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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here's hoping and praying you all have had a blessed, productive and good summer time.

The 1st of September is, as you know, the beginning of the Church New Year. We begin to gather in the harvest, and to sow seeds for the future harvest. We celebrate St. Basil's Day, celebrate the Vasilopita, honoring many in our wider Greek Orthodox Church family, and asking for God's blessings (and St. Basil's blessings) for good health, fortune, and blessings in the coming year. It is a time to be giving thanks for all that we have been blessed with in the past year, as well as continuing to ask God's blessings for ourselves, our families and friends, our parish, our city, state and country, as well as for our larger Church. Blessings come in many forms, some we do not always recognize until, sometimes, later.

I cannot say it too many times...the two most important words we can say, day in and day out are...THANK YOU!!! It is all too easy to become complacent, or disillusioned, impatient, and unthankful. Let us be attentive, and catch ourselves before we fall too far into such things. May the Lord bless us, each one and all, in His work, and in Thankfulness!

In Christ,
Fr. John

NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

September 6: Sunday school starts with a blessing from Fr. John

Fr. John will give a blessing to all our vehicles after the Divine Liturgy with an icon to keep in it, donated by Dr. Tom Kocoshis.

September 8: Nativity of the Theotokos

September 13: Parish Council meeting

September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross – marigolds and basil donated by Mary Kostarides

September 20: a second basket, **Benevolent Basket**, will be passed

October 18: OPA! House

November 8: Fall General Assembly following the Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

For Sunday, September 6th, we will have the children seated in the pews near the front of the altar in order for Father John to give the Blessing for the New School Year.

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 September:

September 6: Many are Called; Few are Chosen. We will also talk about the verse John 3:16 and the Nicene Creed.

September 13: Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We will talk about the cross in our faith.

September 20: Sunday after the Holy Cross. Take up your cross! Jesus is our leader. Follow Jesus!

September 27: Jesus and His first followers. Where can you hear the word of God or God's message?

2015 METROPOLIS OF DETROIT CLERGY LAITY CONFERENCE:

President Angelus Kocoshis will be attending the conference in Troy, MI, on October 1-3. Also, two of our stewards, Demetrios Geroulis and Debbie O'Reilley, will be the 2015 Honorees from Holy Apostles. They were chosen for their service and commitment to our parish. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and His Eminence Nicholas will present the awards at the banquet on October 2.

FUTURE EVENTS:

- OPA! House – Angelus Kocoshis
- Fall Bake Sale – Elizabeth Sendelweck and Debbie O'Reilley
- Angels of Light –Debbie O'Reilley
- Christmas Card –Debbie O'Reilley
- Vasilopita Luncheon – Alexander Kocoshis

OPA HOUSE:

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Parish Council has decided to have an "Opa House" as a fundraiser/community outreach. We are planning to have this event on Sunday October 18 in the afternoon from 2-6PM. We are asking parishioners to donate a Greek dessert. If you have a hotplate, or briki, and/or card table we can use for the event, please let us know. The ticket will give them a cup of Greek coffee, 1 dessert, and water (\$7.50). We will also sell the desserts without coffee. We are inviting them to bring cards or board games to play. We look forward to your help in making this a fun and successful event. Please post the flyer somewhere, and start getting your friends to save the date "OCTOBER 18".

God Bless,
Angelus Kocoshis
Parish Council President

PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITY:

Wednesday, October 21, from 6:00 pm-8:00pm –we need at least 12 volunteer for **Pack Away Hunger** to be able to participate. They partner with Gleaners and Midwest Food Bank around the state to distribute meals to those in need. The Nutri-Plenty meals that we assemble contain a healthy mixture of rice, soy, dried vegetables and flavorings (cost is \$.27 per meal). They only need a pot, boiling water, and a spoon to prepare it. Basically your task will be to measure out the items that will be placed in a serving size Ziploc plastic bag. Even young children help on this project. During the two hours, we will be able to assemble approximately 2,500 meals.

Please notify Debbie O'Reilley (252-4466/fox6060@comcast.net) if you would like to be included in this event by **September 21**, so reservation can be made. We could possibly car pool if some would like. It is located at **5230 Park Emerson Dr. Ste. A, Indianapolis 46203** (2 streets N of 465 off of the Emerson exit). If you would like to give a monetary donation at that time, it would be greatly appreciated by them.

MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

- ❖ **Mary Kostarides** – Thank you for continuously supplying Prospora for the Divine Liturgy. It would be nice to give her a rest, and have someone else step up and make some. Maybe **Mary** needs to teach some of us how to make it.
- ❖ **Nearhos Darzentas and George Pappas** – Many thanks to you both for covering the additional rent for our new room downstairs.
- ❖ **Nearhos Darzentas** – Thank you for covering the cost of the paint for our new room.
- ❖ **Nearhos Darzentas and Debbie O'Reilley** –Thank you both for the painting and cleaning of the new room.
- ❖ **Debbie O'Reilley** – Thank you for trimming the bushes in front of the church, trimming the ivy in the lower area, cutting down the overgrowth along the driveway in the back, and reorganizing all our supplies.
- ❖ **Steve O'Reilley** – Thank you for once again hanging the plaques and icons up, but this time in Room 102, and moving the filing cabinet from the upstairs office.
- ❖ **Demetrios Geroulis, George Geroulis, Evelyn Karozos, Tom Kocoshis, Helen Kostarides, Phyllis Kriner, Debbie O'Reilley, Nezhla Sanderson, and Angelo Zarvas** - Thanks to this crew for helping to bring all the items down from the office upstairs, with the exception of the filing cabinet. We could not have done it as quickly without them.
- ❖ **Phyllis Kriner** – Again, thank you for heading Sunday school, as well as organizing all the material.
- ❖ **Mina Antonopoulos and Ann Barnhart** – Thank you for teaching Sunday school when Phyllis is not there.

STEWARD EVELYN KAROZOS:

Evelyn was featured in the *The Criterion*, the August Archdiocese of Indianapolis newsletter, regarding her book *There's a Spider in your Hair (and other classroom vignettes)*. <http://www.archindy.org/Criterion/local/2015/08-14/teacher.html>

ST. GEORGE MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL:

September 18 (5-11 pm) and September 19 (noon-11 pm) located at 1074 E. 116th Street, Fishers. There is free admission, with \$5 parking at Fall Creek Church 1040 E. 116th Street where you can ride a free shuttle, or walk.