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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In February, will start the approach to Great Lent. I respectfully recommend that you start thinking about Lent a little bit in advance. It is a great opportunity, if approached right, to do some "Spring cleaning" in our lives. What needs improvement in our inner and outer lives? How can we draw closer to God, and experience more of Him, more of the time? What do we need to repent of? Who do we need to forgive? Who do we need to be reconciled with? How can we grow and mature as Christians, and therefore help our church community to grow and mature?

Something I hear often at work is: "A definition of insanity is doing the same things over and over again, and expecting different results." This is true in spiritual and religious life just as much as in secular life. An old saying and true is: "As above, so below; as below, so above." Our inner life, including thoughts, feelings, desires and emotions, influences our outer lives. No exceptions.

May we all, I pray, find the courage, strength and humility to truly, honestly and deeply investigate this

May the Lord bless that you are all well. Memory Eternal to Georgia Stevens, and a speedy and full recovery for Evelyn Karozos.

I want to let you know that I will be having left shoulder surgery February 12th, plus treatment for left elbow and wrist. I have been in priestly ministry for 45 years. I have worked also as a plumber for 34 of those years. The injuries are a result of wear and tear on my body from plumbing. Due to the shoulder surgery, I will be unable to serve in church for about 2 weeks. I talked to the Chancellor, Fr. Dean, and it looks highly probable that there will be no one available to cover my portion. Therefore, for the Sundays of February 17th and 24th, you may attend another orthodox church.

Please pray for me, for the surgery, etc. as well as a full recovery. The recovery phase will be longer for my secular work. Thankfully, it's all covered by Workman's Comp. Thank you for your prayers!

God bless one and all!

In Christ,

Fr. John

MAJOR FEAST DAY AND OTHER NOTEWORTHY DATES IN FEBRUARY:

February 2 – Presentation of our Lord

February 17 – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee and Triodion Begins

February 24 - Sunday of the Prodigal Son

STEWARDS NEWS:

Please keep Evelyn Karozos in your prayers for a full recovery and increasing good health from an unexpected surgery back in December. Continued prayers for Georgia Derziotis, as well.



In December 18th, we lost our dear steward Georgia Stevens. Georgia was an original member of Holy Apostles. She was the Mother of Deborah (Steve) O'Reilley and Pamela Stevens (Baltimore, MD.). Georgia was Yiayia to Elizabeth (Scott) Sendelweck, Sean O'Reilley (Ventura, CA), and Christina (Brandon) Friend (Baldwin, NY). She was also Gigi to Vasiliki and Katia Sendelweck and Jacob and Lucas Friend. Sara Massialas (Boca Raton, FL) and Nick (Carol) Spencer (Hamilton, MT) are her surviving siblings. May her memory be eternal.

DONATION TO SCHOOL 70: Beside the large basket of winter items donated to our neighbor, IPS 70, we also were able to donate \$1,000 to their playground fund due to our steward Nearhos Dazentas and the International Union of Painters & Allied Traders District Council 91. We hope this donation gets them closer to their goal of an updated playground. This was our second donation in helping them reach their goal.

ST BASIL'S ACADEMY – Due to the lovely luncheon hosted by the Kocoshis Family, we were able to raise \$900 this years for the academy, which surpassed last year's \$600. Not only was it a financial suggest, but a wonderful time with one another, in starting the New Year.

Thank you to Helen Kostarides for making the beautiful vasilopita for the church, in which, Nezhla Sanderson won on behalf of the chanters. Also, thank you to Angelus Kocoshis for the one he made for the luncheon, in which Jason Willman won the coin.



THE VOICE OF HOLY APOSTLES: The Parish Council has decided to publish the newsletter every two months. They feel that it ample at updating the church's information, and if additional information needs to be shared, it can be sent to you in the weekly bulletin. We apologies for the lack of one in January, but due to the changing of the guard and the weather, it has created some problems.

HOUSE BLESSINGS-ΑΓΙΑΣΜΟΣ: Father John is available for House Blessings throughout the year. 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 Πατερ Ιωαννης θα κανη αγιασμο στα σπιτια αρχας Ιανουαριου. Αν θελετε να επισκε- φθη το σπιτι σας, επικοινωνησατε μαζυ του στο τηλεφωνο 317/908-8511.

2019 STEWARDSHIP:

Yes, it is that time of year again to fill out your stewardship forms. You will find the form attached.

The Stewardship Committee has set some goals they would like to meet, with **your help**.

1. Receive a form from **all** stewards this year. You need to realize that it helps planning our budget, and record keeping.
2. Consider increasing your stewardship a bit this year. We need to remember that our parish has had a couple of stewards who have passed away, which plays a factor in our annual income.
3. Bring a friend to church.
4. Remember that stewardship means more than just paying your annual amount. It is important that you try to attend church regularly to be renewed for the coming week, and with a spirit of gratitude. It also makes a difference on the weekly income from candles and our offering basket.
5. Support the church's fundraisers.
6. It is true that the financial aspect is important, but also donating your time and talent in helping to chair and assist committees is very important.

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON AND EASTER BREAD: The Parish Council is in need of someone who will be willing to chair the Palm Sunday Luncheon this year, which will be on April 21. Also, we are in need of a chairman to take orders for Easter bread. If no one is willing to step forward, then more than likely the annual luncheon will not be held, and Easter bread will not be ordered. Again, the Parish Council cannot do all the work without your help and support.

SIGN UP FOR THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

Do not forget to register or reregister into the program. This last quarter with 4 households we earned **\$48.15**. Just think if we got a few more you on board, how the amount would increase. All you have to do it shop.

- This will **not** take away your points to purchase gas.
- Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.
- If a member does not yet have a Kroger Plus card, please let them know that they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In/Register
- Enter NPO number **XN595 or Holy Apostles** and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? **Call 800-576-4377**, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

NORTHWOOD REQUEST:

Northwood Christian Church has asked that if any of us have taken the chain down due a drop off by the chapel, that replace it.