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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to one and all, in the Lord! I hope and pray that you are all well, and that your Summer has been and remains good.

The Feast of the Transfiguration is sometimes neglected in appreciation, except in monasteries. There, it is widely held in honor second only to Pascha. Why is this? Because it shows the way to the higher spiritual state that we are all called to, to shine radiantly with the Light of the Resurrected and Ascended Lord Jesus Christ! We all too often sell ourselves, and others, short, by "getting lost in the weeds" of outer pursuit only of Church teachings, rules and activities, along with the lure and snare of worldliness (both in the Church as well as in the World), rather than striving and striving and striving to enter into the inner life and meaning of Christ and His Church. No one ever said that it was or is easy. It has, however, been amply demonstrated as being eminently attainable and worthwhile. Anything worthwhile is worth working for and towards. But lots of people think, speak and act as though this does not apply to them, that it's "only for monastics" or maybe "just a pipe dream." If you believe it's doable, you're right. If you think it's not doable, you're right. Whatever you believe strongly will become your reality. If you're not happy with your life, including your life in the Church, please, do yourself and everyone else a huge favor, and stop blaming other people and/or situations for this. Instead, take responsibility for your life, your choices, your world. Repent. Turn yourself around. Embrace greater spiritual consciousness and activity. When people blame others, and situations, for their own dissatisfaction, invariably they are studiously avoiding what is REALLY bothering them. I get why that is, and how hard it can be to confront those types of issues and challenges. "Been there, done that." I do, however, affirm that it is VERY much worth the effort, because much grace, blessings and growth result from such a process.

So, I highly and heartily recommend for us all to seek to renew our dedication to Christ and our conscious participation in His Life and Ministry. God bless you, one and all!

Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. John

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

August 6: The Transfiguration of Christ (Major Feast Day of the Church)

August 15: Dormition of the Theotokos (Major Feast Day of the Church) Καλό Δεκαπενταύγουστο!

August 27: St. Phanourios

August 29: Beheading of John the Baptist

Happiest of Name Days to all who celebrate this month! Χρόνια πολλά! Να χαίρεσαι το όνομά σας!

YOUR 2018 PARISH COUNCIL:

President – Elijah McKnight, Secretary – Helen Kostarides, Treasurer – Debbie O’Reilley, Xanthippi and Nearhos Darzentas, Angelus Kocoshis, Dr. Tom Kocoshis

STEWARD NEWS:

With heavy hearts we extend our sympathies to the Kocoshis, Cooper, and Stalas families on the passing of their mother, grandmother and long-time parishioner, Eglie Stalas. Fr. John, assisted by Aristotle Nicolaides, officiated the services on July 2. Interment is at Crown Hill Cemetery. A 40-day memorial service will be held on Sunday, July 29. Coffee hour will also be provided by the family. Αιώνια της η μνήμη. Eternal be her memory.

Congratulations to parishioner, Phyllis Kriner on the birth of her first grandchild! Kayla Grace Mosier was born on July 16 to Phyllis’ daughter, Persephone and son-in-law, Luke. Να σας ζήσει!

Thank you to Steve and Debbie O’Reilley for donating a second filing cabinet and microwave to Holy Apostles.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT HOLY APOSTLES:

IT’S PICNIC ATTIRE SUNDAY – It’s picnic attire for Liturgy on August 26! Immediately following services we’ll be having our annual church picnic. The picnic will be held at the home of Steve and Debbie O’Reilley located at 6255 Macatuck Drive, Indianapolis 46220. Don’t forget to RSVP to Debbie at fox606@comcast.net or 317-252-4466 and let her know what you plan to bring. We will also have a sign-up on the blackboard in our social gathering (coffee hour) room. Debbie suggests bringing an assortment of salads and refreshing desserts to counterbalance the warmer August weather.

BIBLE STUDY – Plans are underway to implement a Bible Study group for Holy Apostles. Potential topics for learnings include the differences between Orthodoxy and other faiths, gaining a better understanding of our Orthodox faith, why we do what we do, and more. President Elijah McKnight will be spearheading this initiative. Stay tuned for further details.

FRENCH MARKET - The Parish Council has decided not to participate in the *French Market* organized by St. Joan of Arc. The decision was based on restrictions, placed by St. Joan of Arc, that limited us to sell only artisan items rather than food items. Other concerns were the uncertainty of festival-goers to purchase Greek artisan items at a French Market, the uncertainty of returning unsold artisan items that we purchase for sale, and potential staffing issues given the long hours needed to staff the booth. Similarly, it was decided not to have a food booth on the grounds of Holy Apostles in conjunction with the *French Market* and *Penrod*. We thank Dr. and Mrs. Kratsios for reaching out to St. Joan of Arc and investigating our potential for participation.

HISTORIC IRVINGTON HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL – Plans are underway for our continued participation at the Historic Irvington Halloween Festival, scheduled for Saturday, October 27. Additional details regarding our food booth will be forthcoming.

CALL FOR CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR SCHOOL 70 – Colder weather will be here before we know it and time to help those less fortunate tolerate bitter winter conditions. We will be holding a clothing drive to collect winter scarves, hats, gloves, boots, etc., for the less fortunate children attending School 70, located at 46th and Central. There will be a collection box in our social gathering room for your donations.

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES: Don’t forget to remember your loved ones through the customary tradition in our Orthodox faith of ΥΠΕΡ ΑΝΑΠΑΥΣΕΩΣ (memorializing the dead) or ΥΠΕΡ ΥΓΕΙΑΣ (commemorating the living). Contact Fr. John or any Parish Council member for details.