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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Is it just me, or does time seem to be passing more quickly than ever before? I don't think it's just me, as many whom I make that remark to seem to agree. In any case, here comes November, and, before we know it, it'll be Christmas...the New Year...then....you get the picture. Anyway, November holds LOTS in store for us. For one, there will be two baptisms early on in the month. Then the Nativity Fast starts about mid-way through. Remember, we fast according to our strength and circumstances so don't do yourselves or anyone else any injuries "because of fasting"!

Later in the month is the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple. That was a very important time of preparation for Our Mother, before she took on the sacred and Divine Mission of bearing and giving birth to our Lord, God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. According to our Tradition, during that time She spent a lot of time with God and the angels, in the Holy of Holies. I've thought of Her as the "first Christian" hesychast or hesychasm...inner silence...going within....praying and meditating....seeking union with God....a transformative and healing spiritual process. She did this NOT just for Her or just for monks and nuns, but for everyone who is able to seek and find God. It "just" takes time and consistent effort, which is extremely worthwhile and will make the difference between spiritual renewal and spiritual burn-out. Start simple and be consistent!

Then, of course we have Thanksgiving! I can't say it enough about the importance of being thankful. We all must remember to say "Thank You" to God and those around us. Yes, a time of celebration, with great food, with family and friends. Let us be profoundly thankful for all of our blessings!

So be well, do good works, come to church, and stay in touch! God bless you!

In Christ,
Fr. John

NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

- November 2:** Bake Sale order turned in
- November 8:** Crabtree and Darzentas Baptisms - No coffee hour
- November 15:** A second basket for the Benevolent Fund is passed
- November 21:** Entrance of the Theotokos
- November 22:** Pickup Bake Sale goodies after Divine Liturgy
Christmas card and Angels of Light forms due
- November 27:** Thanksgiving

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

REMINDER: Starting with the new church year, the time for Sunday school will begin after Father John's sermon and will end in time to bring the children in for communion.

Lessons for November:

November 1: Taking care of the poor

November 8: Raising Jairus' Daughter. Do you need to be healed?

November 15: Jesus Teaches Us to Care for Others

November 22: A Parable - Love God More than Anything

November 29: The Rich Young Man

HOLY APOSTLES' FALL BAKE SALE:

Please remember that time is running out to get your orders in for one of our bigger fund raisers. Only through your help and support will it continue to be successful. If you have any questions please contact one of the co-chairs, Elizabeth Sendelweck or Debbie O'Reilley. Deadline for prepaid orders are due **Monday, November 3rd**, and pick up on **Sunday, November 22nd**, after church.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD & ANGELS OF LIGHT ORNAMENT:

You will see the order form for our Christmas card. Also, on the form is a new Christmas fund raiser to remember those who have gone before us, or to honor those who are still with us, during this joyous season. Note that forms and payment are due on **November 22nd**.

BAPTISM:

Congratulations to Christos and Samantha Darzentas, on the baptism of their son Panayiotis by Nick Magdalinos on November 8th. Also, congratulations to Matthew and Georgia Crabtree, on the baptism of their son Jonas by Yerasimos Magdalinos. They are the grandsons of Nearhos and Xanthippi Darzentas, and great-grandsons to Evangela Magdalinos

THANK YOU:

There are so many people to thank for their help with our first OPA! House. The ones who baked, setup and helped with tear down, worked the event, and donated items or money for it. Included in this list are some people who were not even stewards to Holy Apostles who took the time to pitch-in.

George & Allie Chimples
Michelle Crump
Nearhos & Xanthippi Darzentas
Georgia Derziotis
Carole Hill
Evelyn Karozos
Angelus Kocoshis
Tom & Alex Kocoshis
Rev. Fr. John Koen
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Mary Kostarides

Phyllis Kriner
Diana Maarrawi
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