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Pastor's Message

by Fr. Nathan Preston

Not too long ago I was driving home and passed under the train trestle that marks the informal perimeter of my neighborhood. Faded and tagged with the bright but dimming marks of weeks-old spray paint, a billboard hung, catching my eye for the first time in all those hundreds that I had passed beneath it. On the board in big letters, the sign read: "Call your sister second!" while a stock image of a generic woman stood receding behind this bold type. The billboard is now gone, and my memory doesn't permit me to say with certainty whether that poster woman, that imagined sister of all, clutched a phone, pressing it to her ear in the photo, but I suspect that she did. The sign advertised in smaller print, at the bottom, mortgage and debt relief services: counseling and assistance for those in need, those who might peer up from rushing beneath the rusty boxcars and concrete of the train's overpass. While its message was nothing profound, the advertisement did make me think a little about the job that I try to do as the priest here at St. Nicholas.

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Pastor's Message – Albanian

Jo shumë kohë përpara po udhëtoja për në shtëpi dhe kalova poshtë një ure shinash që shënon kufirin jozyrtar të lagjes sime. Për herë të parë në gjithë ato qindra herë që kisha kaluar aty poshtë, syri më kapi një tabelë reklamash të zbehtë dhe me shenja të theksuara por që po zveniteshin. Në tabelë lexova shënimin me shkronja të mëdha që thosh: "Më pas telefononi motrën!" ndërsa imazhi i një gruaje të zakonshme qëndronte i zbehtë prapa tekstit të theksuar. Tabela nuk është më aty dhe kujtesa nuk më lejon të them me siguri nëse gruaja në reklamë, motra imagjinare e gjithkujt, mbante telefonin në dorë duke e shtrënguar pas veshit, por me duket se kështu ish. Në fund të shenjës reklamoheshin me tekst më të vogël shërbime për të ndihmuar larjen e borxheve dhe kredive të shtëpive, asistencë dhe këshillime për ata që kishin nevojë, ata që rrezikoheshin të përfundonin nëpër kuti trotuareve apo poshtë urave të trenave. Ndërkohë që mesazhi nuk ishte dhe aq me kuptim, reklama më bëri të mendoj për punën që unë përpiqem të bëj si prift këtu në Shën-Nikolla.

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President's Message

by Bill Peters

Summer is finally here!!! It is a time when we look forward to vacations, trips, picnics, the beach and many other fun activities.

A traditional kick-off to the Summer is our Annual Church Picnic. A very large number of parishioner families and friends had a wonderful time at Manorhaven Park and Beach this past Fathers' Day. The weather was perfect, the food was plentiful and the friendship was great.

In June, our Church School enjoyed their Summer Recess Ceremonies and the efforts of teachers and children were recognized.

During the Summer, much planning and preparation of programs will be underway for implementation at the start of the Church year in September. One important activity is Church School which includes both Sunday School and Albanian Class. There is a need for Teachers for these classes. Without proper staffing, our children will be deprived of learning about our Orthodox faith. Also important, we need parent support and volunteers!!! To those who have the ability and the interest, please contact Fr. Nathan, as soon as possible.

Have a great Summer and we look forward to seeing you and your family in Church!!!

DAUGHTERS' CORNER

by Linda Foundos

We hope you are all having an enjoyable summer. We wish all the fathers a belated Happy Fathers' Day! You should know that you are loved and appreciated.

Congratulations to all of our graduates! We wish you all the best as you pass this milestone and on to another major step in life. Please forward me the details of your graduations and future plans to share them since we are so proud of you.

We look forward to hearing about the good times from our summer travelers as they return.

Annual Church Picnic A Success!!!



On Fathers' Day, Sunday June 17th Parishioners gathered at Manorhaven Park and Beach for the Annual St. Nicholas Church Picnic.

It was a beautiful day for a Picnic. The weather was fine. Friends and good food made for a wonderful time.



KENDI SHQIP

(The Albanian Corner)



by A. Llupa

Korrik, 2012

Këtë muaj do të lexoni një lutje që mund të përdoret çdo ditë, dhe një vjershë të Asdrenit.

....O Zot, bëj të mundur që të pres me qetësi shpirtërore gjithshka që kjo ditë do të më sjellë.

Bëj të mundur që plotësisht ta ve veten në vartësi të Dëshirës Tënde të Shenjtë. Në çdo orë të ditës, më drejto dhe më ndihmo me të gjitha gjërat. Për çfarë do lajmi të marrë gjatë ditës, më mëso të pranoj me një shpirt të qetë dhe me një besim të fortë se gjithshka është në dorë të Dëshirës Tënde të Shenjtë. Më drejto mendimin dhe ndjenjat në çdo fjalë dhe veprim. Në çdo ngjarje të papritur, mos më lër të harroj se është dërguar nga Ty.

Më bëj të mundur që të sillem në mënyrë të drejtë dhe të zgjuar me çdo pjestar të familjes, me ata që u shërbej, dhe me ata që Ti më jep bekimin t'u shërbej. Mos më lër të turpërohem apo të mërzis ndonjë.

O Zot, më jep fuqinë për të përballuar lodhjen e dites tjeter dhe të gjitha ngjarjet e ditës. Më drejto dëshiren dhe më mëso të lutem, të lutem Ty, brenda vetes sime.

Më mëso të besoj, të shpresoj, të jem i duruar, të fal, dhe të jap dashuri. Amin!

MALLKIM

O gjuhë që je dërguar prej engjëll,
Që s'ke në tërë botë shembull,
Sa qenk'e bukur dh' e bekuar;
Kush s'të do, qoft' i mallkuar!

Pse nxini ditën me greqishten,
Me turçen dhe arabishten?
Mësoni shqipen të ndrituar,
Në mos, qofshi të mallkuar!

Që mijë vjet në mos u shojtë,
Dhe jetën e errësirës n'ë rrojte,
Por sot je shkruar dhe kenduar;
Kush s'të do, qoft' i mallkuar!

Për Zotn' e math e të vërtetë,
Në jini atdhetarë të nxehtë,
Shkruani, flisni shqipen të qëruar,
Në mos, qofshi të mallkuar

Church School Summer Recess Ceremonies



On Sunday, June 10th, Fr. Nathan conducted graduation ceremonies for the children of the Sunday School and Albanian Class. The teachers (Joanne Heiser, Tina Peters, Tina Korra, Adelina Llupa and Adriana Topore) were recognized for their dedication and tireless efforts. And, the students were praised for their participation and accomplishments. The Congregation voiced their approval by singing "Many Years". Afterwards the children celebrated with a party, enjoying gifts and refreshments.

In September, when Church School begins again, all parents are urged to register and bring their children to Church on a regular basis. Arranging for the children to learn about their religion is a very important responsibility of parents.

Parish Council Takes the Oath of Office

On Sunday, June 10th, Fr. Nathan conducted swearing in ceremonies for the 2012–2013 Parish Council. Their personal commitment and work for St. Nicholas Church is very important for operating the Church and enabling it to serve the Parish Community. Fr. Nathan asked that parishioners pray for them in support of their service to the Church and he led the Congregation in singing "Many Years".

Members & Officers for the Parish Council Elected for 2012–13

Bill Peters	- President	<u>MEMBERS</u>	
Jim Liolin	- Vice President	Beti Beno	Joanne Heiser
Lou Foundos	- Treasurer	Tomi Beno	Ardian Mile
John Jance	- Secretary	Ken Gjika	Isidoros Tsamblakos
Pastor: Fr. Nathan Preston			



SAVE THE DATE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

ST. NICHOLAS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



PASTOR'S MESSAGE (continued from Page 1)

I think that sometimes people are afraid to call the priest, to call me. Everyone is so gracious, so very deferential, forgetting that I am here precisely to be bothered. They talk to friends, to relatives; news travels by its routine though sadly incomplete and inefficient course. But I am here to be interrupted, not as a superhero with solutions to every problem, but with the assurance that your community, your Church, your God stand with you in every situation and issue. "I am but a witness," says the priest before hearing each confession, but I might add also: I am your witness; prayer and attention are yours for the asking. Like a worn out billboard, I am asking you to call or e-mail or text or, simply, to grab me when you know of need. I wouldn't suggest that you "call your sister second" when emergencies arise, but a good rule of thumb is to call the priest when you call your family and close friends at times of crisis.

"Is any among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14). The treasury of blessings and richness of Christ's generosity is yours. Don't be afraid to ask.

Pastor's Message – Albanian (continued from Page 1)

Mendoj se shpesh herë njerëzit kanë frikë të telefonojnë priftin; të më telefonojnë mua. Të gjithë janë kaq të sjellshëm, më respektojnë duke harruar se unë jam këtu pikërisht për t'u shqetësuar. Ata flasin me miqtë, të afërmit, lajmet marrin udhën e monotonisë, por fatkeqësisht ajo është një rrugë pa plotësi dhe pa qartësi. Por unë jam këtu të ndalohej, jo si një superhero me zgjidhje për çdo problem, por me sigurinë që komuniteti juaj, Kisha juaj, Perëndia juaj qëndrojnë pranë jush në çdo situatë. "Unë jam veç një dëshmitar." thotë prifti përpara se të dëgjojë çdo rrëfim, por unë mund të shtoj se jam gjithashtu: dëshmitari tuaj, lutja dhe vëmendja ju përket juve kur e kërkon. Si një tabelë e zbehtë ju kërkoj të më telefononi, të më dërgoni tekst, apo thjesht të më kapni kur ju duhem. Nëse keni urgjencë, nuk do t'ju sugjeroj që të "telefononi motrën më pas", por një rregull i mirë është që të telefononi priftin, kur telefononi familjen dhe miqtë në kohë të vështira.

"A keni ndonjë të sëmurë? I thoni të thërresë pleqtë e Kishës që ata të lutën mbi të duke e vajosur me vaj të shenjtë në emër të Zotit" (Jakovi 5:14) Thesari i uratave dhe pasuria e bujarisë së Krishtit janë tuajat. Mos kini frikë të kërkon.

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In the Post there are advertisements (Ads) promoting businesses that support our Church. These Ads are being displayed in The Orthodox Post on a monthly basis. These Ads are on the following pages.

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**The Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon –
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The Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon was born in the city of Nicomedia and was named Pantoleon. His mother was a Christian. She wanted to raise her son in the Christian Faith, but she died when the future martyr was just a young child. His father sent Pantoleon to a pagan school, after which the young man studied medicine. Pantoleon came to the attention of the emperor Maximian, who wished to appoint him as royal physician when he finished his schooling.

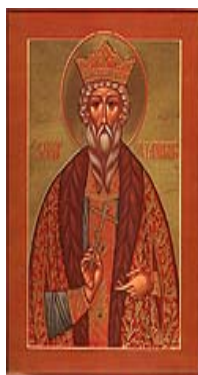
St Hermolaus saw Pantoleon time and again when he came to the house where they were hiding. Once, the priest invited the youth to the house and spoke about the Christian Faith. After this Pantoleon visited St Hermolaus every day. One day the saint found a dead child on the street. He had been bitten by a great snake, which was still beside the child's body. Pantoleon began to pray to the Lord Jesus Christ to revive the dead child and to destroy the venomous reptile. He firmly resolved that if his prayer were fulfilled, he would become a follower of Christ and receive Baptism. The child rose up alive, and the snake died before Pantoleon's eyes. After this miracle, Pantoleon was baptized by St Hermolaus with the name Panteleimon (meaning "all-merciful"). He dedicated his life to the suffering, the sick, the unfortunate and the needy. He treated all those who turned to him without charge,

healing them in the name of Jesus Christ. He visited those held captive in prison. These were usually Christians, and he healed them of their wounds. In a short time, reports of the charitable physician spread throughout the city. Forsaking the other doctors, the inhabitants began to turn only to St Panteleimon. The envious doctors told the emperor that St Panteleimon was healing Christian prisoners. Maximian urged the saint to refute the charge by offering sacrifice to idols. St Panteleimon confessed himself a Christian, and suggested that a sick person, for whom the doctors held out no hope, should be brought before the emperor. Then the doctors could invoke their gods, and Panteleimon would pray to his God to heal the man. A man paralyzed for many years was brought in, and pagan priests who knew the art of medicine invoked their gods without success. Then, before the very eyes of the emperor, the saint healed the paralytic by calling on the name of Jesus Christ. The ferocious Maximian executed the healed man, and gave St Panteleimon over to fierce torture. The Lord appeared to the saint and strengthened him before his sufferings. They suspended the Great Martyr Panteleimon from a tree and scraped him with iron hooks, burned him with fire and then stretched him on the rack, threw him into a cauldron of boiling tar, and cast him into the sea with a stone around his neck. Throughout these tortures the martyr remained unhurt, and denounced the emperor.

MAJOR FEAST DAYS IN JULY



July 13
Archangel
Gabriel



July 15
St. Vladimir
of Kiev



July 17
St. Marina



July 20
Prophet Elia



July 22
St. Mary
Magdalene



July 24
Martyr Christina

Major Church Activities and Events

Sat, July 07: Vespers, 5:00 p.m.
 Sun, July 08: Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
 Wed, July 11: Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 Sat, July 14: Vespers, 5:00 p.m.
 Sun, July 15: Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
 Fri, July 20: St. Elias Prayers, 10:00 a.m.
 Sat, July 21: Vespers, 5:00 p.m.
 Sun, July 22: Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
 Mon, July 23: St. Christina Prayers, 10:00 a.m.
 Fri, July 27: Sts. Panteleimon and Premte Prayers, 10:00 a.m.
 Sat, July 28: Vespers, 5:00 p.m.
 Sun, July 29: Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

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