KNOWING THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). This season’s celebration of the “good news of great joy” (Luke 2:10) is all about God the Creator of the universe becoming a human being. It’s about Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah, coming to earth to save the world from darkness and evil, sin and death. This radical and life-giving message is now lost for many people in all the hustle and bustle of our secular Christmas. Therefore, we Christians need to understand that this season of Christmas is a great opportunity to let other people know what Christmas is truly about! We have a great opportunity, and a great responsibility to share the good news of great joy with others—to let people know the reason for the season!

So, to truly understand Christmas, to be able to explain your faith and have love, is possible. You know this, right? Let’s understand the magnitude and greatness of the gift God gave to us on Christmas. The best way to share the reason for the season is by using the icon of the Nativity. I hope that you can take some time in the next couple of weeks and share this explanation with your family and friends. Let’s look at how all of creation participated in this incredible miracle. There is so, so, so much happening in this icon. This is just another reason why icons are such an important part of Christian worship. All of creation gave something that night. The angels gave thanks with their song—the doxology that we sing every Sunday at the end of Orthros. The heavens gave the star. Here’s an interesting bit of information...did you know that the star wasn’t really a star at all? Even scientifically, that star cannot be explained because it behaved so differently than anything scientists have ever observed—even until this day. It moved, it stopped, it ascended and descended, it changed direction...stars don’t behave like this. That’s because it really wasn’t a star at all. It was the Archangel Gabriel. After bringing Panagia the news of the Annunciation, he went straightaway to take his place as a light in the sky—The light that the Magi would follow for over 2,500 years. The poor humble shepherds gave praise and amazement. Earth gave its cave—not a barn—it was actually a cave in the wilderness as depicted in the icon. Humanity gave the Virgin; the magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gold represented His royalty, the frankincense the dignity of His divinity, and the myrrh of course, represented His death. The Magi didn’t perceive the mystery of the gifts they gave, though. I’m going to tell you another really neat story—about the myrrh used at His burial in a bit.

Everything that took place was a fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. Saint Gregory of Nyssa compares the birth of Christ in a cave to the spiritual light shining forth in the shadow of death that had encompassed mankind. So, what exactly happened that night? We all know that Joseph and Panagia traveled to Bethlehem, which literally translates to “House of Bread” and was where the symbol of the Eucharist—manna—was delivered from Heaven. Now, He who rained manna upon His people would Himself become the bread of the Eucharist.

When they arrived, there was no room for them so they were led to a cave that

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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

“Just wait until you get older—you’ll discover how quickly time passes” were the words of admonishment and wisdom my father passed on to me when I became youthfully impatient about something forgotten long ago. I’m increasingly reminded of the wisdom of his words as I look back over yet another year that has passed all too quickly but has not been lacking in accomplishments and blessings.

We continue to benefit from a robust spiritual program. Our Proistamenos Fr. Costas Pavlakos remains the bedrock of our Liturgical celebrations and our parish’s sacramental life continues to prosper further enabling us to grow closer to God and to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We are blessed by the abundance and strength of our ministries and give thanks for the vibrancy of Catechetical School and our Hellenic Education Center programs (Greek School, Paideia Preschool, and Adult Education), as well as all of our dedicated and passionate teachers who serve our children and our community. We also eagerly anticipate the dawn of a new era with the opening of our inaugural Kindergarten program next year. Our GOYA and other youth ministries continue to provide cultural and other important outlets for our youth.

We again took pride in knowing “the universe is our parish” as Project Mexico provided enthusiastic volunteers the opportunity to serve their fellow man. The recent mission trip to Kenya to benefit the work and ministries of Bishop Neofitos and to help build a church for his parishioners was a tremendous source of inspiration for our local community and Orthodox Christians everywhere.

We were again blessed by a group of dedicated volunteers whose diligence and selfless efforts resulted in two extremely successful festivals. We are also grateful for the Saint Phocas Gardeners, our newest ministry. Just last month, in November, our community gathered for another successful annual Dinner Gala and we took great pleasure in honoring Presvytera Pauline Pavlakos and the Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter 438 for their exemplary service to the community. We also launched our Capital Campaign and we pray for its success.

A critical accomplishment this year has been the replacement of our church roof which had deteriorated greatly, resulting in multiple leaks in our sanctuary. The new TPC membrane and flashing were expertly installed and will serve our community well for many years. We also made a number of other significant enhancements or capital improvements in 2017:

- Beautiful new landscaping throughout church grounds
- Gym floor refinished and re-striped
- Beautiful new hand railings for the front steps of our church
- New floor installed on the upper level of Chelpon Hall
- New carpet on the lower level of the Meletis Charuhas Center
- New railings for the church’s handicapped entrance
- New desks for our Hellenic Education Center
- Bride’s Room in the Church renovated and redecorated
- Railings leading to the solesa in Sanctuary repaired
- New multi-purpose benches for our Senior Center patio
- New natural gas “quick connect” outlets for our Senior Center patio
- New exterior lighting (buildings/parking lot)
- Refrigeration monitoring system installed

I wish to acknowledge the generosity of benefactors who made several of the above improvements possible. Our sincere gratitude for their charity and kindness cannot be overstated. Although proud of these and other accomplishments, we remain fully mindful that our responsibility to maintain and continue to improve our physical plant is ongoing. Indeed, we do not lack for future initiatives, including: resurfacing our church parking lot, renovating bathrooms in our Meletis Charuhas Center, completing the repair and stone resurfacing of the retaining walls at the rear of the church, replacing the fence along our parking lot, acquiring mobile refrigeration units for festival operations, and installing a metal covering to the dome of our church. Beyond attention to our physical surroundings, we will always focus on providing all parishioners the maximum opportunity to further participate in the life of our Church.

Our job tending to the needs of our community is an ongoing and immensely rewarding ministry. On behalf of our Parish Council, I thank you for your support and for giving us all the opportunity to serve our community. We wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous, and Healthy New Year! Καλά Χριστούγεννα και Ευτυχής το Νέο Έτος!

Please note that Parish Council elections will be held on Sunday, December 10.

Your servant in Christ,
Jim Stoucker
President, Parish Council
"It's the most wonderful time of the year." This is what people say about Christmas, and I agree. There is something special about this time of the year. It is a time of year surrounded by family, cozy nights, Christmas music, a plethora of amazing movies, colorful lights, and tacky sweaters. What could be more wonderful than that?!

Christmas time is a time of love and sharing. It is a time of tradition and ritual. In many ways it is a time of nostalgia and reliving previous times. The overarching theme is that Christmas time is a time of being with the ones we love. Even though we may not always get along with our family members, we all deep down really do love each other. We might disagree about alot, and we might yell and say things we regret. This is all part of being human, and the truth is that we forgive and reconcile with each other. This is how Christ acts within us.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Saint Paul says “In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’” (Acts 20:35). Christmas time shows us that this is true. Sure it is nice to get that new bicycle, iPhone, or whatever else we have asked for, but we all know deep down how it feels to give someone a gift. We see the expression on their face. We see their joy and we rejoice with them and this brings us a greater joy. This brings us Christ’s Joy as He is All-Giving.

This year, just as Christ was born into the world, let Him be born into our hearts. Let us seek the warmth of love and joy within our hearts. Let us appreciate our family and let go of resentment. Do something really special for someone this Christmas!

**PROJECT MEXICO, JULY 18-24**

Project Mexico is one of the best things a youth can do with a week over the summer. Project Mexico, Camp Good Shepherd (July 8-14), or Ionian Village are the best opportunities our youth have to grow and have the experience of a lifetime. At Project Mexico, we stay with over 100 other Orthodox Christians at an orphanage in Rosarito, Mexico and build a home for an impoverished family. We have daily prayers, hands-on work, awesome tacos, and plenty of fun and fellowship! For more information, please contact Bill Porter (beporter1@verizon.net) or Nick Junes (njunes@stkchurch.com).

**GOYA**

All Saint Katherine youth in 7th grade or higher are encouraged to join GOYA! All that is required is a good attitude, a completed Health and Registration Form (found on the Saint Katherine website), and an annual GOYA registration fee of $30 (made out to Saint Katherine GOYA). Please email Nick at njunes@stkchurch.com for all information!

**GOYA DECEMBER CALENDAR**

- Dec. 2-3, Saturday-Sunday: Saint George Bethesda, Tournament
- Dec. 9, Saturday, 4pm-11pm: GOYA Lock In at St. Sophia
- Dec. 17, Sunday: Youth Church Duty/GOYA Meeting
- Dec. 17, Sunday: GOYA Christmas Party at the Moratis Family Home
- Dec. 23, Saturday, 6:30pm: Service Saturday (Assemble bags for the homeless in DC)
- Dec. 25, Monday, 8am: Distribute bags to DC homeless

**YOUNG ADULTS**

Our Young Adult Ministry is for young adults, young professionals, college grads, new transplants, etc. in their 20s and 30s! We will host a monthly Fellowship and Forum Night for us to get together, share ideas, and discuss our faith. As a ministry of Christ and His Church we will also be participating in a Service Saturday—one Saturday a month where we volunteer and reach out to our local community.

**YAL DECEMBER CALENDAR**

- Dec. 11, Monday, 7:30pm: Defteri Deftera (sandwich making)
- Dec. 14, Thursday, 6:30pm: Young Adult Monthly Fellowship and Discussion
- Dec. 16, Saturday: Young Adult Christmas Party with Saint Sophia

**MOMS, POPS & TOTS | HOPE | JOY:**

Here at Saint Katherine we also have ministries for youth who aren’t of GOYA age! I strongly encourage these youngsters, and all of our youth, to register and attend Sunday School. This is the best way for our youth and parents to be involved, learn, and establish relationships! For parents who would like to be more involved, please contact me or Irene Sakkas (iresakkas@gmail.com) for Moms, Pops & Tots (40 days to 4 years), Doris Mentis (doris@alumni.virginia.edu) for HOPE (7 years and younger), and/or Vaitsa Bousbouras (vsbousbouras@yahoo.com) for JOY (ages 8-12).

**ALTAR BOYS**

- Group 1: December 3 and 17
- Group 2: December 10
- Other Sundays: All are welcome!

For all youth and young adult concerns, please email Nick Junes at njunes@stkchurch.com.
FAMILY FUN NIGHT was a lot of fun! Our Saint Katherine families organized a wonderful event for our community to enjoy fellowship and promote the HEC programs. Thank you to all the families for their contribution and the great book collection for our school library!

New Pilot Drama Class. There is a new special activity piloted this year for our Paideia Pre-K class. It is a Drama class offered along with our music class to enrich the children’s vocabulary and theater experiences. We welcome Ms. Eleftheria Katsoupi, the instructor in our community!

Book Fair. The Hellenic Book Club from NY joined us on a book exhibit at HEC. The children had the opportunity to see new children literature books on November 10 and 11. It was a big success! Nothing like picking a new book off the shelf and reading it!

The Paideia Pre-K class performed at the Seniors Thanksgiving Luncheon sponsored by our church’s Philoptochos. Their sweet voices filled the hall, followed by a big applaud and some delicious homemade koulourakia!

Happy Veterans Day! We would like express our gratitude to our Paideia military families for a very special Veterans Day at Paideia Preschool!

Professional Development day on October 21 by Mr. Ted Theodorou on “Lesson Planning, Learning Targets and Assessments” gave the theoretical background to our teachers to prepare meaningful lesson plans and assessments that align with the HEC curriculum.

Happy Veterans Day!

Eleni Alexopoulou

Eυχόμαστε Καλά Χριστούγεννα και Ειρήνη σε όλον τον κόσμο!
BOOK REVIEWS
Gregory McKinney


Saint Isaac the Syrian was a monastic of the seventh century who lived within what we would call today the Assyrian Church of the East. The Church recognized his worthiness by elevating him to bishop of Nineveh (Mosul), but he demonstrated his humility in returning to the life of a hermit shortly thereafter.

Saint Isaac has always been a challenging figure. His star has waxed and waned over the centuries. With the ever-growing interest in the Church Fathers, Isaac is likely more well-known today than ever and for good reason. Out of his direct experience of God, he speaks as a grace-filled pathologist, especially valuable to the struggles of modern believers. He doesn’t shy away from the absolutes that we need to hear:

Divine care surrounds all human beings all the time, but it is only seen by those who have purified themselves from sins and who have God in mind at every moment. [Hom. 5, B 64]

The way to God consists in a daily cross (cf. John 16:33): no one can ascend to heaven in comfort—we know where the road of comfort leads to! [Hom. 59, B 417–8]

Yet among his absolutes is the love and mercy of God:

The entire purpose of our Lord’s death was not to redeem us from sins, or for any other reason, but solely in order that the world might become aware of the love which God has for creation. Had all this astounding affair taken place solely for the purpose of the forgiveness of sin, it would have been sufficient to redeem us by some other means. [Keph. IV.78]

Among all God’s actions there is none which is not entirely a matter of mercy, love and compassion: this constitutes the beginning and end of His dealings with us. [XXXIX.22]

Just as a grain of sand will not balance in the scales against a great weight of gold, such too is the case

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**REGISTRY**

**Baptisms**

Lulai (November 4)
- son of Najeed and Ilham Hanania
- Godparent: Nicholas Lagos

Orion Pericles (November 11)
- son of Reid Allan and Andrianne Salvette
- Godparent: Christophile Konstas

Camila Claudia (November 11)
- daughter of Angelo Nicholas and Nicole Collins
- Godparents: Angelina Collins and Andres Lazaris

Mason John (November 12)
- son of Demetrios and Shawna Bursenos
- Godparent: Joanna Kozakos

Vivienne Ashlee (November 18)
- daughter of Kyriacos and Geri Ann Antoniou
- Godparents: Anthony and Crystalla Antoniou

Marco Constantis (November 25)
- son of George and Hellen Christofi
- Godparents: Andri Orphanides and Maria Andreou

**Congratulations!**

**Funerals**

Helen Anthony Christ (October 27)
Charalambos Bakopanos (November 3)
Mary Pappas Summers (November 15)

*May their memory be eternal.*

**CATECHETICAL (SUNDAY) SCHOOL**

Thank you, students, for participating in National Make a Difference Day by writing notes of appreciation and support to our military and thank you to Tina Papamichael for leading this project. What a blessing you are to our community! On December 3rd, the Giving Tree will be set up by the entry of our Sunday School. This year we will support the Santa’s Helpers Program at St. Innocent Orphanage and Project Mexico. Monetary contributions will support their Christmas celebration with food, decorations, gift wrapping, and special Mexican holiday traditions. No amount is too little to show our love at Christmas to orphans around the world. Merry Christmas!

**DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- **Sunday, December 3,** following Liturgy: Christmas Pageant rehearsal with a pizza party!
- **Sunday, December 10,** 12:00pm-1:30pm: Christmas Pageant Chelpon Hall, followed by a reception.
- **Sunday, December 17,** 10:00am, Youth Church Duty Sunday
- **Saturday, December 23,** 6:30pm: We will help GOYA with their annual Feed and Clothe the Homeless in DC on Christmas Day by making sandwiches, signing cards, and packaging lunch and gift bags, then on . . .
- **Monday, December 25,** Christmas Day, 8:00am: We will meet in the Meletis Charuhas Hall, pack vehicles, and drive into DC to distribute the bags we packed on Saturday. Come be a part of the gracious opportunity!!
- **Sunday, December 10:** No Sunday School
- **Sunday, December 17:** No Sunday School
- **Sunday, December 24:** No Sunday School
- **Sunday, January 7,** 9:00am: Sunday School resumes.

Remember….It’s never too late to register your children for Sunday School!
SAINT NICHOLAS IS BELOVED throughout the Orthodox world. Sailors and fishermen view him as their special intercessor. The Russian and Greek churches give the Bishop of Myra a special place among the saints. And children especially love his feast day because it is a wonderful time of gift-giving and special treats. This year, make your celebration particularly joyful by reading one of the many beautiful books we have on Saint Nicholas in the bookstore. If you do not have an icon of Saint Nicholas in your home, it is time to get one! We have a range of sizes available from mini to large.

We also now have in Orthodox calendars. Get a jump on planning for the new year with the colorful calendars from Ancient Faith Publishing. The theme for this year’s iconography is Christ and His parables.

As always, if there is something special you would like and we don’t carry it in the bookstore, let us know and we will see what we can do to procure it.

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with God’s justice when it is weighed against His compassion. When compared with God’s mind, the sins of all flesh are like a handful of sand thrown in the sea. [Hom. 50, B 345]

These three books offer everything one needs to embrace this saint. Brock’s book is a short collection of 153 “proverbs” taken from across Saint Isaac’s writings and contains an excellent introduction and bibliography. To enter more fully into Isaac’s world, Metropolitan Hilario’s book opens up the saint’s life in the seventh century and is a profound spiritual examination in its own right. The Ascetical Homilies is the way to sit with Saint Isaac over the years and receive his intercession towards our transformation and salvation.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Dennis Garbis

OUR SAINT KATHERINE COMMUNITY baked approximately 150 dozen cookies for the KAIROS Prison Ministry. The four day weekend was scheduled for October 12 –15 at the Greensville Correctional Facility. It was cancelled due to a lockdown from a disturbance. It was rescheduled and took place November 2–5.

As always, the cookies played an integral part of the weekend. At the outset, many of the men openly confessed they came for the cookies and whatever else happened was secondary. But most came away with much more than they had ever imagined. It’s one thing to feed one’s stomach. Quite another to feed one’s soul.

There were six offenders at my table and it was amazing that the stories of their childhood were very similar: living in inner cities, the use and selling of drugs, gangs, violence, no father present, sometimes no mother either, no family, no nurturing, and no love. It’s heartbreaking. The outcome is predictable.

In four days, the KAIROS Prison Ministry presents God’s unconditional acceptance and love, God’s mercy and forgiveness, and God’s desire for an intimate relationship with everyone. One of the highlights is the “Forgiveness” ceremony. Each person was given a sheet of paper on which to write down all the people they had offended and all the people that had offended them and needed forgiveness. This is a personal time for the offenders because years and years of offenses were opened up. It’s a time of reflection, sorrow, tears, and remorse. This is the reason there is a box of tissues on each table.

Upon completion of each offender’s list, each person approached a large fish tank and placed his list in the water. Since the paper was rice paper it dissolved in the water and disappeared. This signifies God’s forgiveness and promise that “As far as the East is from the West, so far has he removed our transgressions from us” (Psalms 103:12). Some of the men confessed they felt like a great burden had been removed from their shoulders.

The KAIROS Prison Ministry continues to be one of the most meaningful and rewarding experiences in my life.

If your loved one needs care, please contact Fr. Costas, as he has the names of some known and trusted caregivers.
Kenya Mission Trip. As reported previously, Saint Katherine sent a team of ten individuals, led by our Fr. Costa, to Kenya at the invitation of Bishop Neofitos. Their task was to help build the new Saint Katherine Church and to meet and work with our fellow Orthodox Christians in Kenya. The team returned October 22. Over the next few weeks and months, they will share their experiences with us. Below is the experience of one of the members of the team, Vivian Spathopulos Chelpon.

In the early 1990s, I dreamt of travel to Kenya. When asked why and for what reason, I couldn’t answer. All I knew was that I needed to be there. Fast forward many, many years, we were blessed by the visit of Bishop Neofitos to Saint Katherine. As he spoke of the work of our church in Kenya, a thought emerged which said, if there is a mission to Kenya, you will go. Not but two minutes after this thought, the Bishop announced a mission. And so, it was meant to be.

There are so many impressions I would wish to share with my fellow brothers and sisters of Saint Katherine. God willing, we will have the opportunity to do so over the next few months as we chat over coffee after church or work at our festival. What I wish to share today is a glimpse into the love and devotion our fellow Orthodox Christians in Kenya have for our Lord, our Church and one another. To witness this is to witness Christ in our midst.

Our Kenyan hosts were rich in ways we can often dismiss orforget in a country of plenty. What was theirs, became ours—their beds, their food, their time, their laughter, their dance, their song.

Our visits to the orphanages filled me up, seeing the children’s faces, full of curiosity, joy and even hesitation. Their runny noses, sticky fingers, ripped and dirty clothing, with big brown eyes trying to comprehend our whiteness, tugging at us, laughing, running after soccer balls and playing games like ring around the rosie. They played in dusty fields and studied in modest classrooms. Our time with them was joyful, frenetic, sometimes overwhelming, but centering at the same time as we witnessed the pure excitement that only children can bring into our world.

During our mission, the plan to build Saint Katherine Church of Meru was fulfilled. A dedicated local team worked tirelessly mixing cement and leveling walls in what can easily be cited as hazardous work conditions in the United States. It was against these cefrete gray walls that we witnessed our liturgy and evening vespers come to life with parishioners—men, women and children colorfully clothed, singing each word without the benefit of liturgy books or sheet music.

One day at the side of the church under a tent, we met a group of women who came together on a monthly basis. It was clear to see that these women were the backbone of their community. They served in the church, in their homes, in the classrooms, and in the tea fields. They served one another in support of each other’s struggles and in celebration of their blessings. We spent time sharing a little bit about ourselves and our hopes and prayers for each other. They then invited us to dance and sing with them. Their joyous voices, bright scarves, and even brighter smiles united us further.

On our final night we shared dinner with our hosts and caretakers—Joseph who is kind, his wife Purity who is gracious, their daughter Pavla who is bright, and their son Max who returned from boarding school to a house of strangers and didn’t even flinch. That night we laughed with Father Photios who is serene and sang with his Papadia Janet who is a positive force and cared for our every need. We laughed with Father Moses who shepherded us through the hills of Kenya and prayed with Father Gregory who is wise beyond words.

And we recited our favorite children’s praise: “God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good, that is His nature. WOW!”

Our mission team became a family—Fr. Costas, Peter, Despina, Mary, Effie, Victoria, Veronica, Elaine, Nick and me. With Father Costas’ guidance, we created bonds with one another and the Kenyan families with whom we lived and traveled.

Being with my Orthodox brothers and sisters in Kenya demonstrated that God’s light lives in us all. That we are here to witness each other’s spiritual journey and share our troubles and victories.

God is good, and that is His nature.

Project Mexico, July 18-24, 2019. Interested in going to Project Mexico? For the 5th time, our church will sponsor a missions team to Mexico from July 18-24, 2018, to build a simple home for a family in need, while staying at the St. Innocent Orphanage. Fifteen (15) spaces have been reserved for our team and 12 of them are already filled! The trip costs $1,700, which pays for the building supplies, materials, food, lodging, flights, and a rental van into Mexico. If you are interested in going, please contact Bill at beporter1@verizon.net or Nick Junes at njunes@stkchurch.com.

Guatemala Medical Clinic. Our Saint Katherine community has been supporting full-time Orthodox missionaries in Guatemala for over three years now. We have supported Jesse Brandow for two years and now are supporting Jennifer Rice. They are in a remote mountainous area of Guatemala near the Mexican border. Recently a benefactor from Pittsburg funded a badly needed medical clinic in the area. However, the clinic is in need of some basic supplies. Members of our Saint Katherine community have donated some medical supplies, but more are needed. Below is a list of other basic medical needs:

1. Roche #05346754160 Accutrend-Plus Meter kit (for testing of Total Cholesterol, Triglycerides, Glucose and Lactate levels). The price is $202.48.
2. Roche Accutrend Cholesterol Test Strips Mfr. #05213312160. The price is $90.64 for a box of 25 test strips.
3. Welch Allen EKG with Spirometry-interpretive Mfr. #CP150AS-1ENB. The price is $3220.00 (does not include necessary electrodes and wires).

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**Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos**  
**CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**  
*December 10th and 17th after Divine Liturgy*

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To place your order, please email LPbakesale@yahoo.com; or, call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161.

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Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos  
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Please check the online calendar, [http://saint-katherines.org/calendar](http://saint-katherines.org/calendar), for the most current information.
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

First, I would love to thank everyone who worked so diligently to make our Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon a splendid affair. My sincerest thanks to Anastasia and Ilias Kanakos for preparing this wonderful feast. Special thanks to Georgia Chronis who cooked the “best green beans ever” according to all our guests and many thanks to all the ladies that helped serve and clean-up. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying this annual event with our church family.

Our greatest joy is in helping those in need and being there in special ways. We are here to serve our community and parish. So, we strive to accomplish our charitable work through fundraisers like our holiday bake sales. Without the commitment and dedication of our “Dream Baking Team” and the ladies who have helped us sell our goods, we would not be as successful or fortunate enough to continue our philanthropy. Of course, a special thank you goes to all the people who have bought our sweet and savory goods. Without your continued support, we would not be in the position to give as generously as we have throughout the year to many causes and initiatives. These bake sales allow us to help people in need in our community and to participate in all the other initiatives that our New Jersey Metropolis and National Philoptochos require of us.

As a Philoptochos chapter, we have many commitments to our Metropolis and National Philoptochos throughout the year. We support these commitments and programs through various fundraising events: Academy of Saint Basil, Autism Fund, Children’s Medical Fund, Ecumenical Patriarchate (including Balukli Hospital and nursing home, schools, shrines and parishes), Emergency Fund (National), General Medical Fund, Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology, International Orthodox Christian Charities, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, Orthodox Christian Missions and Support a Mission Priest, Retired Clergy and Widowed Presvyteres Benevolent Fund, Saint Photios Shrine, 75th Anniversary Founders Fund, Social Services/Cancer and Other Major Illnesses Fund, and United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund.

Besides the commitments to our Metropolis and National Philoptochos, our chapter has focused on increasing our stewardship. As of now, I am very proud to say, we have 120 stewards and, we are extremely proud to see our stewardship increasing its numbers. This is only the beginning. Our hope is to have every single lady aged 18+ join us! Philoptochos has no age. To reach this goal, we started in March with our first Stewardship Tea. We accepted 20 new stewards during that successful event. Yet, growing our stewards is not our primary goal. As so many have witnessed during our coffee hours after church services, there are numerous initiatives throughout the year for which we fundraise. Allow me the opportunity to summarize our past years efforts: Hope Project initiative which deals with Human trafficking, USO and Fisher House—including calling cards to our Veterans, Heart-to-Heart initiative during Mother’s Day and Father’s Day—to aid the less fortunate in Greece and Cyprus, Children’s Medical Fund—this year’s focus benefited our area children and their medical needs, Miriam’s Kitchen, Cancer Awareness Month, Hurricanes Harvey and Irma Relief Funds, GOYA Christmas morning gift bags for DC homeless, Sunday School project for Saturday of Lazarus, Brain Injury Services, Second Story and Homestretch—a combined effort with Daughters of Penelope to provide coats/hoodies/jackets to children and teens in need, Valentine’s Senior Luncheon, providing goodies and essentials to our shut-ins during Christmas and Easter as well as visiting throughout the year, the Culmore Clinic, The Final Salute, DC Central Kitchen, Doorways for Women and Children, and Camp Connect. We will close our year with our Annual Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 3. Everyone is welcome! Reservations are under way and available. Please call me, Mary Varlas, at 703-965-4161 or email me at mary.varlas@yahoo.com. Also, our Christmas Bake Sale will be held on Sundays, December 10 and 17 after church service.

Once again, I thank you for all the support you have shown the Ladies Philoptochos. Without your donations, we could not have assisted the many causes we all hold dear to our hearts. I sincerely hope that this Christmas season will be filled with the spirit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May everyone follow His light and allow peace to be shared by all.

The Daughters of Penelope and Philoptochos thank the Saint Katherine community for their generous outpouring of donations for our warm clothing drive. Your donations of beautiful new jackets, hoodies, and sweatshirts in all sizes were so appreciated by the two Fairfax County organizations we delivered them to: Homestretch and Second Story. We also received many generous monetary donations which allowed us to purchase additional clothing needed. We surpassed last year’s donations, and this success will help warmly cloth more adults, teens, and children this winter. Thank you again for supporting this important need.
DAUGHTERS OF PENELLOPE (Barbara Koltos, President)

Dear Sisters and Friends, As this year comes to an end I wanted to publish the donations and outreach programs that our Chapter has contributed to this past year so that our community can see the results of our fundraising and charitable efforts in fulfilling the mission of the Daughters of Penelope and the AHEPA Family. Looking forward to the New Year we hope to continue our service to promote Hellenism, education, philanthropy and community service to touch the lives of many in need. Thank you all for your continued support and encouragement. In Theta Pi, Barbara Koltos

Helle Chapter Charitable Donations

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In addition, Helle Chapter made the following District and National mandatory and voluntary donations:

**National Mandatory:**
- DOP Foundation Scholarship $40.00
- Maids of Athena 40.00
- Penelope House, Mobile, AL 100.00
- Penelope Place, Brockton, MA 100.00
- The Sjogren’s Syndrome Foundation 50.00

**District Voluntary:**
- DOP Foundation 100.00
- Melissa’s Orphanage for Girls, Greece 50.00
- Limbitless Solutions 50.00
- The Penelopean Day Care Center, Greece 100.00

**District Mandatory:**
- DOP District #3 Scholarship Fund 125.00
- District Treasury Project 50.00

**Sub-Total** $805.00

**Total Donations** $7,580.00

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**Apolytikion of Holy Nativity**

*Fourth Tone*

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath shined the light of knowledge upon the world; for thereby they that worshipped the stars were instructed by a star to worship Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Dayspring from on high. O Lord, glory be to Thee.

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**Kontakion of Holy Nativity**

*Third Tone*

Today, the Virgin bears Him who is transcendent, and the earth presents the cave to Him who is beyond reach. Angels, along with shepherds glorify Him. The Magi make their way to Him by a star. For a new child has been born for us, the God before all ages.
SAINT KATHERINE ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD
You are invited to participate in the annual Christmas Card of our parish. Our Community Christmas Card brings us together as a family, expressing prayers and love to all of our brothers and sisters. This special community Christmas card will be mailed by the Church Office and your donation is only $25.00. (Please make checks payable to “Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church” and note “Christmas Card” on the memo line. Thank you.

Complete the form below and give it to a church usher or mail it to the Church Office by Sunday, December 10. List your name(s), in English or Greek, as you want it (them) printed in the card.

Name: __________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

AHEPA CHAPTER #438
CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT
THE PETER N. DERZIS AHEPA CHAPTER #438 is proud to announce availability of our Tenth Annual Community Christmas Ornament—Evzone Nutcracker. These collectible ornaments continue to grow in popularity from year to year and this year’s ornament is no exception! The Evzone Nutcracker is the perfect ornament for the Christmas season and one we trust you’ll want to add to your collection and give as gifts to friends and family alike...your children and grandchildren will cherish it!

These high quality ornaments are manufactured by the same firm that creates the famous White House Christmas ornaments. The decorative boxed packaging makes them ideal for gift giving...they are the perfect stocking stuffer. The ornaments are available for purchase beginning in June at our Fall Festival. Cost remains $20 each with proceeds supporting our AHEPA Charities such as Vacation Bible Camp, Hellenic Education Center, Church Missions, and College Scholarships. Please support our chapter’s charitable endeavors on behalf of our community with your purchase of these highly collectable and sought after ornaments. Please contact us at 703-671-7225 or antovi@verizon.net to place your orders. Thank you.

DECEMBER CHURCH DUTY ROSTER

Follow our Facebook pages (Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church and Saint Katherine Youth) for news, announcements, and activities! While you’re there, take a moment and “like” us.
housed animals and that is where Christ would be born. Joseph left to find a midwife. This all took place around sunset. Joseph found two midwives, Zaloumi and Salome. Zaloumi went with Joseph to the cave and when they got close to it there was a cloud and an extremely bright light. As they walked closer and closer, the light decreased and the cloud disappeared and they both beheld the infant at the breast of the Virgin. Zaloumi asked Panagia if she was the mother. When she said yes, Zaloumi replied, “Thou art not like the other daughters of Eve.” And the Theotokos responded, “As my Son has no equal among children, so His Mother has no equal among women.” And this wasn’t said out of pride, it was said out of amazement.

I mean, can you imagine that? Those of you who are parents know the joy and love that overflows within you the moment you hold your newborn child. Can you imagine how the Theotokos felt? Let alone carrying God in her womb for nine months, but to now be able to hold and kiss the face of God? That’s incredible!

Zaloumi left quickly and went out to get the other midwife, Salome. Now, Salome was actually a relative of the Theotokos. She was Agia Anna’s sister’s daughter, which made them first cousins. When Zaloumi told Salome that “a virgin brought forth, a thing which nature does not admit!” Salome said she would not believe it unless she saw proof, so she went into the cave to see for herself. When they entered the cave, Panagia was leaning over the manger and swaddling the baby Jesus before she laid him down to sleep. This action alone was amazing to Salome because a woman who had given birth could not physically move so well after just giving birth. Remember, we’re not talking about giving birth in a comfy hospital bed, surrounded by pillows, epidurals, and sucking on ice chips. We’re talking about laying in a cave, surrounded by animals. So, Salome reached down and tried to examine Panagia, the way a midwife usually did, but as soon as her hand touched Panagia’s body, it withered and literally started to burn with fire. She groaned and cried out to the Lord until an angel appeared and instructed her to go and touch the child. As soon as she did this, her hand was restored and she was filled with joy. She begged forgiveness from God and from the Theotokos.

You have to understand that when we say Panagia was a virgin, before, during, and after the birth of Christ, we mean exactly that. Her seal was never broken. Christ passed through her like a normal delivery, but it was everything but normal. There was no blood, no afterbirth. The Panagia felt no pain whatsoever. This is why she is depicted this way in the Nativity icon, to indicate her painless delivery and unneeded service of a midwife. Saint John of Damascus, who we know had his hand healed by the Theotokos, said about the birth, “The birth surpassed the order of birth giving as it was without pain; for where pleasure had not preceded, pain did not follow.” Saint Ambrose writes, “A virgin carried Him whom the world cannot contain or support. And when He was born of Mary’s womb, He preserved the enclosure of her modesty, and the inviolate seal of her virginity.”

Christ is shown, in the icon on page 1 of this DOXA, in swaddling clothes which are also symbolic of His future death, burial, tomb, and burial clothes. Panagia is also depicted this way in the Dormition icon. Then, we know the Shepherds came to worship Him. Now, the shepherds were chosen for a reason. They didn’t just happen to be at the right place at the right time. God chose them for very specific reasons. Saint Gregory the Great tells us that “before the birth of Christ, there was discord between us and the angels because we separated ourselves from God through sin, the angels (as God’s loyal subjects) cut us off from their fellowship. But because we were now acknowledging Him as King, they again received us as fellow citizens.”

We also see in the icon an old man dressed in black fur, bent down whispering in Joseph’s ear. This is the devil, who continuously tried to make Joseph doubt. “How is it possible for a virgin to bear a child? It is against all the laws of nature! You’re a fool!” Of course, Joseph struggled with doubt, but never gave in to his temptations. He protected the Theotokos and Christ until his death. Down in the corner, we see the two midwives, Salome and Zaloumi bathing the baby Jesus.

Another amazing story is that while the midwives bathed Christ, there was a woman watching nearby. When they took Him back into the cave, the woman brought an alabaster flask and filled it with His bath water. You see, Christ our God does not defile water, He purifies and sanctifies it. So, this woman took the flask and hid it in a cave. Some years later, a man found the jar and when he opened it, it had turned into myrrh. This myrrh smelled so incredible, nothing like he had ever smelled before, and so he went and sold it for 300 denarii. We celebrate her on Palm Sunday because she used the myrrh to anoint the feet of Christ and wipe it with her hair. She was then instructed by our Lord to take the rest and save it for His burial. Do you see again how everything comes full circle in Orthodoxy? These are stories that are so amazing and Christians who are against tradition, which is contrary to Scriptures anyway, miss out on!

I have a challenge for everyone in our church. Over the month, can each of us make it a point to try and share the Good News of Christmas, the real message of Christmas, with at least one person each week? Think of someone you know who isn’t a Christian—maybe someone who is among the non-religious or maybe someone with another religious background. Whoever it is, ask them how they celebrate Christmas and what Christmas means to them. Then, share how you will celebrate Christmas and what Christmas and Jesus Christ mean to you. Even think about inviting them to come
4. Phillips OnSite AED Semi Ridged Standard size case #M5075A (AEDsuperstore.com) $133.00.
5. Phillips AED Wall Mount Bracket # M3857A $98.00.

If you are interested in donating one of the items, please make your check out to Saint Katherine and write “Guatemala Clinic” in the memo line. Add a brief note telling us what item you would like to donate. We will order the items and see that they are sent to the clinic.

**OCMC.** As this issue of DOXA goes to print, the OCMC is having its fall board meeting at the Holy Ascension Orthodox Church in Mt. Pleasant (Charleston), South Carolina. A full report will be in the next issue of DOXA.

**Food Pantry.** Our latest food collection for the Food Pantry was on Sunday October 29. We collected 1,332 pounds of food! Thanks to all who contributed and thanks to Marilyn Rouvelas for organizing another successful collection. Thanks also to the many GOYA who helped transport the food to the pantry and weighed, sorted, and shelved the food. (Also thanks to our Youth Director, Nick Junes, who made the service opportunity available to our GOYAns!) Our next collection will be Sunday, March 4, 2018.

**Diaper Drive.** Our next diaper drive will be on Sunday, December 3, three days before the feast day of Saint Nicholas. Please bring all sizes of disposable diapers in their original packaging (but no pull-up pants types) to the foyer of the Melitis Charuhas Center for collection and delivery. The food pantries have identified this as a tremendous benefit for the mothers and working families who receive emergency assistance there. Unfortunately, federal funds cannot be used for diapers so they depend on the food pantries.

**BAILEY’S CROSSROADS HOMELESS SHELTER**

**Hygiene and Survival Kits.** Thanks to all the church organizations who donated items for the hygiene and survival kits. Our Sunday School children assembled the kits and they were delivered to the shelter.

**Clothing and Toiletries:** As reported in the last issue of DOXA, the Bailey’s Crossroads Shelter will no longer accept clothes and toiletries. We are speaking with other homeless shelters in Fairfax County to decide who will accept clothing. We will print it in DOXA once we have established a new center.

*I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me* (Matthew 25:35-36).

Our next missions meeting is on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30pm. Our meetings are open to all. Come and join us!

(Continued from page 9, Missions and Outreach)

(Continued from page 15, Fr. Costa’s message)
SHOWN BELOW is a list of families and individuals who participated in the 2017 Saint Katherine Stewardship Program through October 31, 2017. Thank you for responding to the needs of our church.

Any questions? Please contact Lori Nelson at inelson@stkitchurch.com or 703-671-1515.
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Mrs Marnie Papamichael
Mrs Tine Papamichael
MM George Papantonioiu
Dr/Mrs Alexander Papas
MM Panayiotis Papasavvas
Dr/Mrs George Papastergiou
Mrs Agatha Papastathis
Ms Gigi Papathanasiou
Ms Despina Raizes
Dr/Mrs Demosthenes Rantis
MM Theofilis Rantis
Ms Vassiliki Ratanas
Dr/Mrs Jerry Rich
Dr Harris Riskis and Mary Smaragdis
Dr/Alexei Rizikilis
Mrs Joanna O Rogers
MM George Roinotis
Mr Spiro Rizikis and Julia Young
MM Sotiris Romareas
Mr Stefanos Roulaakis
Mrs Irene Rouas
MM Emanuel Rouvelas
Mr Larry Rouvelas and
Mrs Rebecca Leung
Adamantia Ruoco
Mrs Evangelia Sabaorese
Mrs Toula Salavantis
Mrs Aspasia Sepouzis
MM Chrisostom Sarantis
MM George Sarris
Mrs Irene Sarris
MM Michael Sarris
Ms Elena Sava
Ms Vanessa Savas
MM Andrew Scaffleta
Athena Scartazini
Ms Anna Schalk
MM Charles Seal
Mr Andrew Sessions
John Scotti
Mr Eric Shifflet and Lillianna Peyser
Mrs Bessie Siatis
Mr Perry Siatis
Ms Maria Sidote and
Brett Carlson
Mrs Calliope Silis
Dr George Silis
Mr Craig M Siman
James Simcox
Ms Deana Caris Simons
Mrs Katherine Simmons
Mr and Mrs John Slanta
Mr/Dr George Smaragdis
Mrs Litsa Smeragdis
MM Manolis Simopoulou
Mrs Panagioti Simopoulou
Mr Frank Softiokous
MM James Soiles
MM Alex Solomos
MM Spyridon Sotrichos
Ms Angeliki Sotrichi
MM Harry Spanos
Ms Helen J Spanos
MM John Spanos
Mrs Maria Spanos
Ms Stella Spathopoulou
MM Antonios Spiliotopoulou
MM James Spiliok
MM Eleftherios Spyridis
Mrs Rhea Stack
MM Teophanis Staffiotes
Mrs Vasiliki B Staffiotes
Ms Panarea Stalter
MM Nick Stamos
MM John Stamos
Mr/Mrs Paul Apostolos Stamoulas
Mrs Helen Stassinou
MM Odysseus Sassoios
Mrs Olga Stathis
MM Peter Stathis
MM George Stathopoulos
Dr/Dr William Steele
Mr Peter Stefanou
Mr Michael Stefanovic
Mr John Stepanchuk
Mr John Stefanihas
MM Demetrios Stergiou
MM James Stouker
Dr/Mrs Tom Stoubmos
Mr Evangelos Stoyas
Mr Ioannis Stratakis
Rev/Mrs Milan Sturgis
Mr Costas Svolis
MM Gus Svolis
MM Marcus Talbott
Mr/Dr Alexander Taousakis
MM Panagiotos Taousakis
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MM Pierre Tavouropoulos
Mrs Elizabeth Taylor
Mrs Mary Tetradis
MM Athanasios Theodoropoulos
Mr Ted Theocharis
Adelle A Thomas Christofin Inc
MM Craig Thomas
Mrs Mary Thomas
MM William Thomas
MM Thomas Thomou
Robert Thorne
Mr/Dr Alexander Thornton
MM Jackson Toof
Anastasia and John Topping
Mr Angelo Toutsis
Mr Thomas Toutsis
Dr/Mrs Michael Trahos
Mr Mrs Mary Triathos
Mrs Fotini Tripalcos
Dr/Mrs Basil Tripas
Mr Nikolas Tsagkarakis
Ms Sophia Tsangali
Mrs Demetra Tsantes
Mrs Maria Tsapounis
Ms Angelika Tatsakis
MM George Tsampaelis
Mr Savvas Taminis
Mrs Anna Tsibidimes
Ms Nikki Tsibidimes
Mrs Helen Tsintoulas
Mr Terry Tsoounis and
Alexandra Papagou
Mr Fotos Tsouras

THERE’S STILL TIME TO BECOME A 2017 STEWARD!

You can manage your giving online! This includes stewardship, other offerings (candles, trays, memorials, Christmas Offering, Easter Offering, Holiday Offering, Flowers), sponsoring Coffee Hour, Kendro Donations, DOXA Advertising, Festival Donations, Gala Tickets/Donations/Ads, Luminaries, Community Christmas Card, GOYA dues, etc.). It’s easy, and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

2) Click on the Make a Donation button in the right-hand column.
3) Click on the Create Profile button.
4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and schedule your contributions.

To reach the online giving page using your smartphone or tablet, simply scan our QR code to the right, sign up, and start giving.

Our Giving Kiosk is available in the Narthex for your convenience.

Of course, you can always give to your church the traditional way by writing checks or using cash.
NATIVITY (CHRISTMAS) SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
9:30am Orthros and Great Hours

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
9:30am Orthros | 10:30am Divine Liturgy
7:00pm Great Vespers, Orthros, Divine Liturgy

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25
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