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WORDS FROM FATHER JOHN KOEN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord! I hope and pray you are all well.

So, here comes November (again!). Soon it will be Thanksgiving. Not long after that it will be Christmas. Sorry, I don't celebrate Halloween, so I won't even go there. I am already hearing various people in various places remarking on the speed with which holiday things (especially for Christmas) are already being pushed by all the many people who always want to sell us many, many, things. The traditional lament over the commercialization of the holiday season is upon us.

Complaining is not likely to change the situation, but we all have a choice as to how much or how little we participate in this process. A good start would be in our approach to Thanksgiving. We can decide to gather with friends and family, friendship, fellowship, good food, etc., which is a very, very fine thing, highly worthwhile, and highly commended.

As I always say, though, let us all make sure to thank God for ALL our MANY blessings on that day. Actually, thanking Him daily is even better, but remembering to thank Him on special days is always good and appropriate.

You might bear in mind also that usually there is a special Liturgy at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church on Thanksgiving morning, which still leaves plenty of time in the day for the rest of our Thanksgiving activities. I haven't been able to make it for a couple of years or so due to work (holiday day on-call), but this year, if at all possible, I want to try to make it, assuming they are doing this again. If so, I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend. I'll look into it and let you know the relevant details.

Abundant Blessings to each and all of you, both now and in the upcoming Holiday (Holy Day) season(s).

In Christ,
Fr. John

NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

November 3: Deadline for Fall Bake Sale orders to be turned in.

November 16: Matthew the Apostle

General Assembly following the liturgy

Deadline for name listed in Christmas card.

November 21: Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

November 23: One year memorial in memory of Angeline Milakis offered by her daughters, Georgeann Niarchos, Janet Sauter, and Joan Love. The ladies will also be hosting the coffee hour following the liturgy. May her memory be eternal.

Fall Bake Sale pickup after liturgy.

November 30: Andrew the Apostle

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS:

November 2: Sunday, November 2nd: Taking Care of the Poor

November 9: Raising Jairus' daughter...do you need to be healed?

November 16: Learn about Apostle & Evangelist Matthew

November 23: A Parable - Love God More than Anything

November 30: Learn about Apostle Andrew

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD:

You will find the enclosed flyer that will allow you to have your name included in the Christmas card. The card will be sent to all our stewards, and some of the surrounding Orthodox churches. Please note that the deadline date is **November 16th**. This is a lovely way to send your holiday wishes to your friends in Christ.

HOLY APOSTLES' GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 16TH:

The Parish Council cannot stress the importance of your attendance for the upcoming assembly on **November 16th**. You will vote for new Parish Council members and our 2015 Budget. We have to have at least **20 stewards present** to be able to vote on these items. It is important that you participate in the running of your church by attending any assembly. If the quorum is not met, we have to reschedule the meeting, which creates additional cost and time. Please give your time to your church.

NEED HELP:

Parish Council member, Phyllis Kriner, made a motion that we start gathering books that relate to our Orthodox faith, and make them available for checkout. The Council supported this motion. If you have some books that you would be willing to donate to this effort, it would be greatly appreciated. When we have gathered them, we will make some sort of bookshelf to display them and make them available.

FORUM LUNCHEON:

On October 15, Rev. Fr. John Koen attended a luncheon with steward and resident Georgia Stevens. The luncheon honored all the spiritual leaders of the residents of The Forum at the Crossing. They enjoyed a lovely Greek lunch, as well as pleasant company.

SPECIAL THANKS:

Thank you to Dr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Kratsios for donating the communion wine.

Again, we want to thank Maria Kostarides for continuously making the Prosfora for the liturgies.

BACK TO HOLY APOSTLES FOR A VISIT OCTOBER 12



The Barrett family was in town for a wedding. Richard honored us again with his lovely chanting. Many learned of their new experiences in Boston, and that Theo is taking a music class and learning to chant.

Judy Anderson was also back visiting with us while here in Indy to visit her new grandson. She will again be off on more travels to Prague and back to Bulgaria.

We wish them God's blessings, and look forward to them returning soon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. & MRS. TOM KOCOSHIS



On Sunday, October 18th, Tom and Alexandra Kocoshis celebrated their only daughter
Kassandra's marriage to
Brian Bullard in Chicago.

Kassandra is also the
granddaughter of Eglic Stalas

We wish Kassandra and Brian a
long life as husband and wife with
God's blessings.

