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WORDS FROM FATHER JOHN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord! I pray this finds everyone well. Well, it's been a good and, for many, a busy summer. Now it's fall, though still fairly mild. May the Lord bless that winter be good and not severe. Good Health and Abundant Blessings to one and all!

So, November brings two occasions that are especially noteworthy. First of all is Veterans Day. Let us be very sure to remember all who have served in our country's armed forces in the past, as well as all who currently serve. Freedom is not free. It has been paid for in blood by many who have gone before us. There are many now who bear inner and outer scars from their military service and sacrifice. Let us at least pray that they are properly taken care of. They deserve it. Honor the day, honor these people.

Second is Thanksgiving. Once again, in the midst of family celebrations, let us not forget to truly thank God for all of His blessings. Gratitude is a major spiritual and life principle. Being consistently thankful is the key in remaining in the Flow of God's Mercy and Grace. Let us be very thankful. And let us pray for one another, our parish, the Church, our country, and all people everywhere. Everyone needs God, even if they don't believe so, or have forgotten.

I always look forward to seeing you in church on Sunday.

God bless!

In Christ,
Fr. John

NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

November 11: Veterans Day

November 12: General Assembly

November 19: Christmas card and ornament forms due

November 21: Entrance of the Theotokos

November 23: Thanksgiving.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 12:

You will notice that you have also received the enclosed items required to be sent prior to the General Assembly. Please remember to bring them with you to the meeting so that you may refer to them. Remember that your church can not run without everyone participating.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD AND ORNAMENT:

If you are interested in participating please return the enclosed form and payment by Sunday, **November 19**

IRVINGTON FALL FESTIVAL:

The Voice will have been prepared prior to the festival that was on October 28. There are some stewards that need to be thanks for their help in preparing for it. They are the following:

Alexandra Kocoshis for ordering the sweets

George Chimples for doing the paperwork to get us in the festival

Ethel and Nearhos Darzentas and Debbie O'Reilley for getting the needed items together

Elijah McKnight for dealing with some signage

A report will be presented at the General Assembly and also additional thanks to those who put their time in to help work the booth.



PICNIC:

We want to thank John and Teresa Kofodimos for opening up their lovely farm house to host the site for the picnic. Also, thank you for supplying the beverages and for doing the grilling. A thank you also goes out to Angelus Kocoshis for donating the burgers, bratwurst, and hot dogs, and Alexandra Kocoshis for organizing the dishes. A fun time was had by all, and the

weather was ideal, as well.

STEWARDSHIP:

The year is drawing to a close and we want to make sure you remember to complete your 2017 Pledge by December. It is important that you are updated on your payments to be able to be qualified to vote at the upcoming General Assembly.

PARISH NEW:

We want to give a belated thank you to Mary Kostarides for donating the marigolds and basil for the Exaltation of the Cross in September, and for her continuous donation of making the Prosforo for the Divine Liturgy.

Good news for our Angelo Zarvas, who underwent surgery for Urachal Cancer (bladder). God was good. The bladder was saved, the cancer had not spread, and the lymph nodes are clean. He is now on the road to recovery. Our prayers continue to be with him and that he stays in remission.

Alexandra Kocoshis had a knee replacement and is recovering well.

George Pappas had small setback with his diabetes but is getting back to his old self, as long as he follows the doctor's orders.

Thank you to our Veterans in our parish: Gus A. Karozos, George N. Pappas, and Michael P. Pappas



