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Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! 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 Apodosi 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 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 MAY AND JUNE:

May 03 - Renewal Friday, Theotokos the Life-Giving Font

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 22 - Mid-Pentecost

May 27 - Memorial Day

June 06 - Holy Ascension

June 16 - Holy Pentecost, Father's Day

June 24 - Nativity of John the Baptist

June 29 – Holy 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!

STEWARD NEWS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ASSISTANCE FOR EASTER:

- **Nearhos & Xanthippi Darzentas, Demetrios Geroulis, Phyllis Kriner, and Debbie O'Reilley**(in memory of her parents George and Georgia Stevens) who donated for the flowers.
- **Nearhos & Xanthippi Darzentas, Dr. Tom Kocoshis, John Kofodimos, and Debbie O'Reilley** for helping decorating the Kouvouklion, and cleaning the church.
- **Nearhos and Xanthippi Darzentas** for donating the Resurrection flowers in memory of their fathers, George Darzentas and Haralambos Magdalinos
- **Emmanuel, Irene, and Barbara Kratsios** for, once again, donating the floral piece for our Church's Holy Cross. This year it is given In Memory of their mothers/grandmother, Mrs. Lucretia Kratsios and Mrs. Barbara Tittonis.
- **Dr. Tom Kocoshis** for donating all the white carnations and Palm Sunday palms.
- **Xanthippi Darzentas** for the dyed red eggs for Pascha.
- **Debbie O'Reilley** for the Koulourakias to be given with the red eggs, and the rose petals.
- **Angelus Kocoshis, Debbie O'Reilley, Matthew Syvinski and Nezhla Sanderson** for chanting.
- **Demetrios Geroulis, George Geroulis, and John Kofodimos** our acolytes.
- **John Kofodimos and Nearhos Darzentas** who carried the Epitaphio.
- **Father John** for his lovely services and words of the faith

MEMORIAL DAY:

Let us remember those who gave their lives for us, as well as, our country. May their memories be eternal.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP:

1. A chairman is needed for the Annual Picnic, if you would like one.
2. We are in need of Prosforo our Divine Liturgy.

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.



The Memorial Fund has just purchased the new Holy Water Font, which will be used annually to distributed Holy Water to our members.

Our dear steward Georgia Derziotis went to the Lord on April 15th. She was the sister to stewards Mary Kostarides and George Geroulis. Georgia was also an aunt to stewards Helen Kostarides and Demetris Geroulis. Our deepest sympathies to her family. She will be missed, and may her memory be eternal.



STEWARDS WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS:

Keep our oldest Greek in Indianapolis and in our parish, Gus A. Karozos, in your prayers. Also, prayers for Ann Poulimos, that her Leukemia stays in remission. Our parish prays that they will be able to return to our church soon, where they are missed.

FOR THOSE WHO COULD NOT ATTEND OUR LOVELY SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK.



SAVE THE DATE:

On September 25, we are strongly considering participating in the International Festival, that our neighboring school puts on at Northwood. Last year it was a huge success. They would love for us to be part of it, with no cost to us. The event is from noon to 10:00PM, so we must have **all of you** help out in this endeavor. This could be a major fund raiser for our parish, and way to let the neighborhood know who we are.