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ASSUMPTION COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD 2019

Again this year the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Choir is sponsoring a Community Christmas Card. All the proceeds will go towards the Assumption Choir needs.

Please support this effort by entering your family's name in the card for \$25 per line. The card will be mailed to all the families in the community's mailing list. This will save you money and effort because this card can replace the individual Christmas cards that you would otherwise be sending to members of our community.

Please visit the choir table after Sunday services and sign up so that your family's name will appear with all the others on this year's Christmas Card. Choir members will be outside the Betty Reckas Hall beginning Sunday, November 24 through Sunday, December 15. Deadline is December 15.

You may also fill out the form below and send it by mail to the:

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church
5761 E Colorado Street, Long Beach, CA 90814

**Please make your checks payable to the:
Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
For: Community Christmas Card**

ASSUMPTION COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

Sponsored by your Choir

Your name, as you wish it to appear on the card – Please print:

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Tel# _____

Donation per line (circle one): \$25 \$50 Other: \$ _____

Payment: Check # _____ Cash _____ Total Amount \$ _____

BAPTISMS

5/11/19

Nathan Thomas (Athnasios) Gorman

Godfather: Peter Fourtounis

5/25/19

William Ulises Futris

Proud parents: George & Connie Futris

Godparents: George Cosma & Matthew Trujillo

Amarya Vasiliki Hernandez

Proud parents: Richard & Matilda Hernandez

Godmother: Alexis Vasiliki Varonos

Marc Sotiriou

Proud parents: Dimitris & Christina Sotiriou

Godmother: Melisa Zaferis

7/13/19

Connor Cornelis Gooley

Proud parents: Michael & Diana Gooley

Godparents: Darren Daniels & Stephanie Miller

Zoe Rose Papadakis

Proud parents: Michael & Janel Papadakis

Godparents: Clay & Susan Seger

7/27/19

Anaya Nikolina Garcia

Proud parents: Juan & Marina Garcia

Godmother: Marissa Esparza

8/3/19

Nicholas Daniel McMillan

Proud parents: James & Angela McMillan

Godparents: Jerry & MaryAnne Polychrones

8/4/19

Elia Panagiota Campbell

Proud parents: Jack & Nanci Campbell

Godmother: Tia Karapoulios

WEDDINGS

5/24/19

George Futris & Consuelo Nava

Koumbaros: Nicholas Avdis

Announcements

SACRAMENTS cont.

MAY THE MEMORY BE ETERNAL

Condolences are offered to the family and friends of **Maria Spiratos** who fell asleep in Lord on 4/30/19.

Condolences are offered to the family and friends of **Coula Kootsikis** who fell asleep in Lord on 6/4/19.

Condolences are offered to the family and friends of **Judith Dimou** who fell asleep in Lord on 6/17/19.

Condolences are offered to the family and friends of **Maria Economides** who fell asleep in Lord on 8/4/19.



Monthly Prosforo

September's prosforo is donated by Yiota Beckas

October's prosforo is donated by Eleftheria Jordanides & Anna Tsimerekis.

November's prosforo is donated by Anna Georgoulis & Maria Tsalikis

December's prosforo is donated by Mina Russos

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



**LAST TWO SUNDAYS
OF THE MONTH**

September 22, 29

October 20, 27

November 17, 24

December 22, 29

January 19, 26

February 16, 23

March 22, 29

9:30-10:00 am

In the church

Between Orthros/Matins and Divine Liturgy

All are welcome!

Philoptochos

This will be my last newsletter as President of Philoptochos, but wanted to leave office making sure everyone knows what was accomplished throughout the Summer months and also introduce the new Philoptochos Board for 2019-2021.

May to August was busy with Festival Preparations. The baking team is to be commended for all their hard work. Thank you Kathy Bastas, Yiota Beckas and all the ladies that spent an enormous time baking in the heat. Our backpack drive resulted in several donations that once again exceeded our expectations and made several children happy. The Panagia's August 14 reception was a success once again due to the numerous dessert and fruit donations that were received.

In May we elected a new Board as noted below.

Philoptochos Board Members and New Officers for the Term 2019 – 2021 President: Lia Kakaris; 1st Vice President: Denise Manos; 2nd Vice President: Danae Dame; Corresponding Secretary: Presvytera Jessica Kanakis; Recording Secretary, Stephanie Moreno; Treasurer: Tirusew Mamo; Assistant Treasurer: Judith Spirtos; Advisor: Karen Fic; Members of the Board: Matoula Batshoun, Yiota Beckas, Flora Castritis, Danae Dame, Paris Kastanas, Yota Nanopoulos, Alexandra Papadakis, Mary Polychrones, Andria Salsman and Barbara Soupos.

We send our Blessings to Lia Kakaris and her entire Board for a successful term. I'd like to "Thank Everyone" for all your support during my past four years as President. Like I always say; WE just couldn't do it without ALL of you! YOU ARE what it's all about!

Thank you again!

Karen Fic, President

A great big thank you to Karen Fic for her services as President and to her Board members for all the good they delivered over these years. In particular to Kathy Bastas, Yiota Beckas and their baking team for all the hard work in organizing and delivering all these delicious delicacies for our Festival in September.

I am very honored and thankful to be elected as President of the Assumption Long Beach Chapter of Philoptochos by this remarkable group of ladies. We are all excited to begin a new year starting this fall.

The work of Philoptochos never ends. Our backpack outreach was a success and brought pleasure to several children that received your generous gift. A big thank you to all that contributed desserts and fruit for the August 14 reception.

Each September, Long Beach and Anaheim Philoptochos chapters join as "THE LOVELY LADIES OF PHILOPTOCHOS" in the Susan Komen Breast Cancer "More than Pink Walk". This year it will be held on September 22nd. If you are interested in signing up please see Kathy Bastas. There will be more information posted at the Philoptochos table after church each Sunday.

Starting in October we will be gathering our holiday turkeys and canned goods along with the Sunday School Children. Following that we will have our General Meeting in October, Light the Path in November and go right into the Christmas Holiday with the Trinity Christmas Party and the gift giving tree that's always located in the Narthex of the church to end with a blood drive after Christmas. All this and more is yet to come. As you see, Philoptochos provides for many individuals as well as organizations. WE ask that you keep us in your thoughts and be aware of all the upcoming activities. Without your generosity WE couldn't do it.

We truly appreciate all that you continue to do for our outreach as do the families who receive your generous donations. Thank you so very much.

Lia Kakaris, President

Lilis Tina, Anagia, Chris
Lofton Max & Mary
Loizides George & Rodoula
Lotakis Eleni
Makas Diane
Makridis Gus & Gene
Mamo Tirusew
Mangoutas John & Barbara
Maniatogiannis Loukas & Stacy
Manos Dr. Andy & Pamela
Mantikas Nick & Katherine
Marinow Atanas
Markouizos George & Argyro
Markouizos Karolos & Georgia
Markouizos Markella
Markouizos Nektarios & Lisa
Matty Dave & Barbara
McMillan James & Angela
Medenas Theodore & Fotoula
Mentas Ann
Mentas James & Patricia
Mentzelos George & Christina
Michel David & Vasiliki
Michel Erik & Jennifer
Milonas Dina
Mitchell Pete
Monios Linda
Montalbano Paul & Maria
Moreno Russ & Stephanie
Morgan Valerie
Nakai Keiichi & Saki
Nicolaou Alex & Reese
Papadakis Christina
Papadakis Lillian & Andrianna
Papadakis Michael & Janel
Papadakis Nick & Alexandra
Papadopoulou Evangelos & Lorraine
Papakoulos Angie
Papas Tasos & Georgia
Papoulias Thanasis & Sophia
Pappas Constantina
Pappas Mark & Shari
Pappas Victor & Christina
Parlapanides Charles & Elenie
Parra Rick & Nicole
Parros Bessie
Patsios Spiro & Melva
Paulos Mary
Paulos Nicholas
Petras Brian & Aline
Phillips Crystal
Platis James & Kay
Pliaconis Michael & Maria
Poulis Sofia
Raptis Maria
Reed Richard & Kyriaki
Richards Constance
Richards Dean & Dorothy

Richards Michael
Roubanis Savva & Jody
Roumeliotis George & Pamela
Russos Asimina
Russos Manolis
Salsman Mel & Andria
Santamarina Jose & Ronnea
Schwarzbach Theodore & Anastasia
Seeger Clay & Susan
Sehremelis Andy & Leslie
Sharkoff Donald & Anna
Sharkoff James & Katherine
Shweiri Cathy & George
Sikolas Maria Elena
Silva Robert & Nicolette
Simitian Richard & Anna
Siouris Chris & Panayota
Siouris Faith
Skarzenski Joseph & Gitana Deneff
Skourtas Tony & Angelique
Smyrniotis Christos & Mary
Sotiriou Dimitris & Christina
Sotiriou Elias
Sotiriou Peter & Vasiliki
Soultanakis Trudith
Soupos Tom & Bobbie
Spiratos Jerry
Spiratos John & Kiva
Spyropoulos Evridiki
Stapakis Steve & Joanne
Stathis Robert & Josefa
Stavros Andy & Amber
Stavros Bill & Maria
Stavros Louis & Mary
Stavros Theodoros & Olga
Stavros Tom
Stevenson Leona
Stewart Sean & Denise
Sullos James & Vickie
Sverkos Dennis & Holly
Sverkos Gus & Elena
Syrengelas Andreas & Niky
Syrengelas Evdokia
Syrengelas Soteria
Syrengelas Toulia
Taireh Fadi & Elizabeth
Talaganis Ernest
Talaganis John & Kathleen
Talaganis Nick & Amy
Taliere Maria
Tan Chrysanthie
Tan Terpsi
Tavlarides Angelo & Mary
Terzis Constantinos & Susanna
Thompson Joyce
Toulios Spyros & Eleni
Toumasis Kyriaky
Triantos Dina

Triantos Tasia
Trigonis Tula
Tsakoumakis Stan & Debora
Tsalikis Maria
Tsamous Peter & Helen
Tsegaye Kibread & Salim
Tsimerekis Anna
Vackrinos Catherine
Valaskantjis Nikiforos & Georgia
Vanderberg Brent & Ria
Vasilomanolakis Dr. Mike & Niki
Vassiliades John & Eliza
Vlachos Dino, Helen
Vlahakis Katherine
Vorris Thanos & Nicki
Watkins Evangelia
Yortzidis Dimitris & Stacy
Zambos John
Zamvakellis Nick & Alison
Zarifes Angie
Zoolakis Anthony & Kari
Zoumberakis Stelios & Stacie

Pledged Categories:	Total: 249 Cards
\$1 - \$100	28 cards
\$101 - \$500	125 cards
\$501 - \$1,000	72 cards
\$1,001 - \$3,000	53 cards
\$3,001 - \$10,000	3 cards
Pay but not Pledged	13 cards

Panagia's Stewardship Family as of August 10, 2019

Senior Christians

Ala Elisara	Coroneus John & Xanthipe	Halfhill Cathi
Ala George	Cottgias Manuel	Hallock Rod & Shirley
Ala Lisa	Cyprus Brett & Jane & family	Haririan Alka
Alex helen	Dalkos Bob & Vaso & family	Hatziris Frangoulis & Anna
Alexiou Demi	Dalkos Chris & Roula	Hennig Vickie
Alvertos Yanni & Georgia	Dalkos John & Stavroula	Hernandez Richard & Matilda
Andrews James & Nikki	Dalkos Peter & Elene	Herron Craig & Diana
Andrikos John	Dame Danae	Hourigan Joseph & Nickie
Andros Nick	Deneff Peter & Diane	Jordanides Dr. Dennis & Giselle
Apostle Matina	Deralas Dean	Jordanides Tim & Eleftheria
Apostle Perry & Rose	Desalernos Stephen & Julia	Jovicic Goran & Alexandria
Argeris John & Vasiliki	Desalernos Stephen & Stefanie	June Rod & Paraskevi
Argyros Dionisios & Irini	Dimas Michael & Maria	Kakaris Telis & Lia
Argyros Phil & Amy	Dimou Leonidas, Niko & Ruween	Kalatzis Apostolos
Armstrong Randy & Janet	Dogris Alex & Peggy	Kallins George & Bettina
Awad John & Litsa	Dolas Chris	Kanakis Peter & Evangelia
Bacol Penny	Dolas Jim & Camille	Kanavos Pete & Tia
Bacol Pete & Rea	Donlou Gordon & Maria	Karahalios George & Angie
Bacol Sina	Edwards Nickolas & Pamela	Karanikas Panagiotos & Helen
Bastas Nikos & Kathy	Elder Josh & Katrina	Karapoulios Family
Batshoun Emil & Matoula	Esparza Marissa	Karatzis Spiros & Julia
Batshoun Sofia	Etchepare anna	Karmiris Christopher & Christina
Baum Josh & Danielle	Exacoustos Stella	Karpouzis Dimitrios & Natalya
Beckas Spiro & Eleni	Falangas Theodore & Debbie	Karthas Nicholas
Berdanis John	Falley Zoe	Kastanas Vasilis & Paris
Berovinos Michael & Kimberly	Fattaleh Raja	Kiouis Spiro & Katerina
Berovinos Tony & Bobbie	Fattaleh Saba & Diana	Kirrollos Freddy
Bisbikis Toula & Argyroula	Fenn Brad & Anna	Kohnert Walt & Yolanda
Boosalis Afroditi	Ferguson Robert & Fotini	Konstnatinidis Byron & Kaite
Boosalis Koumis	Fic Karen	Kontaxis Michael
Bratkic Jure & Demetra	Flynn Matthew	Kontes Nick & Christina
Breres Zena	Fotinakes Jennie	Kontokanis Dimitris & Maria
Brillakis Gus & Nicki	Fourtounis Peter & Joanna	Koosikas Coula
Brogolias Nick	Francis Timotheos \$ Georgi	Korakis Michael
Brogolias Steve & Janne	Frousakis Gus & Vicky	Koromelas John & Tina
Camaras Dean & Nicole	Futris George & Consuelo	Kostallas Tony & Cathy
Camaras Tykye & Elaine	Futris William & Mary	Koulos Peter & Emily
Cardenas Roberto & Alexia	Gabriel Sam & Kathy	Kountakis Eugenia
Chelekis Louis & Vicki	Galanis Jerry & Marian	Kouris Gregory & Patricia
Chioles Jim & George	Garcia Juan & Marina	Kourtis Costa & Cecilia
Chizhov Svetlana	Georgedes Katy	Kral Michael & Lisa
Choullis Manolis & Sotiria	Georges Louie & Penelope	Krantz Robert & Tricia
Chrysanthis Alex & Vaso	Georgiadou Vicki & Ajit Shahani	Krebenios Anastasia
Chrysanthis Alexandra & Richard Wannemacher	Georgopoulos Anthony	krebenios Nick & Georgia
Clair Robert & Nicky	Georgoulis George & Anna	Kyriakos Spiros & Lainie
Coats Marilyne	Ghilarducci Walt & Laura	Ladas Amalia
Colazas Xenophon & Mila	Giannakopoulos Harry & Sia	Ladas Charlie & Patty
Collikas Michael	Giannoulis Anastasia	Lambros Mary
Contos Angela	Gooley Michael & Diana	Lamrakis Catherine
Contos Steve	Gurrola Raymond & Mary	Liarakos George & Dezi
Cook Jeffrey & Suzan	Hadjimarkos Nick & Stemma	Liarakos John & Athanasia
Cornwell Carlyle & Demetra	Haftoglou Dimitris & Maria	Liarakos Voula

Dear Senior Christians, Parishioners and Members,

Welcome Back! I hope that everyone had a lovely summer. Time is surely flying, and we are about to enter the last half of the year. As such, we have some exciting things planned; so, please review the list of events below and mark your calendars. If you wish to partake in any of the events, please send your RSVP to the person listed.

Please take note and mark your calendars for the following dates:

On Monday, October 7th, the Aquarium of the Pacific admits seniors, ages fifty (50) and above, for free with a valid photo ID. The Aquarium will feature special exhibits and presentation from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m... This is an open event, and everyone is welcome to attend. Also, please note that children under age 3 receive free admittance so feel free to bring your grandkids. If you are interested in attending as a group, please contact Bobbie Soupos at (714) 307-1488 or Matoula Batshoun at (714) 705-9316 to RSVP by September 25th. When making your RSVP, please indicate if you need a ride to the Aquarium so that the appropriate arrangements can be made before the event. Lastly, please note that lunch is not included, so we can have lunch at the Aquarium or at restaurant near Shoreline Village or closer by the church.

- On Saturday, November 9th, we will celebrate Saint Nektarios's Feast Day with at the Covina Church. The bus will leave Assumption at 9:00 a.m. sharp, so please be at the church by 8:30 a.m., and we will return to the church by 3:00 - 4 p.m... There is a cost of \$25.00 for each person, and the church will provide lunch in celebration of St. Nectario's feast day celebration. Payment is due in full upon reservation and no later than October 20th, all checks should be made payable to Assumption Greek Church. If you wish to attend the Saint Nektarios Feast Day celebration at the Covina Church, please RSVP with Voula, our office administrator, at (562) 494-8929 or with Matoula at (714) 705-9316.
- On Tuesday, November 12th, we will be having our Thanksgiving social event at 12:00 a.m. at Mimi's Café, located off PCH at 6670 Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach. Please be sure to wear you best fall outfits because we will be taking photos that will be shared on Facebook and the church's website. To RSVP, please contact Bobbie Soupos at (714) 307-1488 or Matoula Batshoun at (714) 705-9316 by November 1st... When making your RSVP, please indicate if you need a ride to Mimi's so that the appropriate arrangements can be made before that day.
- On Friday, December 6th, we will celebrate Saint Nicholas's Feast Day at Rose Hill Chapel. The bus will leave Assumption at 9:00 a.m. sharp, so please be at the church by 8:30 a.m., and we will return to the church by 3:00 - 4 p.m... There is a cost of \$25.00 for each person, which includes a lunch in celebration of St. Nicholas's feast day. Payment is due in full upon reservation and no later than November 15th, all checks should be made payable to Assumption Greek Church. If you wish to attend the Saint Nicholas Feast Day celebration at the Rose Hill Chapel, please RSVP with Voula, our office administrator, at (562) 494-8929 or with Matoula at (714) 705-9316.
- On Wednesday, December 18th, we will be having our Christmas social event at 12:00 a.m. at Claim Jumper, located off PCH at 6501 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, CA 90803. Please be sure to wear your most festive Christmas outfits because we will be taking photos that will be shared on Facebook and the church's website. In addition, we will be having a holiday raffle; so, if you would like to partake please bring a small wrapped gift worth \$10.00. To RSVP, please contact Bobbie Soupos at (714) 307-1488 or Matoula Batshoun at (714) 705-9316 by December 5th. When making your RSVP, please indicate if you need a ride to Claim Jumper so that the appropriate arrangements can be made before that day.

No refunds will be issued on the bus trips unless it is cancelled due to poor attendance.

We look forward to seeing you all there and please feel free to invite your friends and family.

Matoula Batshoun, Director-LB Assumption Seniors

Assumption Day Trip

Bus Trip to Covina for the Feast Day of

Saint Nektarios



Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Lunch Reception

Saturday, November 9th, 2019

Bus leaves from Assumption at 9:00 a.m. and returns at 3:00 p.m.

\$25 per person.

Please call the church office at 562-494-8929 or

Matoula Batshoun at 714-705-9316 to reserve your seat.

Assumption Day Trip

Bus Trip to Rose Hills for the Feast Day of

Saint Nicholas



Orthros & Divine Liturgy & Lunch

Friday, December 6th, 2019

Bus leaves from Assumption at 9:00 a.m. and returns at 3:00 p.m.

\$25 per person.

Please call the church office at 562-494-8929 or

Matoula Batshoun at 714-705-9316 to reserve your seat.

Little Lambs

"Tick tock, tick tock, this is how we pray. We thank the dear Lord Jesus for bringing us here today." We are so excited to start another year of Panagia's Little Lambs. This is the prayer we start each day with. Come pray, sing, dance, craft and play with us every Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 in the Preschool classroom. All moms, dads, yiayias, papous and caretakers of children 3 and under are encouraged to join in on the fun. We have great activities planned throughout the year including fun outings, a Halloween Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving feast, Christmas Book Exchange, Easter Egg hunt and more. This is a fantastic ministry to get your babies and children connected to our Orthodox faith from the start. The children, along with the adults, create strong friendships through this program that last a lifetime. We can't wait to see how much the kids have grown over the summer and we are looking forward to meeting new smiley faces! Class begins WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18! Please contact Elizabeth Syrengelas, elizabethsyrengelas@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Sunday School

We are excited for another wonderful year of Sunday School. Registration and our opening activity will be September 8. Please join us to get all the information you need for this year and to make sure you get your children registered. This year we have many new activities planned. Students will be learning church hymns, prayers and iconography. Also, we will be preparing for the annual Christmas pageant throughout December. Sunday School is most successful with your participation. We love seeing the students grow and learn all year long. Please contact Elizabeth Syrengelas, elizabethsyrengelas@gmail.com or sundayschool@assumptionlb.org if you have any questions or would like to help in any way.

Greek School

We want to wish all our students ΚΑΛΗ ΑΡΧΗ for the new school year! Our teachers are looking forward to an amazing year, full of group activities and fun!

Important dates to add to your calendars!

Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 – Greek School Registration - 5:30-7pm

Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 – First day of class – 5:30-7pm

Sunday, October 27th, 2019 - OXI Day Luncheon will be held after church.

Keep an eye out for any event flyer.

SAVE THE DAY: Christmas Party will be on Dec. 18th, 5:30-7pm at the cultural hall.

NO CLASS – NOVEMBER 27th, DECEMBER 25th & JANUARY 1ST

*Many new and exciting things happening with Greek School,
Follow us on Facebook <http://tinyurl.com/AssumptionGreekSchool>*

Welcome to Fall AGDCAS Dancers and Parents!

Greek Dance & Cultural Arts School

As we move on from the excitement of our festival and we begin planning for the holidays, our dancers and directors are practicing night after night learning about our culture through dance. Our practices are full of life, love, and laughter! If you haven't been by the church when practices finish, it is a heart-warming sight to see all the children playing soccer and running around in our "platia," just like in Greece. The camaraderie and joy that is seen is very touching.

This year, we have two amazing events at our parish!! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 7th and Saturday, January 25th.**

On Saturday, December 7th we are bringing back our new Glendi **"Oli Nihta with Endasi."** Last year we brought this great night to our parish and it was a wonderful success. Seeing everyone gather together, from all parishes in the Southland, to enjoy the music, dancing, and atmosphere was a beautiful and touching sight to see. This event showcases our musicians playing music from all areas of Greece and allows us to dance, eat, and enjoy the beauty of our culture.

On Saturday, January 25th we will be having our **"Oli Mazi"** Dinner/Dance where all our dance groups will perform in costume and show our families what we have been learning all year.

More details to follow in the weekly bulletins! We hope you will support our events and are greatly appreciative of your generosity.

In addition to our children learning about our culture through Greek dance and planning events, we are also ensuring that our dancers remember community service and give back to those in need. Every year our program has a Diakonia project that we complete that allows us to help others. More information about our 2019-2020 Diakonia project will be sent at a later date.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday season.

Stacie Zoumberakis, AGDCAS President

"Dance with your heart, and your feet will follow"

You're invited to a

Thanksgiving celebration

Please come dressed in your best Fall attire because a group picture will be taken for our Facebook page. RSVP by no later than November 1st to either Matoula (714) 705-9316 or Bobbie (714) 307-1488. If you need a ride to the event, indicate so when making your reservations

Where: Mimi's Café, 6670 Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach
When: Tuesday, November 12th
Time: 12:00 pm



Christmas Social

Please come dressed in your best Christmas attire because a group picture will be taken and the most festive outfit will win a prize. Photos will be shared on our Facebook page. In addition, we will be having a holiday raffle. If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift worth \$10.

RSVP by no later than December 5th to either Matoula (714) 705-9316 or Bobbie (714) 307-1488. If you need a ride to the event, indicate so when making your reservations.

Where: Claim Jumper, 6501 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach

When: Wednesday, December 18th

Time: 12:00 pm



Τις κρίσεις δεν τις επιλέγουμε

Μια φορά, ένας μαθητής ρώτησε τον δάσκαλό του: Γιατί υπάρχουν άνθρωποι που αντιμετωπίζουν πολύ εύκολα προβλήματα τα οποία είναι ιδιαίτερα περίπλοκα, ενώ άλλοι άνθρωποι με την παραμικρή δυσκολία πνίγονται σε μια κουταλιά νερό;

Έτσι, ο δάσκαλος τον κοίταξε χαμογελαστά και του είπε μια ιστορία...

«Κάποτε υπήρχε ένας άνθρωπος ο οποίος ήταν πολύ φτωχός και καθ' όλη την διάρκεια της ζωής του και συμπεριφερόταν στους γύρω του με πολύ αγάπη. Όταν πέθανε λοιπόν όλος ο κόσμος έλεγε ότι αυτός ο άνθρωπος δεν θα μπορούσε να πάει κάπου αλλού εκτός από τον παράδεισο. Ο ίδιος όμως δεν νοιαζόταν ιδιαίτερα για το που θα πάει, αλλά επειδή όλοι έλεγαν ότι θα πήγαινε στον Παράδεισο, κατευθύνθηκε προς τα εκεί.

Εκείνη την εποχή όμως, έκαναν στον Παράδεισο μια μεγάλη ανακαίνιση, οπότε τα πράγματα δεν λειτουργούσαν σωστά. Η κοπέλα λοιπόν που είχε μείνει στην ρεσεψιόν τα είχε χαμένα, και έτσι έριξε μια βιαστική ματιά στις αιτήσεις και για κάποιον λόγο δεν βρήκε το όνομα του ανθρώπου αυτού. Έτσι λοιπόν τον προέτρεψε να κατευθυνθεί προς την κόλαση.

Και στην κόλαση, τα πράγματα ήταν ακόμα χειρότερα. Δεν έχει εισοδο, δεν έχει υποδοχή όποιος θέλει μπαίνει, όποιος θέλει βγαίνει, όλα χύμα με λίγα λόγια.

Ο άνθρωπος λοιπόν μπήκε ήρεμος στην κόλαση, βρήκε μια γωνιά και κάθισε.

Μερικές μέρες αργότερα, ο Διάολος πολύ θυμωμένος, έφτασε στην πύλη του Παραδείσου φωνάζοντας τον Άγιο Πέτρο να βγει έξω και οργισμένος του είπε:

Είσαι απίστευτος. Κανείς δεν φανταζόταν ότι θα έκανες ένα τέτοιο πονηρό χτύπημα. Αυτό που κάνεις είναι τρομοκρατία!

Χωρίς να καταλαβαίνει τον λόγο που ο Διάολος είχε θυμώσει τόσο πολύ, ο Άγιος Πέτρος έκπληκτος τον ρώτησε τι είχε συμβεί.

Εσύ έστειλες αυτόν τον τύπο στην κόλαση και αυτός έχει δημιουργήσει μεγάλη φασαρία, μας έφερε πολλούς μπελάδες.

Όταν έφτασε εκεί, κάθισε και άκουγε τα παράπονα των ανθρώπων, τους κοίταζε στα μάτια και έπιανε κουβέντα μαζί τους. Και τώρα όλοι εκεί κάτω είναι χαμογελαστοί, φιλιούνται και αγκαλιάζονται μεταξύ τους. Η κόλαση έχει γίνει ανυπόφορη, έχει γίνει σαν παράδεισος. Για αυτό κάνε μου την χάρη:

-Σε παρακαλώ πάρε αυτόν τον άνθρωπο από εκεί και κράτησέ τον εδώ!

Όταν ο δάσκαλος τελείωσε τη ιστορία κοίταξε τον μαθητή στα μάτια και του είπε:

-Ζήσε τη ζωή σου έχοντας την καρδιά σου γεμάτη αγάπη, κι αν ακόμα βρεθείς στην κόλαση, ο ίδιος ο διάολος θα σε γυρίσει πίσω στον παράδεισο.

Τα προβλήματα είναι μέρος της ζωής μας για αυτό δεν πρέπει να τα αφήνουμε να μας μετατρέπουν σε αγχωτικά, στρεσορισμένα και αδύναμα άτομα.

Οι κρίσεις δίνουν και παίρνουν και τις περισσότερες φορές δεν μπορούμε να τις επιλέξουμε. Υπάρχουν κρίσεις που δεν εξαρτώνται από εμάς, μπορεί παραδείγματος χάριν να αρρωστήσει η μητέρα μας, να αλλάξει η οικονομική κατάσταση της χώρας μας κ.ο.κ. Υπάρχουν άπειρες περιπτώσεις κρίσεων που θα πρέπει να αντιμετωπίζουμε κατά καιρούς.

Δεν μπορείς να επιλέξεις τις κρίσεις που θα υποστείς, αλλά μπορείς να επιλέξεις τον τρόπο με τον οποίο θα τις αντιμετωπίσεις. Με αυτόν τον τρόπο, όταν θα φτάνεις στην λύση των προβλημάτων σου, θα αισθάνεσαι υπερήφανος για τον εαυτό σου.

Greek Column by Voula Michail



Annual Christmas Tree Wish List
Trinity Youth Services
Sponsored by Philoptochos
Organized by DOP



One of our outreach organizations that we support is Trinity Youth Services. Every day Trinity is helping children and healing families through the foster care program. Join us as we endeavor to break the cycle and embrace the future!

We need your help in making 80 children's wishes come true!

Look for our Christmas tree, which will be up in the Narthex, decorated with star ornaments. On the stars, you will see the child's name, age, gender, and the item she/he has requested.

Trinity has requested the gifts be **unwrapped**. Please place the item you purchased in a Christmas bag, **unwrapped**, and tape/staple the star on the item with the child's name eligible to read. Put presents along the wall behind the tree.

Absolute deadline is Sunday, December 16, 2019

to bring in all gifts.

Please support our church ministries in helping bring smiles to these children's faces.

Thank You and Merry Christmas,
Philoptochos & DOP

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THE
Effe Sverkos
SCHOLARSHIP GALA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019
at six o'clock in the evening

We invite you to support and celebrate an evening filled with amazing food, Live Music by the *Rebetiko Trio*, and to welcome our distinguished speakers. The gala is in direct support of the Effe Sverkos scholarship fund. Our goal is to provide ten thousand dollars in scholarships to Greek-American female students.

WE WELCOME OUR DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

Evgenia Beniatoglou, *Greek Consul General of Los Angeles*

Sharon Gerstel, *Director of the UCLA Stavros Niarchos Foundation Center*

Marianna Sdras, *2019 Effe Sverkos Scholarship recipient*

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
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In the year of the Lord - December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 + ΙΑ' Λουκά 14th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Sunday School	2	3	4 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	5	6 + Nicholas the Wonderworker At Rose Hills 10 am	7 Greek Dance Glendi
8 + Ι' Λουκά 10th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Sunday School Parish Elections	9	10	11 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	12 + St. Spyridon Orthros & Liturgy 9 am Trinity Foster Homes Christmas party 4pm - 8pm	13	14
15 + ΙΑ' Λουκά 11th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Sunday School Philoptochos: Christmas Luncheon	16	17 P. C. Meeting 7:00 pm	18 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Senior Christians Christmas lunch at a restaurant Greek School Christmas party 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	19	20	21
22 + Sunday before Nativity Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Sunday School: Christmas Pageant	23	24 + Christmas Eve Orthros 4pm Liturgy 5 pm (Holy Communion)	25 CHRISTMAS Church closed	26	27 Philoptochos Blood Drive 11 am - 7:30 pm	28
29 + Sunday after Nativity Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Sunday School	30	31 + New Year's Eve Orthros 4pm Liturgy 5 pm (Holy Communion)				

In the year of the Lord - September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 + ΙΑ Μαρθάρου 11th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Festival: 12 - 9pm	2 Labor Day Festival: 12 - 9pm	3	4	5	6	7
8 + Sunday before Holy Cross & Nativity of Theotokos Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Sunday School	9	10	11 Greek School Registration 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	12	13	14 + Υψώσις Τριτίου Σταυρού Exaltation of Holy Cross Orthros 9:30 am D. Liturgy 10 am
15 + Μετά την Υψώσιν Sunday after Holy Cross Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Sunday School	16	17 P. C. Meeting 7:00 pm	18 Panagia's Little lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School Agiasmos 5:30 pm - 7pm	19	20	21
22 + Α' Λουκά 1st Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Sunday School	23	24	25 Panagia's Little lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	26	27	28
29 + Β' Λουκά 2nd Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Sunday School	30					

In the year of the Lord - October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	3	4	5
6 ✦ Γ' Λουκά 3rd Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Sunday School	7	8	9 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	10	11	12
13 ✦ Δ' Λουκά 4th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Sunday School	14	15 P. C. Meeting 7:00 pm	16 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	17	18	19
20 ✦ ΣΤ' Λουκά 6th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Sunday School Philoptochos General meeting	21	22	23 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	24 Hall: Halloween Party 6:00 pm	25	26 ✦ Δημητρίου Μεγαλομάρτυρος Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer Orthros & Liturgy 9 am
27 ✦ Ζ' Λουκά 7th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Sunday School Gr. School: "OXI" Day luncheon	28	29	30 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	31		

In the year of the Lord - November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 ✦ Ε' Λουκά 4th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am General Assembly Sunday School Philoptochos: Harvest Bake Sale	4	5	6 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	7	8 ✦ Synaxis of the Archangels Orthros & Liturgy 9 am	9 Nektarios the Wonderworker Trip to Covina 9am - 3pm
10 ✦ Η' Λουκά 8th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Sunday School	11	12	13 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	14	15	16
17 ✦ Θ' Λουκά 9th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Sunday School Philoptochos: Harvest Bake Sale	18	19 Senior Christians Thanksgiving lunch at a restaurant P. C. Meeting 7:00 pm	20 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	21 ✦ Entrance of the Theotokos Orthros & Liturgy 9 am	22	23
24 ✦ ΙΓ' Λουκά 13th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Liturgy 10 am Sunday School	25	26	27 No Panagia's Little Lambs No Greek School	28 Happy Thanksgiving Church closed	29 Happy Thanksgiving Church closed	30