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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in Our Lord Jesus Christ! I hope and pray that this finds each and all of you well in all ways. We have just emerged from a very rich and full time in our liturgical year, with the transition from the Paschal season, "ending" with the Apodosi (Leavetaking) of Pascha, the Ascension, then Pentecost. And then what? Is that "it" until Christmas? Well, no, it's not.

There are important cycles of spiritual activity year-round. Times of fasts and feasts, times of focus on different important matters in the Church, many opportunities for spiritual effort, growth, change, transformation, healing, celebration. Through all of this exists the means and aids for us to draw ever closer to God, through Christ. Heaven is closer than we often realize. We have but to keep striving, reaching, repenting, and we receive grace, blessing, encouragement. None of this is forced upon us. But it is freely given, freely available for those who believe and make the efforts to avail themselves of Higher Things.

Although this is a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly process, at all times and in all places, regular church attendance and regular (frequent) receiving of Holy Communion is extremely vital to our spiritual well-being, health and growth. Being in church with fellow believers, fellow pilgrims is very important as it strengthens us individually and collectively.

Please pray, meditate, and reflect on this as we journey into and through summer. Having a break sometimes is fine, and, in fact, is healthy. Just don't neglect your spiritual life and service for too long!

May the Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen!

Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. John

THE VOICE NEWSLETTER - SUMMER EDITION:

This issue of *The Voice* combines the June and July editions for the summer months only. Any news pertinent to our church or parish will be published in the weekly Sunday bulletin. Those who do not have e-mail capability will be called. We will resume the monthly issues in August.

YOUR 2018 PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:

President – Elijah McKnight

Secretary – Helen Kostarides

Treasurer – Debbie O'Reilly

Xanthippi and Nearhos Darzentas, Angelus Kocoshis, and Dr. Tom Kocoshis

NOTED DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

June 17: Father's Day

June 24: Nativity of John the Baptist

June 29: Holy Apostles Peter and Paul

June 30: Synxis of the Holy Apostles (Name day of our church)

July 04: Independence Day

July 20: St. Elias

July 17: St. Marina of Antioch

Happy Father's Day and Happy Name Day to all who celebrate in June and July!

THANK YOU:

The Parish Council would like to thank the members of the Audit Committee for their time and effort to audit the church financial records. The fine stewards were John Kofodimos, Michael Pappas, and Dr. Elizabeth Strickland.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING - May 6, 2018

We welcome Dr. Emmanuel and Irene Krastios as Chairs of the Stewardship Committee and look forward to their time and talent to aid in growing our church.

Thank you, also, to Dr. Krastios for reaching out to St. Joan of Arc to discuss the possibility for Holy Apostles to have booth during their French Market festival in September. Dr. Krastios stated that we would only be allowed to have an artisan booth and that our booth cannot include food. As such, it was also discussed that we consider having a food booth on the grounds of Holy Apostles concurrently. Both items will be discussed at the June Parish Council meeting.

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES:

A 13-year memorial service for Haralambos Magdalinos, husband of Evangelia Magdalinos and father of Xanthippi Derzentas, will be held on Sunday, June 24. Coffee hour is also provided by the Magdalinos/Darzentas families. May his memory be eternal.

Don't forget to remember your loved ones through the customary tradition in our Orthodox faith of YIIEP ANAPIAYΣEΩΣ (memorializing the dead) or YIIEP YΓEIAΣ (commemorating the living). Contact Fr. John or any Parish Council member for details.

STEWARDS NEWS:

Please continue keep Georgia Derziotis, Eglie Stalas, Georgia Stevens and Angelo Zarvas in your thoughts and prayers.

SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL PITCH-IN PICNIC – AUGUST 26:

This year's picnic will be held on Sunday, August 26 immediately following liturgy. The picnic will be held at the home of Steve and Debbie O'Reilly located at 6255 Macatuck Drive, Indianapolis 46220. Please 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.

The Parish Council wishes everyone a safe and relaxing summer.

We look forward to seeing you for Liturgy each and every Sunday morning beginning at 10:30 a.m.