

**Have you made  
your 2017  
Stewardship  
Pledge Yet?**

**Sunday, August 20, 2017  
11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

*The coffee hour this week is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Nick Milissis & Family! Please join us in the Cathedral Hall!*

### **WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

We are glad you came, and we hope your visit was memorable and meaningful in every way. Our doors and hearts are always open to you. Please join us for fellowship following the liturgy and visit with our Clergy and with members of our parish council. They will answer questions you may have and provide you with information regarding the programs we offer.

### **A NOTE TO VISITORS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION**

We welcome to this celebration those Christians who are not united with us. It is a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. We thank you, though, for joining us in prayer and invite you to partake of the blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We also invite you to join us for fellowship in the church hall after the Divine Liturgy.

### **WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?**

Saint Paul said, in his great Epistle on Stewardship, *“He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully, will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful give.”* (2Cor. 9:6-7). ***Please become a steward TODAY!***

### **ΠΕΡΙ ΘΕΙΑΣ ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑΣ**

Η Θεία Κοινωνία και μετάληψη είναι αυτός ο ίδιος ο Χριστός, δηλαδή είναι αυτή η ίδια η Θεία Βασιλεία. Παίρνοντας το Χριστό με τη Θεία Μετάληψη μέσα μας, λαμβάνουμε από τώρα τον Παράδεισο, τη Βασιλεία των ουρανών, τον ίδιο το Θεό. Θεία αυτή Βασιλεία αρχίζει από τώρα και προεκτείνεται, αλλά και ολοκληρώνεται, στο μέλλοντα αιώνα.

### **WE NEED YOUR EMAIL!**

Please provide us with your email address using the iPad in the Narthex of the church to ensure you are most current with all of our communications! Don't forget to add our Cathedral Calendar to your personal Calendar by visiting our Parish Website and viewing our monthly calendar page!

### **2017-2018 GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

Register today for our upcoming Greek School year and save \$100! Spread the word and register your children today! A pre-k (3 & 4 year old class) will be available this year! Register today!!!

### **ONLINE GIVING**

We are pleased to announce that the Cathedral website now supports online giving. You may visit our parish website and pay your Stewardship or make a donation at anytime by simply hitting the donate button. Recurring payments or one time payments may be set up through this new tool! Thank you for your love & support!!

### **FELLOWSHIP HOUR SPONSORS NEEDED**

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour at the Cathedral! We are in need of sponsors so that we may continue this ministry! Many Sundays through August and September are currently available. Contact the cathedral to reserve your date today!

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS GOING ON NOW!**

Please take the opportunity to register your children for our religious education classes now! We are planning for a great year and want to ensure we have an adequate count for materials for the year! Please visit us online for a registration form or in the Cathedral office! Class will begin Sunday, September 24!

### **ALTAR BOYS**

All boys who are 7 years old and up are encouraged to join Fr. Stamati in the Altar for Divine Services! Please see Father for details and to be added to the altar boy email list!

### **FAMILY SYNAXIS – LABOR DAY WEEKEND RETREAT**

Join families from throughout the metropolis of Chicago at the Annual Labor Day Family Retreat. The retreat is hosted at our St. Iakovos Retreat Center in Wisconsin! Friday September 1, 2017 7pm – Sunday, September 3 4pm. For more info and to register your family for a great weekend retreat visit; [www.gocfamilysynaxis.org](http://www.gocfamilysynaxis.org).

### **FEAST OF ST. PHANOURIOS**

On Sunday, **August 27<sup>th</sup>** we will celebrate the feast day of St. Phanourios. Please bring your Phanouropetes (St. Phanourios Cakes) to be blessed during the Divine Liturgy. An Artoklasia along with a coffee hour will be sponsored for all in attendance!

### **ANNUAL METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO PHILOPTOCHOS LUNCHEON**

The annual luncheon of our Metropolis Philoptochos will take place on September 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 11:00 a.m. at The Empress, Lombard, IL. If you are interested in attending please see one of our Philoptochos Ladies. the Philanthropic endeavors of the Chicago Metropolis Ladies Philoptochos Society.

### **Upcoming Feast Day Liturgies**

Aug. 29 – Behead of St. John the Baptist  
9:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy  
+STRICT FAST DAY

### **Λειτουργίες του Αυγούστου**

29 Αυγ. Απότ. Κεφαλής Αγ. Ιωάννου  
9:00 π.μ. - Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία  
+ΗΜΕΡΑ ΝΗΣΤΕΙΑΣ

## TODAY'S READINGS:

### St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12

BRETHREN, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

### The Gospel of Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailors, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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