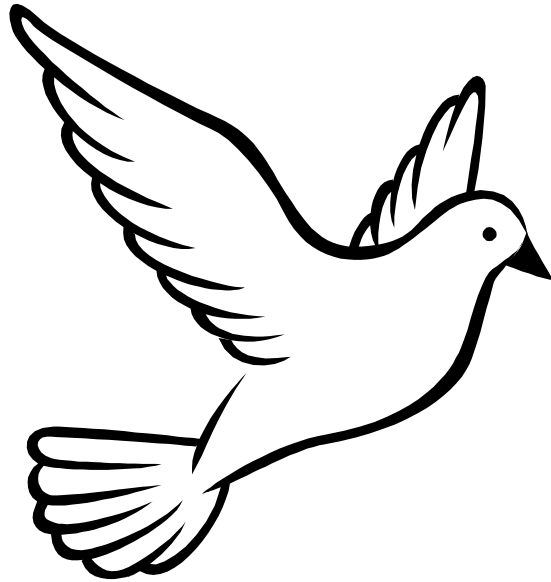


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Assumption Of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Greek Orthodox Church
Long Beach, CA



Worship Services

Regular Schedule

Orthros 8:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

**NOTE: Sunday Divine
Liturgy starts at
10:00AM year-round.**

*See enclosed calendar for
dates and times of other ser-
vices this month.*



**JULY & AUGUST
2018**

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Family Last Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Husband (or Individual over 18) _____ Wife (or Individual over 18) _____ Children & Birthdate _____

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

In gratitude of God's Blessings I/we commit the following amount of \$ _____ for the year of 20 _____

Monthly (12 Payments a Year) Quarterly (4 Payments a Year) Semiannually (2 Payments a Year) Annually

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BAPTISMS & CHRISMATIONS

5/5/18

Jon Georgios Roumeliotis

Proud Parents: Giorgos & Pamela Roumeliotis
Godmother/Nona: Beatrice Tsakoumakis

Lukas Anthony Wyatt

Proud Parents: Richard & Stefanie Wyatt
Godmothers/Nones: Karen Fic,
Nikoletta Anagnostou &
Nektaria Anagnostou

5/6/18

Kristyne Jo Hanberg

Godparents/Nonoi: Gus & Trish Theodore &
Bill & Elaine Solan

5/19/17

James Matthew Apostle

Proud Parents: Matthew & Michelle Apostle
Godfather/Nonos: Anthony Apostle

6/2/17

Zoe Lola Vargo

Proud Parents: Douglas & Elefteria Vargo
Godparents/Nonoi: Olivia Varonos &
Nick Varonos

Congratulations to the families & Godparents.

WEDDINGS

5/12/18

Tasos Bogris & Lyndsey Leonetti
Best Man & Maid of Honor/Koumbaroi:
Kostas Bogris & Maria Bogris
Congratulations

WITH SYMPATHY

Condolences are offered to the family and friends
of **Effie Chioles** who fell asleep in Lord on
4/20/18.

Condolences are offered to the family and friends
of **Gus Stevenson** who fell asleep in Lord on
6/1/18.

May their memory be eternal.

Announcements

Stewardship

If your name does not appear on the
Stewardship list, or you are new in our
Parish and want to become member
Simply fill out and return to the office
the 2018 Stewardship Card as soon
as possible. Thank You.

Pledged Categories:	
\$1 - \$99	9 cards
\$100 - \$500	102 cards
\$501 - \$1,000	67 cards
\$1,001 - \$3,000	52 cards
\$3,001 - \$10,000	5 cards
Pay but not Pledged	19 cards



July & August Prosforo

July's prosforo is donated by Flora
Castritis Yakos & Paris Kastanas.

August's prosforo is donated by Stella
Exacoustos & Ronnea Santamarina.

Thank you.

If you would like to donate the Prosforo
please call the office.

Philoptochos

July is here and we are in the middle of summer. The Philoptochos baking team has been busy for some time preparing delicious Greek pastries for the upcoming festival.

Thank you to all the dedicated women of our church who faithfully come each Thursday morning and collectively begin baking. If you have not had the opportunity to join the team, stop in and not only enjoy lunch but the fellowship is unbeatable. Be sure to check each Sunday's bulletin for baking schedules. Your helping hands are always welcome!

"All Things Are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ" is the title of 2018 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention in Boston Massachusetts. This year Kathy Bastas and Karen Fic will represent our chapter at the convention. We will be bringing back information and will share it with you all at our next general meeting to be held at the end of the month. Our chapter was proud to select Kathy Bastas as our candidate for San Francisco Metropolis AGAPE AWARD. Kathy, not only dedicates her time to our Panagia, but also is a tireless volunteer for Susan G. Komen and For the Child.

School will be in session before you know it! We have been deeply involved in supplying back packs and school supplies to less fortunate children in the Long Beach school district. Once again, we need your help. Stop in the hall at the Philoptochos table and drop off your donation for this worthy cause. If you don't want to shop, we will be happy to do that for you with your monetary donation of \$35 or more. For more information, please contact Kathy Bastas at knbastas@aol.com.

August, is the time to celebrate Panagia's name day (Aug. 15). We will continue our tradition with our dessert buffet on August 14th following Vespers. This is your opportunity to bring your best Lenten dessert to share with our community and guests and to show your love to our church.

The Lovely Ladies of Philoptochos will once again join with members from both Anaheim and Downey in the Race for the Cure on Sunday September 23, 2018. It is a fun event and is open to all members of the family. So, put your pink on, put your children in their strollers or wagons and help find a cure for breast cancer. More information on this event will be available at the Philoptochos table.

We are still looking for members to our chapter! The success of our chapter depends on you. What would be ideal is if every woman and man (yes men too!) at Assumption were also Philoptochos members. Our Philanthropy is global. We can only do this through your generosity. Your membership dues are a part of this! If we have not received your membership yet, it is not too late. Check in with Lia Kakaris or any Philoptochos board member and fill out the form. We welcome all of you. Remember, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

Your Sister in Christ,
Karen Fic, President

Pound of butter - is just the beginning!
Half of cup of sugar -- no way!!!
Interesting conversation throughout the kitchen!
Lots of love—for sure!!
Orange zest and juice found in our delicious koulourakia!
Pounds and pounds of Phyllo for tiropitas and spanakopitas!
Tasty lunches shared with all!
Oooh so good these pastries!
Creamy butter is a key ingredient!
Honey that makes that baklava soooooo delicious!
Outstanding friendships that last a lifetime!
Sugar galore – yummmm!

Get those pretty aprons on and join us in Panagia's kitchen for our annual festival baking which began May 23rd.

Yep, we have started and what a wonderful start! Thank you to all of those who have put on their aprons and have joined us! And to all of you who will be joining us in July and August! Please refer to the enclosed schedule.

We can't make all these goodies that Assumption is known for without your help, even if it is for a couple of hours. We start at 8am and go until we finish whatever we are making! Lunch is provided by our fabulous parishioners who so kindly agreed to feed us along with our afternoon Greek Coffee by Voula! Thank you to all!!!

*"Alone we can do so little,
 Together we can do so much" ... Helen Keller*



BAKING SCHEDULE -- GREEK FESTIVAL 2018

Wednesday, July 11	Tsourekia
Saturday , July 14	Kataifi
Thursday, July 19	Tiropita
Wednesday, July 25	Prepare for Spanakopita
Thursday, July 26	Spanakopita
Thursday, August 2	Baklava
Thursday, August 9	Galaktoboureko
Thursday, August 16	Kourabiedes
Thursday, August 23	Diples

Note: NO Baking, June 21, 28 & July 5

Start Time: Anytime after 8:00 am and lunch will be provided along with laughter and afternoon Greek coffee! Even if you only have a couple of hours, Please join us! We can't do it without you!

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See you in Panagia's kitchen! Thank You!

Liarakos Voula
 Lofton Max & Mary
 Lovejoy JJ & Nikki
 Makas Diane
 Makridis Gus & Gene
 Mamo Tirusew
 Mangoutas John & Barbara
 Manos Dr. Andy & Pam
 Mantikas Nick & Katherine
 Marinow Atanas
 Markouizos George & Argyro
 Markouizos Karolos & Georgia
 Markouizos Markella
 Markouizos Nektarios & Lisa
 Matty Dave & Barbara
 McMillan James & Angela
 Michel David & Vasiliki
 Michel Erik & Jennifer
 Milonas Dina
 Mitchell Pete
 Mitchell Pete Jr.
 Monios Nick & Linda
 Montalbano Paul & Maria
 Moreno Russ & Stephanie
 Morgan Valerie
 Nakai Keichi & Saki
 Nicolaou Alex & Reese
 Papacalos George & Lucia
 Papadakis Lillian & Andrianna
 Papadakis Nick & Alexandra
 Papadopoulos Evangelos & Lorraine
 Papakoulos Angie
 Pappas Taso & Georgia
 Pappas Dino & Catherine
 Pappas Mark & Shari
 Pappas Tina
 Pappas Victor & Christina
 Parros Bessie
 Patzold Mike & Celeste
 Paulos Mary
 Paulos Nicholas
 Phillips Crystal
 Polychrones Speros & Dora
 Poulis Sofia
 Raptis Maria
 RichmonD Dan & Doris
 Roubanis Savvas & Jody
 Roumeliotis George & Pamela

Russos Manolis
 Russos Mina
 Salsman Melvin & Andria
 Santamarina Jose & Ronnea
 Seger Clay & Susan
 Sehremelis Andy & Leslie
 Settas Renne
 Shahani Ajit & Vicki Georgiadou
 Sharkoff Donald & Anna
 Sharkoff James & Katherine
 Shweiri Cathy & George
 Sidiropoulos Sandy
 Silva Robert & Nicolette
 Simitian Richard & Anna
 Siouris Chris & Panayota
 Siouris Faith
 Skourtas Tony & Angelique
 Smyrniotis Christos & Mary
 Sotiriou Elias
 Sotiriou Panagiotis & Vasiliki
 Soultanakis Trudith
 Soupos Tom & Bobbie
 Spirtos Dimitri & Judith
 Stathis Robert & Josefa
 Stavros George & Donna
 Stavros Louis & Mary
 Stavros Theodoros & Olga
 Stavros Tom
 Stevenson Gus & Leona
 Stratos Gregory
 Sullos Jim & Vickie
 Sverkos Dennis & Holly
 Syrengelas Andreas & Niky
 Syrengelas Soteria
 Syrengelas Toula
 Talaganis Ernest
 Talaganis John & Kathleen
 Talaganis Nick & Amy
 Tavlarides Angelo & Mary
 Teodosiadis Romilo & Melpomeni
 Terzis Konstantinos & Suzanna
 Thermos Jerry & Elli
 Ticknor Chris & Crystal
 Toulis Spiros & Eleni
 Toumasis Kyriaki
 Trigonis Tula
 Tsakoumakis Stan & Debbie
 Tsalikis Maria

Tsamous Peter & Helen
 Tsimerekis Anna
 Vackrinis Catherine
 Vagelatos John
 Valaskantjis Nikiforos & Georgia
 Vargo Douglas & Eleftheria
 Varzak Darlene
 Vasilomanolakis Mike & Niki
 Vassiliades John & Eliza
 Vlachos Dino & Helen
 Vlachos Michael & Jessa
 Vorris Thanos & Niki
 Watkins Eavangelia
 Wyatt Richard & Stefanie
 Zambos John
 Zamvakellis Nick & Dr. Alison
 Zarifes Angie
 Zeit Izz
 Zoolakis Anthony & Kari
 Zorzy Josephine
 Zoumberakis Stelio & Stacie

Ala Lisa, George & Elisara	Coroneus John & Xanthipe	Ghilarducci Walt & Laura
Alex Helen	Coster Steve & Tonya	Giannoulis Anastasia
Alexiou Demi	Cottgias Manuel	Gossen Ryan & Jennifer
Alexopoulos Andrew	Cyprus Brandon	Gurrola Raymond & Mary
Alexopoulos Christina	Cyprus Brett & Jane	Hadjimarkos Nicholas & Stemma
Alexopoulos Dimitris & Maria	Cyprus Brooke	Haftoglou Dimitris & Maria
Alexopoulos Elias	Cyprus Kayla	Hallock Rod & Shirley
Andrikos Ioannis & Argyro	Dalkos Chris & Roula	Hanches Fotini
Apostle Anthony	Dalkos John & Stavroula	Haririan Alka
Apostle Matthew & Michelle	Darras Sam & Pinelopi	Hennig Vickie
Apostle Tina	Demos Christa	Hourigan Joseph & Nickie
Argyros Dionisios & Irini	Demos Eleni	Jordanides Dennis & Giselle
Argyros Phillip & Amy	Demos George & Vickie	Jordanides Tim & Eleftheria
Armogida Rod & Krysta	Deneff Peter & Diane	Jovicic Goran & Alexandria
Armstrong Randy & Janet	Deralas Dean	June Rod & Paraskevi
Ashley James & Stella	Desalernos Stephen & Julia	Kakaris Telis & Lia
Awad John & Litsa	Desalernos Stephen & Stefanie	Kallas Christ & Lucy
Bastas Nikos & Kathy	Diacoumakos Marya	Kanakis Panagiotis & Evangelia
Batshoun Christina	Dimitropoulos Tom & Elaine	Kanavos Pete & Tia
Batshoun Emil & Matoula	Dimou Leonidas, Judith, Nikolaos	Karapoulios Family
Batshoun Sofie	Dogris Alex & Peggy	Karatzis Spiros & Julie
Beckas Spiros & Eleni	Dolas Chris	Karmiris Christopher & Christina
Berdanis John	Dolas Jim & Camille	Karthas Nicholas
Berovinos Antonios & Bonnie	Dolas John & Theodora & Peter	Kastanas Bill & Paris
Bisbikis Toula & Argyroula	Dolas Thomas & Sofia	Kiouis Spiros & Katerina
Bogris Kostas	Donlou Gordon & Maria	Kohnert Walt & Yolanda
Bogris Maria	Edwards Nickolas & Pamela	Kontaxis Michael
Bogris Tasos & Lindsey	Etchepare Anna	Kontes Nick & Christina
Boyce Maria	Exacoustos Stella	Kontogouris George & Denise
Bratkic Jure & Demetra	Fally Zoe	Kontokanis Dimitris & Maria
Brillakis Gus & Nicki	Fattaleh Raja	Koostikas Coula
Brogolias Steve & Janne	Fenn Brad & Anna	Kopp Kyle & Gina
Bussa Tom & Maria	Fic Karen	Koromelas John & Tina
Cardenas Roberto & Alexia	Flynn Matthew	Kostalla Anthony & Cathy
Chelekis Chris & Lindsay Yossef	Fourtounis Peter & Joanna	Kotsakis Helen
Chelekis Louis & Vicki	Foutris Constantine	Koulos Peter & Emily
Chioles James	Foutris John & Marie	Kountakis Eugenia
Chizhov Svetlana	Francis Timothy & Georgi	Kouris Gregory & Patricia
Choullis Manolis & Sotiria	Frousakis Gus & Vicky	Kourtis Costa & Cecilia
Chrysanthis Alex & Vaso	Futris Bill & Mary	Kral Michael & Lisa
Colazas Xenophon & Mila	Futris George & Consuelo	Krebenios Anastasia
Confrey Katina, John & Jackson	Galanis Jerry & Marian	Krebenios Nick & Georgia
Contos Angeliki	George Louie & Penny	Lambrakis Catherine
Cooc Jeff & Suzan Boltinghouse	Georgedes Katy	Lambros Mary
Cornwell Caryle & Demetra	Georgoulis George & Anna	Liarakos George & Dezi
Coromelas Christopher		Liarakos John & Tesi

Το πιο σημαντικό μέρος του σώματος μας.....

Κάποτε μία μητέρα, ρώτησε τον μικρό γιο της να της πει, ποιο κατά τη γνώμη του ήταν το πιο σημαντικό μέρος στο σώμα μας.

Στην αρχή το αγόρι νόμισε ότι βρήκε εύκολα την απάντηση και έτρεξε στη μητέρα του όλο χαρά. Είχε ανακαλύψει τη μαγεία και την ομορφιά των ήχων και της είπε "νομιζω πως είναι τα αυτιά, με τα οποία ακούμε". Εκείνη χαμογέλασε και του είπε: "Όχι, υπάρχουν τόσοι άνθρωποι γύρω μας που δεν ακούνε, γιατί είναι κουφοί".

Το αγόρι μεγαλώνοντας, συνέχισε να σκέφτομαι την ερώτηση. Όταν συνειδητοποίησε πόσο φοβερό δώρο είναι η όραση, έτρεξε πάλι στη μητέρα του σίγουρος αυτή τη φορά, και της είπε, "πιστεύω πως είναι τα μάτια μας το σημαντικότερο μέρος στο σώμα μας".

Η μητέρα του τον κοίταξε με αγάπη και χάρηκε που ο γιος της ακόμη ασχολούνταν με το ερώτημά της και έκανε μάλιστα και μεγάλη πρόοδο, αλλά και πάλι τον διόρθωσε: "Όχι, δεν είναι τα μάτια. Χιλιάδες άνθρωποι στον κόσμο μας είναι τυφλοί. Προσπάθησε ακόμα".

Όντως, προσπάθησε κι άλλες φορές και η μητέρα του έβλεπε ότι εκείνο το μικρό παιδί ωριμάζε και προόδευε, αλλά όσες φορές κι αν επανήλθαν στο θέμα αυτό, δεν κατάφερε να βρει τη σωστή απάντηση.

Πέρυσι πέθανε ο παππούς του. Όλοι τους πονέσανε και κλάψανε. Ακόμα και ο πατέρας του έκλαψε, κι αυτό γιατί μόνο άλλη μια φορά τον είχε δει να κλαίει στη ζωή του.

Ξαφνικά ακούει τη μητέρα του να τον ρωτά: "Έρεεις ποιο είναι το πιο σημαντικό μέρος στο σώμα μας;" Εκείνος παραξενεύτηκε, γιατί πάντα νόμιζε ότι ήταν ένα αστείο ανάμεσά τους και τίποτα παραπάνω. Η μητέρα του τον είδε που παραξενεύτηκε και τον πήρε κοντά της.

"Αυτό που θα σου πω αγόρι μου είναι πολύ σημαντικό", του είπε, "και θέλω να το κρατήσεις μέσα στην ψυχή σου. Λοιπόν το πιο σημαντικό μέρος στο σώμα σου είναι ο ώμος σου. Και δεν είναι επειδή κρατάει το χέρι σου στη θέση του και μπορεί να κινείται, αλλά γιατί μπορεί να κρατήσει το κεφάλι ενός πονεμένου αγαπημένου σου την ώρα που κλαίει. Όλοι μας θα χρειαστούμε έναν ώμο να γείρουμε και να ακουμπήσουμε την ώρα της θλίψης και του πόνου, αγόρι μου. Σου εύχομαι να έχεις πάντα στη ζωή σου έναν τέτοιο ώμο, γεμάτο παρηγοριά για κείνους που θα κλάψουν και θα 'χουν ανάγκη τον ώμο της αγάπης σου για να γείρουν. Όταν θα το έχεις καταλάβει αυτό που σου λέω και θα συμφωνείς, τότε θα είναι σημάδι ότι έχεις μεγαλώσει αρκετά και ότι ζεις σωστά τη ζωή σου".

Οι άνθρωποι θα ξεχάσουν αυτά που έλεγες...

Οι άνθρωποι θα ξεχάσουν αυτά που έκανες...

Αλλά ποτέ δε θα ξεχάσουν πώς τους έκανες να αισθάνονται.

*Education is the most powerful weapon
which you can use to change the world."*



Assumption Philoptochos has partnered with *For the Child** for over 11 years in supplying backpacks with school supplies to support school success. Last year, with your awesome support, we were able to make 130 children extremely happy with backpacks full of supplies!!! Thank you!!!

Our goal this year will be 135 backpacks! Help us reach our goal..... All you have to do is purchase a backpack and fill it with some supplies and bring it to church on Sunday, no later than August 12th – that's it!

No time to shop? A \$35 check will help purchase what we need. Please make checks payable to Assumption Philoptochos and note that it is for the backpack project.

Suggested items: backpack, loose leaf paper- wide & collage ruled, three ring binders, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, pocket folders, #2 pencils, sharpeners, erasers, pencil pouches, pens, small dictionary, color chalk, glue sticks, colored pencils, markers & highlighters, scissors, scotch tape, index cards, 12" ruler,

On behalf of all the children who will be smiling on that very first day of school with their backpack on their backs, we Thank You for making a difference!
Assumption Philoptochos

Contact: Kathy Bastas at knbastas@aol.com

*For the Child – A Long Beach non-profit organization with over 40 years of providing both comprehensive child abuse treatment and family focused mental health care, counseling, and therapy to strengthen families & provide the tools of healing to children.

Little Lambs

We hope everyone is having a great summer. Our youngest church ministry will be resuming soon. We will start back up in September. Keep an eye out for our start date or email Elizabeth Syrengelas at elizabethsyrengelas@gmail.com to be put on the Shutterfly group website to receive emails and updates regarding our program. We are looking forward to seeing the kids again weekly and excited to meet many new faces.

Love, Elizabeth Syrengelas

Greek School

The whole school year was very productive and we are very proud of our students. Parents, from time to time, go over what the kids learned and practice their Greek. This way they won't forget what they learned and it will help them in their future studies.

Important dates to add to your calendars for the following year!

September 12th, 2018 Wednesday – Greek School Registration - 5:30-7pm

September 19th, 2018 Wednesday – First day of class – 5:30-7pm

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

*Many new and exciting things happening with Greek School.
Follow us on Facebook (Assumption Greek School).*

Greek Dance & Cultural Arts School

With our Greek dance year winding down, I would like to take a moment to thank all our dancers, directors, parents, and everyone who support our program throughout the year. We had an amazing year and look forward to the next dance school year!

Our year ended with our Spring Dance Seminar Series that was filled with dancing from various areas of Greece. The dancers and parents were able to experience instruction from various directors of our program and had a lot of fun! The highlight of the practices was watching our boys on Thanasi Dalkos' shoulders dancing a zeimbekiko! Thank you to all who came out for the practices and of course, to our amazing directors.

We hope that everyone has a wonderful and relaxing summer vacation and we will see everyone when we begin our practices right after Panagia's (August 15th) for festival performance preparation.

Wishing you all safe travels and a relaxing break,
Stacie Zoumberakis, President AGDCAS



Golf Tournament

Assumption Golf Classic
Inaugural Nick Monios Memorial Tournament
August 10th, 2018
Navy Golf Course 5660
Orangewood Ave, Cypress, CA 90630
1pm Shotgun Start
6pm Dinner (Open to Everyone)

Nick was devoted to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was a longtime member of the Long Beach AHEPA, having been initiated in AHEPA on April 23, 1959. Nick served as church president for seven terms as well as countless hours to various church ministries. You may remember him greeting you behind the candles in the narthex or working our annual Festival helping visitors and parishioners have a wonderful time. He was a prodigious fund raiser, which enabled the church to build its new sanctuary and community center. His support of our church and its ministries will continue from the proceeds earned at this annual event, Assumption Golf Classic. Please join us for golf, dinner, and some laughs as we honor Nick at Inaugural Nick Monios Memorial Tournament.

For more information and to RSVP for golf or dinner please email us at AssumptionGolfClassic@gmail.com

Rich Simitian & John Gillotti
Co-Chairs



Η Αγάπη και ο Χρόνος

Greek Column by Voula Michail for August

Στα πολύ παλιά χρόνια, σε ένα μικρό νησάκι στη μέση του ωκεανού, ζούσαν τα συναισθήματα. Η Χαρά, η Γνώση, η Λύπη, η Ευτυχία, ο Θυμός, η Αγάπη και όλα τα άλλα συναισθήματα είχαν την κατοικία τους σ' εκείνο το νησί.

Μια μέρα, ακούστηκε πως το μικρό νησί θα βούλιαζε. Όλα τα συναισθήματα έφτιαξαν βάρκες και άρχισαν να φεύγουν. Όλα, εκτός από την αγάπη, που θέλησε να αντέξει μέχρι την ύστατη στιγμή.

Όταν το νησί άρχισε σιγά σιγά να βυθίζεται, η αγάπη αποφάσισε να ζητήσει βοήθεια.

Καθώς είδε τον Πλούτο να περνάει με το πολυτελές σκάφος του φώναξε: «

Πλούτε, μπορείς σε παρακαλώ να με πάρεις κι εμένα στο σκάφος σου;»

«Όχι, δεν μπορώ» απάντησε ο Πλούτος. «Μέσα στο σκάφος μου έχω πολύ χρυσό και πανάκριβα πράγματα και δυστυχώς, δεν υπάρχει χώρος για σένα».

Η Αγάπη στράφηκε προς την Αλαζονεία που περνούσε από εκεί, με το μεγαλοπρεπές σκάφος της.

«Αλαζονεία, βοήθησέ με σε παρακαλώ» την ικέτευσε.

«Λυπάμαι αγάπη, δεν μπορώ να σε βοηθήσω. Είσαι τόσο πολύ βρεγμένη, που θα χαλάσεις το όμορφο σκάφος μου» απάντησε η Αλαζονεία και απομακρύνθηκε.

Λίγο πιο πέρα βρισκόταν η Λύπη. Η Αγάπη απευθύνθηκε σ' αυτήν.

«Λύπη, σε παρακαλώ, μπορείς να με πάρεις μαζί σου;»

«Δεν γίνεται Αγάπη» της είπε η Λύπη. «Είμαι τόσο θλιμμένη, που θέλω να μείνω μόνη μου» και απομακρύνθηκε κι αυτή.

Μετά από λίγη ώρα, πέρασε μπροστά από την Αγάπη, η Ευτυχία, αλλά έτσι όπως ήταν ευτυχισμένη, ούτε που άκουσε τις παρακλήσεις της Αγάπης για βοήθεια.

Εαφνικά, ακούστηκε μια φωνή «Αγάπη, έλα εδώ, θα σε πάρω εγώ μαζί μου».

Η Αγάπη στράφηκε προς τη φωνή και είδε ένα πολύ ηλικιωμένο κύριο που δεν το γνώριζε, αλλά, από τη χαρά της που θα την έπαιρνε μαζί του, ούτε που σκέφτηκε να τον ρωτήσει, ποιο ήταν το όνομά του.

Όταν έφτασαν στη στεριά, ασφαλείς πλέον, ο ηλικιωμένος κύριος έφυγε τραβώντας το δρόμο του.

Η Αγάπη που ένιωθε βαθιά ευγνωμοσύνη προς τον άνθρωπο αυτόν που την έσωσε, ρώτησε τη Γνώση: « Πες μου, Γνώση, ποιος ήταν αυτός ο καλός κύριος που με βοήθησε;»

«Ο Χρόνος» της απάντησε η Γνώση.

«Ο Χρόνος;» επανέλαβε έκπληκτη η Αγάπη. «Μα γιατί με βοήθησε ο Χρόνος;»

Η Γνώση χαμογέλασε και με τη βαθιά σοφία της είπε:

«Γιατί, μόνο ο Χρόνος μπορεί να καταλάβει, πόσο μεγάλη σημασία έχει η Αγάπη».

In the year of the Lord - July 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ✚ Ε΄ Ματθαίου 5th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am National Clergy Laity Boston	2 National Clergy Laity Boston	3 National Clergy Laity Boston	4 Office closed (4th of July) National Clergy Laity Boston	5 National Clergy Laity Boston	6 National Clergy Laity Boston	7 National Clergy Laity Boston
8 ✚ ΣΤ΄ Ματθαίου 6th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am	9	10	11 Festival baking Tsourekia 8 am	12	13	14 Festival baking Kataifi 8 am
15 ✚ Αγίων Πατέρων Sunday of the Holy Fathers Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am	16 P. C. Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18	19 Festival baking Tiropita 8 am	20	21
22 ✚ Η΄ Ματθαίου 8th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am	23	24	25 Festival baking Prepare for Spanakopita	26 Festival baking Spanakopita 8 am	27	28
29 ✚ Θ΄ Ματθαίου 9th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am	30	31				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Festival baking Baklava 8 am	3	4
5 ✚ Ι΄ Ματθαίου 10th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am	6 ✚ Μεταμόρφωσης Ι. Χριστού Holy Transfiguration Orthros 9:30 am D. Liturgy 10 am	7	8	9 Festival baking Galaktoboureko 8 am	10	11
12 ✚ ΙΑ΄ Ματθαίου 11th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am	13	14 ✚ Μέγας Εσπερινός Great Vespers 7 pm Philoptochos: dessert reception	15 ✚ Κοίμησις Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου Dormition of the Theotokos Orthros 9:30 am D. Liturgy 10 am Feast Day lunch to follow	16 Festival baking Kourabiedes 8 am	17	18
19 ✚ ΙΒ΄ Ματθαίου 12th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am	20 P. C. Meeting 7:00 pm	21	22	23 Festival baking Diples 8 am	24	25
26 ✚ ΙΓ΄ Ματθαίου 13th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am	27	28	29 ✚ Αποτομή Κεφαλής Ιωάννη Προδρόμου Beheading of John the Baptist Orthros 9:30 am D. Liturgy 10 am	30	31	