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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Born! Glorify Him! I hope and pray that you all had a beautiful, merry and very blessed Christmas. I'm writing this before the beginning of the New Year, and before the Vasilopita luncheon, but I pray both will be very blessed for everyone.

If you want or need a little extra Christmas spirit and celebration, you can always join in in some way in celebrating Old Calendar Christmas (which is January 7th, New Calendar), or at least send Christmas greetings to those who celebrate Christmas on that day. Otherwise, for us on the New Calendar, we will be honoring and celebrating Theophany around that time.

This would be a good time to remember our own baptisms, and to renew our dedication to following Christ. And, as Baptism is also called Illumination in Holy Orthodoxy, to reflect on the Light of Christ, and how we can better bear and transmit that Holy Energy, in His Holy Name.

It's not easy to be a Christian. It's not easy to bear and follow the Light of Christ. It's not easy to conduct spiritual warfare. But it's eminently worthwhile, even if we don't get it all right all the time. It's important to remember that we don't do it all ourselves, or by ourselves. We must depend on Heavenly Grace and Help, and we must look to one another for support.

We are a community of believers, a brotherhood of Light, fellow pilgrims and servants. Therein lays many blessings and much strength. May a deeper understanding, comprehension and realization of these profound truths come to each and every one of us in the coming new year.

Abundant blessings to one and all!

In Christ, Fr. John

NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

January 1: New Year's Day

January 3: Vasilopita Luncheon for St. Basil's Academy and cutting of Vasilopita

January 6: Holy Epiphany

January 17: Benevolent Basket passed

January 31: Patricia "Bobo" Farris 5 year memorial service

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday school will begin after Father John's sermon and will end in time to bring the children in for communion.

STEWARDSHIP FORMS:

You received the new 2016 Stewardship Form in last month's *The Voice*. It is easy to fill out if you have not had any changes regarding your information. Under **NOTE**, there is a box you need to check if this is the case. Just fill out your name and your financial pledge, along with how it will be paid. Remember it is important paperwork for the Parish Council. The longer you put it off, the more chance you will forget to fill it out.

Also, if you have not finished paying your pledge for 2015, please make sure you do so that your statement for tax purposes will correct..

HOUSE BLESSINGS-ΑΓΙΑΣΜΟΣ: Father John will be conducting House Blessings in early January. This is an ancient custom where the priest blesses people's homes, schools and businesses. You will need to call Father to make an appointment to visit your home or business. (To reach Father John via phone @317-908-8511, or via email: FrJohnKoen@hotmail.com).

Ο Πατερ Ιωαννης θα κανη αγιασμο στα σπιτια αρχας Ιανουαριου. Αν θελετε να επισκε- φθη το σπιτι σας, επικοινωνησατε μαζυ του στο τηλεφωνο 317/908-8511.

YOUR NEW PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2016:

The officers for the new Parish Council will be voted on at their meeting January 10th.

CHAPEL CHRISTMAS TREE:

If you would like to help take the tree down on January 6th at 9:00 AM, please notify Debbie O'Reilley (252-4466 or fox6060@comcast.net). You will be able to get your angels on Sunday, January 10th.

WINTER WEATHER: We never seem to know what the weather will be in Indy from day to day. We may have to consider cancelling the liturgy for safety reasons. We will try to post our closing on Channel 13 and/or Channel 8, as well as our Facebook page, and send out an email. Also, a Parish Council member will attempt to call as many people as possible regarding the cancellation if they do not have email.

LOOKING FOR CHAIRMEN:

The Parish Council is asking for your help in chairing one of the following events:

Palm Sunday Luncheon, OPA House, Fall Bake Sale, Christmas Card, and Vasilopita Luncheon

We cannot have these events if people do not step up to chairing them, and the same people who have chaired them for numerous years need a break.

PARISH NEWS:

Please keep Eglie Stalas and Helen Zarvas in your prayers that they are feeling better soon.

In case you didn't get to see the Christmas tree with our Angels of Light.



The new church 2016 calendars are also available at church.

*****HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!*** ΚΑΛΗ ΧΡΟΝΙΑ!!!*****