OLD ADVICE FOR A NEW GENERATION

"I'm glad my children have grown up. I'd hate to be raising them in today's world." How often we hear that sentiment expressed in our material, immoral society! Trying to instill spiritual values in a new generation of young people is seemingly an insurmountable challenge. Where do we turn for guidance as we attempt to keep our children on a proper path -- a path that will enable them to establish a foundation in their lives which is firmly planted on knowing right from wrong?

There are no new answers to that question; no new approaches to take. Indeed, to deal with the problems of the present, we must look back at the solutions the Church offered in the past. Moral truth can never change, no matter what may be going on in the world around us. The enduring teachings of the Church Fathers still must be our *"resource manual"* for correctly raising our children. Here are a few wise thoughts that have been passed down to us:

- *"If from the beginning we fix good rules for our children, good habits will be formed. Let us not allow them to do what may be agreeable, but hurtful to them. We may need to admonish them and warn them. Remember: we are charged to keep our children free from evil."* — St. John Chrysostom
- *"Rear your children in the Lord. Teach them from their infancy the Word of God. Discipline them when needed, and render them respectful to authority."* — The Apostolic Constitutions
- *"Teach your children this lesson: the rewards of evil are temporary. The rewards of Godliness are eternal."* — St. Cyprian

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Ephesians 6:1-4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. *"Honor your father and mother,"* which is the first commandment with promise: *"that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."* And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.



The Blessed Virgin Mary with her parents Joachim and Anna

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Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel
Luke 18:18-27

Attendance
11/17/24
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Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Given by the Zantopulos Family
In Loving Memory of Despina Zantopulos

Given by Melanie McCauley
In Loving Memory of Helen Tatarides

Donated by Irene Heropoulos
In Loving Memory of my mother, Katherine Chucales and brother-in-law, Leon Zois

Upcoming Memorials

December 1
40-Day Memorial - Gust Neztek
40-Day Memorial - Sophie Londos

December 15
10-Yr. Memorial - Sophie Pergins

Condolences

Nancy Venditti, age 91, fell asleep in the Lord on November 15, 2024.

Sophie Adams, age 91, fell asleep in the Lord on November 19, 2024.

May their memory be eternal!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS TODAY, NOVEMBER 24th!

Please be sure to get a ballot and vote for the Parish Council for 2025-2026 year today! You must be in good standing to vote!

This is a notice of General Assembly to all members in good standing.
General Assembly is **TODAY, Sunday, November 24, 2024** following Divine Liturgy.

A tentative agenda for the meeting is as follows:
Opening Prayer, Election of the Chairman of the Day, Approval of Past Minutes, Priest's Report, President's Report, Proposed Amendments to Parish By-Laws, Review and Approval of 2025 Operating Budget, Festival Report, Other business from the floor, Closing prayer

It is very important for all members in good standing to attend General Assembly meetings. We strongly urge your participation. Thank you!
Parish Council

2025 Ecclesiastical Calendars are available now!

Pick one up at the Pangari or outside the Church Office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ORDERS:



Poinsettias and Breakfast with Santa tickets are available now to order and purchase following liturgy and during the week in the Church Office.

FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY HELP!

During this holiday season, please consider a donation (monetary or non-perishable goods) to the Food Pantry to help those less fortunate during the holiday season.



Unique Gifts for Those Special People In Your Life

The Bookstore will be open during Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.
There will be a special display in the hallway too. Stop by both as you visit with Santa and have breakfast!

Koraes Ladies Society
Community Christmas Luncheon
Sunday, December 8, 2024 - after Liturgy

Admission by Donation
Proceeds to Benefit
IOCC Hurricane Relief Efforts

Please make your reservation to any Board Member or by calling the Church Office

Calendar for the Week

All Services are streaming online @ *www.htgoc.net/live*

Sunday, November 24
40-Day Memorial - Despina Zantopulos
General Assembly
Boys Basketball 6:00 PM

Monday, November 25
Katherine the Great Martyr
Orthros 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM
Calling Hours & Funeral 11:00 AM
Sophie Adams
Girls Basketball 6:00 PM

Tuesday, November 26
Ladies Exercise Class 6:00 PM

Wednesday, November 27
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Paraklesis 6:00 PM
Boys Basketball 7:00 PM

Thursday, November 28
Thanksgiving Day
OFFICE CLOSED



Friday, November 29
Thanksgiving Holiday
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 30
Andrew the First-Called Apostle
Koraes Tsoureki Baking

Sunday, December 1
40-Day Memorial - Gust Neztek
40-Day Memorial - Sophie Londos
AHEPA Coffee Hour
Youth Decorating Trees
Sunday School Meeting 11:45 AM
Boys Basketball 6:00 PM

The Church Office will be CLOSED on Thursday & Friday, Nov. 28 & 29 for Thanksgiving

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Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode pl. 1. *Automelon.*

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, * so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. * Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. * For our salvation He was pleased * to be crucified in the flesh, * and to undergo death, * and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

Apolytikion of the Feast.
Mode 4.

Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and in herself she announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her: "Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

Apolytikion of Our Church
Mode pl. 4.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God; Who did show forth the fishermen to be all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. And through them You drew the world into Your net, O Friend of man, glory to You!

Kontakion.
Mode 4. *You who were lifted.*

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1
Psalm 11.7,1
You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.
Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

The Gospel According to Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' "And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

πολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος πλ. α΄. *Αὐτόμελον.*

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ηὐδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Ἦχος δ΄.

Σήμερον τῆς εὐδοκίας Θεοῦ τὸ προοίμιον, καὶ τῆς τῶν ἀνθρώπων σωτηρίας ἡ προκήρυξις. Ἐν Ναῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ τρανῶς ἡ Παρθένος δείκνυται, καὶ τὸν Χριστὸν τοῖς πᾶσι προκαταγγέλλεται. Αὐτῇ καὶ ἡμεῖς μεγαλοφώνως βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε τῆς οἰκονομίας τοῦ Κτίστου ἡ ἐκπλήρωσις.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ.

Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Κοντάκιον.

Ἦχος δ΄. *Ὁ ὑψωθεὶς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ.*

Ὁ καθαρώτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερὸν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι Θείῳ· ἣν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ· Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 6:11-18

Προκείμενον. Ήχος πλ. α'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 11.7,1

Σὺ Κύριε, φυλάξαις ἡμᾶς καὶ διατηρήσαις ἡμᾶς.
Στίχ. Σῶσον με, Κύριε, ὅτι ἐκλέλοιπεν ὅσιος.

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 6:11-18 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ἴδετε πηλίκοις ὑμῖν γράμμασιν ἔγραψα τῇ ἐμῇ χειρί. Ὅσοι θέλουσιν εὐπροσωπῆσαι ἐν σαρκί, οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωνται. Οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτετμημένοι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουσιν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, ἵνα ἐν τῇ ὑμετέρᾳ σαρκὶ καυχήσωνται. Ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ· δι' οὗ ἐμοὶ κόσμος ἐσταύρωται, κἀγὼ τῷ κόσμῳ. Ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὔτε περιτομή τι ἰσχύει, οὔτε ἀκροβυστία, ἀλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. Καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ στοιχήσουσιν, εἰρήνη ἐπ' αὐτούς, καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί. Ἀμήν.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 18:18-27 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄρχων λέγων· διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός. τὰς ἐντολὰς οἶδας· μὴ μοιχεύσῃς, μὴ φονεύσῃς, μὴ κλέψῃς, μὴ ψευδομαρτυρήσῃς, τίμα τὸν πατέρα σου καὶ τὴν μητέρα σου. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· ταῦτα πάντα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου. ἀκούσας δὲ ταῦτα ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἔτι ἕν σοι λείπει· πάντα ὅσα ἔχεις πώλησον καὶ διάδος πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἕξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολούθει μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀκούσας ταῦτα περίλυπος ἐγένετο· ἦν γὰρ πλούσιος σφόδρα. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς περίλυπον γενόμενον εἶπε· πῶς δυσκόλως οἱ τὰ χρήματα ἔχοντες εἰσελεύσονται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ! εὐκοπώτερον γάρ ἐστι κάμηλον διὰ τρυμαλιᾶς ῥαφίδος εἰσελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. εἶπον δὲ οἱ ἀκούσαντες· καὶ τίς δύναται σωθῆναι; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· τὰ ἀδύνατα παρὰ ἀνθρώποις δυνατὰ παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ἐστιν.