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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Light, Life and Love of Christ! I pray that you are all well, safe and warm.

So here we are, in March, and guess what? It is almost Lent again! How about trying something new this year? How about the renewal of all our hearts and minds, as Holy Apostles begins its second decade? As Presbytera said at the General Assembly, it has been proven to generally take 20 years for a new mission or church to grow and flourish. So, let us dedicate ourselves to finding new and deeper ways to help our church grow. The bishop and priest cannot do it for you. A few people cannot do it on their own. Everyone is needed, everyone has something to offer. Be open to new people. New people are already coming. More are on their way. Stay attuned for further developments. Your positive attunement and prayers open the way and allow God to work. Without Him, we are nothing, and can do nothing. You need to be in church, and the Church needs to be in you. If the Church is not truly in you, you are not truly in the Church. Think and pray on this. God will more fully enlighten you, showing you more fully the Way.

Also, please get at least a little bit better acquainted with saints whose origins were not Greek. Get the Big Picture. For example, pray to Saint Patrick of Ireland. As you know, he is commemorated March 17th. I have a special love for him as I was born on that day. I have Irish ancestry, including the royal, and the saintly. Interest in, and love for, the Celtic church, helped bring me to Orthodoxy. The Celtic Church was Orthodox. Saint Patrick, and the other Celtic saints, was/were Orthodox. The Celtic Church developed not long after those in Jerusalem and Greece, so it's ancient. The Celtic Church started long before the Orthodox churches of Russia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania. Check it out. Broaden your horizons. Deepen your understanding of Orthodoxy.

Abundant Blessings in your continuing Journey, including this year's Journey to Pascha.

Your Brother in the Light of Christ,  
+Fr. John

**MAJOR FEAST DAY AND OTHER NOTEWORTHY DATES IN MARCH AND APRIL:**

March 3- Meatfare -Judgement Sunday

March 10 – Daylight Savings Times Ends at 2am. Be sure to change your clocks and **move forward 1 hour**

March 10 - Cheesefare -Forgiveness Sunday and Parish Council Meeting

March 11 – Lent starts

March 17- Sunday of Orthodoxy 5:00 PM Vespers at Holy Trinity Cathedral...bring your icons to church

March 24 –Spring General Assembly

March 25- Holy Annunciation and Greek Independence Day

March 31- Sunday of Holy Cross...half way through Lent

April 21 -Palm Sunday and Luncheon

April 24- Holy Unction

April 26- Good Friday

April 27- Holy Saturday

April 28- Great and Holy Pascha

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

**STEWARD NEWS:**

Please continue to keep Evelyn Karozos in your prayers for a full recovery and continued good health from an unexpected surgery back in December. Prayers for John Farris with his hard times through recent hip surgery.

**SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY: March 24** following Divine Liturgy. Please see attached form.

**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.

**LENT AND EASTER CALENDAR:**

Please consider making a financial donation for the purchase of flowers that adorn our church, and the purchase of candles.

**ORTHODOX SUNDAY: 5:00 PM** Vespers at Holy Trinity Cathedral...bring your icons to church

**PALM SUNDAY LITURGY APRIL 21:**

**HOLY UNCTION APRIL 24:** Service at 6:30 PM

**KOUVOUKLION DECORATING OF THE EPTAPHIOS APRIL 26:** Starts at 9:00 AM, and we will also be cleaning the church as well.

**HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 26:** Lamentations and perifora epitafiou at 7:00 PM

**HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 27:** Resurrection services at 10:00

**PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP:**

1. A chairman is needed for the Palm Sunday luncheon, or there we will not have one.
2. A chairman is needed to take orders for Easter bread, or none will be ordered.
3. We need someone to dye Easter eggs for Saturday evening. (Ethel Darzentas volunteered)
4. We need 7 men to **volunteer** to help with the procession on Friday evening.
5. Volunteers are needed in helping to decorate the Kouvouklion on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please let Ethel Darzentas or Debbie O'Reilley know if you will be there.
6. If anyone is interested in chairing a picnic for the church this summer or fall.
7. We need a chair for the Vasilopita Luncheon that is held in January.
8. Remember to sign up to host coffee hour.

Remember that the Parish Council cannot continue to chair committees and do all the other things that need to be done for the church week. Please contact a Parish Council member if you are willing to do any of the above. Your church will appreciate your participation and support.

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You will see this new Vladimir Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos hanging above the back wall of the chapel. This beautiful icon was donated by Pamela Stevens of Baltimore, Maryland, in memory of her Mother Georgia Stevens.

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