



## *The Voice of Holy Apostles* **Greek Orthodox Church of Indianapolis**

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

By now, you should all know about the upcoming visit by His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, along with Deacon Alex Radulescu, to our parish. They will arrive on Saturday, March 14, when the Parish Council and I will meet with His Eminence. There will be a Hierarchical Liturgy on Sunday, March 15th, with our usual start time of 10:30 AM. His Eminence's visit is a most definite endorsement of the existence of our parish, and a blessing on its continuing existence and growth. Please come and support Holy Apostles in its life and ministry in Christ!

A special thank you to council president Dr. Tom Kocoshis, the Parish Council, and all those involved in helping organize and expedite this special occasion. Also, thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Kratsios for hosting the accommodations for this visit.

This very special visit should give us a big boost to help us in our journey through Lent, as well as in our larger, longer term journey. Again, to do with Lent, let us take the opportunity to reflect, repent, renew and deepen our lives in Christ. Remember, we are to fast according to our strength and circumstances, attend to our inner state more than to outer appearances, work hard not to judge unrighteous judgment on others, and always seek to draw closer to Christ, that we may ever better serve Him, and others, in His name, as He calls and inspires us. God bless you all!

In Christ,  
Fr. John

### **NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

**March 1:** Sunday of Orthodox -**Children bring their icons to church for procession**

**March 15:** Sunday of the Holy Cross - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy by  
**His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas** with a short coffee hour following

**March 25:** Annunciation and Greek Independence Day

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS:**

**March 1:** Sunday of Orthodoxy. Come and See. If you had just met Jesus, who would you tell first?

**March 8:** 2nd Sunday of Great Lent. We will learn more about Great Lent

**March 15:** NO SUNDAY SCHOOL; Metropolitan Nicholas visits

**March 22:** 4th Sunday of Great Lent (Saint John Climacus). Only by prayer and fasting.

**March 29:** Saint Mary of Egypt

## **SCHEDULE FOR HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS'S VISIT:**

### **SATURDAY:**

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas will be having a dinner-meeting with the Parish Council.

### **SUNDAY:**

There will be a Hierarchical Liturgy by Metropolitan Nicholas, and assisted by Deacon Alex Radulescu and Sub Deacon Joseph Hazar (St. George), that will begin at 10:30 AM. Following the Hierarchical Liturgy, a luncheon will be held at Hellas Cafe. Please see the enclosed invitation for your reservation due by **March 11<sup>th</sup>**.

## **EASTER DONATIONS WELCOMED:**

Easter will be upon us before you know it. Palm Sunday is April 5<sup>th</sup> and Pascha will be on April 12<sup>th</sup>, so we must begin planning. The following are some areas that your assistance would be appreciated.

- Donations for Easter flowers
- Need dyed red hard-boiled eggs for the Pascha Divine Liturgy
- Will need approximately 7 men to help with the Epitafiou and procession

Please contact a Parish Council member if you will be helping to make our Easter a meaningful experience for us all. Your time and effort are of great value to Holy Apostles.

## **KOUVOUKLION DECORATING OF THE EPTAPHIOS:**

Decorating will be held **Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**, in the church starting at 9:00AM. If you have wire cutters, please bring them. We will also be preparing the candles and cleaning the chapel area. Please contact chairman Debbie O'Reilley at **317-252-4466** or [fox6060@comcast.net](mailto:fox6060@comcast.net) if you are willing to help.

## **EASTER BREAD SALE:**

Our Greek Easter Bread Sale is underway. Deadline for orders is **Friday, March 27, 2015**. The pickup date will be on Palm Sunday, **April 5<sup>th</sup>** following the Liturgy. Please see the attached flyer for more information. If you have any questions please contact chairman Debbie O'Reilley.

**ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON:** The luncheon will be on Sunday, April 5 following the Liturgy. Reservations are required, by **Friday, March 27, 2015**. Refer to the flyer for the details for making your reservations.

## **HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA SCHEDULE:**

**April 8<sup>h</sup> at 6:30 PM:** Holy Wednesday - Μεγάλη Τετάρτη; Holy Unction – Ευχαλιεον.

**April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM:** Holy Friday - Μεγάλη Παρασκευή; lamentations and perifora epitafiou.

**April 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 PM:** Holy Saturday - Μεγαλο Σαββατο; Resurrection - Αναστασις –Πασχα.

**April 12<sup>th</sup> – The Holy & Great Sunday: Holy Pascha; NO EASTER SERVICE.**

\*\*\* Resurrection liturgy will follow; θα ακολουθησει η λειτουργια της Αναστασεως

**TELEPHONE DIRECTORY:**

The Parish Council is putting together a new church directory that will hopefully be out by the end of the month. If any stewards, including children, would like to present an idea for the cover please contact Debbie O'Reilly.

**PARISH NEWS:**

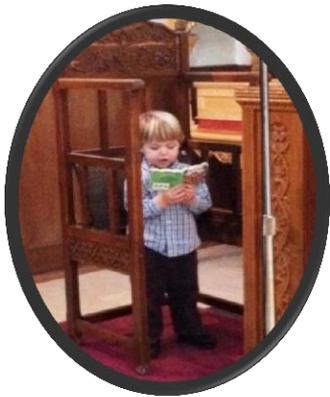
We wish to offer our sympathy and prayers to chanter Nezhla Sanderson (Joys of All Who Sorrow) for the passing of her grandmother last month. May her memory be eternal.

Thank you to Steve O'Reilly for hanging icons in the chapel and the Sunday school room.

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*A special thanks to George Pappas for donating a new laptop and printer to Holy Apostles.*

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*Theodore Barrett seems to be taking after his father in chanting at the Seminary.*

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*Again, we want to thank Mary Kostarides for continuously providing the Prosfora for the Divine Liturgy weekly.*

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**PHILANTHROPIC BASKET:**

The Parish Council voted to have an additional offering basket passed to help create a Philanthropic Fund. The purpose of this fund will be to assist someone in need outside of our parish, or even within it. The first of such baskets will be started on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, and will follow each month, on the third Sunday of the month.

**MARCH 1, SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY INTER-ORTHODOX VESPERS SERVICE:**

The Council of Churches will celebrate this day with combined Vesper Service at 5PM at St. George Orthodox Christian Church, 10746 E. 116<sup>th</sup> Street in Fishers.

Homilist is Fr. Jerome Sanderson of Christ the Savior Orthodox Church. A reception will follow the Divine Service. Free will offering will be accepted to support the ministry of Orthodoxy in Central Indiana.

**LENTEN RETREAT, SATURDAY, MARCH 14:**

The retreat will be held at Holy Trinity starting at 9:30-1:00. RSVP at the office 317-733-3033. Guest speaker Ashley Purpura topic will be "Being and Becoming the Body of Christ". Free donations requested.

**STEWARDSHIP FORMS:**

Please remember to turn in your forms by either mailing them, or turning it in at church.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with deep regret that I must inform you that Dr. Thomas Kocoshis, my father, has resigned from the parish council for health reasons. As vice-president, under the by-laws, I now assume to presidency. It is with great humility that I do so, and with God's help (and each of yours, as well) I hope to serve the parish well for the remainder of the year.

We are blessed to have a parish with so many talented people, and I invite all parishioners to contact me via email ([akrites@gmail.com](mailto:akrites@gmail.com)) or phone (812-360-1158) at any time with any questions or concerns you might have.

The preparations for the visit of Metropolitan Nicholas are well underway. After much deliberation and upon considering numerous venues, the council has decided to have the luncheon at Hellas Cafe on Westfield and 86th Street. We considered the Hilton, Meridian Restaurant, Hollyhock Hill, Seasons 52, among many others, but in the end we decided that a Greek restaurant could best meet our dietary requirements. Finding a restaurant with an appropriate Lenten menu (νηστίσιμη) is quite a challenge. I personally am grateful for all the assistance I have received in preparing for the episcopal visit.

I wish you all a blessed Lent, and I look forward to serving the parish and working with you all.

I would like to leave you with some words that my father had prepared for the newsletter.

In Christ,  
Angelus Kocoshis  
Holy Apostles Parish Council President.

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

"KA-LES' A-PO-KRI-ES' kai KA-LI' SA-RA-KO-STI'."  
(Happy pre-Lenten season and good Lent.)

During the weeks leading up to Easter let us all remember the following Lenten prayer of Saint Ephrem the Syrian every day, and, if necessary, repeating it several times each day. (As a matter of fact, I think it is a great prayer to use throughout the year.)

O Lord and Master of my life  
Take away from me the will  
to be lazy and to be sad;  
the desire to get ahead  
of other people and  
to boast and brag.

Give me instead a pure and  
humble spirit,  
The will to be patient  
with other people  
and to love them.

O Lord and King, let me  
realize my own sins  
And keep me from judging  
what other people do,  
For You are blessed  
now and forever, Amen.

In Christ's love,  
Tom Kocoshis