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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well, here we are again, moving right along into Fall. I hope everyone had a good Summer. Now is a time for harvesting, gathering in, preparing for Winter. Many people find the cooler, drier temperatures easier to bear, and much more enjoyable than high heat and humidity. Some folks miss, or will miss, the heat of Summer. Everyone's different. But regardless of views on weather, most folks welcome the turning towards the holidays which lie ahead. There are certainly ample opportunities for celebration, and to be with family and friends. There is much good in this.

There are many celebrations of Harvest, in various countries and cultures. Canada has recently celebrated their Thanksgiving, there is the ancient Harvest Home in England, the American Thanksgiving is coming up, and there are more, around the world. The keynote in all of these is profound and sincere giving of thanks, for all that the Divine has provided. How powerful is it when we give thanks! How even more powerful is it when we thank God each and every day, frequently, each day! It is all too easy to focus on all that we perceive as problems, and on what we perceive as lack. Most of us here truly lack little, except perhaps (and most importantly!) gratitude. Gratitude simply and profoundly opens the doors of God's Grace, and keeps them open, if we continue being grateful. Let us once again remember to do this, and more of God's Grace and Blessings will flow to and through us. Let us pray for one another, for our parish, our Church, our country, our world.

And while speaking of the holidays, and of being thankful, well, not too long after Thanksgiving.....comes Christmas. A super major birthday.....the Birthday of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ! Birthdays always bring to mind gifts (as does Christmas, of course!). So.....what can we give as gifts to the Supreme Gift...Our Lord? How about more of our hearts, minds, life? How about more focus on the spiritual meaning of Christmas, as we journey towards Bethlehem? How about seeking to more fully know Him, follow Him, give as needed and right, to others, in His Name? I think He would like that very much. So, let us strive, in the midst of all the myriad holiday preparations, to put Christ first. When we do that, everything flows and works better.

Through the combined holiday seasons ahead, let us reflect on our lives, and be very, very thankful for all that we have been and are given, on all levels. Christ first, real gratitude, serving as we are truly able. Then our holidays will be richer and more beautifully rewarding, and Christ will be thankful for our service, our right attitudes, our gifts to Him, as well as to others. Thank you! Wishing you all Happy and Blessed Holidays! Happy Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas! Abundant Blessings to each and all!

Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. John

MAJOR FEAST DAY AND OTHER NOTEWORTHY DATES IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

November 3 - Time change...you clock moves back an hour

November 17 - General Assembly, Christmas Card and Ornament orders due – Fall Bake Sale pickup

November 21 - Entrance of the Theotokos

November 28 - Thanksgiving

December 15 - One-year Memorial for Georgia Stevens given by her daughters and family.

December 24 - Visperal Liturgy of the Nativity of the Lord at the Cathedral of Holy Trinity 6-7:30 PM

December 25 - Nativity of the Lord – Divine Liturgy **9:30 AM**

December 31 - New Year's Eve

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

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

We want to thank the Phyllis Kiner, Dr. Emmanuel Kratsios, and Angelo Zarvas, who were our Audit Committee, for their time they donated to the Church. They confirmed all was well for the 2018 books.

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY:

Many of you have already received them but there has been a second printing due some changes in information, as well as some errors. Make sure you get the corrected directory, and they will be available at the General Assembly, or at church on Sunday.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – NOVEMBER 17:

Please plan on attending and participating in your church's General Assembly that is only required twice a year. We will be voting on the upcoming 2020 Budget and there will be elections for two positions on the Parish Council. There will be a lite fare provided by the Parish Council.

If we do not reach our 15 quorum, we will be required to reschedule for December 1st, which moves us closer to the Christmas holidays.

If anyone is interested in running for the Parish Council, please contact President Xanthippi Darzentas at (317) 353-6497 or bearsfanxd@sbcglobal.net.

Please see the following attached forms that you should print out and bring to the General Assembly.

Agenda

Proposed 2020 Budget

Minutes from the Spring General Assembly

2020 STEWARDSHIP:

In the Gospel of Mark, a father brings his epileptic son to Jesus in desperation, saying, "...if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus replies to the father's lack of faith, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." The father's response is a prayer we can pray every day: "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

When we believe, stewardship follows. Stewardship is faith in action; action motivated by humble gratitude to God for his blessings in our life.

Giving to His Church is a way to thank God for His grace and generosity. The question is not, "How much do I give to stay in the club?" or "What are the dues?" but "How can I thank God for my many blessings?"

Before completing the enclosed Stewardship Form, please give prayerful consideration to the commitment you are making. A check mailed to the church is most meaningful when accompanied by your presence, by your willingness to serve, by your prayers, and by your commitment. 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.

Please see the attached 2020 Stewardship form.

CHRISTMAS CARD AND ORNAMENT:

Please see the attached forms and a reminder the forms are due November 17th. You can place your orders at the General Assembly and see the ornament.

**“VASILOPITA LUNCHEON FOR ST. BASILS”
JANUARY 5, 2020 in the Coffee Hour Room**

MENU:

Chili with condiments, corn bread, cherry cobbler with ice cream, and beverage

We will also be cutting the Vasilopita and accepting donations for St. Basil’s Academy.

Please notify Dr. Tom Kocoshis to make your reservations at kochosist@gmail.com or call (765)-286-7242 by Sunday, December 22nd.



STEWARD NEWS:

Thank you again to Mary Kostarides for again providing the basil and marigolds for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



NICK AND MELANIE MAGDALINOS HAD THE
40 DAY BLESSING FOR MOTHER AND SON
HARRISON ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13.



Keep Helen Kostarides and chanter Matthew Syvinski in your prayers for healing

YOUR 2019 PARISH COUNCIL: President – Xanthippi Darzentas, Vice President -Martha Koen, Secretary – John Kofodimos, Treasurer – Debbie O’Reilley, and Nearhos Darzentas, as well as, Father John Koen

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Καλά Χριστούγεννα και Ευτυχισμένο το Νέο Έτος

GOD’S BLESSING FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR

