

## TODAY WE WELCOME OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN APOSTOLOS OF NEW JERSEY!

WELCOME! *If you are a visitor or a guest, please let us know you better by completing the blue welcome card. You are invited to join us next door for the fellowship hour. We are happy to have you with us!* Holy Communion (Eucharist) is the highest point of the Divine Liturgy. Holy Communion is reserved for Baptized/Chrismated Orthodox Christians. Please comply with the ushers' instructions. Patience until ushers directs you out of the pews. *"All things are done in proper order."* – Saint Paul

### MEMORIALS:

A 50 YEAR MEMORIAL FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE INVASION OF CYPRUS IN 1974.

A **10 year memorial** for Amal Boctor, beloved husband of Violette, father of Carolyn and her husband Nico and Nancy and her husband Robert. Adored and cherished grandfather of Cleopatra, Kirk, Luke and Kelsey.

A **12 year memorial** for Christopher Tselepis, beloved son of Nicholas and Angelica, brother of Dean and his wife Mary, uncle to Christina, Angelica and Nicholas. Beloved nephew and cousin to many dear family members.

A **12 year memorial** for Antonia Gikas, beloved spouse of the late Spiros Gikas. Beloved mother to Fr. Bill Gikas and Christine Gikas Kostantakis; beloved mother-in-law to Presvytera Sophia (Mindy) Gikas and Dino Kostantakis. Beloved grandmother of Justin, Lillianna, George and Victoria.

Eternal be their memory. Fellowship hour is sponsored by the Tselepis family and the Gikas family.

**40 DAY MOTHERHOOD AND BABY BLESSING:** Today we welcome into the church for the traditional 40 day motherhood and infant blessing: Kyriakos Ares Antonucci, the son of Kyle and Loren Antonucci. Congratulations!

**PLANNED GIVING SUPPORTS CHRIST'S WORK THROUGH LEGACY GIFTS:** Eternity is a very long time! So you can perpetuate any Christ centered ministry or program of our parish through a directed gift/donation to our church through your last will & testament, an endowment or a trust. Contact Fr. Bill for info. Inquiries are confidential.

**DEKAPENTAUGOUSTON:** The 14-day preparatory period (August 1<sup>st</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>) of fasting and prayer that we observe in honor of the Feast of the Dormition (Falling asleep) of the All Holy Mother (Panaghia) begins on August 1<sup>st</sup>. At the evening Paraclesis (Supplications) services, we petition Mary to intercede for us to Christ for our well-being and protection. At these services the priest reads the baptismal first names of the living for their health and well-being. **Panaghia prayer request forms have been mailed to you.** Our Paraclesis services will be on August 1<sup>st</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup>, and August 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00pm. Great Vespers on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and the Dormition of Panaghia Feast day on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> with the Orthros service beginning at 9:00am and the Divine Liturgy at 10:00am.

**FOR YOUNG EMERGING ADULTS (YEA), INQUIRERS & EVERYONE:** Scripture Talk is a **virtual/remote Bible study** with a different Orthodox priest participating in the weekly discussion. **Join us every Tuesday, 7-8pm EST, on Zoom.** We are currently discussing the Gospel of Matthew. Visit [www.ScriptureUnveiled.com](http://www.ScriptureUnveiled.com) for the Zoom meeting information. All inquirers and questions are welcome, no commitment is mandatory and participants are free to simply listen or to participate.

**FOR PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** We thank all those who have made their Stewardship commitment for 2025! Offer your Stewardship pledge & join the 285 households that have already done so... Let's reach 300! Your pledged/fulfilled 2025 stewardship offering provides the majority of funding for our parish ministries and empowers followers of Christ to aid people on their path to grow in the grace & knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pledge Cards are available in the Narthex. You can also make your 2025 pledge online by visiting our parish website <https://www.stnicholasnj.org/>

**OUR 2025 SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK FESTIVAL IS NEAR!** We are excited to announce the dates for this year's Saint Nicholas Greek Festival September 19-21, 2025 Friday & Saturday: 12pm-11pm and Sunday: 12pm-7pm. ***Spread the word to help make our annual Greek festival a success once again!***

Look out for future e-mails regarding volunteering, donations, and other details.

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**BAKE GREEK DELICACIES!** You are invited to offer your time & talent! Just contact Stephanie Pirsos (she is very friendly) to add your name to the volunteer list and to receive the sign up emails. Tel. 201-760-0326 or email [spirsos@gmail.com](mailto:spirsos@gmail.com)

**PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS:** Sneaker Drive: We will be collecting gently used or new sneakers to bring to the homeless in NYC. We will be accepting **MENS SNEAKERS ONLY-size 10 and above**. You can drop off the sneakers in the Parish Hall. Any questions reach out to Tammy Spyropoulos at [efstathiaspy@yahoo.com](mailto:efstathiaspy@yahoo.com). We thank you all for your support.

**FOR THOSE IN NEED: CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION (CFA) REQUESTS:** Supermarket Gift Cards, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Canned Meat, Tuna & Beans, White & Brown Rice, Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce, Hearty Soups/Low Sodium Soups, Canned Fruit & Vegetables, Low Sugar Cereal, 100% Juice, Coffee, Diapers-sizes 2, 3, & 4, Infant Formula & Baby Food, Ensure or Similar Nutritional Drink, Dental Hygiene Products and Toilet paper. A collection basket is placed under the community bulletin board. Thank you for your