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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be! So, summer is officially here. Lots of heat (and often humidity), school's out (sort of), vacation time (maybe), and probably lots of activities for families and friends. And as church attendance tends to drop off in most churches in summer, a gentle reminder is not remiss about not letting down TOO much with attending church during this summer season.

The 4th of July is almost upon us, a MAJOR American holiday, and a VERY important one. Many people sacrificed much, including their lives, livelihoods, even their blood, for this country to be founded. Ours is a country founded to provide real freedom for people, including freedom of religion. That freedom was bought, and has been maintained at a great cost. Freedom is NOT license. It is freedom to do what is right, in serving God, finding our full potentials, and helping others. It continues to require sacrifice and vigilance. "He who stands for nothing will fall for anything." Many challenges face the Church going forward, the same for our country. Let us reflect on these things as we celebrate this 4th of July.

It should be a time to party, but surely much more than that as well. There is so much to be lost, if we abandon vigilance, love, honor, integrity, etc. There is so much to be gained if we honor and follow these great values. Let us pray that America returns more fully to its true foundational principles. God bless!

In Christ,
Fr. John

NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

July 4: Independence Day

July 12: Parish Council Meeting

July 19: Sunday of Holy Fathers – a second basket, **Benevolent Basket**, will be passed

June 26: Dr. Vicki Pappas attends

June 29: Synaxis of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul

DR. VICKI PAPPAS:

Due to a prior commitment Vicki was not able to attend the Divine Liturgy on June 14 as planned. She and hopefully some members from Holy Trinity's choir will be coming on July 26, and it would be nice if you could arrive around 9:45 for some direction. But until then we would like those of you who have been singing to continue to add to the liturgy and for the others to participate as well.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY:

The directory is complete and ready for pickup when attending church. If you need one sent to you, then contact Debbie O'Reilly at fox6060@comcast.net, or call 252-4466.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



CHRIST TSIROR

Christ has sold his tailoring business and has decided to return to Greece for an undetermined amount of time. He will be missed by all of us, and we look forward to when he might decide to return to us. We wish him God's blessings.

ALL THE BEST IN FUTURE ENDEAVORS... Και εις ανώτερα:

Barbara E. Kratsios graduated from Roncalli High School in May, earning an Academic Honors Diploma. The recipient of three scholarships, Barbara will be attending the University of Indianapolis, where she looks forward to pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Archaeology.

Miss Kratsios also completed the five-year Apprentice Program at the Children's Museum. Learning to plan, research and present Educational Programs and Special Events, as well as assisting in the Archaeology and Paleontology Labs will prove to be most valuable in her chosen profession.

WELCOME BACK:

We are glad to see Nearhos and Xanthippi Darzentas home safely after a month visit to Santorini to visit family. Also, welcome home to Gus Karozos and Evelyn Karozos after their trip to Crete with their family.

THINGS TO BE THINKING ABOUT FOR THE FUTURE:

- Chairman needed for the following events
 1. Fall Bake Sale
 2. Christmas Card
 3. Vasilopita Luncheon
- Three stewards to run for the Parish Council

REMEMBER:

Even though it is summer, please do not forget to keep up on your stewardship commitment, and as Reverend Father John mentioned, attending church.