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# THE CANON

My Dear Spiritual Children,

Throughout the centuries men of God have presented many philosophies and theories on the subject of giving. They have tried to teach their listeners that giving is not as painful as most people think. Giving is not painful if we have learned how to give.

There once was a father who wished to develop his son's character. One Sunday he gave him a penny and a quarter and said, "Son, you put whichever one you want in the collection plate." After Church the father asked his son, "What did you give?" The young boy responded, "Just before they passed the tray, the preacher said, 'The Lord loves a cheerful giver,' and I knew, that I could be a lot more cheerful if I gave the penny, so I gave it."

Maybe we can identify with this young boy's attitude. We ourselves know personally what we have as our possession whether it is in cash, stocks and bonds, investments or what have you. (It really is your own personal business and no one else's) However, despite what we have – we as Christians do have a moral responsibility to share in the total efforts of supporting our Church through an act of Stewardship – the giving of our money, time, talents, and resources.

We all face the reality of having bills (big and small) but most of us also have the security of a fairly steady income. Nonetheless, we also have to look at the reality that the Church depends solely on what you give to Her. In order for the Church to function, it should (as an institution of God's love, mercy and compassion) must be supported by those who worship within the Church. Money collected by the Church not only pays the bills and salaries, and takes care of the maintenance and supplies; but it also has to allocate toward the work of the Metropolis and the Archdiocese to maintain the mission and responsibility given to us by our Lord. (Not only to care for our needs but also to assist in the needs of others around the world –The Church)

We all know the feeling of joy when we receive, let us learn the feeling of joy when we give. We must follow the example of our Teacher, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He gave freely to those in need not asking anything in return; but rejoiced over the fruits of His labor. If we wish to gain anything from the fruits of the Church, we must strive to continue to support Her so that she will be here for us, and for our children and our children's children.

In Christ's Love,

*+Fr. Michael*

# October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Seniors 5:00 PM	2	3	
4 Orthros 9:15 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Sunday School Begins	5 HOME BLESSINGS BEGIN	6 AHEPA 6:30 PM	7 Night with Father 7:00 PM	8 Parish Council 7:00 PM	9	10
11 Orthros 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM	12	13 Philoptochos 7:00 PM	14	15	16	17 Philoptochos Clambake 6:30 PM
18 Orthros 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM GOYA Meeting	19	20 AHEPA 6:30 PM	21	22	23	24
25 Orthros 9:15 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM OXI DAY PRAYER	26 St. Demetrios Orthros 9:30 Divine Liturgy 10:15 AM	27	28	29	30	31



## BUCKEYE CLAMBAKE & WATCH PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015 AT 6:30 PM

Pre-Game Clambake: \$35 (1 Dozen Clams)

\$45 (2 Dozen Clams)

Includes: Clam Broth and New England Clam Chowder, 1 Dozen Top-Neck Clams,

Hand-full of Prince Edward Island Mussels, Grilled Lemon Herb Chicken,

Corn on the Cob, Baby Redskin Potato, Roll & Butter

CASH BAR

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

2000 Tower Boulevard, Lorain

WATCH Penn State vs Ohio State on the big screen!

KICKOFF 8 PM

**GO BUCKS!**

A portion of the proceeds to Communities that Care

Sponsored by St. Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos

**Ticket Purchase Deadline—Sunday , October 11th**

M/M John Geanos		M/M Mike Karniotis
M/M Athansios Koutsaftis	<u>Wednesday October 28</u>	Miss Sofias
Mr. Chris Varouh	NO HOME BLESSING	M/M Tony Chargaros
		M/M Dean Shelley
<u>Friday October 23</u>	<u>Thursday October 29</u>	
NO HOME BLESSING	Mrs. Denis Antonopoulos	<u>Monday November 2</u>
	M/M Ron Varouh	Demetria Lieb
<u>Saturday October 24</u>	Mrs. Maria Asimou	Mrs. Amalia Karaboyias
NO HOME BLESSING	M/M Tom Asimou	Mrs. Alexandra Deskins
	M/M Anastasios Koutsaftis	M/M Regis Smith
<u>Monday October 26</u>	Ms. Kirsten Varouh	M/M Petros Nicolaou
M/M James Kollias	M/M George Kamoutsis	M/M Albert Matlin
M/M George Mehas		M/M Kenny Asimou
Mrs. Kathy Plomaritis		
Mr. Nick Kamogiannis	<u>Friday October 30</u>	
M/M Nick Bardosas	M/M George Georgas	<u>Tuesdays November 3</u>
M/M Steve Checkouras	Mrs. Ketty Atheneos	M/M Gus Marzavas
M/M Vasilios Boumis	M/M Apostolos Makris	Mrs. Thespo Szanto
M/M Kevin Cullen	M/M Kostas Foularis	M/M Ted Pappas
	Miss Valerie Adkins	Dr/M Peter Stamatis
<u>Tuesday October 27</u>	Mrs. Elaine Georgas	M/M John Marzavas
Mrs. George Karras	M/M Zisis Kalivas	M/M Jim Marzavas
Mrs. Beverly Korogianos		Miss Sevi Tsarnas
Mrs. Mary Kallis	<u>Saturday October 31</u>	
Mrs. Athanasia Vardous	M/M Dave Karolak	
Mrs. Olga Delis	M/M Doug Bowman	
	Mr. Peter Mellio	

## Questions and Answers

### Q: A non-Orthodox Christian may not receive Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church - Why?

**A:** We begin by noting the nature of the Church. The Church is the body of Christ. The Orthodox Church has always seen itself as being the “one, holy, catholic (universal) and apostolic” Church of Christ in all of its fullness. Thus, for an individual Christian to be in communion with the “one, holy, catholic and apostolic” Church is an either – or position. Either you are a member, or you are not.

### The chief Signs of Membership in the Church.

Acceptance of the teachings of the Church by believers is an important sign of membership. This has never meant that believers had to be theologians, or highly informed regarding the subtleties of the faith. The basic teachings about God, Christ, the Sacraments, the Church and the Last Things are what are meant here. All these are summarized in the Creed. If a believer can repeat the Creed in faith, he or she shares in his “sign of membership.”

In addition to orthodoxy of belief, is communion with the canonical Bishop, that is membership in a local church body which is in communion with all the other canonical Orthodox Churches is a “sign of membership” which is extremely important. It not only unites us with all other Orthodox throughout the world today, but it also unites us with the historical body of the Church throughout the centuries. Today’s Orthodox are one with the Church of Christ, the Apostles, the Fathers of early age and place and with the Church Triumphant of the saints.

A lifestyle which somehow, in the long process of growth toward “Theosis” or God-likeness, reflects Christian values or growth toward them is as a “sign of membership.” Many canons of the Church expel persons, clergy and laity, from membership in the Church on the basis of moral criteria, while other canons restrict the privileges of membership in the Church to members who break certain standards by their behavior. The Church is lenient on these matters, but not indifferent.

Nearly always, the Church’s way of indicating either the permanent expulsion of a person from membership, or a temporary indication of the Churches disciple, has to do with participating in

the Sacraments, and in particular, Holy Communion. Thus, if a Christian has committed a serious sin, the canons order that the Father Confessor may order that the Christian live for a period of time without the right of participating in Holy Communion. If a person has done some very serious sin, or had denied the faith in a heretical fashion, they may be excommunicated permanently.

Our conclusion to these observations for this discussion is that Holy Communion is one of the most important “sign of membership” in the Church. More broadly and theologically, it is very clear that the Eucharist (the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord) is the place where the Church most fully expresses her unity and presence in the world and in communion with God. Therefore, participating in Holy Communion is one of the most important ways which membership in the Church is manifested.

As a result, for the Orthodox not only is it wrong for the non-Orthodox to receive Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church, but it is also wrong for the Orthodox to receive Holy Communion in a non-Orthodox Churches. It follows that there is a basic theological and rational contradiction in the idea of the “inter communion,” so strongly pushed by some Protestants and Roman Catholics, the part of the idea summarized by the first term (inter) clearly implies that the participants are members of different churches. This means that they have different beliefs, church government practice, views and teachings about what is right and wrong, etc. They are not the One Church.

However, the word “communion” in the term “inter-communion”, implies the exact opposite! Communion precisely means union and unity. In the case of Holy Communion and Church unity, one cannot be at the same time both members and non-members of the Orthodox Church. Consequently, for the Orthodox Church, there cannot be such a thing as “inter-communion.”

### **Holy Communion – Shared Eucharist is the Goal.**

Now you see why a non-Orthodox may not receive Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church. It is a question of integrity; the integrity of faith, church order, lifestyle, and sacramental life. Only when these are found to essentially in agreement, participation in Holy Communion – that is sharing in the Eucharist, is the very sign, mark expression, and manifest of the fact that the person, or the formerly separate church body, is not one with the Orthodox Church. This has always been the teaching and practice of the Church from its founding, through all the centuries. It continues to be its belief and practice today.

M/M Nick Reppas	M/M Marc Jackson	M/M George Kantouros
M/M Mike Papadakis		
M/M Fernando Maskarino	<u>Friday October 16</u>	<u>Tuesday October 20</u>
	Mrs. Chris Grumbos	M/M George Aslanidis
<u>Monday October 12</u>	Mr. William Grumbos	M/M Alex Georgas
M/M George Asimou	Mrs. Maria Athanas	M/M Chris Georgas
M/M Tom Asimou	Mrs. James A. Asimou	M/M Pete Epitropoulos
Mrs. Toula Dimitropoulos	M/M Chris Kollias	Ms. Dorothy Epitropoulos
M/M Constantine Gulgas	Mrs. Lavern Keron	Mrs. Ula Fedor
M/M Phil Vasilakis		M/M Alex Karras
	<u>Saturday October 17</u>	Miss Jillian Kobasher
<u>Tuesday October 13</u>	M/M Dennis Christo	
Mrs. Papouras	Mrs. Vasiliki Ioanidis	<u>Wednesday October 21</u>
Mr Nick Kontos	M/M Gay Adkins	M/M Dan Eichler
Mrs. Ted Patouhas	Mrs. Mary Korogianos	M/M Sam Anadiotis
M/M Nick Patouhas	Ms. Andrea Korogianos	M/M John Anadiotis
	M/M James Pappas	M/M Nick Dalagiannis
<u>Wednesday October 14</u>	Ms. Barbara Gotsis	Mr. Paul Karras
NO HOME BLESSING		Mr. Nick Stamatis
<u>Thursday October 15</u>	<u>Monday October 19</u>	
M/M Ted Ristas	M/M Louis Vlahos	<u>Thursday October 22</u>
Mr. Mike Poulos	Mr. Chris Vlahos	M/M Benny Matos
M/M John Poulos	M/M James G. Asimou	M/M Tom Carvour
M/M Bill Tsardoulis	M/M Pete paradissis	M/M Anthony Antonopoulos
Mrs. Maria Glavas	Mrs. Donna Miller	M/M Aris Varouh
(M/M George Kalamaris	M/M Jack Huber	M/M Mark Varouh

**HOME BLESSING SCHEDULE – 2015**

On Monday September 5, Father will begin blessing homes.

Monday – Friday 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 1:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Please prepare the following for Father's Visit

- A table with a table cloth
  - -A lit candle
  - -An Icon

- And a list of names of the immediate family for health (living)

If you do not see your name on the list and want your home blessed or if you will not be home on your scheduled day and wish to reschedule, or do not wish to have your home blessed – Please contact the Office. (440) 960-2992

**LIST NOT IN THE ORDER OF VISITATION !!!**

<u>Monday October 5</u>	M/M Konstantinos Antoniou	M/M Bobby Psaropoulos
M/M Nick Barbaresso	M/M Gus Markou	M/M Nick Nicolaou
Mrs. Ekaterini Douzos	Sia Markou	Mrs. K. Karmogiannis-Karr
Mrs. Katherine Gargalianos	M/M Kris Kramp	M/Dr. Paul Gentile
M\M Nick Kostis	<u>Wednesday October 7</u>	Mrs. Rita Vandengoorbergh
M/M Larry Kontokanis	NO HOME BLESSINGS	M/M Chris Patsios
M/M Michael Fine	<u>Thursday October 8</u>	<u>Friday October 9</u>
<u>Tuesday October 6</u>	Mrs. Marie Carone	M/M Steve Stevens
M/M Al Wallace	Mrs. Martha Marshall	Mrs. Jerasimos Keron
M/M Tom Demos	M/M Chris Psaropoulos	M/M Brandon Hocking
M/M Kostas Peskiris		



**Congratulations:** To Joshua Pihlblad and Maria Kantouros who were joined together in Holy Matrimony on Saturday September 5, 2015. Their Koumbari were Zacharias and Melina Kantouros

**Νά μάς ζήσουν!!!**

**Food Festival – 2015**

Our Fall Food Festival has come and gone leaving us with a feeling of accomplishment. It was a successful event because we worked very hard and we worked together for St. Nicholas.

We wish to thank all the Festival Chair People and their Committees and everyone by working long hours: preparing, cooking, baking pastries, serving the food, the helpers our booths and exhibits, our Hellenic Dancers, the setting up and cleaning up... etc.

**No names have been mentioned, because of your great love and support for the Church, your names are written in the BOOK OF LIFE)**

We could not have done it without you!!! We cannot thank you enough for your hard work and labors of love and dedication to St. Nicholas.

**Καί τού Χρόνου!!!**

**Seniors:**

Our next Senior's meeting is Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

We ask that you bring a side dish to share with our meals.

**NIGHT WITH FATHER:**

Our first "Night With Father" will take place on Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us.

**Coffee Hour ( September – December)**

September/ October – Philoptohos

November - Seniors

December – G.O.Y.A.

**MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION DUES GUIDELINES FOR*****St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church***

• <b>FAMILY</b>	<b>\$350</b>	<b>Married couple</b>
		<b>Married couple with children</b>
• <b>SINGLE FAMILY</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>Individuals who are not married and have children</b>
• <b>SINGLE</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>Individuals who are not married and do not have children</b>
• <b>Retired</b>	<b>\$175</b>	<b>Married couple who are no longer employed*</b>
• <b>Retired Single</b>	<b>\$135</b>	<b>Individuals who are retired and single or widowed*</b>

\* if you are retired, but still working in some capacity or your spouse is employed, you are **NOT** eligible for Retired status.

## The Meaning of OXI DAY

By Lista Stathacopoulos

Greece the birthplace of democracy, said OXI (No) to fascism and defended its birthright, despite the over whelming and unfavorable odds. I wanted to write this article to share with you all my feelings and impressions about this historic celebration.

On this particular day we give honor to the many men and women who stood up to the fascist Mussolini and this was no small thing to do. First of all, Mussolini had 44 million people, and Greece had 7 million. Italy had ten times the fire power of Greece in its army, navy and air force which had total air superiority, since Greece had only a small defensive force. The demands of Mussolini were sent to Prime Minister Metaxa. He gave Greece three hours to apply to his demands to surrender, and for the Italian troops to occupy Greece and raise the Italian Flag on top of the Parthenon. But Mussolini never even waited for Metaxas' reply. He had five heavily armed divisions of Italian soldiers moving from controlled Albania over to the boarder into Greece.

In the early hours of October 28<sup>th</sup> Metaxa gave his reply loud and clear: **Όχι (NO)**. The "OXI" cry has become a Hellenic battle cry that blooms defiantly every 28<sup>th</sup> of October. This cry of "Oxi" is repeated by every Hellenic Community around the world, numbering more than 10 million Greeks. The Italians outnumbered the Greek soldiers by more than two to one, the Greeks astonished the Italian generals with their courage, their tenacity, and their limited artillery precision. The Greek forces had six mortars for each division against the invaders' sixty. Within four weeks of the invasion those Greeks drove the Italian army back into Albania and kept on going, continuing the pursuit until they were 60 kilometers into Albania which is known as Northern Epirus. By this time Mussolini had replaced his commanding generals several times and finally assumed command himself. He tried to rouse his troops to victory with speeches of the great legacy of the Romans, but the Greeks kept on pursuing and there was great concern that the Greeks would cross the Adriatic Sea and invade Italy.

United States periodicals such as the Time and the Life magazines carried cover stories about the Greeks and the history they were making in Europe. The Greeks, Greek-Americans in this country were respected and admired at school and work, because of these historic events.

No free country around the world believed that Greece would survive the attack. As a small country Greece faithfully and courageously met her obligations to her allies with heroism and self-sacrifice. Greece suffered much more than other countries that were on the victorious Allied side. Greece lost the highest percentage of her population, about 12%, which means about one million people. That is why the world leaders of that time recognized the contribution of the Greeks. Prime minister Winston Churchill of England said, **"Today we shall say that the Greeks fight like heroes, but from now on we shall say that heroes fight like Greeks."**

All those who believe in freedom and democracy gave honor to the heroes who died on October 28, 1940 which is 75 years ago. **Let us all say a big OXI to wars, to terrorism and to hate, and a big "yes" to freedom, democracy and love.** This is history, my friends.

## 28<sup>th</sup> ΟΚΤΩΒΡΙΟΥ

Όλη η Ελλάδα σύσσωμη  
Γιορτάζει αυτή τη ημέρα  
Γιατί τό ΟΧΙ τό τρανό  
Ακούστη πέρα ως πέρα !!!

Τό ΟΧΙ τό αθάνατο  
Τό ΟΧΙ του Σαράντα  
Έστησε την Ελλάδα μας  
Επάνω σ'ανδράντα !!!

Έλληνες σάν παράδειγμα  
Γράφτηκε ιστορία  
Γιά νά τό ξέρουν πάντοτε  
Τά ξένα τά θηρία !!!

Νομίσανε γιατί'ειν μικρή  
Η χώρα η δική μας  
Πώς εύκολη θά ήτανε  
Γιά τόνκατάκτητη μας !!!

Μά δέν υπολογήσανε  
Ελλήνων τήν ανδρεία  
Μέ τήν αδάμαστη ψυχή  
Πάντα γιά πανοπλία !!!

Επήραν τήν απάντηση  
Καί πάντα θά θυμούνται  
Ότι μέ τήν Ελλάδα μας  
Θά γελοιοποιούν !!!

Νάστε λοιπόν περήφανοι  
Πούχετε γιά πατρίδα  
Τήν ομορφή Ελλάδα μας  
Τής γής τήν ηλιαχτίδα!!!

ΠΟΥΛΑ ΑΡΝΑΚΗ

