Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church

November 1, 2026

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Ε΄ Λουκᾶ΄ - 5th Sunday of Luke. Holy Anargyroi/ Αγ. Αναργύρων

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ηὐδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Τῶν Ἁγίων

Ἅγιοι Ἀνάργυροι καὶ θαυματουργοί, ἐπισκέψασθε τὰς ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν, δωρεὰν ἐλάβετε, δωρεὰν δότε ἡμῖν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἁγίου Νικολάου

Κανόνα πίστεως και εικόνα πραότητος, εγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ανέδειξε σε τη ποίμνη σου, η των πραγμάτων αλήθεια·δια τούτο εκτήσω τη ταπεινώσει τα υψηλά, τη πτωχεία τα πλούσια, Πάτερ ιεράρχα Νικόλαε, πρέσβευε Χριστώ τω Θεώ, σωθήναι τας ψυχάς ημών.

Κοντάκιον

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδῃς, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. For our salvation He was pleased to be crucified in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

For the Saints

Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, visit our infirmities. Freely you received; freely give to us.

Apolytikion for St. Nicholas

The truth of things has revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of abstinence. For this cause you have achieved the heights by humility, and riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ (Α΄ Κορ. 12:27 31; 13:1 8)

Ἀδελφοί, ὑμεῖς ἐστε σῶμα Χριστοῦ καὶ μέλη ἐκ μέρους. Καὶ οὓς μὲν ἔθετο ὁ Θεὸς ἐν τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ πρῶτον ἀποστόλους, δεύτερον προφήτας, τρίτον διδασκάλους, ἔπειτα δυνάμεις, εἶτα χαρίσματα ἰαμάτων, ἀντιλήψεις, κυβερνήσεις, γένη γλωσσῶν. μὴ πάντες ἀπόστολοι; μὴ πάντες προφῆται; μὴ πάντες διδάσκαλοι; μὴ πάντες δυνάμεις; μὴ πάντες χαρίσματα ἔχουσιν ἰαμάτων; μὴ πάντες γλώσσαις λαλοῦσι; μὴ πάντες διερμηνεύουσι; ζηλοῦτε δὲ τὰ χαρίσματα τὰ κρείττονα. καὶ ἔτι καθ᾽ ὑπερβολὴν ὁδὸν ὑμῖν δείκνυμι. Ἐὰν ταῖς γλώσσαις τῶν ἀνθρώπων λαλῶ καὶ τῶν ἀγγέλων, ἀγάπην δὲ μὴ ἔχω, γέγονα χαλκὸς ἠχῶν ἢ κύμβαλον ἀλαλάζον. καὶ ἐὰν ἔχω προφητείαν καὶ εἰδῶ τὰ μυστήρια πάντα καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν γνῶσιν, καὶ ἐὰν ἔχω πᾶσαν τὴν πίστιν, ὥστε ὄρη μεθιστάνειν, ἀγάπην δὲ μὴ ἔχω, οὐδέν εἰμι. καὶ ἐὰν ψωμίσω πάντα τὰ ὑπάρχοντά μου, καὶ ἐὰν παραδῶ τὸ σῶμά μου ἵνα καυθήσωμαι, ἀγάπην δὲ μὴ ἔχω, οὐδὲν ὠφελοῦμαι. Ἡ ἀγάπη μακροθυμεῖ, χρηστεύεται, ἡ ἀγάπη οὐ ζηλοῖ, ἡ ἀγάπη οὐ περπερεύεται, οὐ φυσιοῦται, οὐκ ἀσχημονεῖ, οὐ ζητεῖ τὰ ἑαυτῆς, οὐ παροξύνεται, οὐ λογίζεται τὸ κακόν, οὐ χαίρει ἐπὶ τῇ ἀδικίᾳ, συγχαίρει δὲ τῇ ἀληθείᾳ· πάντα στέγει, πάντα πιστεύει, πάντα ἐλπίζει, πάντα ὑπομένει. ἡ ἀγάπη οὐδέποτε ἐκπίπτει.

EPISTLE READING (1 Cor. 12:27 31; 13:1 8)

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ (ΛΟΥΚ. 16:19 31)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ἄνθρωπος δέ τις ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐνεδιδύσκετο πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον εὐφραινόμενος καθ᾽ ἡμέραν λαμπρῶς. πτωχὸς δέ τις ἦν ὀνόματι Λάζαρος, ὃς ἐβέβλητο πρὸς τὸν πυλῶνα αὐτοῦ ἡλκωμένος καὶ ἐπιθυμῶν χορτασθῆναι ἀπὸ τῶν ψιχίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τοῦ πλουσίου· ἀλλὰ καὶ οἱ κύνες ἐρχόμενοι ἀπέλειχον τὰ ἕλκη αὐτοῦ. ἐγένετο δὲ ἀποθανεῖν τὸν πτωχὸν καὶ ἀπενεχθῆναι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγγέλων εἰς τὸν κόλπον Ἀβραάμ· ἀπέθανε δὲ καὶ ὁ πλούσιος καὶ ἐτάφη. καὶ ἐν τῷ ᾅδῃ ἐπάρας τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ, ὑπάρχων ἐν βασάνοις, ὁρᾷ τὸν Ἀβραὰμ ἀπὸ μακρόθεν καὶ Λάζαρον ἐν τοῖς κόλποις αὐτοῦ. καὶ αὐτὸς φωνήσας εἶπε· πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἐλέησόν με καὶ πέμψον Λάζαρον ἵνα βάψῃ τὸ ἄκρον τοῦ δακτύλου αὐτοῦ ὕδατος καὶ καταψύξῃ τὴν γλῶσσάν μου, ὅτι ὀδυνῶμαι ἐν τῇ φλογὶ ταύτῃ. εἶπε δὲ Ἀβραάμ· τέκνον, μνήσθητι ὅτι ἀπέλαβες σὺ τὰ ἀγαθά σου ἐν τῇ ζωῇ σου, καὶ Λάζαρος ὁμοίως τὰ κακά· νῦν δὲ ὧδε παρακαλεῖται, σὺ δὲ ὀδυνᾶσαι· καὶ ἐπὶ πᾶσι τούτοις μεταξὺ ἡμῶν καὶ ὑμῶν χάσμα μέγα ἐστήρικται, ὅπως οἱ θέλοντες διαβῆναι ἔνθεν πρὸς ὑμᾶς μὴ δύνωνται, μηδὲ οἱ ἐκεῖθεν πρὸς ἡμᾶς διαπερῶσιν. εἶπε δέ· ἐρωτῶ οὖν σε, πάτερ, ἵνα πέμψῃς αὐτὸν εἰς τὸν οἶκον τοῦ πατρός μου· ἔχω γὰρ πέντε ἀδελφούς· ὅπως διαμαρτύρηται αὐτοῖς, ἵνα μὴ καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλθωσιν εἰς τὸν τόπον τοῦτον τῆς βασάνου. λέγει αὐτῷ Ἀβραάμ· ἔχουσι Μωϋσέα καὶ τοὺς προφήτας· ἀκουσάτωσαν αὐτῶν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· οὐχί, πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἀλλ᾽ ἐάν τις ἀπὸ νεκρῶν πορευθῇ πρὸς αὐτούς, μετανοήσουσιν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ· εἰ Μωϋσέως καὶ τῶν προφητῶν οὐκ ἀκούουσιν, οὐδὲ ἐάν τις ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀναστῇ πεισθήσονται.

GOSPEL READING (LK. 16:19 – 31)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church Philoptochos Sunday

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Philoptochos Sunday celebrates the vital role of each Philoptochos Chapter in its parish community--------women of faith who serve with love, compassion, and dedication throughout the year.

Philoptochos Sunday will be celebrated on the first Sunday of November each year, which will be a cherished opportunity to honor our mission and support our Mother Church, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and her sacred ministries. It celebrates the mission of Philoptochos, "friends of the poor", serving those in need through compassion and faith.

Our offering to the Ecumenical Patriarchate also sustains its spiritual, educational, and philanthropic ministries.

Together, Philoptochos chapters across the country strengthen our sacred bond with the Ecumenical Patriarchate and help safeguard its enduring presence for generations to come.

Your gift nurtures the heart of our Orthodox faith and your participation honors the legacy of Philoptochos and ensures that our mission continues to flourish.

Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society
Faith in Action. Love in Service.
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EORTOLOGION

NOVEMBER 2026

Christmas fast begins and the 40 days of Liturgy
Αρχίζει η νηστεία των Χριστουγέννων και το Σαρανταλείτουργο.

Daily services /Καθημερινές
Orthros 9:00 a.m. Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Nov 1 SUN — **Holy Anargyroi/ Αγ. Αναργύρων**
7:30 a.m. Orthros/ 8:45 a.m. Liturgy
Αγιασμός/ Blessing of the Waters

Nov 4 WED — **Paraklesis to the Theotokos**
Παράκληση της Θεοτόκου
7:00 p.m.
Discovering Orthodoxy Class

Nov 8 SUN — **Holy Archangels Michael & Gabriel**
Αρχηστρατήγων Μιχαήλ και Γαβριήλ
7:30 a.m. Orthros/ 8:45 a.m. Liturgy
General Assembly

Nov 9 MON — **St. Nektarios of Pentapolis**
Αγ. Νεκταρίου
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy

Nov 11 WED — **SS. Menas, Victor and Vikentios**
Αγ. Μηνά, Βίκτωρος και Βικεντίου
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy

Paraklesis to the Theotokos
Παράκληση της Θεοτόκου
7:00 p.m. Discovering Orthodoxy Class

Nov 13 FRI — **St. John Chrysostom**
Αγ. Ιωάννου Χρυσοστόμου
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy

Nov 15 SUN — **8th Sunday of Luke**
Η' Κυριακή του Λουκά
7:30 a.m. Orthros/ 8:45 a.m. Liturgy
One Liturgy

Nov 18 WED — **Evening Divine Liturgy**
Θεία Λειτουργία **6:00 p.m.**
Discovering Orthodoxy Class

Nov 21 SAT — **Entrance of the Theotokos**
Εισόδια της Θεοτόκου
9:00 a.m. Orthros / 10:00 a.m. Liturgy

Nov 22 SUN — **9th Sunday of Luke**
Θ' Κυριακή του Λουκά
8:30 a.m. Orthros / 9:45 a.m. Liturgy

Nov 25 WED — **St. Catherine the Great Martyr**
Αγ. Αικατερίνης
9:00 a.m. Orthros / 10:00 a.m. Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Discovering Orthodoxy Class

Nov 29 SUN — **13th Sunday of Luke**
ΙΓ' Κυριακή του Λουκᾶ
8:30 a.m. Orthros/ 9:45 a.m. Liturgy

Nov 30 MON — **Holy Apostle Andrew**
Αγ. Απόστολου Ανδρέου
9:00 a.m. Orthros / 10:00 a.m. Liturgy

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END-OF-YEAR STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Help Us Reach Our Stewardship Goal

Dear Parish Family,

As we approach the end of the year, we are reminded of the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and the importance of giving back in gratitude for all that we have received.

Our parish continues to be a place of faith, worship, fellowship, and service. Through your generosity, we are able to sustain our ministries, maintain our church, support our community, and preserve our spiritual home for future generations.

As we enter the final weeks of the year, we are asking every parishioner to prayerfully consider making an end-of-year stewardship pledge or an additional contribution to help us fulfill our parish goal. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a meaningful difference. Together, we can reach our goal and ensure that our parish continues to thrive.

Your year-end contribution may also offer potential tax advantages. Depending on your individual circumstances, charitable contributions to our parish may be tax-deductible. If you are considering a larger gift, please consult your tax advisor to determine how your contribution may benefit you.

We respectfully encourage you not to wait until the last days of December to make your commitment. Your timely generosity will help us plan responsibly and meet our financial obligations as we close out the year.

Thank you for your continued faith, dedication, and generosity. May God bless you and your family abundantly for your support of our beloved parish.

With sincere gratitude and prayers,

The Parish Council
On behalf of our Parish Community

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX SHRINE CHURCH

REQUESTS THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT
THE

Agape Gala

Honoring our
St. Nicholas Parish Ministries

Saturday, January 30, 2027

LEONARD'S PALAZZO OF GREAT NECK, NY

6:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP- 7:00 P.M. DINNER

ADULTS: $175 YOUNG ADULTS (13-17): $125 CHILDREN (under 12): $75

ROOTED IN *Faith* UNITED IN *Christ*

Music by: International Sounds
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Honoring our St. Nicholas Parish Ministries

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 2027

LEONARD'S PALAZZO OF GREAT NECK, NY

	Sponsorship Level	Price	Complimentary Tickets	Benefits / Journal Listing
☐	Great Benefactor	$10,000	10	Listing in Program as Great Benefactor
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Your generous support and sponsorships will help our beloved St. Nicholas Church restore its historic roof and other much needed repairs. Our cherished church needs our help to protect its future.

If you wish to pay for your tickets or sponsorship by credit card please scan the QR Code or visit our website.
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ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX SHRINE CHURCH

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FOR OUR FUTURE

TREE OF LIFE

BRONZE DEDICATION LEAF	**$2,000**
SILVER DEDICATION LEAF	**$5,000**
GOLD DEDICATION LEAF	**$10,000**
BENEFACTOR DOVE	**$25,000**
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Please consider supporting our Renovation For Our Future project to continue passing the torch of Orthodox faith and Hellenism to our future generations.

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"SO LET EACH ONE GIVE AS HE PURPOSES IN HIS HEART; NOT GRUDGINGLY OR OUT OF NECESSITY; FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER"

ANNOUNCEMENT

Following the Divine Liturgy's this morning everyone is invited to the Sarantakos Hall for coffee and fellowship. Sponsored by the Maintenance Crew.

Dear Father,

After 14 wonderful years with our parish, we want to thank you for your guidance, kindness, and dedication. It has been an honor to work alongside you and be part of your journey here. You will always be part of our parish family, and you will be greatly missed.

May God bless you, guide you, and bring you continued happiness and success wherever your journey takes you.

With gratitude and best wishes,

Your Maintenance Crew
Jay, Nancy, Santiago, Rafael, Milton, and Patricio



Reserve Sarantakos Hall

Looking for the perfect spot to celebrate? **Sarantakos Hall** at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church in Flushing is open for rentals! From baptisms and milestone birthdays to big family celebrations, we've got the space to host your special day—without the heavenly price tag.

📞 Ready to party? Call the church office today 718-357-4200 to reserve your date!

PHILOPTOCHOS

ANNOUNCEMENT!

Experience the spirit of Greek tradition! Join the St. Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos Society on **November 5 at 7 PM** in Sarantakos Hall for an evening of Zeibekiko & Hasapiko led by choreographer Maria Mavrikou. Tickets are $20 (refreshments

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX SHRINE CHURCH

THE ST. NICHOLAS

MEN'S LEAGUE

PRESENTS

AN EVENING OF

FOOD, DRINK, and FELLOWSHIP



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2026

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7:00 PM

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Good Food. Great Drinks. Stronger Together.

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The Saint Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos Society

BAR SOAP DRIVE

As part of our Prison Ministry, we are asking for your support to donate Bar Soap for the women at Bedford Hills and Taconic State Correctional Facilities.

When:
October 24th through November 7th

What:
Packaged Bar Soap Only
(Please, No Liquid Soap)

Where to Donate:
In the labeled bench bin by the outside Sarantakos Hall Parking Lot or in the inside bin of Sarantakos Hall.

Our Goal:
To collect 200 Bar Soaps



For further information and/or questions, contact:

Christina Giannios at 917 385-9529
Maria Sakalis at 917 992-5531
Stephanie Moskos at 347 804 8356

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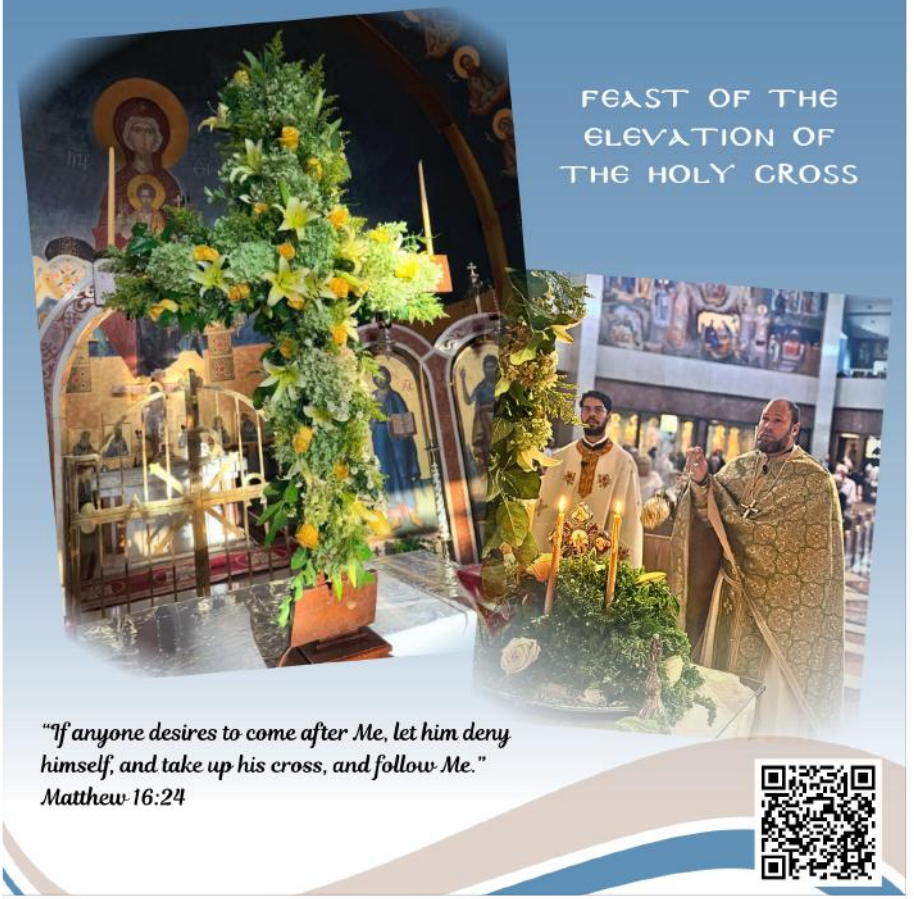
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REV. PRESBYTER ALEXANDROS DOUVRES

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Date: Sunday, November 8, 2026
Time: Immediately following the Divine Liturgy
Location: Michelis Cultural Center (Petros Sarantakos Hall)
Your presence and participation are highly valued as we gather to discuss our community's future.

KIDS BULLETIN PAGE



The Story of Saints Cosmas and Damian

Long ago, in a place called Asia Minor, lived a wise and devout Christian mother named Theodota. Her husband had passed away when her twin sons, Cosmas and Damian, were very young.

Saint Theodota raised her sons to love God above all things. She was their first teacher, reading them the Holy Scriptures and showing them how to pray. As the boys grew, she made sure they received the best education. They studied the healing arts, learning how to use herbs and plants to help the sick. Cosmas and Damian became excellent physicians, skilled in medicine and even learned the art of apothecary, preparing and mixing remedies to heal many kinds of sickness.

Because they had been taught by their mother to give freely, Cosmas and Damian made a promise to God: They would never charge money for their medical services. No matter if a person was rich or poor, the brothers would only ask them to believe in Jesus Christ, the true Physician of souls. For this reason, they were called the Holy Unmercenaries (meaning "unpaid servants").

The Lord blessed their pure hearts. They not only healed bodies with their medicine but also worked miracles through their prayers. Their love for God and neighbor was so great that they

Troparion (a prayer): Holy Unmercenaries and wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian, heal our infirmities. Freely you have received; freely you give to us.

1. The devoted Christian mother in our story was named _____.
2. Cosmas and Damian were born in a place called _____.
3. As young men, the brothers trained to become physicians and learned the _____.
4. One of their skills was the _____, which involves preparing and mixing remedies.
5. The brothers promised to never charge _____ for helping the sick.
6. Because they worked without charging a fee, the Church calls them the Holy _____.
7. The twins were able to perform miracles through their powerful _____.
8. The brothers taught that all their gifts should be used freely for the glory of _____.

1.Theodota 2. Asia Minor 3. healing arts 4. apothecary 5. money 6. Unmercenaries 7. prayers 8. God

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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Evangleos Vekios & Laina Tzanides
Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 2:30 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Son of Harris Parashos & Xanthoula Giantidou
Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 3:00 P.M.

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church
196-10 Northern Blvd Flushing, NY 11358

Sunday, November 1, 2026 | Fifth Sunday of Luke

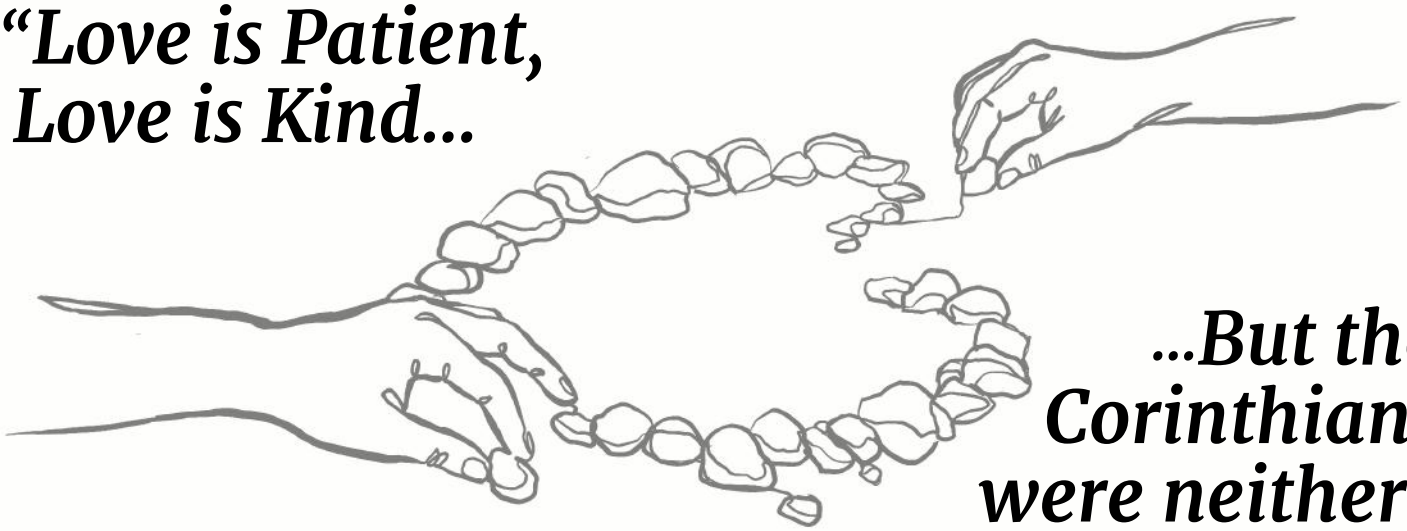
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REFLECTIONS FROM TODAY'S READING | ***I Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8***

Fr. George Parsenios (HCHC '96)

"Love is Patient, Love is Kind...



...But the Corinthians were neither."

"Love is Patient; love is kind." So says St. Paul in today's epistle reading, taken from First Corinthians 13. These well-known verses are famously printed on posters and plaques—even refrigerator magnets—and they are often read at Protestant and Catholic weddings all over America. Everyone knows the verses and everyone loves them. But few understand them. Far from being a sentimental meditation on romantic love, these famous lines are a rhetorically powerful rebuke to a divided church. Love may be patient and kind, but the Corinthians were neither. They battled against one another over who had more wealth, who had more knowledge of God, or who had deeper spiritual experiences. Paul told the Corinthians that "love is not jealous or boastful" because he had to correct them a few chapters earlier for jealous striving (3:3), and for boasting about spiritual gifts (4:7). He told them that love is slow to judge (13:5) because he commanded them previously to stop dragging each other before pagan judges in public courts (6:1–11). And he said that love hopes all things (13:7), because the Corinthians had a shaky hope in the Resurrection of the dead (15:13). When he wrote that "love is patient and kind," St. Paul was not poetically reflecting on love with pretty words. He was admonishing a strife-ridden community and confronting their arrogance. We are correct, therefore, to associate these verses with weddings and family concord, not because of how they make us feel, but because of how they make us act. Not sentimental emotions, but real self-sacrifice is the cornerstone of a strong marriage, a firm friendship and any lasting relationship. Husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, clergy and laity show their love for one another not by what they say, but by what they do.

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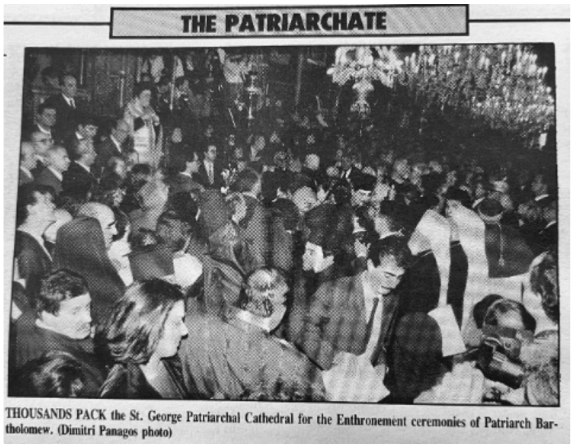
FROM THE ORIGINAL GREEK: Kyriaki (Κυριακή)

What does "The Lord's Day" mean?

Fr. George Parsenios (HCHC '96)



The Greek word ***Κυριακή/ Kyriaki*** is an adjective that can be translated as "belonging to the Lord," or just "Lord's," and it holds a prominent place in Christian life. The adjective is derived from the Greek word ***Κύριος/Kyrios***, which means "Lord," and which translates the Hebrew term for Lord, ***Adonai***. Because ***Kyrios/Lord*** is a title that serves as a name for God in the Old Testament, the New Testament applies this name to Jesus in order to identify Jesus as God. If Jesus is "the Lord," then He is God. Thus, when Jesus teaches His disciples to pray by saying, "Our Father, who art in heaven…" this famous prayer is called the "Lord's Prayer" (***Kyriaki Prosefchi***). In the same vein, the first day of the week (which we call in English "Sunday," i.e., the day of the Sun) is called "the Lord's Day" (***Kyriaki Hemera***) in the Greek of the New Testament (Rev. 1:10). Christians would gather to celebrate the Eucharist on this day, because it was the day on which the Lord Jesus Christ had risen from the dead (John 20:1). The Greek word for the first day of the week continues to be ***Kyriaki***, the Lord's Day.


THE PATRIARCHATE

THOUSANDS PACK the St. George Patriarchal Cathedral for the Enthronement ceremonies of Patriarch Bartholomew. (Dimitri Panagos photo)

The Enthronement of Patriarch Bartholomew. Orthodox Observer, December 1991.

THIS WEEK'S LOOK AT CHURCH HISTORY

The Enthronement of Patriarch Bartholomew

On November 2nd, 1991, fifty-one-year-old Metropolitan Bartholomew of Chalcedon was enthroned as the 270th Archbishop of Constantinople in the Patriarchal Cathedral of St. George at the Phanar. His thirty-five-year tenure as Ecumenical Patriarch remains by far the longest—and will perhaps prove to be among the most consequential—in Orthodox Church history.

Born Dimitrios Archontonis on the island of Imbros in 1940, Bartholomew studied at the Theological School of Halki before receiving his doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, where he was present as a student during Vatican II. He later served for years as the principal advisor to Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios, whom he succeeded.

Well-educated and well-traveled, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is one of the most widely revered religious leaders alive today. A longtime proponent of the ecumenical movement, he has spoken candidly also on the urgent need to reconcile religious faith and scientific study. Above all, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is considered a pioneer in promoting faith-based ecological stewardship, rooted in an underlying message of peace, thanksgiving, and repentance.

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS:

A Document of Divine Guidance

The Ten Commandments, also known as the ***Decalogue*** (from the Greek ***deca***, meaning ten, and ***logos***, meaning word), form a foundational ethical code that guides humanity in worshiping the true God and in building a society that reflects God's will on earth. Preserved through the centuries as a treasure of Christian civilization, the Commandments have been embraced by the Christian Church as a basic moral standard governing people's responsibilities toward both God and one another. Few documents have exerted a greater influence on religion and morality.

Moses stands as one of the most significant figures of the Old Testament, renowned for his leadership and as a religious forerunner of Judaism. God called him to lead the people of Israel out of Egyptian bondage into the wilderness north of Mount Sinai, between Egypt and Palestine, where they would begin a new chapter of their history. Moses was familiar with this region, having spent forty years there in exile under the guidance of his father-in-law Jethro.

Three months after the Exodus, Moses sought God's guidance so that the Israelites might live faithfully and peacefully under divine protection. In response, God summoned Moses to Mount Sinai to receive His covenant and convey it to the people. The Israelites accepted God's word, declaring, "All that the Lord has spoken, we will do" (Exodus 19:8).

Moses remained with the Lord for forty days. At the end of that time, God gave him two stone tablets containing the divine commandments, written by the finger of God (Exodus 31:18). When Moses descended the mountain and witnessed the people's idolatry, he broke the tablets (Exodus 32:19). God later replaced them. (Exodus 34:1).

The text of the Ten Commandments is preserved in two Old Testament accounts: Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-18. Aside from the prohibition concerning images and the command to observe the Sabbath, the Commandments contain moral principles shared by all humanity. Their meaning was further deepened by the teachings of Jesus Christ, especially in the Sermon on the Mount. Christ summarized the entire law in two commandments: to love God with all one's heart, soul, and strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself (Mark 12:29-31; cf. Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Leviticus 19:18). In these two commandments, Jesus reveals the enduring purpose and fulfillment of the Ten Commandments.

FAITH IN ACTION

Choose one of the Ten Commandments and intentionally live it with greater purpose each day this week. Begin and end each day with prayer, asking God to help you grow in love for Him and for your neighbor.

Based on a longer article, The Ten Commandments: A Document of Divine Guidance, by Rev. George Mastrantonis, found on goarch.org (https://bit.ly/4ikvFtl)

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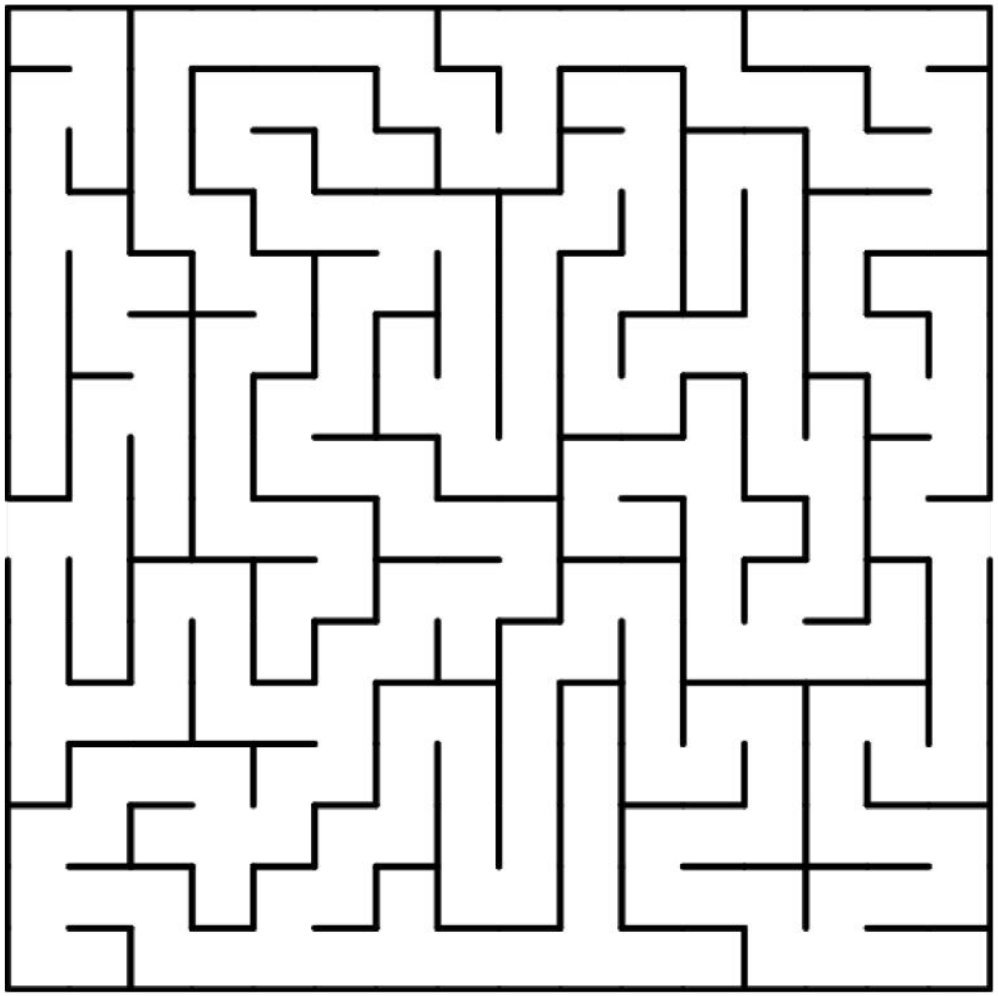
MAZE

Sts. Cosmas and Damian

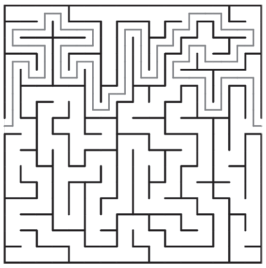
Just For Kids!
(...and the young at heart)

On November 1, the Orthodox Church celebrates Sts. Cosmas and Damian, the holy brothers who were physicians (doctors) and wonderworkers. They loved Jesus Christ and used their knowledge of medicine to help people who were sick. They healed many illnesses through God's Grace and never accepted any money for their work! Because they served others freely, they are called Unmercenaries. Through their kindness, faith, and healing, many people learned about God's love and came closer to Christ! **Use this maze to help Sts. Cosmas and Damian find their way to heal the sick man. When you reach the end, say a silent prayer to them for someone you know is sick.**









ANSWER KEY:

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