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STS. MARY MAGDALENE & MARKELLA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER



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10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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LETTER FROM THE PRIEST

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

I hope you are all doing well and the New Year celebration has given you a month filled with joy and good health. Not too long ago we celebrated the Holy Theophany and we were able to drink from the waters our Lord and Savior blessed with His own body. With these waters our bodies and souls went through another baptism, thus we should be going through our daily lives with the same light that we received from that great mystery.

February is a month that allows us to take our new spiritual strengths and apply them to what we know as to be the Triodion period. In these Sundays we learn very important virtues such as humility and thankfulness towards our God. Asceticism becomes the primary method to fight our own fallenness and the demons that continue to battle against us. I pray that this month is filled with great spiritual insight and that all families strive hard to bring the image of God through the life of the Church into their homes. Let us go into the Triodion and Great Lent period with a strong will to abandon our old selves, and pursue the riches that the struggles of our faith bring us.

In Christ,

Fr. Elefterios Plevrakis

Αγαπητέ Αδελφοί και Αδελφές εν Χριστό,

Ελπίζω ότι όλοι σας είστε καλά και η γιορτή του Νέου Έτους σας έδωσε ένα μήνα γεμάτο χαρά και καλή υγεία. Πριν από λίγο καιρό γιορτάσαμε τα Θεοφανία και μπορέσαμε να ποιούμαι από τα νερά που ο Κύριος και ο Σωτήρας μας ευλόγησε με το σώμα Του. Με αυτά τα νερά τα σώματά μας και οι ψυχές μας πέρασαν από ένα άλλο βάπτισμα, έτσι θα έπρεπε να περνάμε από την καθημερινότητά μας με το ίδιο φως που λάβαμε από αυτό το μεγάλο μυστήριο.

Ο Φεβρουάριος είναι ένας μήνας που μας επιτρέπει να πάρουμε τα νέα μας πνευματικές ενέργειες και να τα εφαρμόσουμε σε αυτό που γνωρίζουμε ότι είναι η περίοδος του Τριωδίου. Αυτές τις Κυριακές μαθαίνουμε πολύ σημαντικές αρετές όπως η ταπεινοφροσύνη και η ευγνωμοσύνη προς τον Θεό μας. Ο ασκητισμός γίνεται η πρωταρχική μέθοδος για την καταπολέμηση της δικής μας πτώσης και των δαίμων που συνεχίζουν να μάχονται εναντίον μας. Προσεύχομαι ότι αυτό το μήνα να σας γεμίσει με μεγάλη πνευματική γνώση και ότι όλες οι οικογένειες να προσπαθήσουν σκληρά να φέρουν την εικόνα του Θεού μέσω της ζωής της Εκκλησίας στα σπίτια τους. Ας πάμε στην περίοδο του Τριωδίου και της Μεγάλης Σαρακοστής με μια ισχυρή θέληση να εγκαταλείψουμε τον παλιό εαυτό μας και να επιδιώξουμε τα πλούτη που μας φέρνουν οι αγώνες της πίστης μας.

Εν Χριστό,

π. Ελευθέριος Πλευράκης

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Letter from the Parish Council

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

February is such an unpredictable month. Winter still with us but sunny days may also appear to smile upon us. I am sure that all of us had their share of cold and rain/snow. We are bringing some sunshine in our life by having an Apokriatiko Glendi, on February 23rd, come out and be part of a fabulous evening. Laughter, conversation, dancing will be there for our amusement. Gather your God Children and bring them with you to come and enjoy a day of service on February 24th (God Parents Day), stay and have a wonderful Italian Lunch. Get ready to win a beautiful designer purse the day of our Bingo March 1st. As you can see the Parish Council has been quite busy preparing for fellowship with a variety of venues. With all that said, there is always the need for you.

We live in a physical world that places great value on material possessions. Material possessions and wealth may bring power and status. But wealth and possessions can last for a very short time. Circumstances change. It is the voice of Jesus Christ and the truth of His Gospel that remain constant. In our spiritual relationship with our Creator, we realize that we are called to be good stewards of His creation. And as stewards of His Gospel, we are called to use our material, worldly possessions to meet the needs of others. We are extremely grateful to those who have responded to the 2019 Stewardship Campaign. We do need all of your support to be able to reach the needs of our beloved Church. Without your commitment we are not able to foresee the future and be able to count on the church's obligations.

With Love in Christ,

Fotini Kaminaris -President

PROPOSED -PHILOPTOCHOS CALENDAR 9/01/2018 - 6/30/2019- AS OF 08/02/2018

***Please note if for any reason dates are changed for an event it will be announced in the church bulletin or via e-mail**

SEPTEMBER 1ST – Starts new Ecclesiastical Year. Start Philoptochos Membership Drive.

SEPTEMBER 16TH- GENERAL MEETING. Possible day for members to be sworn. Meet after Liturgy. Discuss Apple Festival preparations – October 6th. Pack desserts October 5th. Make edits and approve calendar. Discuss details for Boordy Vineyards Fundraiser. Prepare for Philoptochos Membership Drive and discuss strategy. We need to be more visual and involved every Sunday during Coffee Hour. Also, someone needs to be by the Pagari at the start of services. Discuss Coffee Hour duties and create Coffee Duty schedule

OCTOBER 5TH- Meet at church to prepare and pack desserts for Apple Festival

OCTOBER 6TH FUNDRAISER- Darlington Apple Festival. We will be selling various desserts and beverages

OCTOBER 7TH FUNDRAISER- Boordy Vineyards 6pm- to 9:30pm

OCTOBER 14TH - GENERAL MEETING- After Liturgy. Plan Thanksgiving Food Drive details

OCTOBER 28th - Philoptochos will pass OXI tray after liturgy to benefit Ecumenical Patriarchate (required)

NOVEMBER 11th – GENERAL MEETING. Meet after liturgy to discuss Saint Barbara Celebration luncheon 12/9/2018. Decide on Christmas Toy Drive/Needy Family. Discuss and plan for the Traditional Sweets for Christmas and Vasilopites. Plan our Christmas Dinner and decide if we will do gift exchange.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER- Will do our Christmas Dinner details to be determined

DECEMBER 9th – Agia Barbara Nameday-Philoptochos will sponsor luncheon. Pass tray to benefit Philoptochos Funds

DECEMBER 16th – 31st – CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER- Selling sweets and Vasilopitas

JANUARY 6th – Cutting Vasilopita and St. Basil Academy Tray to be passed

JANUARY 13TH – GENERAL MEETING. Meet after Liturgy. Discuss details for Spaghetti Dinner- date and details to be determined.

FEBRUARY 10TH- GENERAL MEETING. Meet after liturgy. Discuss all aspects of Festival preparations. Go over Senior Scholarship details. Start discussion and process to elect new Executive Philoptochos Board members to be in place by 09/01/2019

FEBRUARY 17th or 24th- FUNDRAISER- Spaghetti Dinner. Date to be confirmed later day after church's calendar is approved.

MARCH 10TH – GENERAL MEETING. Meet after liturgy. Discuss Easter preparations, Palm Sunday Luncheon, Easter egg dyeing and Tsourekia fundraiser. Lent starts 03/11/2019. Palm Sunday is 04/21/2019. Greek Holy Easter 04/28/2019. Discuss Easter flower purchase and Fundraiser details. Work on schedule for festival preparations.

APRIL 14TH- GENERAL MEETING. Meet after liturgy. Finish planning for Easter and Tsourekia preparations. Need to determine when dyed eggs and any help are needed for the Easter Tsourekia. Finalize details for Easter flowers

APRIL 20TH- Lazarus Resurrection Celebration. Meet after liturgy to help with Palm Sunday crosses and preparations

APRIL 21ST- Palm Sunday. Plan to be at church and help with any preparations

APRIL 21ST – 28TH FUNDRAISERS- Easter Tsourekia and various desserts will be sold. Easter Flower collection.

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APRIL 25th- Holy Thursday- Meet at church 9am to dye eggs for Holy Saturday and work on Kavouklion flowers

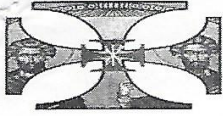
APRIL 26th- Holy Friday- Meet at church 9am (Check with Father Eleferios) to decorate and prepare Holy Kavouklion. Prepare Lenten luncheon for all present and helping.

MAY 12th- GENERAL MEETING. Meet after liturgy. Last meeting for ecclesiastical year. Vote and finalize new Executive Board members. Finalize details for Senior Student Scholarships. Finalize Festival preparations that Philoptochos is responsible for. JUNE 9th- Present Senior Student Scholarship(s)

JUNE 2019- Annual Dinner – Date, location and details to be determined...

JUNE 2019- Our Annual Church Festival- As of today Parish Council is still undecided. Date, location and details to be determined and calendar will be adjusted for any Festival preparations as needed.





Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella Ladies Philoptochos Society, #1043

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., is the duly accredited women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The mission of the Society shall be:

- To help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising efforts; and
- To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars and other educational resources;

2018 Philoptochos Membership

The ladies Philoptochos society of Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella is a very active and integral part of our church supporting her growth and charitable projects in a variety of ways.

Becoming a member of our Philoptochos does not require a lot of your time, nor does it require that you attend every meeting and/or event. Please consider joining the Philoptochos and experiencing the true meaning of Philoptochos - philanthropy, fellowship and faith in action.

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Member Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Stewardship Amount: \$ _____ **

** Please note that for each paid member \$15 will be sent to National Philoptochos and \$8 will be sent to our Metropolis on NJ Philoptochos to support national and regional initiatives. Any stewardship amount over \$23, will stay with our chapter and be applied to our many local and charitable projects. **

Please complete the form and mail your stewardship check to: Sts Mary Magdalene & Markella Ladies Philoptochos, #1043, Attention: Tina Stavrou, Treasurer, PO Box 1575, Bel Air, MD 21014.

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The Brother of the Prodigal Son



By Archbishop Chrysostomos

One of the more beautiful parables of the New Testament is that of the Prodigal Son, which incorporates into what is a story in miniature of the fall and redemption of man — his alienation from the Heavenly Father and his return to the Father’s “house,” after a life of dissolution and the squandering of his spiritual inheritance — an image of love that cannot be read without bringing spiritual tears to the innermost recesses of the soul. There is no Christian who does not feel the munificence of God in the simple retelling of the story of the son who returns to his Father in disgrace, yet is received with honor, affection, and extravagant love and is recompensed for betrayal and perfidy with all of the signs of honor that his father can bestow upon him. This enduring parable is fragrant with the Christian message of redemption, redolent with the aroma of love, and spiced by the pungence of forgiveness and Grace: the Father restoring “to the Prodigal the tokens of his proper glory..., mystically...[rendering him]...glad on high” (from the *stichera* of Saturday Vespers to “Lord I have cried,” Sunday of the Prodigal Son). As St. Augustine, in his *Confessions*, movingly expresses it, we behold in this story the forgiveness of “a kind God,” Who gave much to the Prodigal Son before his fall, yet Who “was kinder still when he returned destitute” (Book I, §18). A kind father — as the Divine Chrysostomos summarizes the tale — gives a wayward son “greater honors” than those shown to an older brother, who had remained with the father and “who had not fallen,” thereby underscoring the “greatness of repentance” (“Letter to Theodore,” I, §7).

But Scripture, palimpsest that it is, is sometimes more profound in what it *suggests* at a deeper, arcane level than in what it directly says, averring dimensions of truth written upon truth, light leading to unfathomable brilliance. Like Scripture itself, which the presumptuous man interprets to his destruction (II Peter 3:16), the Parable of the Prodigal Son contains lessons which lie in the sagacity of God and yield only to humble study. If we examine the parable carefully, we find that it contains, aside from the exhortative lesson of the repentant and restored Prodigal Son, a caveat against the anger and jealousy of the elder brother, who, seeing lavish fatherly mercy bestowed on his repentant sibling, imagines his virtue to be slighted. Henri(y) Nouwen, the Jesuit psychologist and theologian, popularized this secondary lesson in his best-selling book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son* (New York, 1992), which he wrote shortly after his resignation from the faculty of the Harvard Divinity School, where I met him while I was a Visiting Scholar there in the early 1980s. He writes of the brother of the Prodigal Son that

“...outwardly the elder son was faultless. But when he confronted his father’s joy at the return of his younger brother, a dark power erupts in him and boils to the surface. Suddenly, there becomes glaringly visible a resentful, proud, unkind, selfish person, one that had remained deeply hidden” (p. 71).

What Father Nouwen did not directly acknowledge in his book — an issue which we discussed in our later correspondence — was the Patristic foundation of his insight. He was, of course, wholly aware of the Patristic tradition surrounding the image of the elder brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son (he was well-read in the Fathers in general and, of course, in the Fathers of the Desert, to whom he often turned for inspiration in his several battles with severe depression). However, his theological formation did not, despite his brilliance, lead him to a deep understanding of the centrality of the *consensio Patrum* in his hermeneutical pursuits. As a result of this circumstance, a number of Orthodox observers, insufficiently familiar with that consensus themselves, have too hastily dismissed Nouwen's book — admittedly almost wholly bereft of Patristic citations — as an innovation. This is not at all true, and it is unfortunate that Nouwen's approach to Biblical interpretation and spiritual imagery inadvertently led to this accusation. He was, in fact, following a Patristic tradition, in his popular and often insightful book, that dates to the early Church.

The well-known Church writer Tertullian saw in the image of the elder brother the Jews who envied the Christians for their "reconciliation" with "God the Father," thus winning for the New Israel the promise originally made to the "Chosen People" ("De pudicitia" [*On Modesty*], chap. 8). Similarly, St. Ambrose of Milan, in his *Exposition on the Holy Gospel According to St. Luke*, which contains this parable, speaks of the envy of the elder brother for the wayward son, also drawing a parallel between the former and the Jews (Book VII, §§239-243) — a parallel, as an aside, that is not, as many wrongly imagine, an anti-Semitic slur. Following a slightly different interpretive tradition, the Blessed Bishop Nikolai of Ochrid, though he identifies the Prodigal Son with the worldly man and the older brother with the spiritual man, also asserts that the latter serves as a lesson to us not to be "puffed up in our own righteousness and, in our pride, scorn repentant sinners" (*Homilies* [Birmingham, 1996], Homily 10, "Sunday of the Prodigal Son").

In yet another Patristic approach to the imagery in the story of the return of the Prodigal Son,

"St. Cyril of Alexandria reminds us that Christ delivered this parable 'immediately after the Pharisees and scribes murmured against Him, saying, This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them.' Seeking to enlighten His detractors, the Lord spoke of a younger, prodigal son, who represented the sinners and publicans, and of an elder, faithful son, who represented the scribes and Pharisees. This, says St. Cyril, is the key to understanding the Prodigal son. ... [T]he younger son, like the publican, through humility and repentance washed away his vices, while the elder son, like the Pharisee, through pride and judgmentalism sullied his virtues." (See Hierodeacon [now Hieromonk] Gregory, *Orthodox Tradition*, XII, 2, p. 74.)

This is precisely the imagery employed by St. Gregory Palamas, as well, who mentions the elder son's anger, suggests that this anger manifests itself because the son is "ignorant of the riches of God's goodness," and points out that, just as the father receives his wayward son, so he "pleads with the elder one, teaching him what is fitting" (Homily 3, "The Parable of the Lord on The Prodigal Who Was Saved," §§22-23).

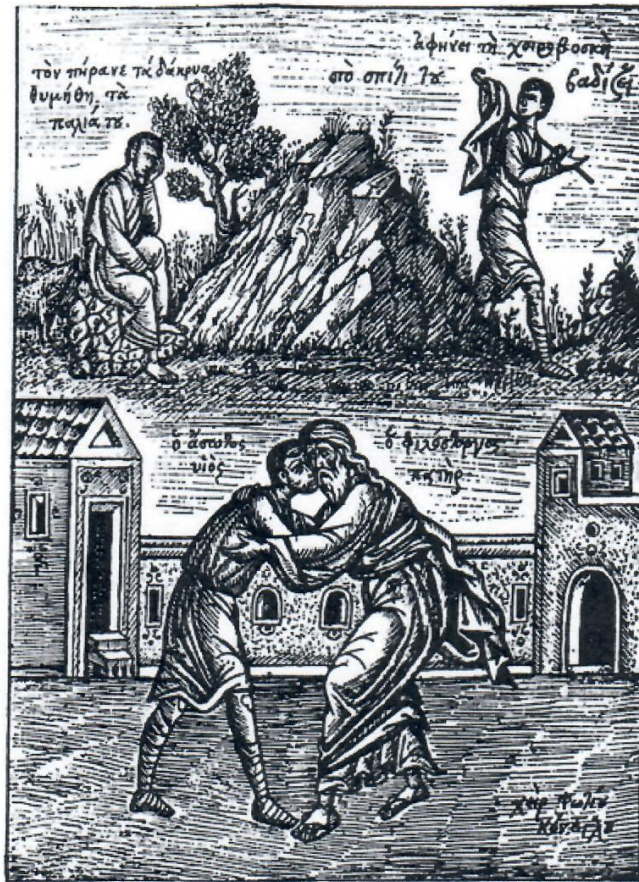
Blessed Theophylact, Archbishop of Ochrid and Bulgaria, says of the elder son — whom he also identifies with the Pharisees — , that he does not understand the "outpouring of God's compassion." Theophylact does not, like some of the earlier Patristic commentators and like the foregoing Roman Catholic writer, directly accuse the faithful son of envy, but of a spiritual blindness and of "grumbling," in the manner of the Pharisees, at seeing repentant sinners so freely and lovingly received. Acknowledging the variety of interpretative images attributed to the two sons, he asserts that the younger son represents the sinner who turns from iniquity and the older one the righteous who stand sorely "vexed" before the ineffable "judgments of God." He argues that the parable was meant for the Pharisees and the self-righteous, to

warn them against their weaknesses. In the gentle quality of his rebuke, he stands at one end of the spectrum of Patristic admonitions against the elder sibling in the parable of the Prodigal Son. And it is in his balmy counsel, perhaps, that he is able to bring together the extremes in imagery employed by the Fathers in drawing our attention to the dual message of the story: that of the glad reception of the repentant sinner in the abode of the Father — whatever the actual reason for his final return — *and* that of the spiritual harm that can befall those who fall to envy, to anger, or to resentment of the loving action of the Father. In every image that the Church Fathers invoke, it is in the love of the father that all is resolved, as he embraces his wayward younger son and soothes the vexation of his older son. Here the extremes in images meet and are fused in the forgiveness of love.

Let us, as the Great Lent and the Sunday of the Prodigal Son approach this year, look anew at this parable and draw hope from the wayward son. At the same time, let us examine ourselves carefully in the light of the weaknesses of the elder son, lest we succumb to the wily temptations of self-righteousness, which can lead to passions and to spiritual waywardness produced by pride, if not by envy and undiscovered hidden darkness.

Source: Orthodox Tradition, Vol. XXIII, Number 1 (2006), pp. 33-35

Sunday of the Prodigal Son Resource Page



Verses

FEBRUARY

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

February 2: Saturday - Presentation of Our Lord

- † 9:00 a.m. - *Orthros*
- † 10:00 a.m. - *Divine Liturgy*

February 3: Sunday - 16th Sunday of Matthew

- † 9:00 a.m. - *Orthros*
- † 10:00 a.m. - *Divine Liturgy*

February 10: Sunday - Sunday of the Canaanite

- † 9:00 a.m. - *Orthros*
- † 10:00 a.m. - *Divine Liturgy*

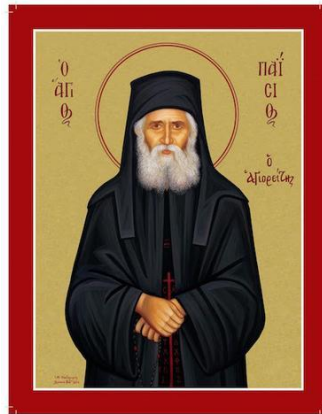
February 17: Sunday - Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee (Triodion Begins**)**

- † 9:00 a.m. - *Orthros*
- † 10:00 a.m. - *Divine Liturgy*

February 24: Sunday - 12th Sunday of the Prodigal Son

- † 9:00 a.m. - *Orthros*
- † 10:00 a.m. - *Divine Liturgy*

STS. MARY MAGDALENE & MARKELLA'S "ORTHOPRAXIA" BOOK CLUB



WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE FOR ANOTHER INFORMATIVE SESSION OF THE "ORTHOPRAXIA" BOOK CLUB. WE WILL MEET **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH @ 7:00 P.M.** IN THE CHURCH HALL. WE WILL BE STUDYING PASTORAL THEOLOGY USING THE WORDS OF ST. PAISIOS. PLEASE EMAIL FATHER TO LET HIM KNOW YOU ARE INTERESTED AT **FREELEFTERIOS@GMAIL.COM**

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Total 2018 Stewards: **34**

Number of New Stewards for 2019: **1**

Pledged: \$31,165 / Collected: **\$8,645**

Average Stewardship Pledge: **\$ 916.62**