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WORDS FROM FATHER JOHN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord!

Hoping you all had a wonderful and blessed Christmas, and having a happy and blessed beginning to the New Year. Every year at this time it is time to stop and take stock of our lives, count our blessings, and give great and heartfelt thanks to God, the Supreme Source and Provider of All. Giving deep thanks at this time is much more important than making "New Year's resolutions". Resolutions come and go, and it seems they are often hard to live up to. Giving thanks, on the other hand, opens us more and more to God's Grace and Blessings, and brings more sober and lasting changes. "Man proposes God disposes", as the old saying goes. Developing the regular practice of being thankful is admittedly work that requires effort, but it is very much worth that effort. It's an excellent way to overcome complaining and dissatisfaction. It's an excellent mood elevator.

So, let us make the consistent effort to become very regular in our giving real thanks to God for everything. God bless!

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. John

NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

January 01: New Year's Day

January 06: Holy Theophany

January 07: Vasilopita Luncheon

VASILOPITA LUNCHEON - JANUARY 7, 2018:

Following the Divine Liturgy and the cutting of our church's Vasilopita, we will be having our Vasilopita luncheon at the Greek Islands. Those attending will share in a buffet and an anonymous donor will be covering the bill. With this in-kind donation, there is a hope that all will be generous in their donation to St. Basil's Academy when the basket is passed. Feel free to write the check to Holy Apostles with a memo of St. Basil's so that your donation will be added to your year-end statement from the church. Envelopes will be available for cash donations as well. Please contact chairman Dr. Tom Kocoshis at 765-286-7242 or email Kocoshist@gmail.com so that he can have a head count to give the restaurant.

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 Πατέρ Ιωαννης θα κανη αγιασμό στα σπίτια αρχας Ιανουαριου. Αν θελετε να επισκεψηθετο σπίτι σας, επικοινωνησατε μαζι του στο τηλεφωνο 317/908-8511.

STEWARSHIP:

You received the new 2018 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.

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 send out an email to everyone, and give a call to those who do not have it to let you know.

PARISH NEWS:



Thank you to Michael Pappas for the lovely poinsettias and planters that adorn our altar area.

Also, thanks go out to Xanthippi and Nearhos Darzentas, Debbie O'Reilley, and Michael Pappas for so beautifully decorating the chapel for the holidays.

Thank you to Debbie O'Reilley for crocheting the 19 snowflakes in memory or honor of our loved ones, and for donating the Christmas cards and printing of them.

Thank you to Aristotle Nicolaides for chanting the Doxology and the Katavasia for the Feast so that they would not be missed.

We will miss Elia Pepps and her lovely chanting and wish her well in her move to Michigan and marriage.

Our sympathies go out to Angelo Kostarides, Mary and Helen Kostarides on the passing of a brother, a nephew and a cousin. Peter Kostarides recently became a steward. May his Memory be eternal.

Congratulations to Helen Kostarides on her retirement from Eli Lilly after 36 years. Enjoy the days ahead.

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas has officially confirmed the election of the 2018 Parish Council.