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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord! The blessings of Pentecost be with you, in advance! I pray not only that you are all safe and well, but that you are all fervently praying for the healing of our American nation. It is more than obvious that serious chronic injustices need healed and transformed. It is equally obvious that there is absolutely no need or room for violence, looting and destruction. We are called upon to be spiritual warriors. This means first and foremost confronting any darkness, pettiness, selfishness, hatred, false judgements, unrighteous anger and intolerance in ourselves.

"The battle and dividing line between Good and Evil runs through every human heart." If we want to change the world, we start by first striving and working to change ourselves. We have to be (or become) the type of person that we want to see in others. There is no other way. If we are unwilling to do this, then we have no right to demand it of others.

The upside of this is, that we each have great power and ability to, with God's help, be better people, and ring much good into the world. We do this through the ongoing work of making sure our thoughts, feelings, words and actions are the very best and most positive as we can make them. This is not simple or easy. It requires focus and determination, never quitting, and never giving up, in being or becoming our very best, as persons. Thus, is what Christ calls us to, and what He expects of us. If we make this commitment, take on this spiritual work, our individual lives will improve, in surprising ways, and the world around us will improve, also in surprising ways.

May the Lord bless & protect us in this holy Work!
Abundant Blessings to each & all of you!

In Light, Life & Love, in Christ,
+Fr. John

MAJOR FEAST DAY AND OTHER NOTEWORTH DATES IN JUNE AND JULY

June 14 - All Saints

June 21 - Father's Day

June 24 - Nativity of John the Baptist

June 29 - Apostles Peter and Paul

June 30 - Synaxis of the Holy Apostles (Name day of our church)

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

WHEELER MISSION:

The Parish Council had decided that the Wheeler Mission would be their philanthropic mission this year, but unfortunately the plans to gather donations of items to give to them was curtailed due to pandemic. But thanks to Dr. Gregory Papadeas and the foundation he is affiliated with, we were able to donate a thousand dollars to them. Since this donation was done in May, it was matched by an outside source.

Wheeler Mission not only serves the male community but now services women and children in need. They do not attempt to cure homelessness and addiction, but address the deeper, root issues that cause them. They feel then that freedom flows from the inside out.

SAD NEWS:

We are sorry to hear that Maria Pahigiannis and Eleni will be departing to Washington D.C. sooner than expected. They were originally planning on leaving the end of July but it has been moved up to the end of June. Their tenants were vacating the home sooner than expected which caused the change in plans.

Maria wanted us to share with you her thoughts:

Eleni and I wish we could see you all before we leave, but I'm not sure that will happen. Thank you all for being a wonderful, welcoming and loving community. We will miss you and Indianapolis! We will certainly try to visit when all this madness dies down. Thank you for all your support!

With all our love,
Maria and Eleni

NOTE OF THANKS:

- To Presbytera Martha Koen for chanting the services for Fr. John during these many weeks;
- To Fr. John for his weekly sermons;
- To those of you who continue to pay or contribute to the church during these times;
- To those who purchased Easter bread which raised \$131;
- To Xanthippi Darzentas and Debbie O'Reilley for making Prosforo;

PARISH COUNCIL:

Since Maria Pahigiannis will be leaving our parish there will now be a position open for Secretary on the council. We would love to have a volunteer to fill this position, who is a member in good standing. That means one who has filled out a stewardship form and commenced paying towards it.

Unfortunately, during this time, a General Assembly cannot be planned. We will have to wait and see what our attendance is like before one can be considered due to quorum.

STEWARDSHIP FORMS:**2020 STEWARDSHIP:**

We are at the halfway point of the year and there are some forms that have yet to be turned in.

When we believe, stewardship follows. Stewardship is faith in action; action motivated by humble gratitude to God for his blessings in our life. Giving is not a substitute for commitment – it is an expression of your commitment and an expression of thanks for the many blessings in your life.

GUIDELINES FOR OUR CHURCH DURING THIS PANDIMIC STARTING JUNE 14:

Please see the attached list, and if you have any concerns about it please let us know.