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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and blessings in our Lord! I hope all who came to it enjoyed the church picnic as much as I did. It was great! Many thanks to all who made it possible, including our gracious hosts! For those who missed it, you missed something very, very good.

Anyway, in looking at the coming month of July, the 4th really leapt out at me. It's the birthday of our great nation, but it's much, much more than just fireworks, parades, family, food, fun, etc., though all those things are good, and obviously enjoyable. Despite the various challenges facing our nation and the world, this should be a time to thank God for America, and to keep asking Him to continue to bless our nation and all her peoples. America has been a sanctuary for many people seeking various kinds of freedom, including economic and religious. It has been unique in history for these and many other things. Let us NOT take it for granted, for it could all too easily be taken away from us, due to neglect or abuse. Let us continue to pray for God's healing, blessings, mercy, grace and forgiveness for our nation and her peoples. Let us remember and give thanks for all who have given their lives in her defense. America was not just a huge experiment in political and economic freedoms, important thought those are. It was and continues to be a great experiment in religious and spiritual freedom. We need to serve God, serve others in His name, work out our own salvation, and give those around us the space to do the same. We don't have to agree with all viewpoints, but we have to respect others' rights to those viewpoints, as long as they don't threaten the common good of us all.

A Happy and Blessed 4th of July to all of you, and a blessed entire month of July, as well.

In Christ, Fr. John

LITURGIES AND NOTED DATES:

Liturgy Services are every Sunday starting at 10:30 AM. Come share the liturgy with us.

July 4th: Independence Day

July 13th: Installation of our newest parish council member George Chimples will follow the liturgy. The Parish Council meeting will be after church in the Sunday school room.

PARISH NEWS:

• SPECIAL THANKS YOU TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Mary Kostarides for faithfully providing the prosforo to the church.

Elizabeth and Scott Sendelweck for opening their home to us for the picnic and going away party for the Barretts.

Georgia Stevens for donating a big microwave for use in the upstairs kitchen.

Dr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Kratsios for donating the communion wine.

Saturday of Souls

Saturday of Souls was held on June 6, 2014, at Crown Hill Cemetery, where Fr. John and Fr. Bill Bartz shared the service. Richard Barrett served as chanter. This was a lovely joint event of the two sister churches.



• BABY ANNOUNCEMENT:

Panos and Georgeann Niarchos are again grandparents, but this time to a new baby girl. Their daughter and son-in-law, Stavrani and Peter Christos, had Vasiliki Evangeline on Father's Day. She weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces. Και sou zήση.

• 2014 ASSESSMENT ADJUSTMENT:

This is to inform you that the original 2014 Assessment was to be \$3065. In the process of preparing for the upcoming 2015 assessment for the Metropolis, it was noted that certain items, mainly our rent had not been considered a deduction. After recalculating the previous two years and resubmitting them, Lazaros Kircos, who deals with the forms, presented them to the Committee and His Eminence for reconsideration. Having heard from Mr. Kircos, on June 5, 2014, it was agreed upon that we would receive s deduction for our 2014 allocation from \$3056 to \$2400 (a \$655 reduction and savings).

• NEWEST PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER:

We are proud to announce that George Chimples will be our new Parish Council member, to fill the position that will be left vacant with Richard Barrett's leaving. George has kindly agreed to also fill the position of Secretary, as well. George has been a member of Holy Apostles, going on two years, and has helped to carry the Kouvouklion in that time. We are fortunate to have him step forward and support his church. We pray that George and his lovely wife Allie will continue to be an asset to our parish now and in the future.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Helen Kostarides had shoulder surgery on June 19th, and we are hoping her recovery is coming along well.

• MEMBER UPDATE:

Eglie Stalas is no longer living in Anderson, and is back at her home in Muncie.

2014 ANNUAL PICNIC MIEMORIJES





The picnic had a perfect day, with 24 adults and 6 children enjoyed the lovely setting on Lake Maxinhall, at the Sendelweck's home. The food was delicious, the company great, and the pontoon rides cooling.





A star farewell present for Barretts to bring them back to Holy Apostles.



• NEW ADDRESS:

Panos and Georgeann Niarchos, 202 Chestnut Ave., Winona Lake, IN 46590. The phone number is still the same.

• MIDYEAR STATEMENTS:

If you have paid your stewardship in full, please keep your statement for tax purposes, so that another one will not to be sent out. This is a way to help cut our costs.

• RECEPTION JUNE 28TH:

Pictures of the event will be included in the August newsletter.

• Please send any anouncement that you would like included in the newsletter to fox6060@comcast, or give it to a Parish Council member at church.