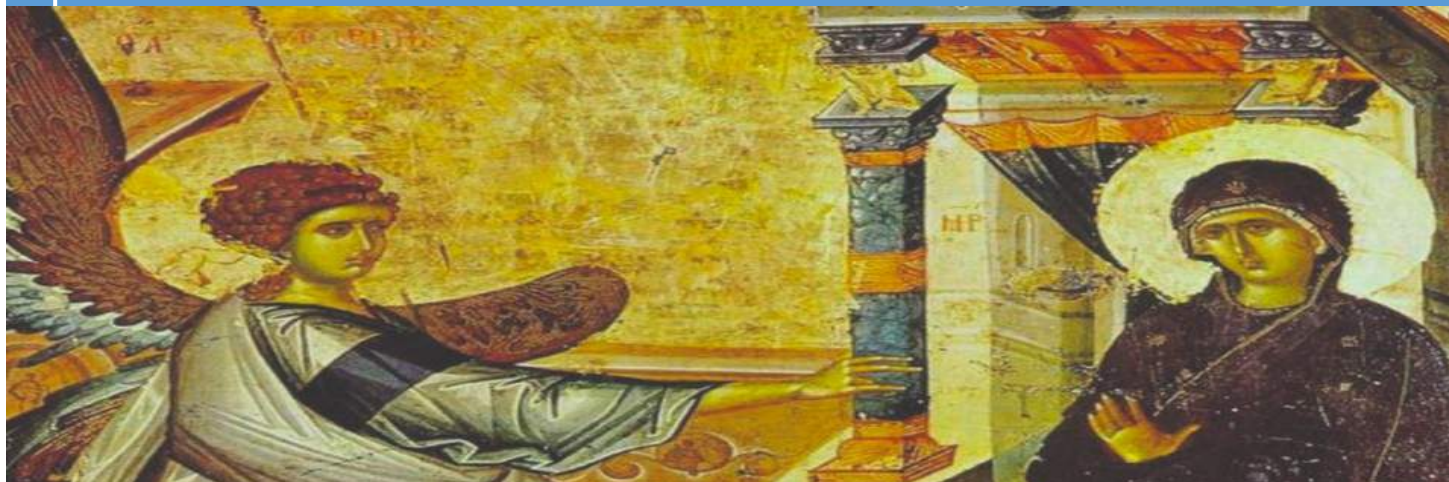


“Our Church Family worships the Holy Trinity– Father, Son and Holy Spirit– and every Sunday, the Lord’s Day, we commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

Welcome to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Stamford



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SAINTS OF THE DAY

November 18th, 2018

18η Νοεμβρίου 2018

Ninth Sunday of Luke

Τῶν Ἁγίων Μαρτύρων Πλάτωνος καί
Ρωμανοῦ.

Κυριακὴ Θ' τοῦ Λουκᾶ

The Holy Martyrs Plato and Romanos.

CHURCH SERVICES & OFFICE HOURS

Sunday Orthros 8:45 - 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Weekday Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Paraklesis & Vespers 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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What's Happening This Week!

Mon 11/19

Tue 11/20

Weds 11/21

Thurs 11/22

Fri 11/23

Sat 11/24

**Greek School
4pm - 6pm**

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Church Office is
Closed for
Thanksgiving
Holiday!**



...Kid's Korner...



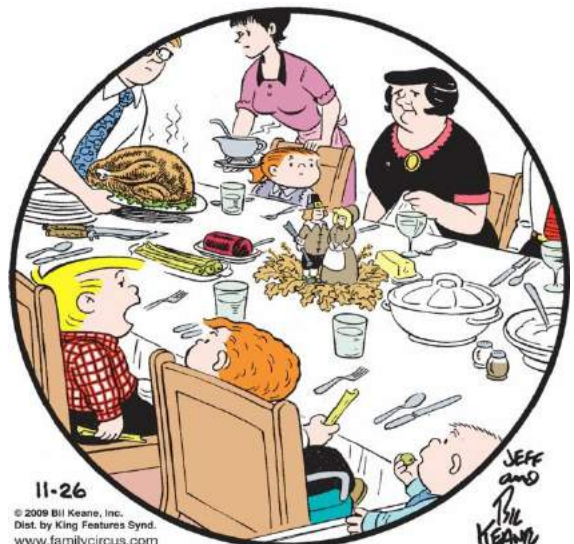
Have you ever watched your priest use his censer? Do you watch where he censes? He censes around the altar table and blesses all the holy things in it. He then comes out of the altar and censes the icons in the icon screen beginning with Christ, the Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, the Feast of the Annunciation and the holy Archangels. Then he continues with censing all the other saints and feasts that are represented in the icon and we remember them. Lastly, before returning back into the altar, the priest censes all the people and we remember that we want to be like the saints too.

When the whole church is censed, we remember that all of us together are one body. We may look, talk and dress different, but we are all One Church.

We hear the same thing in today's epistle reading. Our Lord, Jesus Christ came to bring us together with Him in heaven! Saint Paul reminds us that, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

In Jesus, we are all joined together and grow into a holy temple in the Lord. The church is one body together. The saints who have already died are spiritually present with us as a church. We are all one body that is joined together and we grow into a holy temple in the Lord.

So, the next time you see your priest censing, watch! You'll remember that he is censing one church and one body. You'll remember that we are all joined together to grow into a holy temple in the Lord.



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"I wish the Pilgrims had sent out for PIZZA on the first Thanksgiving 'stead of shootin' a turkey."

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. δ΄. Ψαλμὸς 75.

Εὔξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

**Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.
(4:1-7)**

Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ ὑμᾶς ἐγὼ ὁ δέσμιος ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἣς ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραύτητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ, σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης· ἐν σῶμα καὶ ἐν Πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἷς Κύριος, μία πίστις, ἐν βάπτισμα· εἷς Θεὸς καὶ Πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων καὶ διὰ πάντων καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν ὑμῖν. Ἐνὶ δὲ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 75.

Pray and return to the Lord Your God.

Verse: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. (4:1-7)

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

The Epistle in Modern Greek

Σᾶς προτρέπω λοιπὸν ἐγὼ ὁ φυλακισμένος διὰ τὸν Κύριον, νὰ φέρεσθε ἀντάξια πρὸς τὴν κλήσιν, τὴν ὁποίαν ἐλάβετε, μὲ πᾶσαν ταπεινοφροσύνην καὶ πραότητα, μὲ ὑπομονὴν εἰς τὸ νὰ ἀνέχεσθε ὁ ἓνας τὸν ἄλλον μὲ ἀγάπην, καὶ νὰ φροντίζετε νὰ διατηρῆτε τὴν ἐνότητα τοῦ Πνεύματος διὰ τοῦ συνδέσμου τῆς εἰρήνης. Ἐνα σῶμα ὑπάρχει καὶ ἓνα Πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ μία εἶναι ἡ ἐλπίδα τῆς κλήσεώς σας, τὴν ὁποίαν ἐλάβετε. Ἐνας Κύριος, μία πίστις, ἓνα βάπτισμα, ὁ ἓνας Θεὸς καὶ Πατέρας ὅλων, ὁ ὁποῖος εἶναι ὑπεράνω ὅλων καὶ δι' ὅλων καὶ εἰς ὅλους ἐμᾶς. Ἀλλ' εἰς τὸν καθένα ἀπὸ μᾶς ἐδόθηκε ἡ χάρις σύμφωνα πρὸς τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.
(ιβ' 16 - 21)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπου τινὸς πλουσίου εὐφόρησεν ἡ χώρα· καὶ διελογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ λέγων· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχω ποῦ συνάξω τοὺς καρπούς μου; καὶ εἶπε· τοῦτο ποιήσω· καθελῶ μου τὰς ἀποθήκας καὶ μείζονας οἰκοδομήσω, καὶ συνάξω ἐκεῖ πάντα τὰ γεννήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθὰ μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῇ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχὴ, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλά· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτη τῇ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχὴν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σου· ἃ δὲ ἠτοίμασας τί νῦν ἔσται; οὕτως ὁ θησαυρίζων ἑαυτῷ καὶ μὴ εἰς Θεόν. πλουτῶν. Ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· Ὁ ἔχων ὄτα ἀκούειν, ἀκουέτω.

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel reading is according to Luke.
(12:16-21)

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

The Gospel in Modern Greek

Τοὺς εἶπε δὲ τὴν ἐξῆς παραβολὴν. «Ἐνὸς ἀνθρώπου πλουσίου τὰ χωράφια ἔφεραν ἐσοδεῖαν μεγάλην καὶ ἐσκέπτετο μέσα του, «Τί νὰ κάνω, ἐπειδὴ δὲν ἔχω ποῦ νὰ συγκεντρώσω τοὺς καρπούς μου;» καὶ εἶπε, «Αὐτὸ θὰ κάνω: θὰ κατεδαφίσω τὶς ἀποθήκες μου καὶ θὰ χτίσω μεγαλύτερες καὶ θὰ συγκεντρώσω ἐκεῖ ὅλα τὰ γεννήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθὰ μου, καὶ θὰ πῶ εἰς τὴν ψυχὴν μου, Ψυχὴ, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ, γιὰ πολλὰ χρόνια· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου». Ὁ Θεὸς ὅμως τοῦ εἶπε, «Ἀνόητε, αὐτὴν τὴν νύχτα ζητοῦν ἀπὸ σὲ τὴν ψυχὴν σου. Ἐκεῖνα δὲ ποὺ ἐτοίμασες, ποιὸς θὰ τὰ πάρῃ;». Αὐτὰ παθαίνει ἐκεῖνος ποὺ θησαυρίζει διὰ τὸν ἑαυτὸν του καὶ δὲν φροντίζει νὰ γίνῃ πλούσιος ὡς πρὸς τὸν Θεόν». Ὅπως εἶπε αὐτὰ τὰ πράγματα, φώναξε, « Ἐκεῖνος, ποὺ ἔχει αὐτιά διὰ νὰ ἀκούῃ, ἅς ἀκούῃ»

MEMORIALS & CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Memorials:

12/09/18 - Forty Day memorial for Argyro Christou.

Weekday Church Services:

11/21/18 - The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9:00am - 11:00am.

11/26/18 - St. Nikonos the Repentant, Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9:00am - 11:00am.

11/30/18 - St. Andrew the "first called" Apostle, Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9:00am - 11:00am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our Youth and JV Stamford UNITED teams are looking for players. Practice for the Youth Team is on Weds from 6pm to 7pm and for the JV Team from 7pm to 8pm. Both practices occur at Annunciation's gym. Annunciation's coaches are Steve Valassis for the youth team and John Iatrou for the JV team. The Youth team is for 10 years and under. The JV team is from 10 to 13yrs old. All levels of play are welcome. Please see either coach for further info.



Our Parish is having its annual coat & shoe drive for Pacific House and Person to Person. Please drop by your lightly used coats and shoes by Dec. 16th in the donation bins located in the hallway.



Please support your church by purchasing a shopping card from Stew Leonard's, Grade A or Stop & Shop. Your shopping card never expires and our church receives five percent cash back. Please see Emmy Koukologiannis for further info.



Today's coffee hour is graciously sponsored by our Greek School PTA.



Privacy laws now prevent hospitals and nursing homes from informing clergy about patients in their care. Clergy can't view patient rosters. If you or a loved one needs a pastoral visit to receive the Sacraments of Anointing or Holy Communion PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE. All info is kept in confidence.



Interested in doing some community service on thanksgiving morning? The First Congregational Church of Stamford needs volunteers from 9am to 1pm to set up and serve a meal to over 125 less fortunate guests at their annual community thanksgiving dinner. For more info please call 203-323-0200.



Our parish council hosting a **Super Gleni** on Sat. Dec. 1st at 9pm. Music by Athenian Entertainment featuring Giorgos Karatzas. Pre-sale general seating is \$30/person & VIP is \$50/person. Cover on day of event is \$40/person & VIP is \$60/person. All proceeds go towards changing hall lights to LED's. Please see John Iatrou or call the church office for reservations.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Have you ever seen a child brought to the church for a blessing when they were little? This is a special day because a child begins their life in the Church! As a matter of fact, we have an icon on our own church walls of a special young girl also being "churched" in the temple.

This special young girl is the Virgin Mary and her Entrance into the Temple as a child is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church. Like the feast of her nativity, her entrance into the temple is grounded in various scriptural and apocryphal texts. But like the nativity, it is a feast filled with important spiritual significance for Christians.

On this day, we remember the occasion of the Virgin's entry into the temple as a young child. She was received by the temple community, headed by the priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. She was led to the holy place where she was "nourished" there by scripture to become herself the living sanctuary and temple of the Divine child whom she bore. Mary lived in the temple until she was engaged to Joseph. Not too long after that, the Christ-child was born! On this day too, we remember how the Theotokos began and lived her life, close to God. Even now, the Virgin is closest to God in heaven.



Holy tradition says she remained in the Temple for about ten years. While her parents were alive, they visited her often. When God called her parents from this world, the Virgin was left an orphan and did not wish to leave the Temple until her death or until she married. Mary became the first of tens of thousands of life-vowed virgins who followed her example, either as nuns or monks, throughout the church's history.

The Book of Psalms provides inspiration for this feast day: "*Hear, O Daughter, and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house, and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your Lord, bow to him. The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes, in many-colored robes she is led to her king, with her virgin companions, her escort, in her train.*" (Ps 45:10-17) The Church understands these words from the psalms as a prophecy related to the Virgin's entry into the temple. The feast's theme is that by doing so, the Virgin becomes the living temple of God, thus fulfilling biblical prophecy that "*the dwelling of God is with man*" and that the human person is the proper dwelling place of the Divine Presence. (Ezek 37:27; Lk 1:47-50, Jn 14:15-23, Eph 2:18-22; & Rev 22:1-4)

Orthodox Christians throughout the world celebrate the Most Holy Theotokos & Ever Virgin Mary's Entrance into the Temple on Tuesday, Nov. 21st.



«Άφρον,...»

Τό νά λησμονεῖ κανεῖς τόν Θεό καί νά πορεύεται μέ βάση τό στενό ἀτομικό συμφέρον εἶναι πράξη ἐναντίον τοῦ ἑαυτοῦ του. Μέ τήν ἀμαρτία ὁ ἄνθρωπος στρέφεται κατά τοῦ δικοῦ του συμφέροντος, ἐναντίον τοῦ ἑαυτοῦ του. Γιά τόν λόγο αὐτό οἱ Πατέρες τῆς Ἐκκλησίας δέν θεωροῦν τήν ἀμαρτία παράβαση ἀλλά ἀσθένεια καί τήν Ἐκκλησία θεραπευτήριο. Στήν σημερινή παραβολή ὁ Θεός ἀποκαλεῖ ἄφρονα, δηλαδή παράφρονα, αὐτόν πού στηρίζει τήν ἀσφάλειά του στόν πλοῦτο του. Αὐτόν πού θησαυρίζει γιά τόν ἑαυτό του καί ὄχι πρὸς τόν Θεό. Ἡ εὐαγγελική περικοπή τῆς θ' Κυριακῆς Λουκᾶ, μᾶς δίνει ὠφέλιμα μαθήματα γιά τήν σωτηρία τῆς ψυχῆς μας. Μᾶς διδάσκει ἀδελφοί μου, ὅτι ἡ πλεονεξία εἶναι ἓνα θανάσιμο πάθος καί ἐπιθυμία, πού ὀδηγεῖ στήν ἀμαρτία.

Ὁ πλοῦτος, λοιπόν, προξενεῖ φροντίδες καί στενοχώριες. Βλέπουμε ὅτι ὁ πλούσιος τῆς παραβολῆς, ὅταν εἶδε ὅτι εἶχε καλή σοδειά ἀπό τά κτήματά του, ἄρχισε ἀμέσως νά προβληματίζεται πού θά μαζέψει τούς καρπούς του, γιατί οἱ ἀποθήκες τοῦ ἦταν μικρές καί ἤδη γεμάτες ἀπό τήν προηγούμενη χρονιά. Ἐδῶ ἀδελφοί μου βλέπουμε καθαρά τὸ πάθος καί τὸ ἀμάρτημα τῆς πλεονεξίας. Ἐχει τίς ἀποθήκες γεμάτες κι ὅμως δέν εἶναι ἱκανοποιημένος. Ὁ πλεονέκτης ὅσα περισσότερα ἔχει τόσα περισσότερα ἐπιθυμεῖ

Τό «πλουτεῖν εἰς Θεόν» εἶναι ἡ βοήθεια πρὸς τούς ἀνθρώπους. Ὁ ἄνθρωπος καλεῖται νά ἐνηλικιωθεῖ πνευματικά καί νά ἀναχθεῖ στήν ἀλήθεια τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου, ὅπου δέν κυριαρχεῖ τό ταπεινό προσωπικό μας συμφέρον καί τό ἐγώ, ἀλλά ἡ μεγαλωσύνη τοῦ Θεοῦ καί ἡ μέριμνα καί ἀγάπη του πρὸς τήν κτίση. Ὁ ἄνθρωπος καλεῖται νά αισθανθεῖ μέλος τοῦ ἀνθρώπινου γένους μέσα ἀπό τόν σύνδεσμο τῆς ἀγάπης, τῆς μίας ποιμνῆς ὑπὸ ἓνα ποιμένα, τόν Χριστό. Κάθε προσπάθεια νά ὀχυρωθεῖ κανεῖς πίσω ἀπό τόν πλοῦτο του ἢ νά ἐπιδιώξει μία προσωπική εὐημερία λησμονεῖ τόν Θεό, πλάθει μία οὐτοπία, ἓνα κόσμος πού δέν ὑπάρχει, δηλαδή ἓνα κόσμος χωρίς Θεό.

Ἡ Ἐκκλησία, λοιπόν, δέν πολεμᾷ τόν πλοῦτο. Προειδοποιεῖ ὅμως ὅτι ἡ χρήση του ὡς προσωπική ἄμυνα κατά τῆς ἀνασφάλειας εἶναι σύμπτωμα ἀσθενείας. Οἱ χριστιανοί πού ἔχουν καθαριστεῖ ἀπό τά πάθη τῆς ψυχῆς καί ἔχουν φωτισμένο τόν νοῦ εἶναι οἰαληθινά πλούσιοι: «οἱ πτωχοὶ πολλοὺς δέ πλουτίζοντες, ὡς μηδέν ἔχοντες καί τά πάντα κατέχοντες». (Β΄ Κορ. 6,10).

**Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers,
and blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.**

— Proverbs 16:20



Believe it or not, while I enjoy the company of my family and friends, I don't consider myself to be a very social person. My favorite hobbies often occur in solitude: reading, listening to music, writing, working out, hiking, going to museums and enjoying nature either by lake, a mountain, or a beach. It's during these times that I find myself alone in my thoughts, thinking about my day - my interactions with people either personally or professionally, my pastoral visits to hospitals and contemplating the day's devotional readings or what I'm going to talk about in my Sunday sermon. More often than not, it's during these times that inspiration strikes and I perceive the words that God wants me to say.

This doesn't happen to clergy only. God speaks to people throughout scripture and to those whom He chooses to daily. God first spoke to Abraham, Isaac, Noah, and Moses in solitude. God also visits people at night. He visited Jacob, Sam- **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: WILL I** uel, Job, David, Joseph, **FIND TIME TODAY TO LISTEN FOR** the Magi, and Peter in **WHAT GOD IS SAYING TO ME?** the quiet of night. God made Himself known to Elijah in the quiet aftermath of a storm, an earthquake and a fire. The psalmist reminds us to *be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him*. (Ps. 37:7) A wise person waits patiently for God because he or she knows to put their faith, trust and hope in Him first.

Yet in today's Gospel reading the opposite thing happens. A man has a great harvest and decides to build even bigger barns to store his goods. He boasts about his accomplishments. He uses the word "my" repeatedly as if success depends solely on his efforts and not on God's blessings. He put all his faith, hope and trust in himself rather than in God. Christ calls the man a "fool", which in Old Testament language describes someone who acts without God's counsel or wisdom in a self destructive manner and now must pay the ultimate price for it.

Let's learn from the man's stupidity and not make the same mistake. In our busy world, many distractions keep us from listening for God. Yet it's important for each of us to find time each day to prayerfully read God's word and then listen throughout our day for God's quiet voice. It's His voice that leads us to understanding, peace and ultimately to our heavenly home so that we may spend eternity with Him!

Prayer: Dear Father, help me to rid my thoughts from useless distractions so that you may fill them with your voice and our hearts with your love. Amen!

Stewardship Reflection

Why should I give?

Giving is Biblical – “Man shall not appear before the Lord empty handed. Man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing that the Lord your God has given you.” (Deuteronomy 16:17)

Giving Connects us with others – “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40)

Giving establishes priorities – “Store up for yourselves a good foundation for the time to come, so that you may lay hold on eternal life.” (1 Timothy 6:21)

Giving Energizes – “He who sows generously, reaps generously.” (2 Corinthians 9:6)

Giving Creates Perspective – “Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where our treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:20)

Giving draws us closer to God’s Character - “For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son.” (John 3:16)

Giving is doable by everyone – “Let each of you give according to what your heart tells you, not reluctantly or out of a sense of duty, for God loves the one who gives gladly.” (2 Corinthians 19:7)

Everyone is called to be generous!

Did you know people search for three things?

- 1st – people seek **Transcendence** (desire to know God).
- 2nd – people seek **meaning and significance**.
- 3rd – people seek **community**.



Our mission is to know God through the Good News of salvation offered by Jesus Christ our Lord, to journey towards sanctification by participating in the sacramental, spiritual and ethical life of the Church, building a community that glorifies God, and does His will to love one another, thereby attaining His Kingdom. Please join us in this sacred mission! Thank you and God bless you!

2018 Stewardship Report

<u>Week 46</u>	<u>Number of pledges</u>	<u>Total collected to date</u>	<u>Budgeted Stewardship GOAL</u>
\$2,440	178	\$107, 430	\$120,000

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neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

WE NEED TO COLLECT 100 BAGS OF 25 PAIRS!

Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors.
Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations.
They are typically operated by one person, or family and
friends, depending on size.

WHERE & WHEN

Drop boxes near
church office

Now thru December
16th

Try to fill a bag with
25 pairs of
shoes.....If you
have fewer shoes
to spare, that's
okay! Bring what
you have.

Contact

Kirsten Ziotas

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203-966-8909

Annual Christmas Pageant & Brunch

Sunday, December 16th

Immediately following the Diving Liturgy

Featuring an in Church performance
of the Nativity Scene

Gospel Readings & Christmas Caroling
by the students of our Greek & Sunday Schools

A Christmas Brunch will then be served
by our PTA in the
Fellowship Hall Including:

Visit from Santa

Fun Children's Activities

Annual Christmas Raffle – 2pm

Brunch:

Adults \$15

Kids Free

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Annunciation Greek School PTA

Annual Raffle

Drawing will be held on Sunday, December 16, 2018
at 2pm during our Christmas Brunch.

Raffle tickets - \$10 per ticket (limited to 800 tickets)
7 prizes to be awarded:

- Grand Prize - \$1,000
- 2nd Prize – Sonos Play 5 House Speaker
- 3rd Prize – Apple Watch Series 4
- 4th Prize – Nespresso Vertuo
- 5th Prize – Fitbit Versa
- 6th Prize – Apple Air Pods
- 7th Prize – Fujifilm Instax Camera

Winners need not be present at time of drawing.

To buy your tickets, please contact:
annunciationPTA@gmail.com

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Be careful of your thoughts
because they turn into words,
be careful of your words
because they turn into actions,
be careful of your actions
because they turn into habits,
be careful of your habits
because they turn into character,
be careful of your character
because it turns into destiny.
Lastly, be careful of your destiny
because it leads to eternity!

— Anonymous