

**SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX
SHRINE CHURCH
FLUSHING, NEW YORK**

May 9, 2021

**Sunday of Saint Thomas / St. Christopher The Great –Martyr
ProtPRESBYTER Fr. Paul Palesty, Pastor · Presbyter Aristidis Garinis , Economos**

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἦχος βαρύς

Ἐσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος, ἡ Ζωὴ ἐκ τάφου
ἀνέτειλας Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν
κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης, ἡ πάντων
ἀνάστασις· Πνεῦμα εὐθὲς δι' αὐτῶν ἐγκαινίζων
ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου ἔλεος.

Τοῦ Ναου Ἦχος δ'.

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος,
ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ
σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο
ἐκτίσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ
πλούσια, Πάτερ ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρόσβευε
Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ
ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς
νικητῆς, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις
φθεγγάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις
εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων
ἀνάστασιν.

Apolytikion Grave Tone 1.

O Life, You rose from the sepulcher, even though
the tomb was secured with a seal, O Christ God.
Then, although the doors were shut, You came to
Your Disciples, O Resurrection of all. Through them
You renew a right spirit in us, according to Your
great mercy.

Tone 4.

A rule of faith are you, and an icon of gentleness,
and a teacher of self-control. And to your flock this
was evident, by the truth of your life and deeds.
You were humble and therefore you acquired exalted
gifts, treasure in heaven for being poor. O Father
and Hierarch St. Nicholas, intercede with Christ our
God, and entreat Him to save our souls.

Kontakion Tone pl. 4

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal
One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades;
and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and
You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women,
and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to
the fallen grant resurrection.

Απόστολικό Ανάγνωσμα Πρ 5:12-20 Ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις, διὰ τῶν χειρῶν τῶν ἀποστόλων ἐγένετο σημεῖα καὶ τέρατα ἐν τῷ λαῷ πολλὰ · (καὶ ἦσαν ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἅπαντες ἐν τῇ Στοᾷ Σολομῶντος. Τῶν δὲ λοιπῶν οὐδεὶς ἐτόλμα κολλᾶσθαι αὐτοῖς, ἀλλ' ἐμεγάλυνεν αὐτοὺς ὁ λαός· μᾶλλον δὲ προσετίθεντο πιστεύοντες τῷ Κυρίῳ πλήθη ἀνδρῶν τε καὶ γυναικῶν· ὥστε κατὰ τὰς πλατείας ἐκφέρειν τοὺς ἀσθενεῖς καὶ τιθέναι ἐπὶ κλινῶν καὶ κραβάττων, ἵνα ἐρχομένου Πέτρου κἂν ἡ σκιά ἐπισκιάσῃ τινὶ αὐτῶν. Συνήρχετο δὲ καὶ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν πέριξ πόλεων Ἱερουσαλήμ, φέροντες ἀσθενεῖς καὶ ὀχλουμένους ὑπὸ πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων, οἵτινες ἐθεραπεύοντο ἅπαντες. Ἀναστὰς δὲ ὁ ἀρχιερεὺς καὶ πάντες οἱ σὺν αὐτῷ, ἡ οὖσα αἵρεσις τῶν Σαδδουκαίων, ἐπλήσθησαν ζήλου καὶ ἐπέβαλον τὰς χεῖρας ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀποστόλους καὶ ἔθεντο αὐτοὺς ἐν τηρήσει δημοσίᾳ. Ἄγγελος δὲ Κυρίου διὰ νυκτὸς ἠνοιξε τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς ἐξαγαγὼν τε αὐτοὺς εἶπε· Πορεύεσθε καὶ σταθέντες λαλεῖτε ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ τῷ λαῷ πάντα τὰ ῥήματα τῆς ζωῆς ταύτης.

Epistle Lesson: Acts 5:12-20 In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Εὐαγγέλιον. Ιωα κ' 19 - 31 Οὔσης ὀψίας τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ τῇ μιᾷ σαββάτων, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων ὅπου ἦσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ συνηγμένοι διὰ τὸν φόβον τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἔδειξεν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας καὶ τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ. ἐχάρησαν οὖν οἱ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες τὸν Κύριον. εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς πάλιν· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. καθὼς ἀπέσταλκέ με ὁ πατήρ, καὶ ἐγὼ πέμπω ὑμᾶς. καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἐνεφύσησε καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Λάβετε Πνεῦμα ἅγιον· ἂν τινῶν ἀφῆτε τὰς ἁμαρτίας, ἀφίενται αὐτοῖς, ἂν τινῶν κρατῆτε, κεκράτηνται.

Θωμᾶς δὲ εἷς ἐκ τῶν δώδεκα ὁ λεγόμενος Δίδυμος, οὐκ ἦν μετ' αὐτῶν ὅτε ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς. ἔλεγον οὖν αὐτῶ οἱ ἄλλοι μαθηταί· Ἐωράκαμεν τὸν Κύριον. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Ἐὰν μὴ ἴδω ἐν ταῖς χερσὶν αὐτοῦ τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὸν δάκτυλόν μου εἰς τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὴν χειρᾶ μου εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ, οὐ μὴ πιστεύσω. Καὶ μεθ' ἡμέρας ὀκτῶ πάλιν ἦσαν ἔσω οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ Θωμᾶς μετ' αὐτῶν. ἔρχεται ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον καὶ εἶπεν· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. εἶτα λέγει τῷ Θωμᾶ· Φέρε τὸν δάκτυλόν σου ὧδε καὶ ἴδε τὰς χειρὰς μου, καὶ φέρε τὴν χειρᾶ σου καὶ βάλε εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν μου, καὶ μὴ γίνου ἄπιστος, ἀλλὰ πιστός. καὶ ἀπεκρίθη Θωμᾶς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῶ· Ὁ Κύριός μου καὶ ὁ Θεός μου. λέγει αὐτῶ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ὅτι ἐώρακάς με, πεπίστευκας· μακάριοι οἱ μὴ ἰδόντες καὶ πιστεύσαντες. Πολλὰ μὲν οὖν καὶ ἄλλα σημεῖα ἐποίησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐνώπιον τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, ἃ οὐκ ἔστι γεγραμμένα ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τούτῳ· ταῦτα δὲ γέγραπται ἵνα πιστεύσητε ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἐστὶν ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ ἵνα πιστεύοντες ζωὴν ἔχητε ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ.

Gospel reading Jn. 12:1-18 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

E O R T O L O G I O N

FRIDAY 5/14

St. Isidore of Chios the Martyr
Orthros 7:30a.m. D. Liturgy 8:30a.m.

ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ 5/14

Άγιος Ισιδóρος της Χίου ο Μάρτυρας
Ορθρος 730π.μ. Θ. Λειτουργία 8:30π.μ.

S A C R A M E N T S

Chrismation

Sunday May 9, 2021

Jullian Ceko

12:30 pm

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Wedding Sunday May 9, 2021

Bride Sophia Kamvisios Groom Gregory Psomas

2:00 pm

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Baptism Saturday May 15, 2021

Daughter of

Dimitrios & Phyllis Kavadias

11:00 am

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Chrismation

Saturday May 15, 2021

John Carlos Tzeremes

12:30 pm

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Wedding

Saturday May 15, 2021

Bride Naomi Garcia Groom John George Tzeremes

1:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP

In order to become a True Stewardship Parish, every family must become a steward. We have a good base, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your stewardship commitment in the past. However, that base must increase to 100% participation of the church family by reaching out and encouraging those who do not participate in the Stewardship of Treasure. Our church is blessed with the wonderful ability to offer the spiritual services in the way in which our Lord has taught us. We have families and or individuals who give of their time and talents, yet do not participate in the Stewardship of Treasure. If everyone were to offer just their stewardship of time and talent, we would not be able to keep our doors open to service as our Lord has asked. Without the ability to conduct fundraising events we cannot solely rely on the passing of an offering tray or the selling of candles to manage our yearly budget. The financial health of our Saint Nicholas community is entirely up to us! We are appealing to those of you who receive the Grace and Love of the church through the spiritual and organizational opportunities we offer, but have not participated as stewards. We ask that you please return a portion of your stewardship of treasure, and help our church become that True Stewardship Parish. If we can achieve this goal, we will probably be one of the few in the country to do so. Lastly, If Christ posed this question to you.... how would you answer? What did you do with My Church under Your watch given all of the gifts I gave You

Please remember our St. Nicholas Shrine Church, Flushing, NY in your Will or Trust.
Please consider leaving a charitable bequest.

Almighty God, I give thanks for all that I have and all that I am. Most of all, I give thanks for the great gift of your Son, Jesus. I pray that through a personal relationship with the Risen Christ, my heart will open to continued conversion in my life. I pray that I may be a good steward: That I will follow faithfully, serve joyfully, give generously, live responsibly, and possess sensibly Ingratitude for the abundant gifts You have so graciously given to me, I return to You the first fruits of these gifts, through acts of service and by generously sharing all that You have entrusted to me. Heavenly father, by Your Holy Spirit help me to be a gift to others, in Your name.

Amen

Our goal for 2021 is 100% participation of our Church family by reaching out and encouraging those who do not participate in the Stewardship of Treasure.

SAINT NICHOLAS SHRINE CHURCH

STEWARDSHIP FACT:

Our parish's DAILY operating cost is

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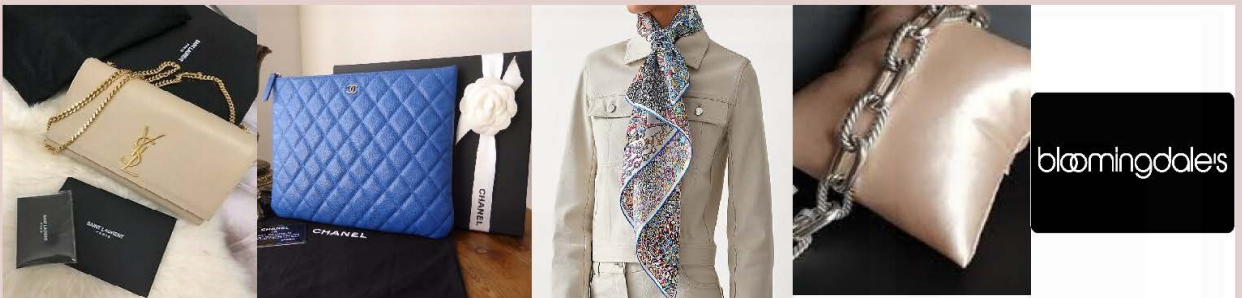
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Winners need not be present
and will be contacted

AHEPA SCHOLARSHIPS 2021

The Gus Cherevas Estia-Pindus Chapter No. 326 of the Order of AHEPA announces its scholarship program. Three \$1,500 scholarships to high-school seniors who plan to attend college in the Fall of 2021. The application has been digitized. **Students must complete the applications by June 16, 2021.** See link to the application below:

<https://forms.gle/mFGApe3UATyJdsUHA>

Applicants can request documents pertaining to AHEPA's History and Mission, and AHEPA's 100 Years of Contributions to assist their knowledge about AHEPA which will help them with the application requirements by emailing the program Co-Chairman Dean Moskos at dean-moskos@gmail.com.

Applications can also be picked up from the Church Office or request a copy of the application to Dean Moskos, and completed applications must be mailed (post-marked) to Andreas George at 201-76 26th Avenue, Bayside, NY 11360 **by June 16, 2021**. Applicants must be High School Seniors of Hellenic descent who reside in Queens and attend a High School in any NYC borough, and who intend to attend a College or University in the Fall of 2021. (Exception: AHEPA members of Chapter 326, regardless of where they reside, whose qualifying children or grandchildren intend to attend a College or University in the Fall of 2021.) The winner of the scholarship awards will be awarded on Sunday, May 16, 2021.

In addition, the AHEPA Empire District No. 6 offers **seven (7) scholarships** to high-school seniors who plan to attend college in the Fall of 2021. The first one will be for \$5,000; the second and third scholarships will be for \$1,500 followed by four more for \$1,000. The AHEPA District Six Scholarship application and requirements are now available online and may be easily downloaded at <http://www.ahepad6.com/chapter-resources>. **Please note that the entire application must be e-mailed as a PDF by May 15, 2021 to education@ahepad6.com.** Incomplete applications will be disqualified. No exceptions! Please send any questions to the President of the Perceptual Scholarship Program Mike Papaphotes. **Deadline: May 15, 2021.** The annual ceremony of the scholarship recipients will take place on June 19, 2021.

Journey to Greece Program: Our students have an excellent opportunity to visit Greece and earn 9 transferable College credits from a major University. **Extended Deadline: May 31, 2021.** For any questions please contact Tom Mazarakis at mazarakist@webster.edu or tom-mazarakis@hotmail.com.

The Constantine and Patricia Mavroyannis Scholarship is open to graduate students who are either Greek or of Greek heritage and are enrolled in a PhD program in either theoretical physics or physical chemistry in the Faculty of Science at a North American university. The scholarship is in the amount of \$5,000 and will be awarded in the fall semester. **New Deadline: June 15, 2021.**

<https://ahepa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/mavroyiannis-scholarship.pdf>

For additional scholarship opportunities (Hellenic Times, Panhellenic Scholarship Foundation, St. John's University Modern Greek Language Scholarships, Solon Society, and GOADO (Greek Archdiocesan Olympic Scholarship), please visit www.ahepa.org/education and www.ahepad6.com/chapter-recourses