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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

So, it looks like Summer is officially over for another year, and here is Fall (aka Autumn) already. I hope and pray that your Summer was restful, productive, blessed. I hope and pray also to see more, and ever more of all you fine folks out there, in church on Sunday ...and more and more fine new folks there as well. You know the secret for getting more people to church? We all must have sincere, heartfelt prayer, and it is simply and powerfully this: INVITE SOMEONE!!! It has been proven over and over again IN ALL CHURCHES that the personal touch and invitation, followed through on, is what gets more new people to church. Try it, you'll like it!

Now we enter into a time of gathering in the harvest, all harvests, on all levels. Now begins the time of Fall/Autumn/Harvest works and celebrations. In farming, crops are being harvested and stored, and other preparations made, for the colder months of Winter that lie ahead. Now also begins the slow turning inward of life processes in Nature, to soon enter into a state of hibernation, or of things lying dormant, in slow anticipation of rebirth and renewal come Spring. Now also begins, naturally and traditionally, the process of a healthy introspection in our hearts and minds and souls. To give thanks for the bounty of blessings we all have, seen and unseen, recognized and unrecognized. To ask ourselves a few simple but big and important questions, Like: Who am I? ... What am I doing here? ... Where have I come from? ...Where am I heading to? ... What have I accomplished? ... What do I yet need to accomplish?... Am I in line and in tune with God? ... What can and should I do to improve that living relationship? ....etc.

Let us be very, very thankful to God for all our blessings. Let us be very, very thankful for and supportive of, one another. Let us celebrate, contemplate and serve. God bless you, one and all!

In Christ,  
Fr. John

**NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

- October 11:** Parish Council meeting
- October 17:** Setup for OPA! House at **11:00 AM** and learn to make the coffee class.
- October 18:** **OPA! HOUSE 2-6 pm** - No coffee hour after church – Benevolent Basket passed
- October 25:** Fall **General Assembly** following the Divine Liturgy

**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 September:**

- October 4:** Be merciful. Be kind, even when it's hard. Listen in the liturgy for places where we say "Lord have mercy".
- October 11:** The Parable of the Farmer. What can you do to make your heart honest and good?
- October 18:** Your Name is Written in Heaven
- October 25:** Jesus Casts Out Demons. We will also talk about St. Demetrius.

**2015 METROPOLIS OF DETROIT CLERGY LAITY CONFERENCE:**

President Angelus Kocoshis will be attending the conference in Troy, MI, on October 1-3. The president will share his experience during the Fall General Assembly.

**PACK AWAY HUNGER:**

Due to the time needed for the OPA! House, the Parish Council has decided to postpone this activity until a later date. You will be notified with details in the future.

### **HOLY APOSTLES' FALL BAKE SALE:**

Please remember that one of our biggest fund raisers is upon us, and only through your help and support will it continue to be successful. You will find the attached flyer included in the newsletter. We will be more than happy to either email a copy, or give you printed copies to give to your friends. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**, and pick up on **Sunday, November 22<sup>st</sup>**, after church.

### **UPDATE:**

In September, following a Divine Liturgy, it was announced that another religious organization would be renting the chapel starting their services, at 1:00 PM. Since then, we have found out that this group decided against signing a contract with Northwood. There is another church who rents the main sanctuary on Sunday starting around 1:00 PM. They now hold their Bible study class in the chapel on Thursday evening.

### **OPA! HOUSE – OCTOBER 18TH:**

Things you need to know:

- Saturday – October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM
  1. Bring your desserts cut and ready to serve, and a serving piece if one is needed.
  2. We need 2 more carafes for the hot water, or to serve people more regular coffee.
  3. Remember your card table if you have one.
  4. If you have some trays that can be used for cleaning tables, please bring them.
  5. Phyllis Kriner has donated 12 aprons to be worn.
- Those who will be working need to remember to bring a sack lunch to eat after church on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- If you are not able to donate a dessert or your time, a financial donation would be appreciated to help defray some of our first time expenses. Please note that it is for the OPA! House.

### **BABIES –BABIES-BABIES:**

Congratulations to Mary Kostarides for being a great-grandmother on September 4. Wyatt Gregory Nesbit weighed 6 pounds and was 19 inches long. His parents are Katie and Grant Nesbit.

Congratulations to Christos and Samantha Darzentas, on the birth of their son Panayiotis Orion, on September 6. He weighed in at 8 lbs.-11 oz. and 22 inches long. Panayiotis is the grandson of Nearhos and Xanthippi Darzentas, and great-grandson to Evangela Magdalinos

Third congratulations to Panos and Georgeann on their new grandson Panos Petros born on September 24. He weighed in at 5 lbs.-14 oz. and 18 ½ inches long. The proud parents are Stavarni and Peter Christos

### **THANK YOU:**



Once again we would like to thank Mary Kostarides for the lovely flowers and basil for the Exaltation of the Cross. She faithfully has taken on this task since the beginning of Holy Apostles.

A special thank you to Georgia Derziotis for using her wonderful talent in making Reverend Fr. John a new Sticharion ( **στιχάριον**), and donating three lovely candles.

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY INFORMATION: DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED**

Enclosed you will find the information for the upcoming General Assembly on **October 25, 2015**. In our By Laws, it states that notification must be sent at least 10 days prior to the assembly. It will also allow you to make sure that you save this date so that we can have our assembly and not have to reschedule. Remember we need 20 in attendance to be able to vote on many important items. **Please bring the paperwork to the meeting.**

Dear Parishioners:

The Fall General Assembly Meeting will convene on Sunday, **October 25, 2015**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Church sanctuary.

To be able to vote at the assembly you must meet the following guidelines according to Holy Apostles' Bylaws:

Section 2: Eligibility of Members, A Parish Assembly consists of all members in good standing, based on the following guidelines.

B. If a Parish Assembly is held during the period of April 1 to December 31, inclusive, all persons who have executed a Stewardship Commitment for the current year and commenced payment thereon shall be considered members of that Parish Assembly.

Also, according to the Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese:

Article 18 Section 5: A parishioner in good standing has the right to attend, participate, and vote at Parish Assemblies, as well as to vote in Parish Council elections.

We look forward to all stewards in good standing in our Parish to attend this meeting. Remember that Holy Apostles is only as good as its members.

In His Service,

Father John Koen

Angelus Kocoshis  
President, Parish Council

George Chimples  
Secretary, Parish Council

#### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA:**

1. Opening pray by Father John Koen
2. Confirmation of Quorum (we need 20 voting members)
3. Nomination for Chairman
4. Parliamentary Appointed
5. Approval of the October 25, 2014 General Assembly Minutes since there was not quorum at the General Assembly on March 17, 2015 and the ones for the March meeting.
6. October Treasurer's Report
7. Stewardship Report
8. New Business:
  - a. Audit Committee – we need 3 stewards to audit the books by the middle of April.
  - b. Change to our By Laws: The new By Law has been approved by the Metropolitan for our approval.

It now reads as follows:

Quorum: If a Parish Assembly is held during the Period of January 1 to December 31, inclusive, attendance by the greater of 10% of the members or **20** members in good standing for the previous calendar year shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

We are voting to have it read as follows:

Quorum: If a Parish Assembly is held during the Period of January 1 to December 31, inclusive, attendance by the greater of 10% of the members or **15** members in good standing for the previous calendar year shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

- c. Approval of the 2016 Budget
- d. Election of 3 Parish Council members
9. Old Business:
  - a. Committees
    1. OPA! House
    2. Bake sale, Christmas cards, and Angels of Light
10. President's and Fr. John's remarks
11. Good of the Order
12. Closing prayer by Father John Koen

