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**Χριστός ανέστη! Ἀληθῶς ανέστη! Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti! May the Light of the Resurrected Lord continue to abide in us all, and shine forth into a needy world! Praying you all had a most blessed Pascha, including celebrations with family and friends. Let us remember that the Paschal season is not over with Pascha and Bright Week. It continues through to the Apodosis of Pascha in early June. Also, according to the Church rules and practices, kneeling in church during Divine Liturgy is not done from Pascha to Pentecost. It resumes with the Kneeling Vespers, after Divine Liturgy, on Pentecost. And yes, this year we will have those Kneeling Vespers on Pentecost.

I wish now to address some areas of attitude that we need to adjust. Everyone needs to come to church regularly, and receive Holy Communion regularly. I understand about certain work, family and health conditions and situations, which can and do affect this. I also understand that people need breaks and vacations. Just try really hard to come as often as realistically possible. Also, regular and frequent Communion is the norm, in traditional Orthodox Christianity, not the exception, as some folks, in some places, believe. This is central to your well-being on all levels. Next year, try harder to be at the services during Holy Week. They are of great importance in our preparation for Pascha.

Your success as an Orthodox Christian depends on your relationship with God, in Christ, and then your relationship with those around you, especially those who are next to, and around you in Church. Love of God and love of neighbor. There is nothing that is of greater importance. If you know all the rules, regulations and customs, but do not love God and neighbor, then your knowledge is worthless, and can even be harmful. By all means study and learn more about your Church and your Faith. This knowledge is very good, but ONLY if based in and on love, again, love of both God and neighbor. There are no exceptions to this. On that note, I would like to ask each of you to please watch the following video on n YouTube: "Abbot Tryphon - Advice to Orthodox Converts". The message is actually for ALL of us, not just converts. Abbot Tryphon is Orthodox, and is the abbot of All-Merciful Savior Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington state. In addition to his work as a monastic superior, he is a prolific podcaster, blogger and speaker. His message is deep and meaningful, and for us all, regardless of how long we have been Orthodox, regardless of whether Cradle or Convert. Thank you. Abundant Blessings to one and all!

In the Light of the Resurrected Christ,

Fr. John

#### **MAJOR FEAST DAY AND OTHER NOTEWORTHY DATES IN JULY AND AUGUST**

**June 4** – Independence Day

**August 6** – Holy Transfiguration

**August 15** – Dormition of the Theotokos

**August 29** – Beheading of John the Baptist

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

**STEWARDS NEWS:**

## 2019 STEWARDSHIP:

Remember only you can help the Stewardship Committee to meet their goal of receiving a 100% of the stewardship forms this. It is really a very simple tasks to complete. Also, please note we are already half way through the year with some still missing.

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## STEWARD NEWS:



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*Our oldest and dear steward Gus A. Karozos went to the Lord on May 12th. Gus was an original member of Holy Apostles. He is survived by his children, steward Evelyn Karozos, Andrew Karozos James (Amy) Karozos, Joan (Scott Loche) Karozos, and 5 grandchildren. Gus will be missed, and may his memory be eternal.*

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Thank you to  
Xanthippi and Nearhos Darzentas  
for donating the icon of  
St. Mary of Egypt



Teresa Kofodimos has completed a new Mosaic Cover to replace the one she did a number of years ago. It is the cover for the storage area where the waters are poured after baptisms. It will be installed in the near future. We thank Tereasa so much for sharing her talents with us.

Kyra Kofodimos, daughter of John and Tereasa Kofodimos, recently graduated from Indiana University with High Honors receiving degrees in Human Development and Family Studies ( B.S. in Applied Health Science) and a second degree in Community Health (B.S. in Public Health). She plans to work in her field for the next couple of years and get a master's degree in the not too distant future.



**TANNER WILLMAN**  
**A NEW CHRISTENED ORTHODOX**

Stewards Jason and Justyn Willman christened their youngest son Tanner, on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. His godparents are James and Jessica Stemper, members of St. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Merrillville, Indiana. **Να σας ζήσει**

**SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> GLOBAL FEST**

The Parish Council has been looking into Holy Apostles participating in the second Global Fest put on by our neighbor, Indianapolis Public School 70 (Center for Inquiry). We decided to opt out of the Irvington Festival due to its cost, so this would be a major fund raiser for us.

We are considering selling our wonderful Greek sweets and possibly Frappes. There has been some discussion at possibly teaching some of the students some Greek dances so that they may perform and help others to learn the dances.

There is a Global stage, community area, bazaar (art, textiles, jewelry), and food area. Beer and wine will also be available. The event runs from noon-10PM. It does not mean we have to be there the entire time. When our goods are sold, we are done. We may also be having the chapel open for some tours.

If we are considering doing this, then **we need your help!**