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Beloved in Christ,

This is the time of year that we come in contact, in one form or another, with the Charles Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol*. Not only is it classic literature, but also the subject of many film and stage productions. As a young boy I remember wanting to watch the classic black and white film versions that played this time of year, because it was fun to be scared. I would compare and contrast the films regarding how scary Marley's ghost was, as well as the other spirits. Putting aside the special effects and the more frightening elements of the story, the message of *A Christmas Carol* is clear and simple, even to a child – a very Christian message that should be heeded by all.

In the story, the spirit of Marley comes from the other world to warn Scrooge about his self-centered way of life. Those who know the Gospels well should immediately be reminded of the parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Lk 16:19-31). After the death of both characters, the righteous Lazarus finds himself carried by the angels to the bosom of Abraham, whereas the rich man is being tortured in Hades. When the latter realizes the helplessness of his plight, he asks Father Abraham to send Lazarus from the dead to forewarn his brothers, so that they may not end up in the same situation. Now, because *A Christmas Carol* is a fictional story, Dickens has the ghost of Marley go and visit Scrooge in order to warn him. In our reality, we will never have the luxury of being fore-

warned, hence the parable as presented to us by Christ.

Back to our friend Scrooge, the *Spirit of Christmas Past* comes to him in order to make him re-visit various aspects of his past life, which have brought him to his current condition. This act of looking back can be compared to the beginning of the process of *repentance* in the Orthodox Church. By reflecting on our lives and becoming sad for past sins, we begin to realize who we truly are. This inner reflection brings about the desire to change our *present* situation through our sincere repentance.

When the *Spirit of Christmas Present* visits Scrooge, the old miser is given the opportunity to look at his current situation with new eyes. Now that Scrooge has been forced to see certain things about his past and their effect on the present, he begins to see and understand how he affects others around him. The blurred vision of his self-centeredness begins to clear as the fruits of repentance begin to ripen.

Finally, Scrooge is visited by that bone-chilling specter called the *Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come*. This spirit forces him to see how little this life matters once we leave the earth. Scrooge is shown that his memory will not be kept with loving remembrance, simply because he himself did not know how to show love and compassion to others. As he realizes his miserable destiny, he is overwhelmed with remorse and sincere compunction. This point in the story would compare to *spiritual renewal* for the Orthodox Christian. One who clearly repents and gives his life to Christ becomes a new

and transformed person, as Scrooge does at the end of the story.

Beloved in Christ, since

God does not send us heavenly messengers to warn and redirect us, we must depend on our own free will to make the right choices. Our guide is the *Church* which was given to us by Christ Himself. Within our Church we have Holy Scripture, the liturgical and sacramental life, the teachings of the Church Fathers, the traditions of personal prayer and fasting, along with so many others aspects of our faith which bring us closer to God and away from a self-centered, graceless existence. Always remember how in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, our Lord makes it clear that we need to heed His teachings in *this* life – not in the next when it will be too late.

May all of you have a most blessed Nativity of Christ. I pray that He be born anew in your hearts, in order that you may be reborn in Him.

Christ is born, glorify Him!

+ Fr. Anthony



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FROM FR. ANTHONY

Reflections on the Nativity of Christ

(The following is taken from *The Living God, Vol. 1*; St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1989)

If we truly understand the message of Christmas, which teaches us to love and serve the poor, let us first of all turn to Christ. Only He can teach us how to really love the poor, not for our own glory – not even for a social ideal – but for the love of man as He Himself has loved us. Jesus Christ is the first among the poor; no one has so totally impoverished himself as He did. And, moreover, He did so voluntarily. For let us never forget that He is the second Person of the Trinity, the Son of God, and that He has lowered Himself to the point of becoming a defenseless child, lying in straw at the feet of animals...

Christmas is also a message of peace. Even for those who have forgotten Christ, or have never known Him, Christmas is a symbol of peace on earth and love among men, if only for twenty four hours or for a single night (as in, for example, truces during wars, cease-fires, or messages of peace from all the governments of the world). This is appropriate, for Christ is the God of Mercy, the Prince of Peace, 'and of his peace there will be no end' (Is 9:6).

The peace of this world is often only a period of calm between two wars. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, a peace without end. His Kingdom will not fall like all other kingdoms, reigns, governments, and dictatorships. The peace of Jesus Christ allows us to participate now in His Kingdom which is to come. Let us learn how to carry this peace of Christ within us from this moment on. Let us, like the shepherds, hear the exclamation of the angels during Christmas night: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men' (Lk 2:14). Let us be witnesses of this marvelous reconciliation between heaven and earth, between God and man!

We shall never exhaust the Nativity message, its beauty and its mystery. We have spoken of peace and poverty. It is through Jesus that we can understand these two aspects: He is peace, and He is the poorest among the poor.

When Adam was created, he was formed out of the earth; today the second Adam, Christ, recreates man in His person. The Son of God at the mouth of the cave has taken our human condition upon Himself; He is born of the earth and will return to the earth at the time of His burial. 'The first man was from earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven... Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.' (1 Cor 15:47,49)

Spiritual Wisdom

God, along with the temptations, also gives patience. He never gives more than we are able to endure. For people who love God, all things work for good. Pray and beseech God to give you faith and patience – to be freed from thoughts of despair. The Saints had the power to rebuke the enemy. We, when we have temptations, ought to take refuge in our Christ and Panagia, just as a little child runs to his mother. (+Elder Ieronymos of Aegina)

If you want to serve God, prepare your heart not for food, not for drink, not for rest, not for ease, but for suffering, so that you may endure all temptations, trouble and sorrow. (St. Sergius of Radonezh)

Are you angry? Be angry at your sins, beat your soul, afflict your conscience, but be strict in judgment and a terrible punisher of your own sins. This is the benefit of anger, wherefore God placed it in us. (St. John Chrysostom)

Blessed be that Child, who gladdened Bethlehem today! Blessed be the Babe, Who made manhood young again today! Blessed be the Fruit, Who lowered Himself to our famished state! Blessed be the Good One, Who suddenly enriched our necessities and supplied our needs! Blessed is He, Whose tender mercies made Him condescend to visit our infirmities! (St. Ephraim the Syrian)

FR. ANTHONY CONTINUED

Nativity Fast Continues

Below are traditional and widely accepted guidelines for those who choose to follow the Church's tradition to its fullest. These guidelines for the Nativity fast are also provided on your 2020 church calendar from our holy Archdiocese.

- Fish, wine & olive oil permitted daily, except Wednesdays & Fridays up to 12/12.
- From 12/13 – 12/24, strict fasting daily (no animal products permitted, including fish, eggs & dairy); wine & olive oil permitted on Saturdays & Sundays.
- Shellfish permitted daily.
- There are some exceptions allowing wine & oil on strict fast days – please see calendar.

Note: Throughout any fast period, those who are infirm, expectant and nursing mothers, and growing children, should follow a relaxed, minimal fast. Your spiritual father can guide you in these cases.

Regarding Christmas parties at work or at private homes, do not stress about this if you are keeping the fast. As many Church Fathers suggest in these situations, partake minimally of what is offered without bringing attention to your fasting. You can always maintain the spirit of the fast in a prayerful and humble manner.

May we all seek to grow spiritually through the venerable practice of fasting, as we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth in the flesh. Please remember that our fasting must be accompanied by increased prayer, church attendance, and charitable works, otherwise our efforts would be in vain.

Holy Confession

Please note that during the Nativity Fast I will be available for Holy Confession as follows:

- each Saturday after Great Vespers
- during office hours by appointment

Holy Confession offers us the opportunity to clean and prepare the "manger" within us, in order to receive the New-born Christ at His Nativity. Let us all take advantage of what the Church offers freely toward our salvation!

Orthodox Life Sessions

Orthodox Life sessions will continue through Thursday, 12/17, starting at 7:00 pm in church. We will take a break during the Christmas and Theophany holidays, and resume later in January.

Our sessions begin with a short prayer service in church and then proceed to the library. The presentations will include the gospel reading of the day and related commentary from a Church Father, then a reading on the life of one or more saints of the day, and ending with a reading on a particular topic of interest, including discussion and questions throughout. There will also be time at the end for general questions and answers.

I truly hope that you can join us, and enjoy spiritual fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Liturgical Donations

Since most of us will be exchanging gifts with our loved ones on Christmas, it would be nice to also consider gifts for our beloved church as we enter the new year. There are some items that are worn and in need of replacement, as well as other items that the church does not currently have. If you would like to donate something for one's health and well-being, or in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact Fr. Anthony directly.

At this time, we have an abundance of communion wine, incense, olive oil, etc., so please wait until I announce a need when we begin running low. In the case of communion wine and incense, I will take care of the purchase of the preferred brands; we will only solicit monetary donations when the time comes.

*I would like to wish our entire parish family a most
Blessed Nativity and Theophany of
Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
And a healthy and happy New Year!*

+Fr. Anthony

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Parish Chronicle



Funeral

Penelope Passas
November 2, 2020

Memorials & Trisagions

Georgia Evangelatos 9 months

Ethel (Athanasia) Morikis 2 years

Thalia Mitsiaris 40 days

John Jestude 1 year

May their memory be eternal!

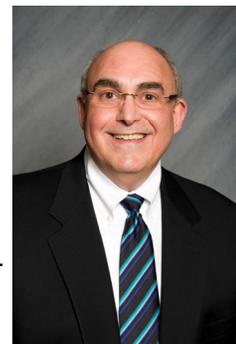
A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRSIDENT

My Fellow Parishioners,

As we wind down this year and I end my Parish Council presidency, I want to thank all of you for the support, love and prayers that you have given me these past two years. This has been a very challenging year for all of us and I appreciate everything you all have done for our wonderful Parish.

For those of you who attended our General Assembly on November 15th or have read the Minutes of the meeting you will be pleased to know that the professional installation of our NEW live-streaming platform will commence the day after Thanksgiving. This will allow us to live-stream all of our Services simultaneously on our Facebook page and on YouTube. We will be able to live-stream Liturgies, Vespers, All of Holy Week, Weddings, and Funerals if the families wish it.

I ask that you give our next president the help, love, and respect that you have given me.



God Bless you and your families and may you all have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

George Coussoule



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Christmas Card Fundraiser

As the Christmas season is drawing near, we are once again inviting you to participate to our parish family Christmas Card, which will go out to all of our members.

We are asking you to be generous and support this initiative. We leave the amount of the offering up to you, because we would really like to encourage participation.

Please return the form with your donation **by Sunday, December 6th** in order to ensure timely delivery of the card. For your convenience, there is an envelope in your Steward-ship packet labeled "Christmas Card Donation."

Names of your family members as you would like to see them on the card: (Print legibly please)

Names: _____

Thank you!

Prayer List

Please pray for our brothers and sisters:

James, Elizabeth, Tom, Alexandra, Rita, Connor, James, Vasili, Sophia, Rachel, Nicole, Christine, Michael, Irina, Abigail, Shirley, Christopher, Malina, Andrew, Vera, Erin, Paula, Milton, Galini, Yevgeniy, Alexey, Nadia, Vasiliki, Diane, Deborah, Jim, Jave, Kathy, Elaina, Panagiota, John, Jo Anne, James, Colleen, Barbara, Paul, Tasso, Roula, Thomas, Jim. Prescott, Sze, Prudence, Brittan, Dionysios, Evangelia, Nikolaos, Penny, Taki, Maki, Andre, Pavlos, Stephanie, Phyllis, Ed, George, Althea, Sofia, Ava Maria, Irina, Maria, Jennifer, Anthony, Timea, John, Bill, Emily & Family, John, Mikaela, Robert, Faith, Hope, Patrice, Randy, Fotios, Joyce, Thomas, Amy, Howard, Marcia, Donald.

If you or a loved one is going through a difficult time and would like the community to pray for you, please call the office and request to be added on the prayer list. We will list the first names only in the weekly bulletin for six months, or until you ask to be removed from the list. I will also make a special mention of the Orthodox names at the Proskomede.

ALKISTIS NEWS

We want to extend a warm welcome to Father Anthony & Presbyteria. Unfortunately, Covid has prevented us from hosting a welcoming Fellowship Hour. We will when we can all be together again.

We have been quiet in the last month and unable to carry through with some of our events like the Parish Luncheon on Remembrance Sunday to honor our veterans. We have sent donations to Philoxenia house for Thanksgiving and to Dover's 68 Hours of Hunger.

The surge in Covid & job losses is overwhelming Food Banks. We would encourage you to consider donating to various local charities that supply food to those who are in dire straits. Consider doing this at Christmas in lieu of gift-giving... especially to those who have so much. It would be a good example to our children about giving back & practicing gratitude for our blessings.

~Kindness is a hard thing to give away.
It keeps coming back to the giver.
~Anonymous

A Zoomkistis meeting will take place after Thanksgiving. A mutual date & time to be determined.

~ May you have blessed holidays!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hi Sunday school families,

This year with so many changes, we would like to keep some normalcy. We would still like to host a Christmas pageant, that is safe and social distanced and have a special guest visiting for the kids. The pageant is scheduled for Dec 20th.

This event may be canceled if cases continue to rise and it becomes not safe to host. In order for this to happen we need to have time to plan.

Please email us at Sarah-wolfe@live.com by Dec 1st to let us know if your child is interested in participating.

Beloved families,

The Lord's blessing. I would like to personally encourage all of you to return to church with your children. As you know, we are following all the safety guidelines for in-person worship. I look forward to getting to see our children in person, and to speak to them during the liturgy. It will be a great blessing for all to resume the routine of weekly church attendance!

In Christ,

+Fr. Anthony

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3  Orthodox Life 7pm	4	5  Great Vespers 6:00pm
6  8:45am Orthros 10 am Liturgy	7	8	9 Parish Council Meeting 6:00pm	10  Orthodox Life 7pm	11	12  St. Spyridon 8:45am Orthros 10 am Liturgy Great Vespers 6:00pm
13  8:45am Orthros 10 am Liturgy	14	15	16	17  Orthodox Life 7pm	18	19  Great Vespers 6:00pm
20  8:45am Orthros 10 am Liturgy Christmas Pageant	21 FR. ANTHONY AWAY AT MONESTARY FOR CONFESSION	22	23	24 <i>Eve of</i>  <i>Nativity</i> Great Hours 9:00 am Vespers Div. Lit. of Nativity Eve 5pm (Holy Communion)	25  Holy Nativity 8:45am Orthros 10 am Liturgy	26 No Vespers
27  8:45am Orthros 10 am Liturgy	28 FR. ANTHONY AWAY	29	30	31	1 January  Circumcision of Christ & St. Basil the Great 8:45am Orthros 10 am Liturgy	

“TA NEA” PARISH NEWS BY CYNTHIA VOMVORIS

Season's Greetings everyone! It's almost inconceivable to me how a year can come and go so rapidly, though this year does seem to be lingering a bit longer than usual with all its trials and tribulations.

Birthdays for Dec. include:

- Dec. 2 John Lampros
- Dec. 9 Father Arthur Athans
- Dec. 9 Father Timothy Curren

May you all have many, many more happy and healthy ones to come.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention a birthday that I inadvertently missed for November. Apologies to Debra Sou-sane for failing to include her birthday on Nov. 5. Best wishes to you always, Deb.

Anniversaries for Dec. include:

Dec. 5 Stephanie (Coussoule) and Ryan Nemi

Our very best on your special day with hopes that you will have many more beautiful years together.

GET WELL WISHES:

Our best wishes to Althea Coussoule for a speedy recovery from her recent knee replacement surgery. Our prayers go out to you for continued progress, Althea.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I would like to thank Deb Skaltsis, a member of our church from Massachusetts (formerly of Rollinsford) for her prompt response to my question about the Gregorakis "mystery markers" in Salmon Falls Park which I wrote about in the Nov. column. Deb wrote to let me know that those markers belong to people in her family. Members of the Gregorakis family have lived in Rollinsford for many years, starting in the 1920's/1930's. The markers in this park, a park made possible by their donations as well as those of many others, are a tribute to their long history in that town. The marker for Vasillios and Stamata Gregorakis were Deb's great uncle and his wife, while the marker for Paul and Elsie Gregorakis are in memory of their son, Paul. Deb wrote a beautiful, detailed letter which unfortunately I don't have the space for here. Again, thank you, Deb, for taking the time to satisfy my curiosity and for the reminiscences of some of those people we discovered we hold mutually in common.

GREEK CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

The Christmas holiday season in Greece actually starts from Christmas Eve (Dec.24) to Epiphany Eve (Jan. 5). This is called the "12 Days of Christmas" and includes three major celebrations: Christmas (Ta Christougenna), the New Year (I Protochronia) and the Epiphany (Ta Theophania/ta Fota).

CHRISTMAS: Before tree decoration which started around the 19th century in Athens, Greeks didn't decorate. Rather a miniature boat was often displayed at homes or a simple candle was lit.

Christmas day dinner usually consists of pork, greens, salads, roast potatoes and a large variety of Greek pies. In the last few decades, turkey is also now served.

Mostly children sing Christmas carols going from house to house and business to business. This happens on Christmas morning.

NEW YEARS: On New Year's Eve, everyone, adults and children alike, stays up until at least midnight. This is when the Vasilopita (Basilopita) is cut, the pie with the hidden coin inside. Whoever finds it has good luck for one year.

Breaking a pomegranate open on New Year's Day in front of the main door is a tradition in some areas to this day. A pomegranate is considered to bring good luck and prosperity. My cautionary aside would be as follows: if you chose to do this and are unfamiliar with pomegranates, be very careful. This delicious fruit has a way of permanently staining and altering the color of anything in its wake with a bright red hue in whatever it comes into contact with! Trust me on this one.

EPIPHANY DAY: This is the day of the blessing of the waters. A priest throws a cross into the sea, lake or river and swimmers dive in to retrieve it.

The excerpts above are taken from **THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO THE GREEK HOLIDAYS** by Danae Florou.

Now that the Christmas season is truly upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you my very best always for a happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas and for the year ahead filled with a renewed hope where we are all safe and in the best health we can enjoy and one where this pandemic soon becomes a fading memory to be replaced with hope for a brighter future. My fervent prayer is for all to once again enjoy the company of our friends and loved ones without fear, one where people can again find gainful employment and one where those long food lines are soon a thing of the past. To all of our devoted health care workers and first responders who have given so much of their love, their relentless energy and their devotion to our well-being, we salute you and pray that God watches over you and keeps you safe in His care.

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR
Καλά Χριστούγεννα Ευτυχισμένο το νέο έτος

As always, thank you for reading. Until 2021.....

QUOTE

*“And that, of course, is the message of Christmas.
 We’re never alone, not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest, the world seemingly most indifferent.”*

Taylor Caldwell

A MESSAGE FROM THE DOVER COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES COUNCIL

On November 17, 2020, the Dover Cooperative Ministries Council held its monthly Zoom meeting. After the minutes from the previous session were read and accepted, the following committee reports were presented:

Friendly Kitchen

Marguerite Ferrer reported that they are averaging 80 to 108 take out meals each night. A Thanksgiving turkey take out dinner will be provided for guests on Wednesday, November 24, 2020

SHARE Fund

Dee McEaney reported that SHARE usually helps about 100 people annually in Dover. Financially, SHARE is in a good place at the moment. Dee is in the process of sending out the seasonal appeal letters. The McCrone Tree Farm on Route 155 is closing at the end of the year. All proceeds will go directly to Share to support the Dover families in need.

DARLA

Fran Whiting reported that an ecumenical Thanksgiving service was webcast on Sunday, November 22, 2020.

Food Pantry

Jen Spargo reported that people are slowly discovering that the Food Pantry on Silver Street has reopened although in a different format: clients are not permitted to enter the building. Jen has been overwhelmed by the generous donations of food and funds. Food or monetary donations can be delivered to the Food Pantry every Tuesday from 3:00 pm to 5:00pm and every Thursday from 9:00 am to 11:00am.

Grab and Go

Pat Sorensen reported on the Grab and Go summer program. Even though it was an unprecedented challenge, the program fared remarkably well with some 70 volunteers preparing 4,430 bags of food, and serving 420 children.

Once again, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the parishioners of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church for their generous monetary donations to Grab and Go in memory of their loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,
 Maria Faskianos



COVID-19 PARISH REOPENING GUIDELINES

June 1, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Household of God,

Xronia Polla!

With the blessings of Metropolitan Methodios, and abiding by all State and local governmental directives regarding the reopening of Churches and all Houses of Worship, your clergy and Parish Council have been diligently planning for the day our parish will once again be open to our stewards, families, and friends. That day will be Saturday, June 6th at 9:30am for the Divine Liturgy of the Saturday of Souls. In these challenging times, there will be certain directives that must be implemented and followed to assure the safest possible environment for the faithful to worship, partake of the Holy Sacraments and reconnect with fellow parishioners from a safe distance.

Christ's Church and this Parish have existed through persecution, plagues, infectious diseases, world wars, terrorist attacks, and other periods of challenge and concern. The Church and this community stand as a symbol of faith. The Church is the place where we come together as a community to pray, receive the sacraments and be in fellowship with one another. However, in this time, and because of the unpredictable nature of this insidious virus, there are directives, rules, and limitations, which we must accept in order to re-open and resume our liturgical practices in the safest possible way. These are rules—not suggestions—that we must enforce. We ask that each person understand and follow the directives listed below.

Preparations:

- According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), any building unoccupied for 7 days or longer need only receive “normal routine cleaning.” Based on these guidelines, the Church will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to reopening. From this baseline, the building will be disinfected and sanitized between each service, including high traffic, high touch areas like bathrooms, doorknobs, and handles, etc.
- The congregation size for any service will be limited to the current regulations in New Hampshire. The Governor has set a limit of 40% of our official capacity. Our official capacity is 350, therefore 40% of our capacity is 140. Nevertheless, social distancing requirements may decrease that number as necessary. Pre-marked seating must abide by the social distancing regulations of 6 feet in all directions.
- If you are 65 years of age or older and if you have underlying health conditions, especially asthma, diabetes, hypertension, undergoing chemotherapy, or any age with known underlying conditions, you should stay home and continue to participate in the services via our Live Stream through Facebook or our Website.
- If you are 65 years of age or older without known underlying health issues, we recommend that you consider staying home, participating in the services via our Live Stream
- If you have any respiratory symptoms, fever or malaise at all, whether attributed to COVID-19 or not, you must stay home.

Advice from our Medical Team Advisors:

- Parishioners who have a temperature greater than 100.4 F should stay home.
- If you or anyone in your household have been exposed to anyone with a confirmed COVID-19 test you should not attend for at least 14 days.

Additional Guidance from the NH Governor's Economic Reopening Taskforce for Places of Worship:

Symptoms of COVID-19

Person has any of the following symptoms of COVID-19

- Fever (feeling feverish or a document temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher);
- Respiratory symptoms such as runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, cough or shortness of breath;
- Whole body symptoms such as muscle aches, chills and severe fatigue;
- Changes in the person's sense of taste or smell?

Risks of COVID-19

- Person has been in close contact with someone who is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days? (note: healthcare workers caring for COVID-19 patients while wearing appropriate personal protective equipment can attend)
- Person has traveled in the past 14 days either:
 - Internationally (outside the U.S.);
 - By cruise ship; or
 - Domestically (within the U.S.) outside of NH, VT, or ME on public transportation (e.g., bus, train, plane, etc.)

Arriving at Church:

- Upon entering the Church, hand sanitizer will be supplied to each parishioner.
- If you are attending services at the Church, you must wear a protective mask at all times except for the moment when you may be receiving Holy Communion. If you do not have a mask, one will be given to you upon entering the

Church.

- If you are under medical instruction not to wear a mask, you must clearly indicate this to the Parish Council member upon entering.
- If you are attending services with a child/children between the ages of two and five, a protective mask is at the discretion of the parent. Children under the age of 2 should not wear a protective mask.
- Only the front entrance, (under the portico) and handicap accessible entrances in the front and rear of the Church will be open. All other entrances will be locked. If entering from the front, please enter using the door to the hallway by the Church office and exit through the front doors in the Narthex.
- **Enter Only** and **Exit Only** signs will be posted to further assist in the orderly flow of our Parishioners.
- Access to the rear elevator will be available.
- The doors that are designated for entrance/exiting the church should be propped open so there is no need to touch the door handles, and to provide better airflow into the Sanctuary.
- The Fr. Athans Fellowship Hall will be closed and off limits for the foreseeable future. The downstairs Restrooms as well as the upstairs Restroom will be available.
- When arriving to Church, you should venerate the icons by bowing, but you should not physically kiss any icon.
- The Narthex will be staffed by one Parish Council member to assist you, as much as possible, without contact. Small candles will be given to you by a Parish Council member. You may still purchase Red devotional candles, but they will be placed by a Parish Council member on a side of your choosing of the iconostasis.
- A donation tray will be set up in the Narthex for candles. Please bring appropriate change for donations as cash cannot be exchanged.
- A Parish Council member will guide arriving parishioners to the Narthex to ensure appropriate distancing between arriving parishioners. Household family unit members may enter the Narthex together.

Seating in the Church:

- Seating inside the Church will be restricted to a 6 feet distance between parishioners (again defined as an “immediate household unit”) to the left and right and front and back. It is imperative that we maintain distancing at all times. Ushers will be present to seat you at an appropriate distance from other parishioners inside the Church.
- Family members who are not part of the same household must sit 6 feet apart without exception.
- There will be markers throughout the Church to help assure appropriate distancing.

Receiving Holy Communion:

- Fr. Timothy will administer Holy Communion in our traditional manner.
- Beginning from the rear pews, a Parish Council member will guide you down the center aisle, row by row. Following Holy Communion, each Parishioner will return to their pews via the side aisles. One-Way aisles will be marked. Please remember proper social distancing.
- Per the Metropolis of Boston, the faithful should be encouraged/instructed to tilt their heads back and open their mouth widely so that the priest can drop the Holy Communion in without the person closing his/her mouth on the spoon.
- The faithful should not wipe their lips/mouth on the communion cloth.
- No Antidoron will be given during Holy Communion.

Exiting the Church:

- At the conclusion of the Liturgy you will exit as directed by a Parish Council member, again beginning from the **front** pews and moving up the center aisle, row by row to receive Antidoron. The Antidoron will be placed in your hands with tongs. Please remember proper social distancing and exit via the **side aisles** into the narthex.
- The final hands-free collection offering will be set up in the back of the Narthex as you are about to exit. Please be ready to make your offering into the collection basket. It is imperative that there is no lingering in the Narthex. Please exit the Church expeditiously using the Front Door (marked **Exit Only**).
- There will be no fellowship hour following services.

The foregoing rules for attending Liturgy and other services at our Church were taken from State directives, local guidelines, and the direction and guidance of His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios. Our collective intent is to assure all our Stewards, their families and our many friends, a safe and comforting experience in the Household of God. We want to see you, we want to pray with you, but above all, we want you all to be safe, healthy and able to worship in a manner that is best for our entire Parish.

May God continue to bless you and your families and keep you safe!

Fr. Anthony Evangelatos
Parish Priest

George P. Coussoule
Parish Council President

2020 PARISH STEWARDS AS OF OCTOBER 22, 2020

THESE FAMILIES HAVE RETURNED THEIR PINK STEWARDSHIP FORMS

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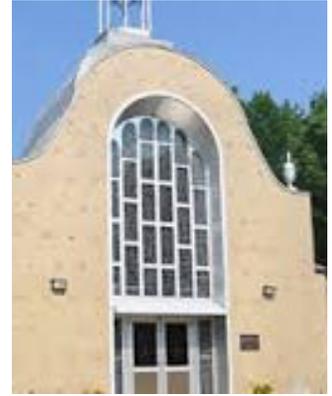
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December 24 Eve of Nativity Great Hours 9:00 am	
December 24 Eve of Nativity Vesperal Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm (Holy Communion)	
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