For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

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“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.” - 1 Peter 2:9

As 2014 comes to a close, we, as the “chosen people” of God, are left with the daunting but necessary task of reviewing the highs and the lows, the good and the bad of the past 12 months.

In many ways, we are like the infant that hears, sees and feels mom and dad throughout the day, but does not truly know what mom and dad are really doing for it. It is only way later, in reviewing the past, from a fresh, different vantage point, that it becomes apparent just how much mom and dad really did. It is then that the person realizes that they only were able to survive and thrive because of what was done for them!

As “people belonging to God,” we reflectively pause and look back; we inevitably will realize the immense care, support and love that God has poured out upon us.

- Over the past year, many of us have given God our repentance and He has given us His forgiveness.
- Over the past year, many of us have more fully committed our lives to Him and He has given us the gift of meaning and purpose in life.
- Over the past year, many of us have given Him our sorrow and He has given us His Peace.
- Over the past year, many of us have given Him our emptiness and He has given us the fullness of His Presence.
- Over the past year, many of us have given Him our weakness and He has given us His strength.
- Over the past year, many of us have given Him our time and He has given us His eternity.
- Over the past year, many of us have given Him our treasure and He has given us treasure in Heaven to come.
- Over the past year, many of us have given Him our souls, and He has made us His Home, His Temple and His Palace!

As we conduct our review of our spiritual journey and as we embark on 2014, may we not be disheartened by our lows and failures but rather be inspired by God’s presence with us as we move toward a deeper and more fulfilling relationship with Him as His beloved children.

We, the “chosen people” who feed our minds and hearts on the record of what God has done in the past, will have no need to be anxious about the future.

Ralph Waldo Emerson expresses this conviction when he stated,

“What I have seen, teaches me to trust my Creator for what I have not seen.”

The Lord ALWAYS has delivered on His promises. “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will hold you up with My righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10).

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year, I remain

With love in Christ,

Fr. John Vlahos, Cathedral Dean
Your Holiness,

In offering glory to the all-good God in Trinity, we welcome You and Your honorable entourage to this sacred place, the hierarchal See of the historical and martyric Church charged by divine providence with a profoundly responsible ministry as being the First-Throne among the local most holy Orthodox Churches. We welcome You with joy, honor and gratitude because You have deemed it proper to direct Your steps from the Old Rome to the New Rome, symbolically bridging West and East through this movement, while translating the love of the Chief Apostle to his brother, the First-Called Apostle.

Your advent here, being the first since the recent election of Your Holiness to the throne that "presides in love," constitutes a continuation of similar visits by Your eminent predecessors Paul VI, John Paul II and Benedict XVI, but also bears witness to Your own will and that of the most holy Church of Rome to maintain the fraternal and stable advance with the Orthodox Church for the restoration of full communion between our Churches. Therefore, it is with great satisfaction and appreciation that we greet the arrival here of Your Holiness as an historical event filled with favorable signs for the future.

This sacred space, where in the midst of diverse historical challenges Ecumenical Patriarchs have for centuries celebrated and celebrate the holy Mystery of the Divine Eucharist, constitutes a successor to other illustrious places of worship in this City, which have been brightened by renowned ecclesiastical personalities already adorning the choir of great Fathers of the universal Church. Such luminaries include our predecessors Saints Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom, whose sacred relics now lie in this holy church, thanks to their gracious return to the Ecumenical Patriarchate by the Church of Rome; their relics are alongside those of Basil the Great and Euphemia the Great Martyr, who validated the Tome of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, as well as other saints of the Church. This year marks the tenth anniversary since the blessed return of the relics of St. Gregory and St. John; wherefore, we express to Your Holiness our fervent thanks for this fraternal gesture on behalf of Your Church to our Patriarchate. May these holy Fathers, on whose teaching our common faith of the first millennium was founded, intercede for us to the Lord so that we may rediscover the full union of our Churches, thereby fulfilling His divine will in crucial times for humanity and the world. For, according to St. John Chrysostom: "This is what ultimately holds the faithful together and upholds love; indeed, this is precisely why Christ said that we should be one." (Homily on Philippians 4.3 PG62.208)

We express once again the joy and gratitude of the most holy Church of Constantinople and of ourselves on this formal and fraternal visit of Your Holiness, and we wish You and Your honorable entourage an altogether blessed sojourn among us so that we may further increase our fraternal relations for the glory of His name.

"Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift." (2 Cor. 9.15)

Welcome, beloved brother in the Lord!
The Chrysanthemum Ball and the Young Professionals’ Event, held at the Metropolitan Club on Friday, November 7, 2014. The night was a huge success. Both events were sold out! There was a lot of “Kefi” amongst all that attended. It was exciting to see many members from the Cathedral Community and communities from around the tri-state area get together and dance all night. This year we honored Aphrodite Skeadas, President Emeritus of National Philoptochos. A $10,000 contribution was presented to Maria Logus Esq., the newly appointed President of National Philoptochos, to support the National Philoptochos Department of Social Services. In addition, a portion of the Young Professionals’ ticket was contributed to the non-profit organization, Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS). We would like to thank all who supported our event. Without your participation we could not continue to support our numerous philanthropic causes.
On Sunday, November 9, 2014, the Cathedral Philoptochos passed a special tray, during the Divine Liturgy, for Sts. Cosmas and Damianos, the Patron Saints of Philoptochos. The proceeds from this tray will benefit the philanthropic programs and charities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Following the Divine Liturgy, Carol Contos, a longtime member, past president, and current board member of our Philoptochos, was presented with a 2014 National Philoptochos AGAPE Certificate of Merit for her love and devotion to our philanthropic missions.

The Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos Society sponsored the Ronald McDonald House of New York Greek Division’s Annual Christmas Party, which will be held on Monday, December 8, 2014.

We are current in fulfilling our National obligations:

- United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund
- General Medical Fund

Every Tuesday we continue to work with Jan Huss Church to provide a meal for approximately 100 homeless people. We also continue to assist individuals and families experiencing health and financial difficulties.

Christmas at the Cathedral is a very exciting time. Please join us for the Philoptochos Clothing and Book Drive. Drop off your donations in the bins at the lobby of 337 East 74th Street from Sunday, November 23 to Wednesday, December 10, 2014.

Starting Sunday, November 30, 2014, The Angel Tree will be up for parishioners to select a star ornament with age and gender on it to purchase a gift. Both the Philoptochos Clothing and Book Drive and The Angel Tree will benefit Bronx-Works, an organization that helps individuals and families improve their economic and social well being through a variety of programs and services that empower individuals and build stronger communities.

AGAPE Luncheon, Saturday, November 22, 2014

Once again, the children of St. Basil Academy will be our guests to attend the Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall.

We welcome all to do their Christmas shopping at the Christmas Boutiques in the Cathedral Ballroom following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 7, 2014.

The Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos Society will sponsor the annual blessing and cutting of the Vasilopita with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios on Thursday, January 1, 2015. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos continues to sponsor the coffee hour every Sunday.

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Save the Date!
Sunday December 21st
11 AM
At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy

Christmas Pageant
Featuring the Sunday School Children
Followed by a Visit from Santa during the Coffee Hour
Focus on the Family

Sts. Steven, Angelina, George and John of Serbia

Feast Day: December 10th

St. Angelina was the daughter of Prince George Sken-derbeg of Albania. Her mother’s name is not known, but she raised her daughter in Christian piety and taught her to love God.

St. Stephen Brancovich, the ruler of Serbia, had come to Albania to escape those who wished to kill him. Before he arrived in Albania, St. Stephen was unjustly blinded by the Turkish Sultan for some perceived offense. Since he was innocent, he bore his affliction with courage.

St. Stephen was not only Prince George’s guest, but he was also treated as a member of his family. Not surprisingly, Stephen and Angelina eventually fell in love. With her parents’ blessing, they were married. After a few years, they were blessed with two sons, George and John.

When the boys were grown, St. Stephen and his family were forced to flee to Italy for their safety. At that time, the Turks invaded Albania and began to slaughter men, women, and children.

St. Stephen died in 1468, leaving Angelina a widow. In her grief, she turned to the ruler of Hungary for help. He gave St. Angelina and her sons the town of Kupinovo in Sirmie.

St. Angelina left Italy with her sons in 1486, stopping in Serbia to bury St. Stephen’s incorrupt body in his native land.

The children of these pious parents also became saints. George gave up his claim to the throne in favor of his brother, John, then entered a monastery and received the name Maximus.

John was married, but had no sons. He died in 1503 at a young age, and many miracles took place before his holy relics.

St. Angelina survived her husband and both of her sons. Mindful of her soul’s salvation, she entered a women’s monastery. She departed to the Lord in peace, and her body was buried in the same tomb as her sons in the Monastery of Krushedol in Frushka Gora.

All things are achieved through prayer, silence and love. Have you understood the effects of prayer? Love in prayer; love in Christ. That is what is truly beneficial. As long as you love your children with human love – which is often pathological – the more they will be mixed-up, and the more their behavior will be negative. But when the love between you and towards your children is holy and Christian love, then you will have no problem. The sanctity of the parents saves the children. For this to come about, divine grace must act on the souls of the parents. No one can be sanctified on his own. The same divine grace will then illuminate, warm and animate the souls of the Children.

- St. Porphyrios of Kafsokalyvia
Το σπουδαίο είναι να μπούμε στην Εκκλησία. Να ενωθούμε με τους συνανθρώπους μας,
με τις χαρές και τις λύπες όλων.
"Να τους νιώθουμε δικούς μας, να προσευχόμαστε για όλους, να πονάμε για την σωτηρία τους, να ξεχνάμε
τους εαυτούς μας. Να κάνουμε το παν γι' αυτούς, όπως ο Χριστός για μας.
Μέσα στην Εκκλησία γινόμαστε ένα με κάθε δυστυχισμένο και πονεμένο κι αμαρτωλό. Κανείς δεν πρέπει να
θέλει να σωθεί μόνος του, χωρίς να σωθούν και οι άλλοι. Είναι λάθος να προσευχόμαστε κανείς για τον εαυτό του,
για να σωθεί ο ίδιος. Τους άλλους πρέπει να αγαπάμε και να προσευχόμαστε να μη χαθεί κανείς· να μπούν όλοι
στην Εκκλησία. Αυτό έχει αξία. Και μ' αυτή την επιθυμία πρέπει να φύγει κανείς απ' τον κόσμο, για να πάει στο
μοναστήρι ή στην έρημο.
Μέσα στην Εκκλησία, που έχει τα μυστήρια που σώζουν, δεν υπάρχει απελπισία. Μπορεί να είμαστε πολύ
αμαρτωλοί. Εξομολογούμαστε, όμως μας διαβάζει ο παπάς κι έτσι συγχωρούμαστε και προχωρούμε προς την
αθανασία, χωρίς καθόλου άγχος, χωρίς καθόλου φόβο.
Όποιος ζει τον Χριστό, γίνεται ένα μαζί Του, με την Εκκλησία Του. Ζει μια τρέλα! Η ζωή αυτή είναι διαφορετική
απ' τη ζωή των ανθρώπων. Είναι χαρά, είναι φως, είναι αγαλλίαση, είναι ανάταση. Ο παπάς μας διαβάζει και έτσι συγχωρούμαστε και προχωρούμε προς την
αθανασία. Ο Χριστός γινεται με την Εκκλησία του. Και συμβαίνει όπως μ' έναν γάτο, που θυσιαζόμαστε, αγρυπνούμε,
kάνομε το παν, όπως εκείνα. Ο ίδιος, όπως ο Χριστός, έκανε τις λοιδορίες δεν τις ανταπέδιδε, και όταν είπε: "είμαι αμαρτωλός κι ανίσχυρος, έχει αγωνία κι άγχος και φέρεται
υπό κακού πνεύματος (δηλ. δαιμονικής ενέργειας). Ορισμένοι τέτοιοι άνθρωποι ζούνε τη θρησκεία
σαν ένα είδος κολάσεως. Μέσα στην εκκλησία κάνουν μετάνοιες, σταυρούς, λένε, «είμαστε αμαρτωλοί, ανάξιοι», και μόλις βγαίνουν έξω, αρχίζουν να βλασφημάνε τα θεία, όταν κάποιος λίγο τους ενοχλεί. Φαίνεται καθαρά ότι υπάρχει στο μέσον δαιμόνιο.
Στην πραγματικότητα, η χριστιανική θρησκεία μεταβάλλει τον
άνθρωπο και τον θεραπεύει. Η κυριότερη, όμως, προϋπόθεση για
να αντιληφθεί και να διακρίνει ο άνθρωπος την αλήθεια, είναι η
ταπείνωση. Ο εγωισμός σκοτίζει το νού του ανθρώπου, τον θεραπεύει, τον οδηγεί στην πλάνη, στην αίρεση. Είναι σπουδαίο να κατανοήσει ο
άνθρωπος την αλήθεια."

Βίος και Λόγοι, έκδ. Ιεράς Μονής Χρυσοπηγής Χανίων.
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Γέρων Πορφύριος
2014 STEWARDSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2014

As of December 1, we have received 295 pledges in the amount of $211,797.50. Thank you to the following stewards who have sent in their pledges. If any names have been mistakenly omitted from this list, please notify the church office and we will make corrections in our next newsletter.

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Giving Thanks at the Cathedral School

By Theodore P. Kusulas
Head of School
The Cathedral School

During the month of November the Cathedral School Families “created awesome” by expressing their thankfulness for all their blessings, by participating in a virtual Food Drive, as an intentional act to serve those less fortunate.

As the beautiful harvest moon illuminated the city around the young boy in “Beautiful Moon: A Child’s Prayer” by Tonya Bolden, illustrated by Eric Velasquez, he offers a simple prayer for the homeless, for the hungry, for the sick and suffering, for those at war and for others. Our children were inspired by this young person’s empathy & compassion and wanted to make the world a better place.

In only eight days, our students collected $2120.09 - well beyond everyone’s expectations. The Turkey Crew did an awesome job shopping for, preparing, and delivering ten Thanksgiving dinner baskets, which included: a turkey, 5 lbs. of potatoes, canned string beans & corn, cranberry sauce, Campbell’s soup, stuffing & gravy, salad, cornbread, a baguette, a gallon of apple cider, a pumpkin pie, oatmeal cookies, and apples. Our children truly embraced the attitudes of service and giving. Congratulations are in order to the Second Grade class for the highest collection of funds during our Thanksgiving Food Drive, and to the Eighth Grade for the highest per student donation. Their teachers truly inspired them. Both classes and the Turkey Crew earned a homemade breakfast with Mr. K.

Paying it forward is as important as the thankfulness we celebrated on Thanksgiving.

To the right is a picture of some of our children who accompanied His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios on the historic trip to Constantinople where Pope Francis & the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew celebrated the Feast of Saint Andrew.
Cathedral Greek Afternoon School Updates
By Debbie Tsafos
Greek Afternoon School Director

The Cathedral Greek Afternoon School had a wonderful start to the new school year! We are truly excited for the year ahead and appreciate all of the parents' support and cooperation.

These past few months have been very productive. In October, at Curriculum-Meet the Teacher Night, parents were able to learn about the objectives and goals for each grade level. We discussed the calendar of events including report cards, parent-teacher conferences, and future student performances.

In the month of November, various thematic units in both the culture and language classes were covered and the Thanksgiving festivities began. Students shared their family traditions and expressed what they are most thankful for. They also enjoyed creating written pieces as well as artwork.

We plan on making this program an engaging and positive learning experience for all the students and parents. For more information, contact dtsafos@cathe dralschoolny.org

The Greek Afternoon School Department would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season! Merry Christmas!

Harvest Fest Cultivates Fellowship Among Our Youth
By Christina Connant

The Cathedral Sunday School hosted its Fourth Annual Harvest Fest after church services on Sunday, November 23rd. Over 100 parents and children filled the Undercroft of the Cathedral for an afternoon filled with fellowship and fun.

Fr. John started the afternoon with a prayer and Thanksgiving greetings. Food was aplenty for an afternoon lunch. Activities kept the kids busy in three areas. They participated in games such as basketball, soccer, and ‘Simon says.’

Various crafts were in one of the classrooms. Children could make an inspirational “turkey” with the quote “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. Psalm 136:1”. There were other craft choices, such as a pumpkin weaving mat, or a turkey magnet. Decorating a bag with fall stickers is always a favorite - plus a nice way to carry all their creations home.

Another classroom was filled with face painting and tattoo applications. It was especially rewarding to see that the older kids wanted to help by being the face painters and how sweet they all were with the younger kids.

Under the supervision of Sunday School Director, Effie Doscas Butler, the event organizers, Christina Connant, Christina Roushakes, Christina Villani and Pres. Tina Vlahos were pleased with the outcome and thankful for the many volunteers who helped make the Harvest Fest a success. Events like these are most fruitful when many dedicated parents work together. The Sunday School strives to cultivate friendships among our youth, in addition to religious education.
'The sea with no one in it' is a book in which Niki Koulouris takes readers from the mysterious and powerful depths of the ocean to the familiar and disparate artifacts of our land-locked daily lives.

About the Author

Niki Koulouris was born in Melbourne, Australia. Her poetry and prose has appeared in The Cortland Review, Space, Metro Magazine, Subtext Magazine and The Age. Niki lives in Toronto. Shortlisted for the 2014 Wesley Michel Wright Prize (University of Melbourne, Faculty of Arts), The sea with no one in it is her first book. Available on Amazon.