Rudyard Kipling, the renowned English author, was once interviewed by a newspaper reporter. The reporter began in this way, “Mr. Kipling, I just read that somebody calculated that the money you make from your writings amounts to over $100 a word.”

The reporter reached into his pocket and pulled out a $100 bill and gave it to Kipling and said, “Here’s a $100 bill, Mr. Kipling. Now you give me one of your hundred dollar words.”

Rudyard Kipling looked at the money, put it in his pocket and said, “Thanks!”

For us here in America, Thanksgiving is that one-day of the year where we collectively pause and say, “Thanks!”

While certainly Thanksgiving Day has been defined as a celebration of family and friends, food and football, we cannot forget that the reason why it was instituted.

Listen to what President George Washington said when he officially proclaimed the first Thanksgiving Holiday:

“Whereas, it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; Whereas, both the houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me ‘to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness!’ Now therefore, I do recommend next, to be devoted by the people of the
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1. Sts. Kosmas and Damianos 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy
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3. Vigil for St George Karslides Vigil to begin at 8:30pm
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5. 8am - 2pm Cathedral Sanctuary open for prayer 6pm Paraklesis 7pm Faith & Fellowship
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8. Synaxis of the Archangels 8am Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10:30-4pm Archdiocesan School of Byzantine Music Classes
9. 7th Sunday of Luke St. Nekarios of Aegina 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Sunday School Communion Breakfast
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13. 6:30pm Bible Study
14. 8am - 2pm Cathedral Sanctuary open for prayer
15. 9am-4pm Pre-Marriage Seminar - Cathedral Ballroom
16. Apostle Matthew 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
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21. Entrance of the Theotokos 8am Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10:30-4pm Archdiocesan School of Byzantine Music Classes
22. 9am-4pm Pre-Marriage Seminar - Cathedral Ballroom
23. 9th Sunday of Luke 8:45am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy Cathedral Sunday School Harvest Festival - Following Divine Liturgy
24. 8am - 2pm Cathedral Sanctuary open for prayer
25. St. Katherine 8am Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy
26. 8am - 2pm Cathedral Sanctuary open for prayer
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NEW YORK – More than 2,000 people gathered on Oct. 18, 2014 at 130 Liberty Street, the new site for Saint Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center, for the historic event of the Blessing of the Ground and the symbolic “laying of the corner stone.”

The small and humble church of Saint Nicholas was the only house of worship destroyed in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The new Greek Orthodox Saint Nicholas National Shrine Church, designed by world-renowned Architect Santiago Calatrava, is expected to begin construction this year and to be completed within 24 months.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America presided at the agiasmos service, the sanctification of water and the blessing of the foundation for the new church.

Family members of victims of 9/11 carried vessels of water from the two memorial pools, which now occupy the footprints of the fallen twin towers. The Metropolitans of the Holy Eparchial Synod, concelebrating the service, received the water and poured it into the crystal fount used for the sanctification of the water.

Following the Agiasmos and as a symbolic act of “laying of the corner stone” for the new church, two Cairns (a memorial collection of stones) were built, with a total of 12 white marble stones each, laid down by donors and benefactors, community and institutional representatives and public officials. Archbishop Demetrios blessed with sanctified water the two Cairns, which will eventually be incorporated into the new church.

“What we establish today will be a house of prayer and a place of peace, a place of hope and a place of love,” said Archbishop Demetrios in his remarks following the service. His Eminence recounted in brief the long road traveled in the last 13 years, he recognized the contributions and efforts of many individuals and in particular the “decisive action of Governor Andrew Cuomo.”

Several officials delivered remarks. Former Governor of New York George Pataki spoke of his resolute commitment from the start to the rebuilding of Saint Nicholas. Architect Santiago Calatrava said that in his design for the new church edifice, his inspiration came from Hagia Sophia, in Constantinople. Senator Charles Schumer said that this day “is a testament to the courage of our spirit.” Patrick Foye, Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, spoke of the resolve of two men, the Archbishop and the Governor, that led to this day of celebration. Metropolitan Methodios of Boston read a letter from His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

Concelebrating the ground blessing service with Archbishop Demetrios were Metropolitans Iakovos of Chicago, Methodios of Boston, Alexios of Atlanta, Nicholas of Detroit, Savas of Pittsburgh, Gerasimos of San Francisco and Evangelos of New Jersey. Assisting the Hierarchs were Frs John Touloumes and John Romas, Archdeacon Panteleimon Papadopoulos and Deacon Eleftherios Constantine. Also present at the ceremony were the Chancellor of the Archdiocese Bishop Andonios of Phasiane and the Chief Secretary of the Synod Bishop Sevastianos of Zela.

Religious leaders included Metropolitan Joseph (Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America), Metropolitan Tikhon (Orthodox Church in America), Bishop Nicholas (Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia), Bishop Daniil (Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Diocese of the USA, Canada, and Australia), Bishop Daniel (Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA) and Roman Catholic Bishop Gerald Walsh, representing Cardinal Dolan.

Other officials present included former U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and Congressman Jerry Nadler, former Mayor of New York David Dinkins, New York State Senators Dean Skelos and Michael Gianaris; and Assemblywomen Aravella Simotas and Nicole Malliotakis, NYC Public Advocate Letitia James and NY Councilman Costa Constantinides. Greece was represented by Ambassador to the United Nations Michael Spinellis and Consul General Ambassador Vasileios Philippou.

The service concluded with a moment of silence remembering the victims who perished in the tragic attacks on September 11. The program and the speakers were presented by Anthoula Katsimatides. The Archdiocesan Byzantine Choir chanted the service hymns. Georgia Linaris sang the concluding patriotic song “God Bless America.”

Once rebuilt, the National Shrine will include a 2nd floor non-denominational bereavement center welcoming all those seeking comfort and prayer and a place of solace. For more information about Saint Nicholas National Shrine, please visit: http://www.stnicholaswtc.org/.
Focus on the Family

Spotlight on Family Saints:
Sts. Joachim and Anna

Feast Day: September 6th

St. Anna was the daughter of Matthan the priest, who was of the tribe of Levi, whose family came from Bethlehem. St. Anna lived with her husband, Joachim, at Nazareth in Galilee. They were childless into their old age and grieved over this. They had to endure derision and scorn, since at that time childlessness was considered a disgrace. They never complained, but fervently prayed to God, humbly trusting in Him. During a great feast, the gifts that Joachim took to the Temple as an offering to God were not accepted by the priest, who considered that a childless man was not worthy to offer sacrifice to God. This pained Joachim, and he decided to settle in solitude in a desolate place. When St. Anna learned what humiliation her husband had endured, she sorrowfully entreated God with prayer and fasting to grant her a child. In his solitude, the righteous Joachim also asked God for a child. The prayer of the saintly couple was heard. An angel told them that a daughter would be born to them, Who would be blessed above all other women. The angel also told them that She would remain a virgin, would be dedicated to the Lord and live in the Temple, and would give birth to the Savior. Obeying the instructions of the heavenly messenger, Ss. Joachim and Anna met at the Golden Gate in Jerusalem. Then, as God promised, a daughter was born to them, and they named her Mary. St. Joachim died a few years later at the age of 80 after Mary went to live in the Temple. St. Anna died at the age of 70, two years after her husband. Ss. Joachim and Anna are often invoked by couples trying to have children.

For more information go to family.goarch.org

A Prayer for the Family

O God, our heavenly Father, who loves mankind and is merciful and compassionate, have mercy upon Your servants [names] for whom I humbly pray and who I commend to Your gracious care and protection. O Lord, be their guide and guardian in all their endeavors. Lead them in the path of Your truth, and draw them nearer to You, that they may lead godly and righteous lives in Your love and fear, doing Your will in all things. Give them grace that they may be temperate, industrious, diligent, devout and charitable. Defend them against the assaults of the enemy, and grant them wisdom and strength to resist all temptation and corruption of this life. Direct them in the way of salvation through the mercy of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ and the intercessions of His holy Mother and Your blessed saints. Amen.
Focus on the Family

Did You Know...

Columbia University has conducted several studies regarding family dynamics. They found the following statistics:

Teens who had frequent family dinners (5 to 7 per week) were more likely to report having high-quality relationships with their parents.

Compared to teens who had infrequent family dinners (2 or fewer per week), teens who had frequent family dinners were almost 1.5 times likelier to have said they had an excellent relationship with their mother and 1.5 times likelier to have said they had an excellent relationship with their father.

The report also found that compared to teens who said they had an excellent relationship with their fathers, teens that had a less than very good relationship with their father were:

- Almost 4 times likelier to have used marijuana
- Twice as likely to have used alcohol
- 2.5 times as likely to have used tobacco

And compared to teens who said they had an excellent relationship with their mothers, teens that had a less than very good relationship with their mother were:

- Almost 3 times likelier to have used marijuana
- 2.5 times as likely to have used alcohol
- 2.5 times likelier to have used tobacco

Words of Wisdom

“Little differences in the characters or personalities of spouses actually help couples to create a harmonious family, for the one completes the other. In a car it is necessary to use the gas pedal to go forward, but also the brake pedal to stop. If the car only had brakes it wouldn’t go anywhere; and if it only had gears, it wouldn’t be able to stop. Do you know what I said to one couple? “Because you are similar, you don’t match!” They are both sensitive. If something happens at home, both of them lose it and start-up: The one, “Oh, what we suffer!” The other, “Oh, what we suffer!” In other words, the one causes the other to lose hope even more! Neither is able to comfort the other a little by saying, “Hold on, our situation is not that serious”. I’ve seen this in many couples.

When spouses have different personalities it helps in the raising of children even more. One spouse wants to put on the brakes a little, but the other says, “Give the children a little freedom”. If they both are overbearing they will lose their children. If, however, they leave them on their own, again their children will be lost. Therefore, when the parents have different personalities, the children enjoy a certain stability.”

- Elder Paisios of the Holy Mountain

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:15
2014 STEWARDSHIP AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2014

As of October 31, we have received 287 pledges in the amount of $195,772. 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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October’s Life Lessons

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“All that is necessary for evil to succeed is that good men do nothing.” - Edmund Burke

It’s hard to believe that we are at the end of October, and the end of the first marking period is quickly approaching, with students anticipating report cards. Each and every day, with every action we take, we must make sure we are reaching beyond ourselves and operate in areas that challenge us to grow and develop. Together - school, families, Church & community - we can make TCS an institution that provides all students with “A Classic Education for the 21st Century Learner.”

October afforded our children, many opportunities to learn valuable life lessons.

- Our 6th, 7th and 8th graders were our first ambassadors during a recent field trip, “Classrooms Without Walls,” to the Cloisters. Not only were they well behaved, polite and respectful, their questions & observations were sophisticated & insightful. The trip provided them with a deep & expanded understanding of Comparative Religions & Cultures.

- Malala Yousafzai, being awarded the 2014 Noble Peace Prize, inspired many of our students. They are beginning to realize that obstacles are overcome with hard work, and that challenges are opportunities to find a new path toward a greater good.

- The Ground Breaking of the St. Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero was awe inspiring, generating feelings of hope and reconciliation. “Out of these ashes...beauty will rise and we will dance among the ruins.”

- The horrific attack on Canada’s Parliament taught us all a valuable lesson. Many of our students made timely, insightful connections to our commemoration of October 28, 1940. A simple word, OXI, changed the course of history, impacting the events of W.W.II. It is with grit - having courage and resolve - that character is strengthened. When the going gets tough, those with grit keep going. This tenacity allows the successful to experience failure without fear. To experience hope despite obstacles and to see things through no matter what.

- A visit by Loukoumi and her creator, Nick Katsoris taught our youngest learners that if you look inside your heart, work real hard, and don’t be discouraged you can do anything, “…if you believe in yourself, your dreams will come true.”
Fr. John: Thanksgiving Can Change Your Life

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States to the service of that great and glorious being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be, that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks...”

Such a powerful message! Yet many of us may say or hear from others, ‘What do I have to be thankful for? I look at my life and all I see are problems and struggles.” Without a doubt, life will throw us curve-balls; but what St. Paul so emphatically says throughout his Epistles is that we are to take on the challenges of life by assuming a resilient, unyielding, and consistent attitude of thankfulness to God. I like to say, “an Attitude of Gratitude.” I am convinced that St. Paul wanted to be clear that discipline is the key element to seizing lasting happiness in this imperfect world. True enough, the only way we can make a healthy acceptance of whatever happens to us and the world around us is by securing our hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. This Hopeful process is activated and sustained through the process of embracing gratitude, joy and contentment as a state of mind, which is therefore not dependent upon how well things go for us. Outside factors continually change, usually unexpectedly. If we allow our satisfaction to be contingent on changing conditions of our lives, which often come in the form of problems and disappointments rather than in benefits and promotions, we quickly leave ourselves open to dissatisfaction, discontent and ingratitude. This does not mean we ought to clap our hands every time a tragedy or disaster strikes; it means that we use our contented, joyful and thankful state of mind to preserve us in the confines of tranquility which comes from God, so that we can be remarkably patient and hopeful amid trials that come our way.

Someone once said that gratitude is the source for all other Christian virtues. If that is the case, then perhaps we need to understand that ingratitude may well be the source of many - if not all - of our faults as well. When we begin to take for granted what God has done for us, then we become calloused and filled with pride. Our thanksgiving to God and to everyone around us must be expressed and shared! Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

In our daily lives, we must see that it is not happiness that makes us grateful, but the gratefulness that makes us happy. Grateful people do not deny or ignore the negative aspects of life. If you concentrate on finding what is good and beneficial in every situation, you will discover that your life will suddenly be filled with gratitude. Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, and confusion to clarity. Gratitude can turn a meal into a feast. Gratitude can turn a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.

Have a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving, my beloved family and friends!
To celebrate the beginning of fall, our Philoptochos joined the Cathedral and its other ministries to organize its first ever Fall Family Fest on September 28, 2014. Many of our Philoptochos Members, the Cathedral Community, and parents of the school came together to decorate and prepare for this event. The Fall Family Fest was held after church services in the Cathedral Ballroom and provided activities for the children and lunch for all. It was a lot of fun for everyone.

October was a very busy month!

A special tray was passed for the Aid to Greece and Cyprus Campaign on Sunday, October 5, 2014. We thank everyone who contributed to this campaign.

Members of the Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos attended the Ground Blessing Service for the Saint Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero on October 18, 2014. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and the members of the Holy Eparchial Synod presided over the ceremony. The sanctified water was drawn from the 9/11 Memorial fountains by family members of the victims who perished during the tragic events of 9/11. After the Archbishop sprinkled water, two cairns (a memorial collection of stones) were constructed in memory of the Twin Towers. These cairns will be installed permanently at the entrance of Saint Nicholas National Shrine. Twelve stones for each cairn were laid by representatives of the entire community. Aphrodite Skeadas, President Emeritus of National Philoptochos, laid one of these stones representing Philoptochos. It was a very moving day.
Back by popular demand, our Dinner and a Movie General Meeting took place on Thursday, October 23, 2014. Dinner was held at Circo Circo Restaurant before the viewing of *The Little England* at the Ziegfeld Theater, as part of the Eighth Annual New York City Greek Film Festival. The movie follows a Greek shipping family through the 1930s and 1940s on the island of Andros. As always, this event was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

The Chrysanthemum Ball will take place on Friday, November 7, 2014, at the Metropolitan Club in New York City. This year we will be honoring Aphrodite Skeadas for her relentless dedication to the Greek Orthodox Church and her inspiring leadership in our philanthropic causes. A $10,000 donation will be contributed to the National Philoptochos Department of Social Services. For the first time, a portion of the proceeds from the Young Professionals’ event will be contributed to a charity. From each ticket, $20 will be donated in support of the non-profit organization, Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS).

Carol Contos, a long time member of our Philoptochos, past president, and current board member, was nominated for the 2014 Agape Award. She will be presented with a Certificate of Merit for her love and devotion to our philanthropic missions following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 9, 2014.

On the same day, a special tray for Sts. Cosmas and Damianos, the patron Saints of Philoptochos, will be passed, to benefit the philanthropic programs and charities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

We are sponsoring, again this year, the St. Michael’s Annual Name Day Gala on Sunday, November 9, 2014.

We have fulfilled our National obligations:
- National Sisterhood of Presvyteres Benevolent Fund (NSP)
- Ecumenical Patriarchate

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

The Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos sponsors the coffee hour every Sunday.

The Cathedral Philoptochos will be donating $3,000 to the Direct Archdiocesan District Agape Luncheon, which will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2014. Proceeds from this event will benefit the expansion fund for St. Michael’s Home.

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