

Saint Demetrios suffered in Thessalonica during the reign of Galerius Maximian (c. 306). He belonged to one of the most distinguished families of the province of Macedonia and was widely admired not only because of his noble ancestry and grace of bearing, but also for virtue, wisdom and goodness of heart surpassing that of his elders.

The military expertise of Saint Demetrios led Galerius, as Caesar of the Eastern Empire, to appoint him commander of the Roman forces in Thessaly and Proconsul for Hellas. But for all this, Demetrios remained ever aware of the underlying realities of life. Since faith in Christ had touched his heart, all the glory of this world meant nothing to him, and there was nothing he preferred to teaching and preaching the word of God.

Despite the persecution directed against Christians by the Emperor, Saint Demetrios brought a large number of pagans to the faith. His words convinced them because they saw in the righteousness, peace and brotherly love that marked his life an illustration of the truth of which he spoke.

The Emperor Maximian had just won a series of brilliant victories over the Scythians and was on his way back to Rome when he halted at Thessalonica to receive the acclamations of the populace and to offer sacrifices in thanksgiving to the idols. A number of pagans, envious of the



success of the Saint, took advantage of the Emperor's presence in the city to denounce Demetrios as a Christian. Maximian's astonishment gave way to violent indignation when he was told that Demetrios' was making use of his official position to spread the faith. Demetrios was summoned and confined in a cell, located in the basement of nearby baths.

Maximian arranged for games and gladiatorial combats to take place in the amphitheater of the city. He had brought with him a man of gigantic stature and Herculean strength called Lyaïos, a Vandal by origin. Such was this man's strength and skill in single combat that no one could withstand him. There was in the city a young Christian called Nestor, who observing the empty pride of the Emperor in the victories of his champion, made up his mind to show him that real power belongs to Christ alone. He ran to the baths where Demetrios was imprisoned and asked for the protection of his prayer in going to confront the giant. The Martyr made the sign of the Cross on the brow and the heart of the boy, and sent him like David before Goliath. He reached the amphitheater just as the heralds were crying out on all sides for any who would stand against Lyaïos. Advancing towards the Emperor, Nestor threw his tunic to the ground and shouted, "God of Demetrios, help me!" In the first encounter, at the very moment the giant rushed

upon him, Nestor slipped aside and stabbed him to the heart with his dagger. There was uproar and amazement at the marvel, and people asked themselves how a mere child, relying neither on strength nor weapons, could so suddenly have brought down the barbarian.

Rather than yield to the sign of the sovereign power of God, the Emperor flew into a rage and ordered the immediate arrest of Nestor and his beheading outside the city. He had heard Nestor calling upon the God of Demetrios and, supposing the Saint had used some kind of witchcraft, Maximian ordered his soldiers to go and thrust Demetrios through with their lances, without trial, in the depths of his prison cell. There were some Christians, including

Demetrios' servant Lupus, present at his martyrdom, and when the soldiers had gone, they reverently buried the Saint's body.

It was God's will that the grace with which He filled Saint Demetrios should remain active even after his death. This is why He caused to flow from his body a myron with a delightful scent, which had the property of healing all who took it as an unction, with faith in the intercession of the Saint. Time and again, during sixteen hundred years, Saint Demetrios has given proof of his benevolent care for the city of Thessalonica and its inhabitants. He has defended them from the attacks of barbarians, he has preserved them from plague and famine, healed the sick and comforted the afflicted.

PARENTS' CORNER

By Alexandra Protopapas

October 2022 - Loss of a Loved One!

How does one overcome the pain of losing a loved one? How do children overcome pain after losing a loved one? On the sixth day of our annual trip to the island of Karpathos, Greece this summer, I lost the love of my life, my husband, and my son Nicholas lost his father to a heart attack. When I write my articles for "Parent's Corner" I always speak from experience and talk about situations I have dealt with throughout my teaching and counseling career. Never did I think I would be in a situation like the one I had to deal with this summer. My son questioned, why are we being punished? I ask myself, why so early when in retirement can we not spend more years together after 50 years of marriage? God is not a punishing God. We have no control over death. I have no answers, but our faith in Christ and our daily prayers get my son and me through each day, one day at a time. We grieve, we cry, we question, but

PRAYER gives us the strength to deal with everyday situations and in this sudden and quick situation, speaking again from experience, we will get through.

I loved this section of an article I read from Rev. F. Keares Rev. Fr. Costas Keares is a 1990 graduate of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. He has been serving the parish of St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church in North Royalton, Ohio, for the last nine years. He and Presvytera Nicole, who currently serves as the vice president of the National Sisterhood of Presvyteres, are the parents of two children, Peter and Christina.

"The loss of a loved one—whether a parent, a spouse, a child or a good friend—can be one of the most devastating and painful experiences in life. It is an unavoidable reality that all of us will experience at some point in our life's journey. As the old saying goes, time heals. Yet my observation

through the years is that time itself is not the solution. I have seen individuals who still grieve for a loved one many years after their passing. So, what else do we need to combine with time? Certainly, for us Christians, the greatest tool we have as we face these difficult circumstances in life is our faith in the risen Lord and in His promise that there is life beyond the grave. In accepting this reality, we receive hope in the midst of darkness, hope and encouragement to go on and seek the light who is Christ Himself.”

For me, Prayer gets me through each minute, each hour, each day, and gives me strength to handle any situation. As a parent, I encourage all parents to make prayer an important part of your child’s

life. While I was working fulltime, there were days when I was very tired at night and would fall asleep and wake up because I had forgotten to say my prayers at night! My mother encouraged me from the time I was a young child to 1. Always make my bed, and 2. **Never forget to say my prayers every night.** Prayer should not be a last-minute thought when something is wrong, then last minute we pray for God to help us! Prayer is for every day that we are on this earth. To this day I will never forget to say my prayers at night, and I do add extra prayers when I feel pain and stress like now. The pain temporarily subsides, and I know Christ and Panayia hear my prayers for my loved ones, and I become serene.

O Lord, we call upon You in our time of sorrow, that You give us the strength and will to bear our heavy burdens, until we can again feel the warmth and love of Your divine compassion. Be mindful of us and have mercy on us while we struggle to comprehend life’s hardships.

I will return next month with a less personal “Parent’s Corner” article and feel free to e-mail me with any topics you would wish to see in future articles.

This month’s **Table Prayer Guide** is from
“Prayers for Special Occasions – Death of a Loved One – Trisagion Service”

“Among the spirits of the righteous perfected in faith, give rest, O Savior, to the soul of Your servant (name of lost one). Bestow upon it the blessed life, which is from You, O Loving Lord.

Within Your peace, O Lord, where all Your Saints find rest, rest also to the soul of Your servant, for You alone are Immortal.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

You are our God who descended into Hades and loosened the pains of those who were chained. Grant rest also, O Savior, to the soul of Your servant.

Now and forever and unto the ages. Amen

Most pure and spotless Virgin, who ineffably gave birth to God, intercede with Him for the salvation of the soul of your servant.”

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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BAPTISMS – ΒΑΠΤΙΣΕΙΣ

MAKENZIE ROSE HARRIS, daughter of Timothy Harris and Alexis Galinis of Succasunna, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church at 11am on Saturday May 7th, 2022 and given the name **MARIA – ΜΑΡΙΑ**. Godfather was Michael Galinis.

ANASTASIA KYZOULA NOLASCO, daughter of Michael Nolasco and Jonalyn Cabiles of Jersey City, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church at 1:30pm on Sunday, May 15th, 2022 and given the name **ANASTASIA KYZOULA – ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΑ ΚΥΖΟΥΛΑ**. Godmother was Alexia Halkias.

VASILIOS FRANK DOMENIC, son Christopher Domenic and MaryAnna Vrettos of Chester, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church at 11am on Saturday, June 4th, 2022 and given the name **BASILIOS – ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΣ**. Godparents were Anna Vrettos and Peter Vrettos.

DIMITRI THOMAS CHRISTIAN, son Thomas Christian and Rena Zavros of Stewartsville, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church at 2pm on Saturday, June 25th, 2022, and given the name **DIMITRI – ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΣ**. Godmother was Elemi Cameron.

EMMA SHEA NEWBERY, daughter of Richard Newbery and Anna Hatzimanuel of Livingston, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church at 1pm on Sunday June 26th, 2022 and given the name **EMMANUELLA – ΕΜΜΑΝΟΥΕΛΑ**. Godmother was Stephanie Speal.

SHELLA APRILLIANI, daughter of Achmad Supriyadi and Lani Handayani of Kudus Indonesia was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church at 2pm on Saturday August 6th, 2022 and given the name **RACHAEL – ΡΑΧΑΗΛ**. Godmother was Katherine Foley.

LUKE JAMES POLIZOIS, son Keith Polizois and Stephanie Cochran of Annapolis, MD was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church at 3pm on Sunday August 28th, 2022 and given the name **LUKE – ΛΟΥΚΑΣ**. Godmother was Janet Polizois.

EMILIA LIBBY BROOKS, daughter of Ryan Michael Brooks and Katerina Constantinou of Morristown, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church at 11am on Saturday September 10th, 2022 and given the name **EMELIA – ΕΜΜΕΛΕΙΑ**. Godfather was John Petrou.

ANNELIESE SOPHIA BAKKER, daughter of Jarred Matthew Bakker and Melissa Ann Rotsides of Denville, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church at 11am on Saturday September 10th, 2022 and given the name **ANNA – ΑΝΝΑ**. Godmother was Katerina Corona.

CHRISMATIONS – ΧΡΙΣΜΑ

On Tuesday May 10th, 2022 at 6pm MICHAEL ANTHONY BIANCI was received in the Greek Orthodox Church by the HOLY SACRAMENT OF CHRISMATION and given the name **MICHAEL**. Godfather was Eamon Peter Loughran.

On Tuesday May 24th, 2022 at 5pm PETER JOHN PETROS was received in the Greek Orthodox Church by the HOLY SACRAMENT OF CHRISMATION and given the name **PETER**. Godfather was William Vrettos.

On Tuesday May 24th, 2022 at 5pm ANNA GRACE VRETTOS was received in the Greek Orthodox Church by the HOLY SACRAMENT OF CHRISMATION and given the name **ANNA**. Godfather was William Vrettos.

On Sunday June 26th, 2022 at 3pm SERGEI EDWARD GREENLEE was received in the Greek Orthodox Church by the HOLY SACRAMENT OF CHRISMATION and given the name **SERGEI**. Godmother was Maria Constantinou.

On Thursday September 8th, 2022 at 6pm GREGORY MICHAEL CRYSLER was received in the Greek Orthodox Church by the HOLY SACRAMENT OF CHRISMATION and given the name **GREGORY**. Godfather was George Papas.

WEDDINGS IN GREECE – ΓΑΜΟΙ ΣΤΗΝ ΕΛΛΑΔΑ

On Saturday July 30th, 2022, in the Cathedral of SAINT ANDREW in PATRAS Metropolis of PATRAS GREECE, **DEMETRI SPIROPOULOS** wed **KAYLA ELIZABETH MILLS** of Randolph, NJ.

On Sunday August 21st, 2022, in the church of KIMISIS TIS THEOTOKOU in MARATHIA, Metropolis of FOKITHOS GREECE, **MICHAEL ANTHONY BIANCI** of Dover, NJ wed **LEAH-KATHERYN SERETIS** of Wharton, NJ.

On Sunday August 21st, 2022, in the church of AGIOY NIKOLAOU of the Metropolis of SYROS, GREECE, PETER SPIROS CHRISTATOS wed ATHENA KRITHARIS of Denville, NJ.

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

OBITS & FUNERALS ΝΕΚΡΟΛΟΓΙΑ & ΚΗΔΕΙΕΣ

Christos Neroutsos passed peacefully on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at the age of 91 in his home surrounded by his family as he wished. Christos was born in a small horio (village) Kallidromos, Lamia, Greece to Yeoryios and Afrodite Neroutsos on October 08, 1930. He was the second youngest amongst his six siblings. They grew up in a two room home with very little. Their faith and love in God kept them all safe and warm in their loving, yet small environment. At that time, he was one of the few from his horio to pursue an education. Due to his poverty, he took his education very seriously. He grasped every lesson quickly and cherished his second hand books. All his knowledge did not go for granted. Due to illiteracy at that time, many went to him for assistance which he welcomed.

At a very young age, many had admired his angelic voice. His strong belief in God always brought him back to church where he pursued his passion for byzantine music. Chanting became a part of his everyday life.



He served in the military where he overlooked the assembly of engines and firearms. Although he was above a soldier's position, he treated them as his equals and he always tried to guide and warn them before they ran into trouble. He was very well respected.

After serving, he went back to his family home and assisted his father in his venture of making bricks. They ran into too many obstacles and that is when Christos remembered at the age of 13, his older brother, Niko, and he found an abandoned tank. This was during the war in the 1940's where there was chaos in all of Europe, even in Greece. Secretly, they removed the tanks engine and hid it underneath the floor planks of their home. Someone betrayed them and the family was forced at gun point by a soldier to reveal where they had hid the engine. A general asked Christos what their intentions were for this engine, and he replied to build an engine powered flour mill. The general said in amazement "mikro pedi, meyalos mialos"(young child, great mind). With this memory, he then began his journey on becoming the horios flour mill man.

In 1957, he married Theodora Souliotis and later had his two beautiful daughters, Afrodite and Triandafilia (Rose). After struggling for several years he had the opportunity to join his sister, Eleni, in the US. Eleni, her husband, Christos Pappas, and her two daughters, Koula and Maria embraced and helped him and his family.

Christos would walk in his secondhand suit and church shoes to his first job at Picture Frame in Dover. Within his first few weeks of working, he saw several pieces of wood be thrown away. He realized the machine was at fault. He asked his manager if he could attempt to fix the issue. His manager was impressed that a new employee, who spoke absolutely no English, cared enough to take this upon himself in order to cut his costs and build more revenue. Little did his manager know where Christos came from, nothing was thrown away it was always fixed! He continued his factory work at Pon Fire Hose in Kenville. Again, never wanting anything to go to waste, all the hose that were not up to proper length requirements were thrown away. The wheels started turning in his head and thought these can be useful for irrigating the fields in his village and that is where they were sent! His final job was at Homet in Rockaway where he retired.

Throughout his time working the factories, he never missed his responsibilities with his church. He chanted in the first tiny Greek Orthodox Church in Dover where he met Pater Konstadinos Tsigas. They were amongst the founders of today's St Andrews Greek Orthodox Church in Randolph. He was appointed as head Byzantine Chanter. He worked tirelessly with Pater Tsigas to perfect each sermon. He continued chanting with our present priest, Father John Theodosian. He enjoyed seeing all the pews filled with all of his beloved faithful parishioners. He was always thankful for those who passed and acknowledged his presence. He chanted until his legs no longer carried his weight.

As he became more comfortable in his surroundings, he decided to go after his dreams. He bought a home in the US, he expanded his childhood 2 room home in his horio into a beautiful villa, assisted in many ways with the church he grew up in, and finally built a larger beach home to fit his growing family.

His biggest accomplishment was not becoming rich or having a big fancy title, it was his family. What made Christos light up is having all of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren surrounding him in one room. He was the most gentle, loving, calming soul and this drew many towards him. He was always thankful that God blessed him throughout his life. This showed upon his passing during our blessed holy week.

Christos was survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Theodora, two daughters Afrodite and Dimosthenis Paxos , Rose and George Tzouvaras, grandchildren Ioannis and Dimitra Paxos, Kristina and Jimmy Kourgelis, Theodora Tzouvaras, Krissoula Tzouvaras, great grandchildren, Angeliki Kourgelis, Yianni Kourgelis, and Despina Paxos. Also his sisters, Athena Sousoni, Eleni Pappas and his many beloved family members here and in Greece.

Visitation was held at Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Randolph NJ on Tuesday, April 26th from 4-8pm. **The Funeral Service** for the repose of his soul was also at Saint Andrew on Wednesday April 27th at 10am. **Internment** followed at the Locust Hill Cemetery in Dover NJ.

Evangelos "Angelo" Karnegis, 83 of East Hanover died peacefully on Friday, September 3, 2022 as he was surrounded by his family. Born in Tripoli, Greece, he came to the US in 1952 settling in Newark and resided in Bloomfield before moving to East Hanover 36 years ago. Angelo was a cabinet maker who worked through the Carpenters & Joiners Union Local 821 in Kenilworth prior to his retirement. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Paula (Colombaris), by a son, Nicholas of East Hanover, by a daughter, Kelly Santero and husband, Daniel of Sandyston, by a grandson, who he absolutely adored, Colton Santero, by a brother, George Carnegis of Colonia, by four sisters, Anna Mardas and Connie Schmidt of Florida, Maria Karapanagiotis and Pat Bzdek of Edison and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by a sister Bessie.

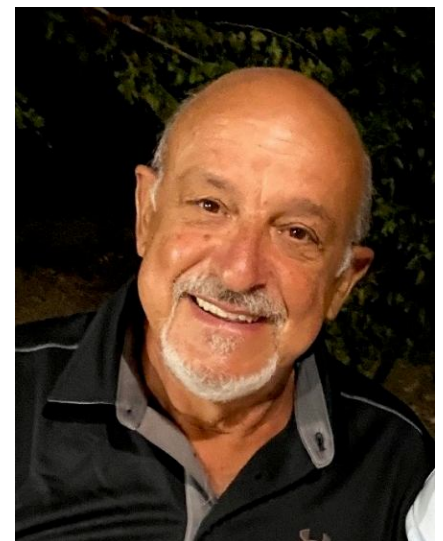


Visiting hours were on Thursday September 8th 4-8PM at Hancliffe Home for Funerals, 222 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, NJ 07936. On Friday, September 9th, and at 11AM a Funeral Service for the repose of his soul was held at Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Randolph. Burial followed at Restland Memorial Park. *Sincerest condolences to his family.*

Michael P. Melekos, 74, of Lake Hopatcong New Jersey, passed away peacefully on Saturday August 27, 2022 after fighting a courageous battle with lung and colon cancer. He was surrounded by his children and his wife.

Michael was born on December 17, 1947, in Chios, Greece. He was the youngest of three children of Patroklos and Aikaterini (Tetteris) Melekos. He is survived by his wife Irene Melekos of 30 years, his daughters Katerina D'Andrea and Elena Reyes, and son-in-laws Christopher D'Andrea and Bret Reyes. As well as his sister, Virginia (Nitsa) and Dimitrios Appesou, relatives, cousins, nieces, nephews, and many dear friends.

Michael traveled the world as a merchant marine, serving in the Greek Navy before emigrating to the United States and starting his family. He built a successful career as a bio-medical engineer, solving the company's toughest problems and was directly involved in the creation of new prototypes and hardware utilized by the medical/orthopedic community. An avid hunter, he also enjoyed swimming in the Aegean Sea, tending to his large and productive garden and spending time



with his loving family. He especially enjoyed time back in his home country of Greece surrounded by friends and family.

Michael's sense of humor was unforgettable. A man of few words but many laughs, someone who filled the room with energy and love. He was unendingly proud of his two daughters, whom he lived for. He lived a full life alongside his family and friends and his spirit will continue in his homeland of Chios, Greece.

Burial services will take place in Chios, Greece. In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged in honor of Michael's name to Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church of Randolph, NJ, or to the American Cancer Association. *Sincerest condolences to his family.*

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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

9/30 @ 2PM 2 BAPTISMS

@4PM *WEDDING APRILIANI & JANULIS*

GOYA HARVEST DANCE/ KICK OFF IN WESTFIELD @7PM

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS IN OCTOBER: 10/2 PHILOPTOCHOS

10/9 PTA, 10/16 DOP, 10/23 GOYA, 10/30 BAKALIKO

10/3-10/6 CLERGY FAMILY RETREAT

10/7 @4-8PM NATIONAL FAITH & BLUE AT ST ANDREW *SEE FLYER*

10/8 @9:30AM BAPTISM

10/8 APPLE PICKING .. *more information in weekly bulletin*

10/9 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE

10/9 MR & MS. GOYA TB DETERMINED

10/12 @11AM PILLOW AND KNITTING MINISTRY

as well as 10/26, 11/9 and 12/14

10/13 @7PM **THURSDAYS** BIBLE STUDY IN FR JOHN'S OFFICE

also on 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, and 11/17

10/14 @4PM *WEDDING*

10/17 @7:30PM PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

10/21-23 YAL RETREAT OCT 21-23

10/22 FAITH KITCHEN- GOYA HOSTING

10/25 @7PM PHILOPTOCHOS MONTHLY MEETING

10/27 @6:30PM GOYA MONTHLY MEETING

10/28 @6PM TRUNK OR TREAT

10/30 HAS **OXI Day 28TH** – Poems in Church

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS IN NOVEMBER: 11/6 PHILOPTOCHOS

11/13 PTA, 11/20 DOP*, 11/27 BAKALIKO* (LENT)*

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

11/10 THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE *Philoptochos/*

Please bring to church prior to Thursday Nov 10th

11/6 @2PM *WEDDING*

11/13 60TH ANNIVERSARY GALA AT THE MEADOWOOD

11/19 @11AM BAPTISM

11/20 BIENNIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUNDAY AT 12PM

11/20 DOP FOUNDERS DAY & TRAVEL RAFFLE DRAWING

11/22 FAITH KITCHEN- PARISH COUNCIL HOSTING

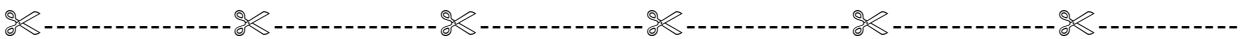
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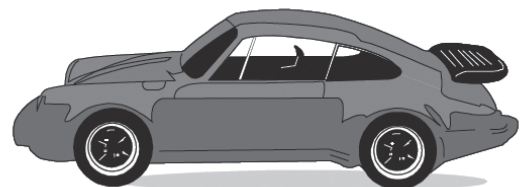
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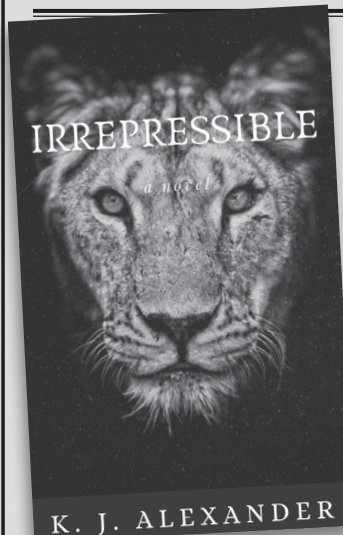


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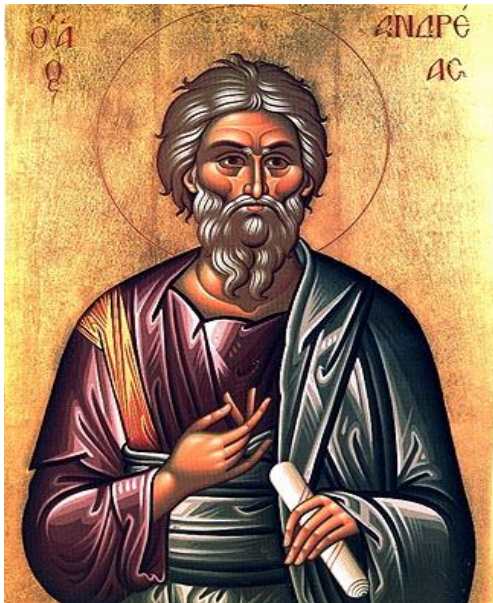
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