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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in our Lord!

Please go out and gather in ALL of our Holy Apostles parishioners (from the "highways and by-ways" if needed!) for our General Assembly. It is important. You ALL need to be there for your church.. Please! Enough said.

So, everyone getting ready for Thanksgiving? I pray that everyone has a very beautiful and blessed celebration of Thanksgiving. But wait. Is it only one day that we give thanks? Probably most of you are thankful frequently. Being thankful every day is best, and right.

I know of a company that was recently having scheduling issues with one of its departments, and a lot of morale problems related to that. Someone made the observation that gratitude (another word for being thankful) was the key to all those problems getting solved. Does that sound too simplistic? It isn't, really. Okay, maybe there are issues and challenges in life that gratitude/thankfulness does not totally fix. But there are MANY problems (or seeming problems) that it does fix. Think about it. How much do we complain? How much and how often are we thankful? It is worth taking a very close look at this. Because in doing so, we can often, quickly, (if we are willing), turn many if not all of our problems around by changing our attitude, our perspective. If you do not believe this, first give it a serious try, before dismissing it.

We have SO many blessings living here in America. I do not need to make a list, you know what I mean. All of our blessings come from God, through Christ. So, if we have gotten out of kilter with our view(s) of life, if we are being negative, critical, sarcastic, bitter, disappointed, dejected, judgmental, complaining, etc. --- then it is high time we turn ourselves around and once again practice really being aware of our blessings and being really, really thankful for them. There is an old television ad for some famous (American) Italian food said: "Try it, you like it!" Amen. God bless.

In Christ,  
Fr. John

**NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

**November 11:** Veterans Day

**November 13:** General Assembly

**November 21:** Entrance of the Theotokos

**November 24:** Thanksgiving

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

REMINDER: Starting with the new church year, the time for Sunday school will begin after Father John's sermon and will end in time to bring the children in for communion.

Lessons for November:

**FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 13:**

Enclosed is the 2017 Budget, minutes from the Spring GA, and the meeting's agenda. Please bring them to the meeting to help save on paper. If you receive the newsletter by email, then please print them out to bring. A lite fare will be provided by President Angelus Kocoshis.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD AND ORNAMENT:**

Please see the included form for both the Christmas card and the ornament. If you are going to do both, remember you can write one check for them, which makes it easier on you and the treasurer.

If you want to be included in the Christmas card please fill out the form now so that you do not forget, and the chairman will not have to give you a reminder call.

The St. Phanourios ornament will be available in the month of November and December. You might want to consider giving this as a Christmas present to someone, and may not want it put on the tree. It is your choice.

If you have any questions contacts chair Debbie O'Reilley at (317)252-4466 or fox6060@comcast.net.

**VASILOPITA LUNCHEON:**

We are in need of a chairman for the luncheon that has been scheduled for Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact a member of the Parish Council if you are willing to chair it. Remember this luncheon is to help St. Basil's Academy.

**OPA! HOUSE:**

Chairs, Xanthippi Darzentas and Debbie O'Reilley, cannot begin to thank the people enough for the time, ideas, and financial support. We could not have done it without you. During this event we came up with some ideas that will hopefully make it even more successful next year.

SETUP TEAM: Ethel and Nearhos Darzentas, Angelus Kocoshis, Debbie O'Reilley, George Pappas, Michael Pappas

WORKER BEES: Fr. John Koen for the church tours –Xanthippi & Nearhos Darzentas, Phyllis Kriner, Helen Kostarides, Mary Kostarides, Evangeline Magdalinos, Elijah McKnight, Debbie O'Reilley, Elia Pepps, George Pappas, Michael Pappas, Nezhla Sanderson

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Xanthippi & Nearhos Darzentas, Fr. John Koen, Tom & Alexandra Kocoshis, Helen Kostarides, Debbie O'Reilley, George Pappas, Michael Pappas, and Georgia Stevens

**IRVINGTON FALL FESTIVAL:**

This newsletter will be published prior to the festival, but chairs Xanthippi Darzentas and Debbie O'Reilley would like to thank those who helped in the booth.

**ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE CHURCH DIRECTORY:****ABOUT OUR STEWARDS:**

Our very own author, Evelyn Karozos, of *There's A Spider In Your Hair (and other classroom vignettes"*) had been selected as a participant in the 2016 Indy Author Fair: Meet Hoosier Authors, sponsored by The Eugene & Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Award, a program of The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation. Evelyn, along with other Indiana authors, was present for their book sales and signings. If you are interested in having one in your library, then please contact Evelyn.

Thank you to Georgia Derziotis for donating a big upright freezer that is now located at the church.

We hope that Alexandra Kocoshis is doing well following her knee surgery.