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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord! So, now it's Fall once again, though still warm to hot for a while longer yet. I hope and pray that this finds everyone well, and that Summer has been a good time for everyone. Already it is October. Two things stand out when I look at our liturgical calendar. One is the commemoration of the Protection of the Theotokos. At one point, our mission in England was named for that. And, as I have said many times before, Her Protection is a very real and necessary reality. Just a reminder to avail yourselves of Her help in any and all necessary ways. She is a mighty intercessor!

The second important thing is the commemoration of the 7th Ecumenical Council. That is when the holy icons were restored to their rightful place in our Orthodox life, worship, homes and churches. It is important to realize that this has much deeper meaning than being just religious art. Although we cannot picture the Immaterial Creator, because Christ became incarnate in a physical body, it is fine to represent Him, the Theotokos, the saints, etc. in visible pictorial, symbolic form. Also, icons are windows into Heaven, if we approach them in the right spirit. They are also sermons in visible, pictorial, symbolic form. A deeper, profound and key teaching is contained here. Because Christ incarnated, that brings about the sanctification of matter, including our own bodies, including all of the material creation. All physical matter is meant to become spiritualized. Our whole person, spiritual and physical, as well as all of earthly matter and existence are meant to be transformed, in the Light and Being of Christ. This is why our Orthodox worship has spiritual and physical elements. Our bodies are temples for the Spirit. We are meant to become more and more like Christ, as the saints have borne witness. So, let us be reminded that our spiritual journey is holistic, to bring about a transformed state of being, towards conscious union with God, starting in this life, and continuing into Eternity.

God bless, guide, provide for and protect each and all of you.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. John

NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

October 1: OPA! House/Midtown Art Festival 11:00AM-5:00PM

October 29: Irvington Fall Festival 10:00AM-5:00PM

November 13: General Assembly

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 October:

October 2: Be merciful and kind, even when it's hard. Listen in the liturgy for places where we say "Lord have mercy".

October 9: Jesus Brings a Boy back to life

October 16: The Parable of the Farmer. What can you do to make your heart honest and good?

October 23: Jesus Casts Out Demons. We will also talk about St. Demetrius

October 30: Jesus Takes Care of the Poor

OPA! HOUSE:

We will be having our second **OPA! HOUSE**. It will be on **Saturday, October 1, from 11am-5pm**. This year our event will coincide with the Midtown Vineyard's Art Fair. This will be one of our two major fund raisers. Please make sure you support this event to make it successful.

IRVINGTON FALL FESTIVAL:

This will be the first time that Holy Apostles will have a booth in their food court. This widely attended event will be on **Saturday, October 29, from 10:00am-5:00pm**. We will be selling Greek sweets and bread, and hot coffee and apple cider. Co-chairman Xanthippi Darzentas and Debbie O'Reilley are in need of people who are willing to help in the booth. There will be a signup sheet on the board in the coffee room. This is the second big fund raiser that the church will have; any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

VASILOPITA LUNCHEON:

We are in need of a chairman for the luncheon that has been scheduled for Sunday, January 1st. Please contact a member of the Parish Council if you are willing to chair it. Remember this luncheon is to help St. Basil's Academy.

THANK YOU TO OUR STEWARDS:

Again Mary Kostarides supplied the basil and marigolds for the service of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which we are thankful for.

While in Greece, Demetrios Geroulis purchased the Aer and the veils for the Chalice and Diskos in memory of his parents Spiro and Stamata Geroulis.

