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Sunday, January 19, 2020
All of You who have been baptized into Christ,
have put on Christ Alleluia!
أنتم اللذين بالمسيح إعتدتم، ألمسيح قد لبستم هليلويا!
Welcome Sayidna Bishop Nicholas Samra!



Message From Father Gabriel...
"Increase Your Appreciation" ©
"...Overwhelm them with appreciation and love!" (1 Thessalonians 5:1)

Appreciation is defined as "sensitive awareness" of "the good" done towards us. It is not only to people and things, but life itself, it starts with the very moment you open your eyes in the morning. Is the first thing you say to yourself, *I'm thankful for having been given another day* or do you dread what's coming for the day? What do you look at in your life as miraculous? What is so extraordinary that it makes you say wow? Are there any people or things that you take for granted... Your spouse, family, health or job? *What can you do different today to show Appreciation?*

We are creatures of habit; we get comfortable and used to things that are consistent. But what happens when it is taken away? We lament it and start appreciating immediately. Interestingly, when people are faced with health issues where they are forced to make major life changes, they claim that they look at the world and people around them with a different perspective, that they truly feel alive. Whereas before their diagnosis, they were just being, doing, going with the flow of life. What is different about their view of life now? *Appreciation!* They now appreciate every part of their life, from waking up, to smelling the coffee, their spouse, friends, and the breeze in the afternoon. *Do we need to wait for losing something before we start to really appreciate it?* Look at the things you've been taking for granted and look for the beauty in them. *Take the time to savor, smell, feel, to fully appreciate the miraculous in your life.*

Appreciation is a learned process. If you develop and cultivate the habit of Appreciation, you will see a positive change and a fresh attitude about life. There are many ways to show Appreciation; a gift, a hug, a smile, a kind word, and the magic word "Thank You." Schneider suggested that appreciation promotes positive affect, more satisfying relationships, and improved coping with stress. Expressing Appreciation to others also helps build and maintain social bonds. *Being Appreciative is a mindset for a lifetime and has a lasting effect on us.*

Studies have shown that grateful and appreciative people are happier and healthier than those who don't express and show Appreciation. When you focus on appreciating the good in your life, the good in your life Appreciates! **And as God Appreciates the good in us, He wants us to Appreciate the good all around us!**

"Appreciation is a wonderful thing: It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well." (Voltaire)

Special Offerings

BLESSINGS & WELLBEING of:

- . Sayidna Bishop Nicholas Samra
 - . Maurie Rahal
 - . Camille Abdy, Albert Ghanoum, Linda Russo, George Ged, Bob Shaheen, Joe & Jeanine Achaia, Gaby Zakkour, Emil Kasses, Dr. Bishara Faris, Marilyn Barbary, Anthony Antaki
 - . All who carry the name Anthony
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EPISTLE - Col 3:4-11

PROKIMENON: How great are your works O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all. Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians Brethren, when Christ, our life, appears, then you too shall appear in glory. Put to death whatever in your members is of the earth: immorality, uncleanness, lust, evil desire, covetousness, which is a form of idol-worship. Because of these passions, God's wrath comes upon the sons of disobedience and you yourselves once walked in them when they were your [way of] life. But now, you too put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, abusive language and foul-mouthed utterances. Do not lie to one another. Strip off the old man with his deeds and put on the new, one that is being renewed towards perfect knowledge according to his creator's image (Cf. Gn.1:26) Here there is no Gentile and Jew, no circumcised and uncircumcised, no Barbarian and Seythian, no slave and freeman, but Christ is all things, and in all.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the Evangelist 17:12-19

At that time as Jesus was entering a certain village, there met him ten lepers, who stood afar off and lifted up their voice, crying, "Jesus, master, have pity on us." And when he saw them he said, "Go, show yourselves to priests." And it came to pass as they were on their way that they were made clean. But one of them, seeing that he was made clean, returned, with a loud voice glorifying God, and he fell on his face, giving thanks; and he was a Samaritan. But Jesus answered and said, "Were not the ten made clean? But where are the nine? Has no one been found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Arise, go your way, for your faith has saved you."

فَصَلِّ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدَّيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِي الْبَشِيرِ 17:12-19

في ذلك الزمان، فيما يسوع داخل الى قرية استقبله عشرة رجال برص ووقفوا من بعيد. ورفعوا أصواتهم قائلين: يا يسوع المعلم ارحمنا. فلما رأهم قال لهم: امضوا وأروا الكهنة أنفسكم. وفيما هم ذاهبون طهروا. وإن واحدا منهم، لما رأى أنه قد برئ، رجع بمجدد الله بصوت عظيم. وخر على وجهه عند قدميه شاكرًا له، وكان سامريًا. فأجاب يسوع وقال: أليس العشرة قد طهروا، فأين التسعة؟ ألم يوجد من يرجع ليمجد الله، إلا هذا الأجنبي؟ وقال له: قم وامض، فإن إيمانك قد خلصك.

SECOND COLLECTION

St. Nicholas' Parish Council has carefully studied the church's ongoing expenses. Many volunteers help with much work on an ongoing basis; *To share this collective stewardship, we find it necessary to have a: 2nd collection on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month to go toward the BUILDING FUND MORTGAGE Commitment.*
January 2nd Collection: the 5th & 19th of the month
 If you wish to make arrangement to pay by Credit Card, please contact Samir Risk @ 954.561.5138 or risksamf@gmail.com
 Thank you for responding positively !!!

CHURCH FINANCIAL CORNER

As we continue to grow as a prayerful and supportive community thanks to your presence and efforts, we want to share with you our monthly church expenses.
Financial Summary for the month of Dec. 2019 - Total Income (Gen. Collection & Bldg Fund) \$39,531
 Expenses: Mortgage Payment: \$12,500 Operating Expenses: \$17,795
 Total Expenses: \$30,295 Surplus: \$9,236

Liturgy Memorials

- . Bill Toole
- . Laurie Mazloum - Abdelnour (2yrs), by Denise Faris & family
- . Tony Hanna (B-day Remembrance)
- . Rafik Rayes
- . Doug Sweredoski, by Rosie Sweredoski
- . Lorraine & James Oussani, Sr.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sunday School -Regular class

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen 2 Peter 3:18

Prayer Week for Christian Unity January 18 – 25

O Our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, on the eve of your redemptive suffering, You fervently asked your heavenly Father that all your followers be one, as You are One with the Father and the Holy Spirit. We implore You, divine Master, To bestow upon all Christian Churches the unity of faith, of hearts and of purpose, so that they become one flock under the leadership of One Shepherd according to your wish. Grant us, Lord, to love one another as You loved us, So that, seeing our unity, the world may believe in You and embrace your message of peace and love.

For You are the Prince of Peace and Lover of mankind and to You we render glory, and to your Eternal Father, and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen

أيها السيد الرب يسوع المسيح إلهنا، يا من في عشية آلامه الخلاصية صلي بحرارة إلى ابيّة السّماوي، ليكون جميع أتباعه واحداً كما أنت واحد مع الأب والروح القدس، نتوسّل اليك أيها المعلم الإلهي، أن تتعمّ على كنائسك بوحدة الايمان ووحدة القلوب ووحدة العمل الرّسولي، تحقيقاً لرغبتك في أن تكون رعية واحدة تحت إمرة راع واحد. هب لنا، أيها الربّ، أن نحبّ بعضنا بعضاً كما أنت أحببتنا، بالبدل والعطاء، حتى إذا شاهد العالم وحدتنا في الايمان، أمن بك واعتقك انجيلك ومجد معنا، بغم واحد وقلب واحد، اسمك الجدير بكل كرامة والعظيم الجلال أيها الأب والابن والروح القدس، الآن وكلّ أوانٍ وإلى دهر الدهارين. آمين

FOLKS DANCE / DABKEE CLASSES

We are forming Dabkee /Folks Dance Group, so please sign up your children so we can start practicing in preparation for the Festival. Mrs Fadia, graciously accepted to teach the children. Please sign up with Carmen or Fadia-email :

Fadia131@aol.com
Ladies@stnicholasmelkite.org
Practice will be held after the Liturgy on Sunday
Enrollment is open to All.

St. Nicholas 1st Annual Mediterranean Food Festival Saturday, March 14, 2020 - 11:30 am - 8:30 pm

Excitement is in the air....! This Festival will put us on the map, and will help show the beauty of our heritage, culture and faith. Thank you for being always present for your church and community.

The Food Festival presents an opportunity to showcase our community's delicious and savory food and divine desserts... This is an event open to the public.

Everyone is invited to participate in helping out in various capacities. We ask each and every one to give us a hand to bring this festival to the success we are aiming and hoping for. We will have a work schedule and a plan of action very soon. Kindly let us know how you can help. Please stop by the Festival Project table to sign-up. More details to follow soon...

BISHOP APPEAL

Just in case you had misplaced the Bishop's appeal letter, Donation slips are available for your convenience on the Liturgy books table, you can either mail them with your check to: Deacon Robert J. Shalhoub 55 Morris Ave, Suite 218, NJ 07081 Or give them to Sam Risk to mail.

God Bless your generosity!

12th Annual Golf Tournament

We welcome early registration and sponsorship inquiries for our **12th Annual Golf Tournament On Feb. 28, 2020** as we return to the celebrated Boca Country Club of the Waldorf Astoria Resorts.



The event includes a delightful Cocktail Reception and Dinner Party which are open to non-golfers as well!

We greatly appreciate Ged Lawyers, LLC and the Ged Family for being our Corporate Title Sponsor since our church 1st tournament!

Brochures are available, pick up your copy today.

We are collecting items for the Silent Auction and the Raffle... We need your help to solicit these valuable items (Donation Form & Solicitation Letter are available).

We ask you to try to reach out to businesses you patronize or where you know somebody who can help you solicit (Restaurants Dining Certificates, Salons, Spa, Art Galleries, Hotels getaway, Travel agencies, Wine & Spirits, Jewelry & Costume Jewelry, Memorabilia of any kind, Sports, Movie or Theater Tickets, Time Share vacation, Artwork, Electronics, Coffee Table Books etc...).

Feel free to use your imagination, if you wish to put a basket together for the Raffle or the Silent Auction. Please let us know how you can help, we are counting on you! We welcome your input, suggestions and ideas!!! We need everything brought in N Later then Sunday, February 3rd. Email us - golf@stnicholasmelkite.org Your help is greatly appreciated!

SUPER BOWL POOL BOARD

St Nicholas Men's Club is conducting the **5th Annual Super Bowl Pool**. All proceeds to benefit the Building Fund. \$450 cash in prizes. Your support is greatly appreciated.

