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### PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD - ΥΠΑΠΑΝΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ

#### ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΑ

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον·  
ἠνέφξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν  
Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς  
Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης  
Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα  
ἔλεος.

#### ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΟΡΤΗΣ

Χαίρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε· ἐκ σοῦ  
γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ Ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς  
ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει.  
Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος  
ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν,  
χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

#### ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγίας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ  
χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεῶν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε,  
προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός.  
Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ  
κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος  
φιλάνθρωπος.

#### HYMNS OF THE DAY

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened  
Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-  
bearing Women's lament into joy, and You  
commanded Your Apostles to preach that You  
rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great  
mercy.

#### APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for  
Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has  
risen from you and He illumined those in  
darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in  
heart, receiving in your embraces the One who  
liberates our souls and bestows on us the  
Resurrection.

#### KONTAKION

You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your  
birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the  
hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved  
us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace  
to Your world at war, and let love for Your people  
prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.



## ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ

### **Προς Εβρ 7:7 – 17 το ανάγνωσμα**

Αδελφοί, χωρίς πάσης αντιλογίας τὸ ἔλαττον ὑπὸ τοῦ κρείττονος εὐλογεῖται. καὶ ὧδε μὲν δεκάτας ἀποθνήσκοντες ἄνθρωποι λαμβάνουσιν, ἐκεῖ δὲ μαρτυρούμενος ὅτι ζῆ. καὶ ὡς ἔπος εἶπείν, διὰ Ἀβραάμ καὶ Λευὶ ὁ δεκάτας λαμβάνων δεδεκάτῳται· ἔτι γὰρ ἐν τῇ ὀσφύϊ τοῦ πατρὸς ἦν ὅτε συνήνητησεν αὐτῷ ὁ Μελχισεδέκ. Εἰ μὲν οὖν τελείωσις διὰ τῆς Λευϊτικῆς ἱερωσύνης ἦν· ὁ λαὸς γὰρ ἐπ’ αὐτῇ νενομοθέτητο· τίς ἔτι χρεία κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ ἕτερον ἀνίστασθαι ἱερέα καὶ οὐ κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Ἀαρὼν λέγεσθαι; μετατιθεμένης γὰρ τῆς ἱερωσύνης ἐξ ἀνάγκης καὶ νόμου μετάθεσις γίνεται. ἐφ’ ὃν γὰρ λέγεται ταῦτα, φυλῆς ἑτέρας μετέσχηκεν, ἀφ’ ἧς οὐδεὶς προσέσχηκε τῷ θυσιαστηρίῳ. πρόδηλον γὰρ ὅτι ἐξ Ἰούδα ἀνατέταλκεν ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν, εἰς ἣν φυλὴν οὐδὲν περὶ ἱερωσύνης Μωϋσῆς ἐλάλησε. Καὶ περισσότερον ἔτι κατάδηλόν ἐστιν, εἰ κατὰ τὴν ὁμοίότητα Μελχισεδέκ ἀνίσταται ἱερεὺς ἕτερος, ὃς οὐ κατὰ νόμον ἐντολῆς σαρκικῆς γέγονεν, ἀλλὰ κατὰ δύναμιν ζωῆς ἀκαταλύτου· μαρτυρεῖ γὰρ ὅτι σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.

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## EPISTLE READING

### **St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews 7: 7 - 17**

Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."



## ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ

Εκ του κατα Λουκάν 2:22 - 40

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀνήγαγον οἱ γονεῖς τὸ παιδίον Ἰησοῦν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα παραστήσαι τῷ Κυρίῳ, καθὼς γέγραπται ἐν νόμῳ Κυρίου ὅτι πᾶν ἄρσεν διανοίγον μήτραν ἅγιον τῷ Κυρίῳ κληθήσεται, καὶ τοῦ δοῦναι θυσίαν κατὰ τὸ εἰρημένον ἐν νόμῳ Κυρίου, ζευγὸς τρυγόνων ἢ δύο νεοσσοὺς περιστερῶν. Καὶ ἰδοὺ ἦν ἄνθρωπος ἐν Ἱεροσολύμοις ᾧ ὄνομα Συμεὼν, καὶ ὁ ἄνθρωπος οὗτος δίκαιος καὶ εὐλαβής, προσδεχόμενος παράκλησιν τοῦ Ἰσραήλ, καὶ Πνεῦμα ἦν Ἅγιον ἐπ' αὐτόν· καὶ ἦν αὐτῷ κεχηματισμένον ὑπὸ τοῦ Πνεύματος τοῦ Ἁγίου μὴ ἰδεῖν θάνατον πρὶν ἢ ἴδῃ τὸν Χριστὸν Κυρίου. καὶ ἦλθεν ἐν τῷ Πνεύματι εἰς τὸ ἱερόν· καὶ ἐν τῷ εἰσαγαγεῖν τοὺς γονεῖς τὸ παιδίον Ἰησοῦν τοῦ ποιῆσαι αὐτοὺς κατὰ τὸ εἰθισμένον τοῦ νόμου περὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ αὐτὸς ἐδέξατο αὐτὸν εἰς τὰς ἀγκάλας αὐτοῦ καὶ εὐλόγησε τὸν Θεὸν καὶ εἶπε· νῦν ἀπολύεις τὸν δούλόν σου, δέσποτα, κατὰ τὸ ῥήμά σου ἐν εἰρήνῃ, ὅτι εἶδον οἱ ὀφθαλμοί μου τὸ σωτήριόν σου, ὃ ἠτοίμασας κατὰ πρόσωπον πάντων τῶν λαῶν, φῶς εἰς ἀποκάλυψιν ἐθνῶν καὶ δόξαν λαοῦ σου Ἰσραήλ. καὶ ἦν Ἰωσήφ καὶ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ θαυμάζοντες ἐπὶ τοῖς λαλουμένοις περὶ αὐτοῦ. καὶ εὐλόγησεν αὐτοὺς Συμεὼν καὶ εἶπε πρὸς Μαριὰμ τὴν μητέρα αὐτοῦ· ἰδοὺ οὗτος κείται εἰς πῶσιν καὶ ἀνάστασιν πολλῶν ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ καὶ εἰς σημεῖον ἀντιλεγόμενον. καὶ σοῦ δὲ αὐτῆς τὴν ψυχὴν διελεύσεται ῥομφαία, ὅπως ἂν ἀποκαλυφθῶσιν ἐκ πολλῶν καρδιῶν διαλογισμοί. Καὶ ἦν Ἄννα προφήτις, θυγάτηρ Φανουὴλ, ἐκ φυλῆς Ἀσήρ· αὕτη προβεβηκυῖα ἐν ἡμέραις πολλάις, ζήσασα ἔτη μετὰ ἀνδρὸς ἑπτὰ ἀπὸ τῆς παρθενίας αὐτῆς, καὶ αὕτη χήρα ὡς ἐτῶν ὀγδοήκοντα τεσσαρῶν, ἢ οὐκ ἀφίστατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ἱεροῦ νηστεύσασα καὶ δεήσασα λατρεύουσα νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν· καὶ αὕτη αὕτῃ τῇ ὥρᾳ ἐπιστάσα ἀνθωμολογεῖτο τῷ Κυρίῳ καὶ ἐλάλει περὶ αὐτοῦ πᾶσι τοῖς προσδεχομένοις λύτρωσιν ἐν Ἱερουσαλήμ. Καὶ ὡς ἐτέλεσαν ἅπαντα τὰ κατὰ τὸν νόμον Κυρίου, ὑπέστρεψαν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν εἰς τὴν πόλιν ἑαυτῶν Ναζαρέτ. Τὸ δὲ παιδίον ἤρξαντο καὶ ἐκραταιοῦτο πνεύματι πληρούμενον σοφίας, καὶ χάρις Θεοῦ ἦν ἐπ' αὐτό.

## GOSPEL READING

According to Luke 2:22 - 40

At that time, the parents brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And in the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.



## ΦΩΝΗ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ - ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΗ ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΙΑ

Η Υπαπαντή του Κυρίου είναι μία από τις δώδεκα μεγάλες εορτές της Ορθόδοξης Χριστιανικής Εκκλησίας. Η εορτή της Υπαπαντής του Κυρίου είναι μια δεσποτική και συγχρόνως θεομητορική εορτή, που γεμίζει με σκέψεις, συγκίνηση και συναισθήματα τους πιστούς. Καθώς κάθε χρόνο στις 2 του Φεβρουαρίου, το ιερό κείμενο της Καινής Διαθήκης και τα άφθαστα σε κάλλος ιερά υμνογραφήματα, αλλά και η θεολόγος γλώσσα των Αγίων Πατέρων της Εκκλησίας μας, ζωντανεύουν και πάλι τη σκηνή αυτού του γεγονότος και της υποδοχής που έγινε στο τεσσαρακονθήμερο Βρέφος στον Ναό του Σολομώντος. (Η λέξη Υπαπαντή σημαίνει προϋπάντηση στην κοινή ελληνιστική). Ο Συμεών αυτό το περίμενε σε ολόκληρη τη ζωή του και είναι βέβαιο πως στοχαζόταν, προσευχόταν και βάθαινε όσο παρέμενε έτσι· ώστε στο τέλος ολόκληρη η ζωή του ήταν μια συνεχής «παραμονή» της χαρούμενης συνάντησης. Δεν είναι λοιπόν καιρός να αναρωτηθούμε τι περιμένουμε εμείς; Τι επιμένει η καρδιά μας, να μας υπενθυμίζει συνεχώς; Μεταμορφώνεται βαθμιαία η ζωή μας σε μια αναμονή, καθώς περιμένουμε να συναντηθούμε με τα ουσιώδη; Αυτά είναι τα ερωτήματα που θέτει η Υπαπαντή. Σ' αυτή τη γιορτή η ζωή του ανθρώπου αποκαλύπτεται, ως ανυπέρβλητη ομορφιά μιας ώριμης ψυχής, που έχει απελευθερωθεί, βαθύνει και καθαριστεί από καθετί το μικρόψυχο, το ανόητο και τυχαίο. Ακόμη και τα γηρατειά και ο θάνατος, η γήινη μοίρα, που όλοι μας μοιραζόμαστε, παρουσιάζονται εδώ τόσο απλά και πειστικά, ως ανάπτυξη και άνοδος προς εκείνη τη στιγμή. Ειδικότερα όταν με όλη μου την καρδιά, στην πληρότητα της ευχαριστίας, θα πω: «νυν απολύεις». Είδα το φως να διαπερνά τον κόσμο. Είδα το «Παιδίον», που φέρνει στον κόσμο τόση θεϊκή αγάπη και που παραδίδεται σε μένα. Τίποτε δεν προκαλεί φόβο, τίποτε δεν είναι άγνωστο. Όλα τώρα είναι ειρήνη, ευχαριστία, αγάπη. Αυτά φέρνει η Υπαπαντή του Κυρίου. Εορτάζει τη συνάντηση της ψυχής με την Αγάπη, τη συνάντηση μ' Αυτόν που μας έδωσε τη ζωή και που μου προσέφερε το κουράγιο, να τη μεταμορφώσω σε αναμονή. «Φως εις αποκάλυψιν εθνών και δόξαν λαού σου Ισραήλ». Αυτό το φως, που είναι ο Χριστός, και το οποίο φανερώθηκε επ' εσχάτων των αιώνων, θα γράψει ο Άγιος Κύριλλος Πατριάρχης Αλεξανδρείας, «γένετο φως τοις εν σκότω, και πεπλανημένοις, και υπο χείρα πεσούσι διαβολικήν». Σ' αυτήν τη διακονία του φωτός αναφέρεται ο ιερός ψαλμωδός: «Κύριε, εν τω φωτί του προσώπου σου πορεύσονται, και εν τω ονόματί σου αγαλλιάσονται όλην την ημέραν»

**Ιστορικά** - Αυτήν την ημέρα από το 1929 έχει καθιερώσει η Ελληνορθόδοξη Παράδοσή μας, σαν σημείο αναφοράς για την Ελληνίδα Ορθόδοξη Μητέρα τιμώντας τους κόπους, τις θυσίες και την ανεκτίμητη προσφορά της, στην οικογένεια και την κοινωνία μας. Εξ' αιτίας αυτού η γιορτή της Μητέρας, είχε καθιερωθεί επίσημα να εορτάζεται στις 2 Φεβρουαρίου, ημέρα της Υπαπαντής του Σωτήρος Χριστού, ημέρα προσφοράς στο Θεό, του Τεσσαρακονθήμερου Χριστού, από την Αγία Μητέρα Του, την Παναγία. Γι' αυτό ήταν απόλυτα δικαιολογημένη η επιλογή της ημέρας αυτής, ως ημερομηνία γιορτής της Μάνας, καθότι η Παναγία μας είναι η κατά χάριν Μητέρα όλων των χριστιανών, αφού ο Χριστός είναι ο κατά χάριν αδελφός μας.





## THE VOICE OF THE LORD - APOSTOLIKI DIAKONIA




**WHO IS CHRIST** - If we wish to believe in Him, we are called to remember three points of His own identity, which make Him, according to the word of Symeon the Godbearer at the Presentation, “a disputed sign” (Lk. 2:34). The same with whoever is following him.

**The first that He Himself is the Godman.** This means that our human nature communes with the Divine one in His person. We do not believe in an idea, in a preaching, in a teaching about God, but in God Himself who is a person, who took on the human hypostasis and leads us to theosis, to eternal communion with Him in the life of the Church. However for this road to become an experience, we need to defeat the temptations of logic and of the senses. “I don’t see God”. “God is a creation of the human mind”. These are two sentences that proceed from the mouths and the hearts of many people today. They don’t see His presence in the life of the Church, in the manner of holiness, in the joy that faith brings and they transport their rejection.

**The martyrdom that contains joy** - The second thing that He did not promise any authority for us. The path in which we are called to proceed was and is a martyrdom, if we accept it. A martyrdom from the attacks of the thoughts of doubt. From the hate of people toward Him, on account of the devil, and from the transporting of this hate to us also. From our own difficulty to choose the path of forgiveness, of not accounting and of not rejecting others. From the attacks of death which make us question “where God is?” From the agonies that the daily cares and the breaking up from time add to us. From the attacks of the powerful ones of this world. It is a martyrdom of loneliness in an age that does not want God. However, this martyrdom contains the joy of His own support. Of His own illumination. Of His own presence, that gives us the capability of enduring. So long as we are seeking Him and trusting in Him.

**The deification of the “ego”** - The third thing that the enemies of men are “his own people” (Mt. 10:36). The weakness many times, both our own as well as of other Christians, to understand one another. To support one another. To have a common course. To orient life to Christ and to love. Each one sees his own self thinking differently. Not being in a position to hear his brother. Being interested only in his own things, without being in a position to want to share with the other person, whatever is burdening him, but also at the same moment, to pick up a bit from the burden that is burdening the others. Because, here is also the center of sin. That we are being concerned only for the “ego”. And this concern, fills us with passions, evils and disappointment. Because we are starting off from the others, and not seeing our own fault. So the Christ of the Church, for each one of us comprises a challenge. Let us be seeking Him!



# ΕΟΡΤΟΛΟΓΙΟΝ

FEBRUARY 2025

February 2 **Presentation of the Lord**  
SUN **Υπαπαντή του Κυρίου**  
7:30 Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy  
(One Liturgy)

February 3 **St. Symeon the God-bearer**  
MON **Αγ. Συμεών του Θεοδόχου**  
8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy

February 6 **St. Fotios the Great**  
THUR **Αγ. Φωτίου του Μεγάλου**  
8 a.m. / 9:00 Liturgy

February 8 **St. Theodore the Commander**  
SAT **Αγ. Θεοδώρου Στρατηλάτου**  
8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy

February 9 **Publican and Pharisee**  
SUN **Τελώνου και Φαρισαίου**  
7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy  
(One Liturgy - Archbishop)

February 10 **St. Haralambos**  
MON **Αγ. Χαραλάμπους**  
8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy

February 16 **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
SUN **Κυριακή του Ασώτου**  
7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy  
(One Liturgy)

February 17 **St. Theodore of Tyre**  
TUE **Αγ. Θεοδώρου Τήρωνος**  
8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy

February 22 **Saturday of the Souls**  
SAT **Ψυχοσάββατο**  
8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy

February 23 **Sunday of the Last Judgment**  
SUN **Κυριακή της Κρίσεως**  
7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy  
10:45 a.m. 2nd Liturgy

February 24 **Finding of the Head of St. John**  
MON **Ευρέσεως της Τιμίας Κεφαλής**  
8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy

February 25 **Vigil For St. Fotini the Samaritan**  
TUE  
6 p.m. Holy Unction  
7:30 p.m. Vespers  
8:30 p.m. Orthros  
9:45 p.m. Divine Liturgy

**Αγρουπνία Αγ. Φωτινής**  
6 μ.μ. Άγιο Ευχέλαιο  
7:30 μ.μ. Εσπερινός  
8:30 μ.μ. Όρθρος  
9:45 μ.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία



**ΟΝΟΜΑΣΤΗΡΙΑ ΠΑΡΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΟΥ ΤΗΣ ΠΑΝΑΓΙΑΣ  
ΙΕΡΟΣ ΝΑΟΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ ΦΛΑΣΙΝΓΚ, Ν.Υ.**

**Κυριακή της Υπαπαντής, 2 Φεβρουαρίου 2025**

Ενημερώνουμε τους ευσεβείς ενορίτες και ολόκληρη την Ομογένεια ότι σύμφωνα με την εκκλησιαστική τάξη, την Κυριακή της Υπαπαντής, 2 Φεβρουαρίου 2025 κατά την διάρκεια της Θείας Λειτουργίας, με ιδιαίτερη λαμπρότητα και πρόεπουσα ευπρέπεια θα τελεστούν τα Ονομαστήρια του Ιερού Παρεκκλησίου που βρίσκεται εντός του Ιερού Ναού του Αγίου Νικολάου στο Φλάσινγκ, Νέα Υόρκη.

Της τελετής των Ονομαστηρίων θα προεστέι ο Αρχιερατικώς Προϊστάμενος Πρεσβύτερος Πάτερ Αριστείδης συμπαραστατούμενος από τον Πρωτοπρεσβύτερο Πάτερ Παύλο και Πρεσβύτερο Πάτερ Αλέξανδρο.

Στη συνέχεια θα τελεστεί λιτανεία της εικόνας της Παναγίας Υπαπαντής εντός του Ιερού Ναού του Αγίου Νικολάου και θα αναγνωσθεί η προσευχή των Ονομασθηρίων του Ιερού Παρεκκλησίου της Παναγίας.

Με ιδιαίτερη τιμή και ευγνωμοσύνη ανακοινώνουμε ότι το Παρακλήσιο της Παναγίας εντός του Ιερού Ναού του Αγίου Νικολάου Φλάσινγκ, Ν.Υ. θα ονομάζεται έκτοτε και επί του απείρου το Παρεκλήσιο της Παναγίας αφιερωμένο αποκλειστικά και μόνιμα στην αιώνια μνήμη της ΜΑΡΙΑΣ ΣΚΑΡΜΟΥΤΣΟΥ μειά από σημαντική δωρεά των θυγατέρων της που καθιστά πραγματικότητα τα Ονομαστήρια του Παρεκκλησίου της Παναγίας στον Ιερό Ναό του Αγίου Νικολάου Φλάσινγκ.

Καλούμε όλους τους ευσεβείς ενορίτες και ολόκληρη την Ομογένεια να παραστούν στα Ονομαστήρια του Παρεκκλησίου της Παναγίας την Κυριακή της Υπαπαντής 2 Φεβρουαρίου 2025 κατά την διάρκεια της Θείας Λειτουργίας στον Ιερό Ναό του Αγίου Νικολάου Φλάσινγκ. Θα ακολουθήσει δεξίωση στο αίθουσα «Σαραντάκος Χωλ» της Εκκλησίας.





## PURCHASE YOUR TILE TODAY!

We would like to thank all of our devoted parishioners for their support and love. We are building towards our future and we need everyone's support to make our vision a reality. Thank you!



### Saint Nicholas Tile Fundraiser

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

How many tiles? \_\_\_\_\_

**Purchase your tile today here**

*Cost of Icon \$1,000*







**JOIN US TODAY!**

**Grandparent's Sunday  
February 2, 2025**



The Sunday School students of St. Nicholas Church invite their Godparent(s) to join them in worship and attend Godparent Sunday and sit together as we participate in the first Divine Liturgy and receive Holy Communion as a family on Sunday, February 2, 2025, at 8:45 a.m.

The Sunday School will be sponsoring a bagel breakfast during the coffee hour immediately following the first liturgy. Yiayiades and Papoudes are invited if a Godparent cannot attend.



NEWS AND EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

**SAINT NICHOLAS  
DOULAVERIS PRESCHOOL**

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HOUSE**

**Wednesday, February 12th**  
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**Offering 2, 3 and 4 year  
old programs**

FULL AND HALF DAY PROGRAMS  
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**REGISTRATION  
WILL BEGIN ON  
FEBRUARY 3RD, 2025**

**OFFERING 2,3 AND 4  
YEAR OLD PROGRAMS**

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**  
CHILD'S BIRTH AND BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE  
IMMUNIZATION RECORDS  
RECENT PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

**WHY CHOOSE US?**

- ✓ SMALL CLASS SIZES
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## UPCOMING EVENT

### ST. NICHOLAS MEN'S LEAGUE

**HISTORY** - In 1955 Father Constantine Volaitis organized a group of men who had been highly involved in the organization of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas. He told this group of men that they should keep this organization together by forming the Men's League. Shortly after, the organization was formed in order for these men to continue the good work that they had been doing for the church.

**In the Community** - The Men's League is involved in various aspects of the community. Every year the organization is involved in helping feed the hungry by donating meals to families in need. As well as donating food, they have donated thousands of dollars to aid

the church. The Men's League also volunteers their services to the annual St. Nicholas festival which contributes a large portion of the church's yearly earnings.

**Outings-** Every year the Men's League organizes a fishing trip and a golf outing for the members. The outings help bring the members of the organization closer together. Brotherhood and friendship are what have made the Men's League run so well all these years. The outings provide a great opportunity for all the members to continue the tradition of brotherhood and friendship

Contact us at: [gkakivelis@gmail.com](mailto:gkakivelis@gmail.com)

Meetings: Second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm



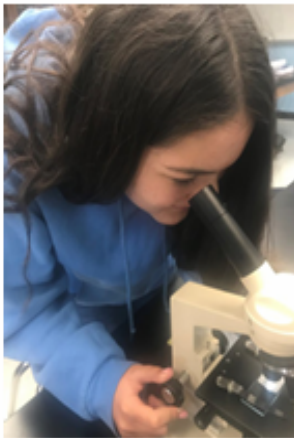


## The William Spyropoulos Greek-American Day School of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

43-15 196th Street, Flushing, NY 718-357-5583 info@wmspyropoulosschool.org

# Visit Our School

**CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO SCHEDULE A BUDDY DAY  
OR A TOUR OF OUR SCHOOL**



- An environment rich in Greek Orthodox values that gives students a strong foundation that lasts a lifetime
- An exceptional and highly qualified faculty with a passion for learning and teaching
- Individualized attention that contributes to confident and independent learners
- Accelerated programs in grades K-8
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**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR KINDERGARTEN - EIGHTH GRADE**

*An outstanding environment, where children learn and grow happily and successfully*

**Scan the QR Code to get a glimpse of our school**





## LITURGICAL PROTOCOLS

We welcome all visitors to our Saint Nicholas Parish! Please be aware, that while you are welcome to worship with us, only baptized Orthodox Christians in good standing may approach for Holy Communion.

## APPROACHING FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Congregants are kindly asked to remain in their pews until they are directed to approach.  
Thank you!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday February 9th we will have the blessing to have His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America. Please be advised that on this day we have one Divine Liturgy.

*Την επόμενη Κυριακή, 9 Φεβρουαρίου, έχουμε την τιμή και ευλογία να είναι μαζί μας ο Σεβασμιώτατος Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικής κ. Ελπιδοφόρου. Αυτή την Κυριακή θα έχουμε μόνο μια Θεία Λειτουργία.*

Please save the date for our annual *Tsiknopempti Glendi* on Thursday, February 20th  
*Παρακαλώ να έχετε υπόψιν σας ότι στις 20 Φεβρουαρίου θα έχουμε την Τσικνοπέμπτη Βραδιά.*

Don't forget to receive your loukomades today on your way into the Sarantakos Hall! Also, our Church School will provide breakfast for everyone in the hall today.

*Σήμερα η ενορία προσφέρει λουκουμάδες στους ενορίτες. Επίσης, το κατηχητικό προσφέρει καφέ και πρωινό για όλους στην αίθουσα.*

*SAVE THE DATE: Ladies Philoptochos Spring Luncheon - May 3, 2025 12pm at the Sand Castle*

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*Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church  
196-10 Northern Blvd Flushing, NY 11358*





## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY

What does it mean to be a steward of the Church? Being a steward is one of the most essential aspects of our Christian life. Offering our time, talent and treasure towards our church and parish life is an expression of love towards God and one another. The Lord wants us to live out our faith within community, in a concrete way. Stewardship is an opportunity to do just this!

### WHAT ARE OUR NEEDS?

It may surprise you, but the reality is it costs the church \$5,000 each day to operate our buildings. The operating expenses, electric and general maintenance have all increased exponentially. Though we realize the same is true for our own household expenses, we should remember to do our part to provide the best we can for our spiritual home.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- \* **Remember to worship with us regularly**
- \* **Get involved in a ministry**
- \* **Sponsor our parish for a day (\$4,500 - \$5,000)**
- \* **Sponsor our parish for half a day (\$2,000 - \$2,500)**
- \* **Consider increasing your stewardship to (\$1,000 - \$1,500)**
- \* **Offer your minimum stewardship (\$500 - \$600)**

*Visit our Stewardship information page online at [www.stnicholasflushing.org](http://www.stnicholasflushing.org)*

**Donate  
here today!**



*Please make all donations payable to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church*

# KID'S BULLETIN PAGE



THIS TRADITION BRINGS THE MOTHER BACK INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH AFTER GIVING BIRTH SO SHE CAN:

(True or False then Trace the Quote)

- Show off her new baby \_\_\_\_\_
- Thank God for giving her a child \_\_\_\_\_
- Promise the child to the President \_\_\_\_\_
- Take Communion again \_\_\_\_\_
- Be forgiven of her sins \_\_\_\_\_
- Drink coffee again \_\_\_\_\_

For each child has the potential to be great in the sight of the Lord!

## *Prayer at Churching of Baby*

O Lord our God, Who on the 40<sup>th</sup> day was brought as a child into the Temple of the Law by Mary, the Virgin Bride and Your holy Mother, and was carried in the arms of the righteous Symeon, do You also, Sovereign Master All-Powerful, bless this presented baby that it may appear before You, the Creator of all things. And do You increase in him/her every good work acceptable to You, removing from him/her every opposing might by the sign of the likeness of Your Cross; for You are He Who guards infants, O Lord. So that, accounted worthy of holy Baptism, he/she may obtain the portion of Your Elect of the Kingdom, being protected with us by the Grace of the Holy Undivided Trinity. For unto You do we send up Glory, Honor and Worship, with Your Eternal Father and Your All; Holy, Good and Life-creating Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

## WERE YOU PRESENTED AT 40 DAYS OLD?

Circle: YES or NO

What city?

Who offered you?

What priest received you?

What Church community?

FEBRUARY 2