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# From the Desk of Fr. Christos

February 2020

This month's message is inspired by that great message above the stage in our social hall inscribed on a plaque that all of us come in contact with, consciously or unconsciously, every time we walk downstairs either for coffee hour, or a general meeting, for a social-parish event, for a youth event – being a basketball game or dance practice. Seriously, we cannot escape from its powerful message, but one may wonder how many of us look up to it and begin to practice it.

The words written on that plaque are very simple! The most simple advice a good father or mother could give to their children, but at the same time the most profitable for their souls!

“Let us love one another” “Αγαπήσωμεν ἀλλήλους”

That is the message and the commandment that hangs on top of the stage. Blessed be the name(s) of the person(s) who had the good thought and decision to place at a high place the greatest sermon of Christianity.

For God is love and if we are destined to become like Him then the only avenue is His example of the ultimate love; to give His life for His brothers! St John the Evangelist is called the disciple of love for what he wrote and loved but we also have another Apostle, St Paul, who wrote a plethora of explanations on what love is and how it must be exercised and revealed in our lives!

St Paul used the word Love ~ Agape ~ 77 times and upon this word he builds his whole spiritual- agona-struggle, his great journeys and his mission.

In Ephesians 5:2 “And walk in love (as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma)”. Meaning, you were called to be a Christian then walk worthy of the calling. Walk implies a slow steady pace; a daily effort to get rid of all uncleanness and filth from your hearts. Walk as wise men, not foolishly with idle talk and prideful hearts. Walk on the same road of love which Christ walked. He forgave those who were yelling – “Crucify Him, Crucify Him”. Forgive that you may be forgiven; that's how we can show that we walk in love.

In 1Corinthians 14:1 “Chase love” What are you advising Paul? Chase love, not money, wealth, prestige, honors and worldly glories. Follow love and desire to acquire spiritual gifts. March on in the narrow path of virtue; “for continually love springs away from us, because we use her not as we ought, not prefer all things unto her” St John Chrysostom

In 2Corinthians 8:7 “Abound in love” Yes, Paul exhorts Christians to abound in faith, namely of the gifts; and in utterance, the word of wisdom; and knowledge, namely of the teachings and holy traditions and in all earnestness to the attaining of all other virtue, but the greatest is love; abound in love that you may abound in grace also. Be diligent, especially in love.

Galatians 5:13 “Through love work with each other” Oh blessed Paul! The way of life in the Spirit, the way of faith and love is expressed – revealed through service to God and one another. Paul suggests that we work with each other without competitive comparisons; without complaining and pointing out each other's faults. Paul repeats in v14 the commandment “you shall love your neighbor as yourself”. Be patient with each other; be gentle with each other; have the spirit of love, peace, unity, not selfish ambitions, jealousies and dissensions.

Hebrews 1:24 “Understand each other with love” with different words he writes, “let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works. Love and good works go hand in hand as attitude and action. They are almost synonymous. And within a Christian community it should be no other way. A bitter word stirs up bitterness in another. An honest word provokes thoughtfulness. A kind word awakens kindness, only love can awaken love, only humility and patience can stir up good works. Let us encourage one another with love and good works. How desperately we all need that. It is the encouragement of a friend who does not hesitate to point out flaws in our Christian faith and conduct. The finest of encouragement is possible only between two friends who trust each other and know each other well enough to laugh together at each other's expense. The creation of this living fellowship is surely one of the most urgent tasks of the Church community. Let us draw near to one another, understanding each other with love.

But four more verbs which Paul uses in the first person singular reveal the deeper worth and the unique need of the great commandment.

Philippians 1:8 “How great I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ”

Here we see that Paul does not long with partiality; only those who minister to him or those who supported financially his journeys. No, he longs to be with all of the faithful. And he longs for them not because he had fellowship with them but according to Christ. The love of Christ creates this longing in him for all of them. Paul has no pretence. For God who knows the minds of men is his witness, how he longs for all. As he remembers them in his prayers his heart goes out to them in a great love. He associates them with his devotion to Christ, and feels that his love for them is inspired by Christ's love, in the same quality as Christ's love for His people.

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1Thessalonians 2:7-8 “cherish you” “give our lives for you” “But we were gentle in the midst of you, just as a nourishing mother cherishes her own children. So, affectionately longing for you, we were well to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.” Here we see another side of Paul; The man who walked mile after mile; the man who endured stoning – leaving him half dead. The man who was shipwrecked, hungry, and imprisoned is seen here as a nourishing mother. Truly, there is no limit to the converting power of God in Jesus Christ. It was in this power Paul constantly gloried the Roman world of the past and present, so delinquent, degraded, and disenchanted needs such power. A world filled with uneasiness, fear, desperation, depression, anxieties, spiritual nakedness yearns for “nourishing mothers” of the Christian faith. The Christian Church proclaims itself to be the possessor of the power of God which enables men to be more than conquerors. But from how many churches is it wisely expounded and forth rightly offered? The truth of God’s power to save must be continually preached and must blaze into undeniable light in the lives of Christians. And not only preach but putting our lives on the line for those who seek to reach the gospel of Jesus Christ as a mother sacrifices herself for her children. Thus the holy martyrs gave their lives with great joy for Christ and His Church.

Galatians 4:19 “My little children, for whom I labor in birth (pain) again until Christ is formed in you” The great heart of Paul! In a bold figure of speech he compares his anxiety to the pains of childbirth. His own “labor” now becomes the anxiety of one who is waiting until Christ is “formed” in them. Christ formed in you describes the highest known adjective – CHRISTLIKE – to labor so others become Christ-like is love! In a world built on speed, haunted with fear and uncertainty, our generation desperately needs larger reasons for existence and fresh resources for living. We need within our communities spiritual fathers and mothers. We need sincere men and women who understand the gospel rightly, who are humble and bear the cross of Christ and approve only those things that are excellent. We need men and women who approve the things that are excellent, proper and right! All other means and plans as history has proven, have failed to produce profitable results. The passage where Paul, the great Apostle, increases the meaning of the word love is in his renowned hymn of love to the Corinthians. 1Corinthians Chapter 13 (we have done an exegesis of the hymn of love in past bulletins)

Just as the ancient Athenians had offered us the fabulous passage of the Epitaphios of Pericles, here also the great Paul has left us the insurmountable great council for love. This hymn of love should be taught as early as possible in all of our Catechetical Schools; in all our Greek Language schools; in all our parish ministries and organizations.

This very divine commandment of love has kept together all the forward coming church fathers beginning with the Apostolic era; St Ignatius, St Polycarp, St John Chrysostom, St Basil, St Nicholas, St Spyridon, St John the Merciful, St Dionysios, St Seraphim of Sarov, St Nicholas Planas, St Paisios, St Porphyrios and all the god-bearing fathers and mothers of the Orthodox Church, and a very contemporary example of love in Christ who gave everything and kept nothing, Fr Nektarios Vitalis.

Now, if anyone thinks that in order to revitalize the life of our parishes we need more events, more organizations, plenty of money, please read the lives of the Saints, the heroes of our Christian faith. Perhaps a couple of passages-quotations from Pericles Epitaph can shed some extra light to our secular minds on what our goal should be as a Christian Community.

“For heroes (saints) have the whole earth for their tomb; and in lands far from their own, where the column with the epitaph declares it, there is enshrined in every breast a record unwritten with no tablet to preserve it, except that of the heart.”

“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments but what is woven in the lives of others.”

We need ministries and workers that can change the life of others, helping them to become Christ-like; especially for the youth, our children; so when we leave this world they may say, “Did not our heart burn within us while he talked with us on the road and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” Luke 24:32

Let us depart in peace,

“He who loves his brother abides in the light...” 1John 2:10

“And, whoever hates his brother is a murderer...” 1John 3:15

In Christ’s Love,  
Fr Christos

## The Presidents Letter

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Holy Trinity began the calendar year and new decade with a terrific New Year's Eve Celebration in our Community Center. Thank you to the many volunteers who worked to make the evening special and thank you to many parishioners who attended, along with friends and family, making for a memorable evening.

The recent spell of dry weather has enabled progress on the construction. We have footers in place and the foundation walls will be rising shortly. In addition, construction on the new bathrooms behind the Altar has begun and should be completed in very near future.

We have many events on the horizon in the coming weeks including Godparents' Sunday (February 2) and our GOYA will be hosting its annual Basketball Tournament (February 15 & 16). The HOPE JOY Bible Bowl will be hosted this year by St Sophia, Jeffersonville, PA (February 8) and our Holy Trinity HOPE JOY will enjoy their annual Bowling Event on Sunday (February 23). Our Philoptochos Sisterhood will be holding their annual Tea Social on February 29.

Godparents' Sunday is a great opportunity for all of us to be present in Church to celebrate the Divine Liturgy with our Godchildren and read the special prayer together in recognition of that special relationship. Following Divine Liturgy, we will offer a photo-op in the Community Center for Godparents and their Godchildren to memorialize the occasion. Our Basketball Tournament returns to the PAL in Hockessin this year on Saturday, February 15 with the Dance and Sunday games at our Community Center. We look forward to hosting hundreds of GOYAns from all over our Metropolis.

Congratulations to the recent honorees at the Greek Letters Day Celebration held at St. Thomas, Cherry Hill on January 26th. Elena Hall was recognized for her contributions to the PTO and Eleni Katapodi was recognized as one of our outstanding teachers.

**In Christ's Service,**  
George Rassias



## Philoptochos Sisterhood of Holy Trinity St. Agape Chapter



Dear Beloved Parishioners and Philoptochos Members,

Greetings! The holidays are over, and we are now in a new year and new decade. The ladies of the Philoptochos are ready to work hard to make this year as successful as the last. On January 12, we celebrated Vasilopita Sunday. I was honored to help Father Steven Vlahos with the cutting of the Vasilopita. This year, the coin was in the Philoptochos' portion. **Here's to a banner year! We also passed a tray for St. Basil's Academy. Thank you to all who contributed.** We sponsored the coffee hour and I thank all the ladies for the baked goods. We had to switch our January meeting from Saturday, January 18 to Sunday, January 19 after Church because of the snow forecast. Thank you, ladies, for being flexible. Our final January event was serving at the Emmanuel Dining room on January 30.

Our coming events:

February Meeting – Saturday February 8 12:00 pm in the Community Center

February 29 – Membership Tea (see the flyer)

March Meeting – March 18 after the Presanctified Divine Liturgy. This is our Lenten Covered Dish meeting.

April Meeting – Tuesday April 21 6:00 pm in the Community Center

**Please don't forget our Annual Bid & Buy on Saturday April 25 at 5:00 pm in the Community Center. It looks to be a fun evening!**

There was a new program National Philoptochos Department of Social Services that I wanted to bring to your attention. It is called the Philoptochos Telephone Caregivers Support Group. Please see the flyer on the opposite page for all the information.

Thank you for listening.

In Christ's service,  
Maroula



### Kollyva for Memorials

The Philoptochos Society would like to thank two of its members, Vasiliki Kromedas & Loula Kapordelis for their offer to help our Philoptochos Society by preparing the trays of Kollyva for any family of our community. The cost of \$100 includes the Prosforon, oil and a bottle of wine. Please allow at least a week and call the church office 654-4446 and Susie will contact the Philoptochos. Your donation of \$100 (less cost), will help Philoptochos Charities.





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## TELEPHONE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP FOR ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS



*Are you caring for a loved one who is elderly, has a chronic or life-threatening health condition or who is disabled? Do you wish you could talk to others who are facing the same challenges as you? Do you wish you had someone with whom to share your thoughts, concerns and questions and who understands our faith, our culture and community? Are you so overwhelmed you're not even sure what or who could help?*

If you answered yes to some or all and would like more information, please join the  
**PHILOPTOCHOS TELEPHONE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

Facilitated by professionals knowledgeable in caregiving and aging services, the support group will "meet" over the telephone on seven consecutive Thursday evenings. Access will be available to Orthodox Christians throughout the Archdiocese.

In a confidential and safe environment, we will discuss best practices to help you manage the physical needs of your loved one; dealing with stress, guilt and exhaustion; the importance of self-care; financial concerns; family dynamics and decision-making; resources to help you cope; long-distance caregiving; preparing for the future; spiritual resources to help you find strength and build resilience; and more.

Seven consecutive Thursday evenings:

Dates: FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup> to APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm • Eastern Standard Time

**Pre-registration Required**

Call-In phone number will be provided upon registration

For more information and to pre-register, email [supportgroup@philoptochos.org](mailto:supportgroup@philoptochos.org)

SPACE IS LIMITED – PLEASE DON'T HESITATE! EMAIL US TODAY.

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## **Question: How did the tradition of godparents come about?**

**Answer:** The godparent at a baptism is recorded as early as the year 200 by Tertullian in his book *De Baptismo*. St. John Chrysostom mentions godparents in his book *On the Psalms*. In the early Church, adults primarily were baptized. Godparents were chosen for each person. They were nearly always the same sex of the person to be baptized. Their role was to always assure the Church of the moral character of the candidate, to assist at the baptism itself, and to watch over his or her growth in the faith. By the 6<sup>th</sup> Century the practice of infant baptism became dominant. Together with their previous duties, the godparents assumed the responsibility to guide the newly baptized child in the faith. Together with the parents, the godparent is responsible for the spiritual and moral growth of the child. In the East the godparents is known as “Anadohos” which literally means “one who takes responsibility for another” which shows both the role and the significance of the godparent. According to the teaching of the Church, the following cannot be godparents: the parents of the person being baptized, the spouse, non-Christians, non Orthodox, Orthodox who have been denied the right to receive Holy Communion, for whatever reason; the clergy of all ranks (with exceptions, if necessity requires it), those who live a scandalous immoral life, persons not fully conscious of the meaning and function of the role of godparent such as infants and little children, the seriously mentally handicapped, etc.

All other Orthodox Christians, men, women, young and old, may assume this important task in the Church’s life. In the early Western Church, the term “godparent” (godmother or godfather) was used to indicate the spiritual parenthood of the “anadohos”. When you become a child’s godparent, you become the spiritual and religious mentor and guide of your godchild for the duration of both of your lives.

## **Why is it that only Orthodox Christians May Function as Sponsors in Weddings and Baptisms?**

First it is important to understand the Mysteries (Sacraments) of Baptism and Marriage in their context of being manifestations of the direct presence of Christ. This means that the families of the baptizing child, or the person being baptized or the couple being married, are to be doing so because Jesus Christ is first and foremost in their lives. They are basically in love with Christ (baptism is like a wedding service). They are participating in the particular Mystery (Sacrament) because they want to express His will in their lives and feel called by Him to participate in His life and the life of His body. Secondly, they are choosing to do so in the context of the Orthodox Church. The role of the sponsor is not simply be a “witness”, but rather they are to represent the rest of the Church as being committed to supporting the newly baptized or married couple to living out the Mystery (Sacrament). This means the sponsor is living out the beliefs and lifestyle of the Orthodox Church. It would be highly unfair to impose the responsibility on a non-Orthodox, or a “cradle-born” Orthodox, who has not freely chosen to live out the Christian life in this context. To do otherwise is like pushing someone to be ordained into the priesthood without being ready and willing to take the responsibility. Much of the confusion regarding this issue is due to becoming a sponsor as being more of a social honorarium. Sadly, there are many who don’t even know why they marry or baptize their child in the Orthodox Church other than for the sake of custom and keeping family peace or just sentimental nostalgia (NONE of which are the proper reasons for getting baptized or married in the Church). In approaching the Church to participate in the Mysteries, we are to do it on Christ’s and the Church’s terms. The lack of doing this, for the sake of “making people happy”, has greatly diminished the integrity and boundaries of the Church, reducing the Mysteries, and therefore Christ Himself, to a trivial, sentimental emotionalism. The Mysteries show us that God and Church do not revolve around us, but rather that our lives are to revolve around Him within the Church. It is not “MY” (child’s) baptism or “MY” wedding; it is the Church’s to manifest Christ Himself, not just add a “religious tinge” to life. Non-Orthodox Christians, (with prior pastoral approval) may stand with the Orthodox sponsor during Baptism provided their belief and understanding of the Trinity and the divinity of Christ is parallel with the Church’s; that Jesus Christ is the main focus of their lives, and that their moral lifestyle is consistent with His. (Together with beliefs, there must be prayer and full sacramental participation in Eucharist and Confession in an Orthodox Parish. In weddings, they can function as the legal witness or “honorary best man/maid of honor”. When looking for a sponsor for us or one of our children, the criteria is whether that Orthodox person is someone whose beliefs and lifestyle are modeling what Christ wants for our children and what icons His support and understanding of baptism and marriage.





# SAVE THE DATE!

## GODPARENTS' SUNDAY

**Sunday, February 2, 2020**

Invite your Godparents or Godchildren to Church to honor this special bond! Worship together at Divine Liturgy and Reconfirmation Service, receive Holy Communion together, and attend a special Sunday School lesson to celebrate this spiritual bond!

Godparents' & Godchildren Coffee Hour  
to follow in the Community Center.



# Philoptochos Social - Tea Time

Philoptochos Members and Friends of our Community

You are invited to our Tea Social

*Saturday, February 29, 2020*

12:00pm in our Community Center

808 N Broom Street, Wilmington, DE

Join us for a pleasant afternoon of  
fun and fellowship  
and find out who will be the lucky ones to  
go home with prizes from our game! \* \* \*

\* \* \* (Ladies - this is not the time to leave  
your full heavy purses at home!) 😊

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## Creators of the Western Civilization

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Ο Δυτικός Πολιτισμός έχει τρεις πυλώνες, αρχαία Ελλάδα, αρχαία Ρώμη και Χριστιανισμό. Ο καθένας από αυτούς τους πυλώνες συνέβαλε, και ακόμη συμβάλλει, στη διαμόρφωση του Δυτικού Πολιτισμού με τα δικά του χαρακτηριστικά. Η Ελλάδα προσέφερε φιλοσόφους, ιστορικούς, επιστήμονες και μηχανικούς των οποίων τα ονόματα γνωρίζουμε και τη δημοκρατία. Αλλά πρωτίστως η Ελλάδα συνέβαλε με τη γλώσσα της, η οποία είναι η βάση όλων των δυτικών γλωσσών. Η Ρώμη προσέφερε κυρίως τη μέθοδο και τους κανόνες που διέπουν μια αυτοκρατορία, γλώσσα, αρχιτεκτονική μεγάλων δομών και νόμους. Ο Χριστιανισμός αντικατέστησε τον πολυθεϊσμό και έφερε την ιδέα της αγάπης αλλήλων, τον σεβασμό των γυναικών και της σωτηρίας και της ανάστασης των νεκρών.

Ο Σωκράτης, ο Πλάτωνας και ο Αριστοτέλης θεωρούνται από πολλούς οι φάροι και ιδρυτές του δυτικού πολιτισμού.

Η αρχαία ελληνική φιλοσοφία δημιουργήθηκε τον 6<sup>ο</sup> αιώνα π.Χ. και διήρκεσε μέχρι την Ελληνιστική περίοδο (323 π.Χ.-30 π.Χ.). Η ελληνική φιλοσοφία καλύπτει ένα τεράστιο αριθμό θεμάτων, όπως πολιτική φιλοσοφία, ηθική, μεταφυσική, οντολογία (η μελέτη της φύσεως της ύπαρξης, εξέλιξης ύπαρξης ή πραγματικότητα), λογική, βιολογία, ρητορική και αισθητική (κλάδος της φιλοσοφίας που ασχολείται με τέχνη, ομορφιά και γεύση). Η ελληνική φιλοσοφία είναι γνωστή για την αναμφισβήτητη επιρροή της στη δυτική σκέψη. Αν και υπήρχαν πολλοί Έλληνες φιλόσοφοι πριν των ανωτέρω, ο Σωκράτης, ο Πλάτωνας και ο Αριστοτέλης είναι οι μόνοι τρεις που αξίζει να επικεντρωθούμε στην περίοδο αυτή. Η ζωή και οι λεπτομέρειες του έργου τους θα παρουσιαστούν στα επόμενα ενημερωτικά δελτία.

Ο Σωκράτης, γεννήθηκε στην Αθήνα το 470 π.Χ., και συχνά πιστώνεται ως ένας από τους ιδρυτές της δυτικής φιλοσοφίας. Το σύννεφο του μυστηρίου που περιβάλλει τη ζωή του και φιλοσοφικές απόψεις προτείνουν ένα πρόβλημα• ένα πρόβλημα τόσο μεγάλο το οποίο έχει το όνομα: Το Σωκρατικό Πρόβλημα.

Ο Πλάτων, μαθητής του Σωκράτη, επίσης περιβάλλεται από μυστήριο. Εκτιμάται ότι γεννήθηκε μεταξύ 428 π.Χ. και 423 π.Χ. Είναι γνωστός ως ιδρυτής της Ακαδημίας Αθηνών, του πρώτου ιδρύματος ανώτερης μαθήσεως του δυτικού κόσμου. Ο Πλατωνισμός είχε κάποια επίδραση στον Χριστιανισμό μέσω του Κλήμεντος της Αλεξάνδρειας και του Ωριγένη και των Καππαδόκων Πατέρων.

Ο Αριστοτέλης, μαθητής του Πλάτωνα, έζησε από το 384 π.Χ. έως το 322 π.Χ. Ηγήθηκε της Ακαδημίας του Πλάτωνα από 18 μέχρι 37 ετών, όπου ανέπτυξε το ταλέντο του της κατανόησης του κόσμου. Στην κατανόησή του για τον κόσμο, έγραψε τη θεωρία του «Περί Κόσμου». Οι αριστοτελικές θεολογικές έννοιες έγιναν αποδεκτές από πολλούς Εβραίους, Ισλαμιστές και Χριστιανούς φιλοσόφους.

Αυτοί οι τρεις έθεσαν τα θεμέλια του υπόλοιπου δυτικού κόσμου. Φιλόσοφοι όπως ο John Locke και ο Descartes χρησιμοποιούν τις θεωρίες αυτών των λαμπρών μυαλών στα δικά τους έργα. [Πηγές από το διαδίκτυο]

The Western Civilization has three pillars, ancient Greece, ancient Rome and Christianity. Each one of these pillars contributed, and it is still contributing, to the formation of the Western Civilization with its own individual characteristics. Greece offered, philosophers, historians, scientists and engineers whose names we know and democracy. But above all Greece contributed with its language, which is the basis of all western languages. Rome offered mainly the method and rules of governing an empire, language, architecture of large structures and law. Christianity replaced polytheism and brought the idea of loving each other, respect for women and salvation and resurrection of the dead.

Socrates, Plato and Aristotle are considered by many the beacons and founders of the western civilization.

Ancient Greek philosophy arose in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC and lasted through the Hellenistic period (323 BC-30 BC). Greek philosophy covers an absolutely enormous amount of topics including: political philosophy, ethics, metaphysics, ontology (the study of the nature of being, becoming, existence, or reality), logic, biology, rhetoric, and aesthetics (branch of philosophy dealing with art, beauty, and taste). Greek philosophy is known for its undeniable influence on Western thought. Although there were many Greek philosophers before their respective births, Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle are the only three worth focusing on during this period. The life and details of their work will be presented in the next news bulletins. Socrates, born in Athens in 470 BC, is often credited as one of the founders of Western philosophy. The cloud of mystery surrounding his life and philosophical viewpoints propose a problem; a problem so large that it is given a name itself: The Socratic Problem.

Plato, student of Socrates, also has mystery surrounding him. His birth day is estimated to fall between 428 BC and 423 BC. He is known for being the founder of the Academy in Athens, the first institution of higher learning in the Western world. Platonism has had some influence on Christianity through Clement of Alexandria and Origen, and the Cappadocian Fathers.

Aristotle, student of Plato, lived from 384 BC-322 BC. At eighteen, he joined Plato's Academy in Athens and remained there until the age of thirty-seven. There, he honed his talents of understanding the world. In his understanding of the world, he wrote his "Theory of the Universals". Aristotelian theological concepts were accepted by many later Jewish, Islamic, and Christian philosophers.

These three laid the foundations of many beliefs of the rest of the Western world. Philosophers such as John Locke and Descartes use the theories these brilliant minds brought forth in their own works. [Sources from the internet]

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HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION



## Holy Trinity Food Pantry

As we deliver food to the various food closets scattered among our city, we see the poverty first hand. An ABC newscaster recently headlined his newscast by quoting alarming figures and also alerting his listeners that food closets will be very short of food as more and more Americans depend on them for their only meal!

In order to accommodate everyone who needs food and not be turned away, these city-wide food closets depend on donations from people like you and me. Please continue to bring in your food donations and when you can, double up on basic food items such as cereals, baby food, and pasta. Anything that will not spoil, such as:

*Canned fish, vegetables, beans, fruit, meat, soups, sugar, tea, coffee, flour, pancake mixes and syrup, cereals, pasta and sauces, baby food, formula, peanut butter and jelly, apple sauce, crackers, cookies ~ anything that will not spoil.*

Our present economy is bringing more and more people to the food pantries around our city for their daily meals. Please continue to fill our bins so that we can feed those in need for, as Orthodox Christians, we are to share our many blessings with the less fortunate. When you go food shopping, buy an extra can or two so that those in need are never turned away.

We thank you for your continued generous support.  
John, Joanna, Nikkie, Sandy, Steve, & Tina

## January 12th at the Emmanuel Dining Room East

**The Daughters of Penelope** started off our new year of service by sponsoring and hosting the luncheon meal on Sunday, January 12th. Through their charity, 155 men, women and children enjoyed a warm meal. **Michele Coulaloglou, Tina Ganiaris** and **Johanna Laskaris** worked the kitchen that day. A very big *thank you* to **The Daughters** and to all who served that day! We look forward to a new host and sponsor for Wednesday, February 12th! Let's all join in to help serve on that day and on the 12th of every month!

*We graciously thank all the individuals, families and organizations who generously give of their time and charity to this dining room and ministry!*

Various groups and individuals from our church donate the food and host the luncheon meal at the 3rd and Walnut St location. **New sponsors are needed to fill a few months, so if you would like to become a part of this worthy service project** with your family, friends or church organization, **please contact Nikkie Tsakataras** at 655-2252 or **Tina Ganiaris** at 764-2183 for more information.





The DVYC Proudly Invites  
All Joy and Hope Children  
To Attend our Annual  
**Bible Bowl**

Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>  
10:00AM – 1:00PM



Hosted By:

**St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church**

**900 South Trooper Road, Norristown, PA 19403**

**Come and join in on some fun competition with our friends from churches in our region!!!**

Light  
breakfast and  
lunch will be  
served!!

Please RSVP to:

Donna Christou ([donnachristou@gmail.com](mailto:donnachristou@gmail.com))

Maria Williams ([mariacwilliams2006@gmail.com](mailto:mariacwilliams2006@gmail.com))



### **The Saturday of Souls**

Through the Apostolic Constitutions (Book VIII, ch. 42), the Church of Christ has received the custom to make commemorations for the departed on the third, ninth, and fortieth days after their repose. Since many throughout the ages, because of an untimely death in a faraway place, or other adverse circumstances, have died without being deemed worthy of the appointed memorial services, the divine Fathers, being so moved in their love for man, have decreed that a common memorial be made this day for all pious Orthodox Christians who have reposed from all ages past, so that those who did not have particular memorial services may be included in this common one for all. Also, the Church of Christ teaches us that alms should be given to the poor by the departed one's kinsmen as a memorial for him.

Besides this, since we make commemoration tomorrow of the Second Coming of Christ, and since the reposed have neither been judged, nor have received their complete recompense (Acts 17:31; II Peter 2:9; Heb. 11:39-40), the Church

rightly commemorates the souls today, and trusting in the boundless mercy of God, she prays Him to have mercy on sinners. Furthermore, since the commemoration is for all the reposed together, it reminds each of us of his own death, and arouses us to repentance.

#### **Apolytikion in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone**

Only Creator who out of the depths of wisdom lovingly govern all things and upon all bestow what is accordingly best for them, give rest to the souls of Your servants, for they have placed their hope in You, our Author and Maker and God.

#### **Kontakion in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone**

Give rest, O Christ, among the Saints to the souls of Your servants, where there is no pain, no sorrow, no grieving, but life everlasting.

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# Altar Guild News

February is a time to reflect and prepare for the upcoming Lenten season, which begins on March 2nd. There are many wreaths and flowers needed during this time. A complete list will be published in the March bulletin.

Some of the events are:

March 6th, Salutation of the Theotokos,

Sunday, March 8th, Sunday of Orthodoxy,

March 13th, Salutation of the Theotokos

March 15th, Sunday of St. Gregory of Palamas.

Wreaths are \$45.00 each.

A donation is also needed for February 2nd, Presentation of our Lord.

Donation for January:

January 26th, bouquets at Royal Doors & January 30th, wreath for The Three Hierarchs, by the Karablacas Family (Helen, Stelios, and Virginia) in memory of Peter and Mary Anagnostou and Konnie Koninis (January 5th).

If you would like to donate a wreath or flowers in celebration of your special event, contact Joanne Tarabicos at 302-239-4950 or Evie Fournaris at 302-475-5035 or use the form below.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Special Occasion \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

RESERVED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

MAY WE PRINT IT IN THE BULLETIN: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Holy Trinity Altar Guild".

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**Thank you for your continued generosity**

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*As of December 31, 2019*

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the **firstfruits** of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. **Proverbs 3:9-10**

**Year end statements went out on January 13, 2020  
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**Thank you for your continued faithfulness to  
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*As of December 31, 2019*



Please join us at our next Gathering on  
**Thursday, February 13th**  
@ 12pm in the Church Hall

We hope to see you there!

The Young @ Heart Extends the invitation  
to all of you! Come and join us!

#### HOLY TRINITY REGISTRY

##### Funerals:

Christos Tarabicos fell asleep in the Lord on December 30, 2019. His funeral was held in Greece on January 4, 2020. He was predeceased by his brothers Kostas & James and is survived by his wife Demetra, their children Harry & Alexandra-Maria, his brother John and his wife Joanne, his sister-in-law Sophia, his grandchildren: Christos, Nina, Petros, Nikolaos his great-grandchildren: Eliana, Stefanos & Harilaos, and many nieces & nephews. May his memory be eternal.

##### Memorials:

Elena Alexopoulos ~ 40 Day ~ January 19

Dennis Chilimidos ~ 1 Year ~ January 19

Theodora Hatzikosta ~ 6 Year ~ January 26

#### *When you pray...*

"THROUGH EVERY PRAYER AND ENTREATY REMAIN IN CONSTANT SUPPLICATION AT ALL TIMES  
IN THE SPIRIT BEING WATCHFUL IN THIS WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE SAINTS."

EPHESIANS 6:18

##### **Prayers for Health...**

We ask that you give baptismal names only.

Anastasia  
Barbara  
Caroline  
Christa  
Christina  
Chrysanthi  
Demetra

Dimitrios  
Doug  
Elaine  
Eleni  
Emma  
Eugenia  
Evangelia

George  
Jacob  
Jeremy  
John  
Lawrence  
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Peter  
Rachel

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Sophia  
Spyros  
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# JOIN US FOR BOWLING

February 23, 2020

1:30 – 3:30pm

Prices Corner Lanes  
3215 Kirkwood Hwy  
Wilmington, DE

Open to all  
**JOY/HOPE**  
aged youth!

COST:  
\$15 per child  
Includes:  
2 hour bowling  
Shoe rental  
\$5 arcade card  
Soda & Slice of pizza



RSVP by February 13th to:

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# Sunday School Christmas Pageant











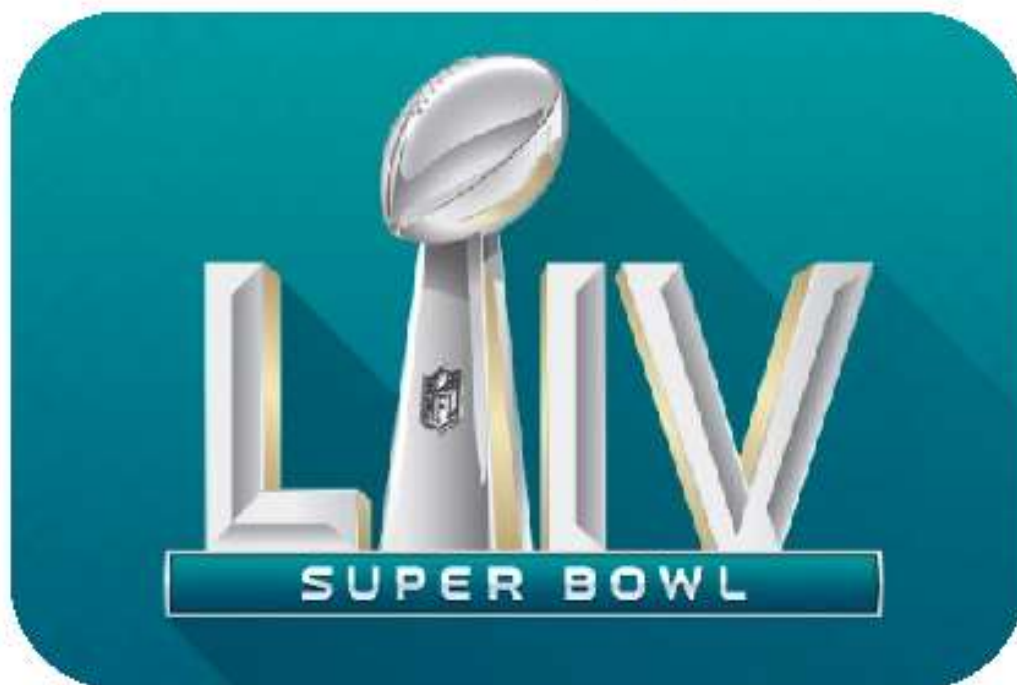




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**Sunday - February 2, 2020 @ 5:30pm**

2020 at BOWL

*Holy Trinity Community Center*

808 N Broom Street, Wilmington, DE

***Hors de oeuvres & Dinner @ \$30.00 (per person)***

**All proceeds to benefit the Building Fund**

***Kids under 12 ~ FREE***

**PLEASE RSVP by Monday, January 27, 2020**

**To reserve your table or spot call**

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Ελληνικό Σχολείο της Αγίας Τριάδος  
Δρ. Κώστας Γ. Φούντζουλας

Hellenic School of Holy Trinity, DE  
Dr. Costas G. Fountzoulas

Την Παρασκευή, 27 Δεκεμβρίου 2019, όπως  
εγαίρωσ είχε ανακοινωθεί και  
προγραμματισθεί, μαθήτριες και μαθητές του  
Ελληνικού Σχολείου μας έψαλαν τα Κάλαντα  
των Χριστουγέννων και Πρωτοχρονιάς σε  
επιχειρήσεις, οικίες και γηροκομείο της  
περιοχής μας. Αν και αρχικώς είχε  
προγραμματισθεί να κάνουμε μόνο τέσσερις  
στάσεις, τελικά καταφέραμε να κάνουμε  
εννέα στάσεις! Τα παιδιά μας μετά το αρχικό,  
αναμενόμενο διστακτικό ψάλσιμο, από την 2<sup>η</sup>  
στάση και μετά, απέδωσαν τα κάλαντα  
περίφημα! Στο τέλος, οι περισσότεροι από  
τους παρευρεθέντες γονείς με τα παιδιά τους  
απολάυσανε ένα ελαφρό δείπνο σε κοντικό  
εστιατόριο.

Θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω προσωπικά, από  
βάθους καρδιάς όσους γονείς και δασκάλες  
συμμετείχαν στα κάλαντα! Ήταν τόσο  
όμορφο και συγκινητικό να βλέπης την  
συγκίνηση των ηλικιωμένων μελών της  
κοινότητας να ακούν τα κάλαντα μετά από  
τόσα χρόνια, στα σπίτια τους! Ήταν τόσο  
όμορφο να βλέπης την χαρά και συμμετοχή  
των απομάχων της ζωής στο γηροκομείο όταν  
άκουγαν τα κάλαντα στα Ελληνικά και  
Αγγλικά!

Συγχαρητήρια στα παιδιά μας που οι φωνές  
τους γλύκαναν την ατμόσφαιρα γύρω τους και  
πλημμύρησαν το μυσλό μας με γλυκές  
αναμνήσεις από τα παιδικά χρόνια μας στην  
Ελλάδα και την Αμερική!

Και του Χρόνου!!

Τη γλώσσα μου έδωσαν ελληνική.  
το σπίτι φτωχικό στις αμμουδιές του Ομήρου.

Μονάχη έγνοια η γλώσσα μου  
στις αμμουδιές του Ομήρου.  
(«Πάθος»-Άξιον Εστί, Ελύτης)

On Friday, December 27, 2019, as was  
timely announced and scheduled, Greek  
schoolchildren sang the Christmas and New  
Year's Eve Carols, in businesses, homes, and  
nursing home in our area. Although we had  
originally planned to make only four stops,  
we eventually managed to make nine stops!  
Our kids, after the initial, expected reluctant  
chant, from the 2nd stop and on delivered  
the carols beautifully! In the end, most of  
the participating parents with their children  
enjoyed a light dinner at a nearby restaurant.

I would like to personally thank, from the  
bottom of my heart, all those parents and  
teachers who participated in the carols! It  
was so beautiful and moving to see the thrill  
of the older members of the community  
listening to the carols after so many years in  
their homes! It was so nice to see the joy  
and participation of the retirees of life in the  
nursing home when the carols were heard in  
both languages, Greek and English!

Congratulations to our children, whose  
voices sweetened the surrounding  
atmosphere and flooded our minds with  
sweet memories from our childhood in  
Greece and America!

Happy Many Returns!!

Greek the language they gave me;  
poor the house on Homer's shores.

My only care my language on Homer's shores.  
("Passion", Axion Esti, Elytis)



# Greek School Kalanda





## Sunday of Prodigal Son

### Reading:

Through the parable of today's Gospel, our Saviour has set forth three things for us: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. The divine Fathers have put this reading the week after the parable of the Publican and Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own wretched condition -- inasmuch as we are sunken in sin, far from God and His Mysteries -- we might at last come to our senses and make haste to return to Him by repentance during these holy days of the Fast.

Furthermore, those who have wrought many great iniquities, and have persisted in them for a long time, oftentimes fall into despair, thinking that there can no longer be any forgiveness for them; and so being without hope, they fall every day into the same and even worse iniquities. Therefore, the divine Fathers, that they might root out the passion of despair from the hearts of such people, and rouse them to the deeds of virtue, have set the present parable at the forecourts of the Fast, to show them the surpassing goodness of God's compassion, and to teach them that there is no sin -- no matter how great it may be -- that can overcome at any time His love for man.

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal of the Second Tone

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

### Resurrectional Kontakion in the Plagal of the Second Tone

When the Life-bestower Christ God had resurrected \* with His vivifying hand, from the dismal caverns, \* all the dead from eternity, He freely bestowed \* resurrection on the substance of our mortal humanity. \* For He is the Savior of all, resurrection and life, and the God of all things.

### Seasonal Kontakion in the Third Tone

O Father, foolishly I ran away from Your glory, and in sin, squandered the riches You gave me. Wherefore, I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal, "I have sinned before You Compassionate Father. Receive me in repentance and take me as one of Your hired servants."

Reading by Holy Transfiguration Monastery / Resurrectional Apolytikion by St. Gregory Palamas Monastery / Resurrectional Kontakion by St. Gregory Palamas Monastery / Seasonal Kontakion by Narthex Press / Icon by Theologic Systems



## The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee The Triodion Begins

### Reading:

The Pharisees were an ancient and outstanding sect among the Jews known for their diligent observance of the outward matters of the Law. Although, according to the word of our Lord, they "did all their works to be seen of men" (Matt. 23:5), and were hypocrites (ibid. 23: 13, 14, 15, etc.), because of the apparent holiness of their lives they were thought by all to be righteous, and separate from others, which is what the name Pharisee means. On the other hand, Publicans, collectors of the royal taxes, committed many injustices and extortions for filthy lucre's sake, and all held them to be sinners and unjust. It was therefore according to common opinion that the Lord Jesus in His parable signified a virtuous person by a Pharisee, and a sinner by a Publican, to teach His disciples the harm of pride and the profit of humble-mindedness.

Since the chief weapon for virtue is humility, and the greatest hindrance to it is pride, the divine Fathers have set these three weeks before the Forty-day Fast as a preparation for the spiritual struggles of virtue. This

present week they have called Harbinger, since it declares that the Fast is approaching; and they set humility as the foundation for all our spiritual labors by appointing that the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee be read today, even before the Fast begins, to teach, through the vaunting of the Pharisee, that the foul smoke of self-esteem and the stench of boasting drives away the grace of the Spirit, strips man of all his virtue, and casts him into the pits of Hades; and, through the repentance and contrite prayer of the Publican, that humility confers upon the sinner forgiveness of all his wicked deeds and raises him up to the greatest heights.

### All foods are allowed the week that follows this Sunday.

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal of the First Tone

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate \* with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born \* for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. \* For in His goodness He was pleased \* to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, \* and to raise up those who had died, \* by His glorious Resurrection.

### Resurrectional Kontakion in the Plagal of the First Tone

You descended to Hades, my Savior, and shattered its gates, as the Almighty. As Creator, You raised the dead with yourself, and smashed the sting of death, O Christ. You freed Adam from the curse, O Lover of humanity. Therefore we all cry out to You, Save us, O Lord.

### Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Tone

Let us flee from the boasting of the Pharisee and learn through our own sighs of sorrow the humility of the Publican. Let us cry out to the Savior, "Have mercy on us, for through You alone are we reconciled."

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# *Serving in February*

## Coffee Hours:

February 2~ Sunday School/Fr & Pres Christos & Family

February 9 ~ Daughter's of Penelope

February 16 ~ GOYA Tournament

February 23 ~ AHEPA



## Narthex Duty:

February 2~ Group 2

February 9 ~ Group 1

February 16 ~ Group 2

February 23 ~ Group 1



## Prosforon Offeror's

February 2~ Eleni Katapodi

February 9 ~ Maria Papanicholas

February 16 ~ Eugenia Zerefos

February 23 ~ Vickie Karakasidis



If you cannot meet your scheduled date for Prosfora please contact Loula Kapordelis @ 354-5383  
We are in need of Proforon Offerors. If you would like to become one, please call the church office.



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### Capital Campaign

To contribute, please send your donation to:

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church**

**ATTN: Capital Campaign**

**808 North Broom Street**

**Wilmington, DE 19806**

As of today, 90 families have pledged financial support for necessary improvements to our Holy Trinity facilities.

**Thank you for your commitment to our Community!**



# February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <u>Presentation of our Lord</u> 8:30am Orthros /Divine Liturgy Sunday School <b>Godparent's Sunday</b> GOYA Meeting  AHEPA Superbowl Party	3	4  7pm Bible Class  7pm OCF @ UD Catholic Chapel	5 12:30 Bible Study 5:30p Greek School 6pm BBALL Practice 7pm GOYA Dance practice 7pm Choir  FAST	6 <b>St Photos</b> <b>8:30am Orthros /Divine Liturgy</b>	7 1:30pm UD Students visit Holy Trinity  5:30pm YOUTH Dance Practice  FAST	8 HOPE/JOY Bible Bowl @ St Sophia, Jeffersonville, PA  11am Theodore Joseck Baptism  12pm Philoptochos Meeting
9 <u>Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee</u> 8:30am Orthros/ Divine Liturgy Sunday School SS Teachers Meeting  Metropolis Clergy Retreat, Ocean City, MD	10  Metropolis Clergy Retreat, Ocean City, MD	11 <u>St. Christos the Martyr</u> 8:30am Orthros / Divine Liturgy <b>Name Day of Fr. Christos</b> 12pm Serving @ Emmanuel Dining Room  7pm OCF @ UD Catholic Chapel  Metropolis Clergy Retreat, Ocean City, MD	12 12:30 Bible Study 5:30p Greek School 6pm BBALL Practice 7pm GOYA Dance practice 7pm Choir  FAST	13  12pm Young @ Heart Gathering	14  FAST	15  GOYA BB Tournament & Dance
16 <u>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</u> 8:30am Orthros/ Divine Liturgy Sunday School  GOYA BB Tournament	17	18  7pm Bible Class	19 12:30 Bible Study 5:30p Greek School 6pm BBALL Practice 7pm GOYA Dance practice 7pm Choir  FAST	20  7pm Parish Council Meeting  7:30pm DVYC Meeting @ St Thomas, Cherry Hill, NJ	21 5:30pm YOUTH Dance Practice  FAST	22 <u>1st Saturday of Souls</u> 8:30am Orthros /Divine Liturgy
23 <u>Judgement Sunday</u> 8:30am Orthros/ Divine Liturgy Sunday School (Dairy permitted all week)  12:30pm HOPE JOY Bowling@ Kirkwood Highway	24	25 6:30pm DOP Meeting  7pm OCF @ UD Catholic Chapel	26 12:30 Bible Study 5:30p Greek School 6pm BBALL Practice 7pm GOYA Dance practice 7pm Choir  FAST	27	28	29 <u>2nd Saturday of Souls</u> 8:30am Orthros /Divine Liturgy  12pm Philoptochos Tea Social



# Φεβρουάριος 2020

Κυριακή	Δευτέρα	Τρίτη	Τετάρτη	Πέμπτη	Παρασκευή	Σάββατο
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<p>2 <u>Υπαπαντής</u> 8:30πμ Όρθρος /Θεία Λειτουργία Κατηχητικό Κυριακή των Αναδόχων Συνάντηση GOYA</p> <p>Superbowl Πάρτυ της ΑΧΕΠΑ</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p>7μμ Τάξη Βίβλου</p> <p>7μμ ΟΠΦ@ UD Catholic Chapel</p>	<p>5 12:30μμ Μελέτη Βίβλου 5:30μμ Ελληνικό Σχολείο 6μμ Προπόνηση Μπ. Μπ. 7μμ Εξάσκηση χορών GOYA 7μμ Χορωδία</p> <p>ΝΗΣΤΕΙΑ</p>	<p>6 <u>St Photos</u> 8:30πμ Όρθρος /Θεία Λειτουργία</p>	<p>7 1:30μμ Φοιτητές τοθ Παν. Ντελ. Επισκέπτονται την Αγία Τριάδα</p> <p>5:30μμ Εξάσκηση Χορών Νέων</p> <p>ΝΗΣΤΕΙΑ</p>	<p>8 ΕΛΠΙΔΑ/ ΧΑΡΑ Κύπελλο Βίβλου @ St Sophia, Jeffersonville, PA 11πμ Βάπτισις Θεοδώρου Τζόσεκ 12μμ Συνάντη ση Φιλοπτώχου</p>
<p>9 <u>Κυριακή τελώνου και Φαρισαίου</u> 8:30πμ Όρθρος/Θεία Λειτουργία Κατηχητικό Συνάντηση Διδασκόντων Κατηχητικού</p> <p>Απόσυρσις Κληρικών Μητροπόλεως, Ocean City, MD</p>	10	<p>11 <u>Αγίου Χρίστου Μάρτυρος</u> 8:30πμ Όρθρος / Θεία Λειτουργία <u>Ονομαστική Εορτή παατρός Χρήσου</u> 12μμ Σερβίρισμα @ Emmanuel Dining Room</p> <p>7μμ ΟΠΦ@ UD Catholic Chapel Απόσυρσις Κληρικών Μητροπόλεως, Ocean City, MD</p>	<p>12 12:30μμ Μελέτη Βίβλου 5:30μμ Ελληνικό Σχολείο 6μμ Προπόνηση Μπ. Μπ. 7μμ Εξάσκηση χορών GOYA 7μμ Χορωδία</p> <p>ΝΗΣΤΕΙΑ</p> <p>Απόσυρσις Κληρικών Μητροπόλεως, Ocean City, MD</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12μμ Συνάντηση Αειθαλών Νέων</p>	14	<p>15</p> <p>12 Γεύμα Εργασίας Φιλοπτώχου</p> <p><b>Τούρναμεντ Μπ. Μπ. GOYA &amp; Χορός</b></p>
<p>16 <u>Κυριακή του Ασώτου</u> 8:30πμ Όρθρος/Θεία Λειτουργία Κατηχητικό</p> <p><b>Τούρναμεντ Μπ. Μπ. GOYA</b></p>	17	18	<p>19 12:30μμ Μελέτη Βίβλου 5:30μμ Ελληνικό Σχολείο 6μμ Προπόνηση Μπ. Μπ. 7μμ Εξάσκηση χορών GOYA 7μμ Χορωδία</p> <p>ΝΗΣΤΕΙΑ</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7μμ Συνάντηση Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου</p> <p>7:30μμ Συνάντηση DVYC @ St Thomas, Cherry Hill, NJ</p>	21	<p>22 <u><b>Α! Ψυχοσάββατο</b></u> 8:30πμ Όρθρος /Θεία Λειτουργία</p>
<p>23 <u>Κυριακή της Κρίσεως</u> 8:30πμ Όρθρος/Θεία Λειτουργία Κατηχητικό (Αρτήσιμη Εβδομάδα)</p> <p>12:30μμ Μπούλινγκ ΕΛΠΙΔΑ/ΧΑΡΑ @ Kirkwood Highway</p>	24	<p>25 6:30μμ Συνάντηση Θυγατέρων της Πηνελόπης</p> <p>7μμ ΟΠΦ@ UD Catholic Chapel</p>	<p>26 12:30μμ Μελέτη Βίβλου 5:30μμ Ελληνικό Σχολείο 6μμ Προπόνηση Μπ. Μπ. 7μμ Εξάσκηση χορών GOYA 7μμ Χορωδία</p> <p>ΝΗΣΤΕΙΑ</p>	27	28	<p>29 <u><b>Β! Ψυχοσάββατο</b></u> 8:30πμ Όρθρος /Θεία Λειτουργία</p> <p>12μμ Κοινωνικό Τσάι Φιλοπτώχου</p>



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