“Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” Luke 2:15

This is the response of the shepherds upon hearing from the angels, the first announcement of the Nativity of Christ. They were chosen to hear the proclamation of the angel and the multitude of the heavenly hosts praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” Luke 2:14

We too, hear a similar edict from the Church through her hymns in preparation of the Birth of Christ: « Ἑτοιμάζου Βηθλεέμ, ἤνοικται πᾶσιν ἡ ἐδέμ...» “Prepare O Bethlehem, Eden is opened unto all...” What will our response be? Will we summon each other to seek out the newborn “Babe, wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger?” (Luke 2:12) Will we prepare ourselves to receive the King of All and be enlightened by the True Light that dawns from the Cave?

The Shepherds left their fields and went “with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Babe lying in the manger.” (Luke 2:16). Do we act with the same urgency? Are we not also called to “leave our earthly concerns and fervently seek out Christ? Are we not called to act in the same way as the shepherds and encourage each other, by summoning our families and friends, and awaking their hearts to hear the declaration of the heavenly hosts that beckons us to glorify God?

We, along with the shepherds, the Wise Men, and the Angels have been chosen to hear this proclamation. How will we respond?

Christ is born so that He might raise up our formerly fallen image. He is the peace who has come to earth - beckoning and calling us to Him so that we will no longer be estranged from God.

As we continue to prepare ourselves to receive Him in our heart, let us lift up in prayer the beautiful words of the Katavasias Hymn of Christmas:

“Christ is born: glorify Him! Christ is come from Heaven: receive Him! Christ is on earth: be exalted! All the earth, sing to the Lord, and all the people, praise Him in joy for He has been glorified.”

With love in the newborn Savior,

Father Peter
Behold a new and wondrous mystery. My ears resound to the Shepherd’s song, piping no soft melody, but chanting full forth a heavenly hymn. The Angels sing. The Archangels blend their voice in harmony. The Cherubim hymn their joyful praise. The Seraphim exalt His glory. All join to praise this holy feast, beholding the Godhead here on earth, and man in heaven. He Who is above, now for our redemption dwells here below; and he that was lowly is by divine mercy raised.

Bethlehem this day resembles heaven; hearing from the stars the singing of angelic voices; and in place of the sun, enfolds within itself on every side, the Sun of justice. And ask not how: for where God wills, the order of nature yields. For He willed; He had the power; He descended; He redeemed; all things yielded in obedience to God. This day He Who is, is Born; and He Who is, becomes what He was not. For when He was God, He became man; yet not departing from the Godhead that is His. Nor yet by any loss of divinity became He man, nor through increase became He God from man; but being the Word He became flesh, His nature, because of impassability, remaining unchanged….

And so the kings have come, and they have seen the heavenly King that has come upon the earth, not bringing with Him Angels, nor Archangels, nor Thrones, nor Dominions, nor Powers, nor Principalities, but, treading a new and solitary path, He has come forth from a spotless womb….

Since this heavenly birth cannot be described, neither does His coming amongst us in these days permit of too curious scrutiny. Though I know that a Virgin this day gave birth, and I believe that God was begotten before all time, yet the manner of this generation I have learned to venerate in silence and I accept that this is not to be probed too curiously.
with wordy speech. For with God we look not for
the order of nature, but rest our faith in the power of
Him who works….

What shall I say to you; what shall I tell you? I behold
a Mother who has brought forth; I see a Child come
to this light by birth. The manner of His conception I
cannot comprehend. Nature here rested, while the
Will of God labored.

O ineffable grace! The Only Begotten, Who is before
all ages, Who cannot be touched or be perceived,
Who is simple, without body, has now put on my
body, that is visible and liable to corruption. For
what reason? That coming amongst us he may
teach us, and teaching, lead us by the hand to the
things that men cannot see. For since men believe
that the eyes are more trustworthy than the ears,
they doubt of that which they do not see, and so
He has deigned to show Himself in bodily presence,
that He may remove all doubt…. 

Christ, finding the holy body and soul of the Virgin,
builds for Himself a living temple, and as He had
willed, formed there a man from the Virgin; and,
putting Him on, this day came forth; unashamed of
the lowness of our nature.

For it was to Him no lowering to put on what He
Himself had made. Let that handiwork be forever
glorified, which became the cloak of its own Creator.
For as in the first creation of flesh, man could not
be made before the clay had come into His hand,
so neither could this corruptible body be glorified,
until it had first become the garment of its Maker…. 

What shall I say! And how shall I describe this Birth
to you? For this wonder fills me with astonishment.
The Ancient of days has become an infant. He Who
sits upon the sublime and heavenly Throne, now lies
in a manger. And He Who cannot be touched, Who
is simple, without complexity, and incorporeal, now
lies subject to the hands of men. He Who has broken
the bonds of sinners, is now bound by an infants
bands. But He has decreed that ignominy shall
become honor, infamy be clothed with glory, and
total humiliation the measure of His Goodness.

For this He assumed my body, that I may become
capable of His Word; taking my flesh, He gives me
His spirit; and so He bestowing and I receiving, He
prepares for me the treasure of Life. He takes my
flesh, to sanctify me; He gives me His Spirit that He
may save me…. 

Come, then, let us observe the Feast. Truly
wondrous is the whole chronicle of the Nativity.
For this day the ancient slavery is ended, the devil
confounded, the demons take to flight, the power
death is broken, paradise is unlocked, the curse
is taken away, sin is removed from us, error driven
out, truth has been brought back, the speech of
kindliness diffused, and spreads on every side, a
heavenly way of life has been in planted on the
earth, angels communicate with men without fear,
and men now hold speech with angels.

Why is this? Because God is now on earth, and man
in heaven; on every side all things commingle. He
became Flesh. He did not become God. He was
God. Wherefore He became flesh, so that He Whom
heaven did not contain, a manger would this day
receive. He was placed in a manger, so that He,
by whom all things are nourished, may receive an
infants food from His Virgin Mother. So, the Father
of all ages, as an infant at the breast, nestles in the
Virginal arms, that the Magi may more easily see
Him. Since this day the Magi too have come, and
made a beginning of withstanding tyranny; and
the heavens give glory, as the Lord is revealed by a
star…. 

To Him, then, Who out of confusion has wrought a
clear path, to Christ, to the Father, and to the Holy
Spirit, we offer all praise, now and forever. Amen.

Christ is born: glorify Him. 
Christ is come from Heaven: receive Him. 
Christ is on earth: be exalted. 
All the earth, sing to the Lord, 
and all the people, praise Him in joy 
for He has been glorified.
Τον εν Αγιοίς Πατρός Ημών Ιωάννου
Αρχιεπισκόπου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως
του Χρυσοστόμου
Λόγος εις το Γενέθλιον
του Σωτήρος Ημών Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ

Μυστήριον ξένον καὶ παράδοξον βλέπω· ποιμένες μου περιηχοῦσι τὰ ὦτα, οὐκ ἔρημον συρίζοντες μέλος, ἀλλ’ οὐράνιον ᾄδοντες ὕμνον. Ἀρχάγγελοι μέλπουσιν, ὑμνεῖ τὰ Χερουβὶμ, δοξολογεῖ τὰ Σεραφὶμ, πάντες ἑορτάζουσι Θεόν ἐπὶ γῆς ὁρῶντες, καὶ ἄνθρωπον ἐν οὐρανοῖς· τὸν ἄνω κάτω δι’ οἰκονομίαν, καὶ τὸν κάτω ἄνω διὰ φιλανθρωπίαν. Σήμερον Βηθλεὲμ τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐμιμήσατο· ἀντὶ μὲν ἀστέρων ἀγγέλους δεξαμένη, ἀντὶ δὲ ἡλίου τὸν τῆς δικαίους ἀπεριγράπτως χωρήσασα. Καὶ μὴ ζήτει πῶς· ὅπου γὰρ βούλεται Θεός, νικᾶται φύσεως τάξις. Ἡβουλήθη γὰρ, ἠδυνήθη, κατῆλθεν, ἔσωσε· σύνδρομα τὰ πάντα τῷ Θεῷ. Σήμερον οὖν τίκτεται, καὶ οὖν γίνεται ὅπου θεός, ὃν γὰρ Θεός, γίνεται ἄνθρωπος, ὃν θεότητι γένετο. Οὐδὲ γὰρ κατ’ ἐκκλησίαν, καὶ ἄμα πάλιν κατά προκοπὴν εἶπεν ἀνθρώπου γέγονεν Θεός· ἀλλὰ Λόγος ἄνω, διὰ τὸ ἀπαθεῖ τὴν σάρκα κατοικήσας, ἀμεταβλήτου μενούσης τῆς φύσεως. Βασιλεῖς μὲν γὰρ ἦλθον, τὸν ἐπουράνιον βασιλέα θαυμάζοντες, ὅτι πῶς ἔγενον οὐκ ἀγγέλους ἐχόν, οὐκ ἄρχαγγέλους, οὐ θρόνους, οὐ κυριότητας, οὐ δυνάμεις, οὐ ξένης, ἀλλὰ ἔγενον καὶ ἀρχαῖας ἀμαρτίας ἀδόν, εἰς ἀγεωργίαν προήλθη γαστρός. Ὅθεν οὔτε ἡ ἄνω αὐτοῦ γέννησις ἐξήγησιν ἔχει, οὔτε ἡ ἐν ὑστέροις πρόοδος πολυπραγμονεῖσθαι ἀνέχεται. Ὅτι μὲν γὰρ ἔτεκεν τὴν παρθένον, σήμερον οἶδα, καὶ ὅτι ἐγέννησεν ὁ Θεὸς ἀγνόνως, πιστεύει τὸν θεόν τὸν διὰ τῆς θεοτόκου σωμάτως έκδεδοχθεὶς, καὶ οὐ διὰ λόγους πολυπραγμονεῖν παρέλαβον. Ἐπὶ γὰρ Ἰακώμος ὁ αὐτοῦ ἑξετασμὸς προφετεύει, ἀλλὰ τῇ δυνάμει του θεοτόκου πιστεύειν.

Τί γὰρ εἴπω, ἢ τί λαλήσω; Τὴν τεκοῦσαν ὁρῶ, τὸν τεχθέντα βλέπω, τὸν δὲ τρόπον τῆς γεννήσεως οὐ συνορῶ· νικᾶται γὰρ φύσις, νικᾶται καὶ τάξεως ὅρος, ὅπου Θεός βούλεται. Οὐ γὰρ κατὰ φύσιν γέγονε τὸ πρᾶγμα· ἀλλ’ ὑπὲρ φύσις τὸ θαῦμα· ἤργησε γὰρ ἡ φύσις, καὶ ἐνήργησε τοῦ Δεσπότου τὸ βούλημα.

Τὸν εὐρύφωμον Ἱακώμον λαλήσας, ὁ Χριστὸς εὑρὼν τῆς παρθένου ἅγιον καὶ τὸ σῶμα καὶ τὴν ψυχὴν, ἔμψυχον ἑαυτῷ κατεκόσμησε ναὸν.
ὸν ἐβουλήθη τρόπον πλάσας τὸν ἀνθρωπόν ἐν τῇ παρθένῳ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενος αὐτὸν, σήμερον προῆλθε, οὐκ αἰδεσθεὶς τὸ δυσειδὲς τῆς φύσεως.

Οὐδὲ γὰρ ὕβριν ἔφερεν αὐτῷ, φορέσαι τὸ ἴδιον ἔργον· καὶ τὸ πλάσμα δὲ μεγίστην ἐκαρποῦτο δόξαν, ἔνδυμα τοῦ τεχνίτου γινόμενον. Ὅσως γὰρ παρὰ τὴν πρώτην πλάσιν ἀδύνατον ἦν συνεστάναι τὸν ἄνθρωπον, πρὶν ἢ τὸν πηλὸν εἰς τὰς χεῖρας αὐτοῦ ἐλθεῖν· οὕτω καὶ τὸ φθαρὲν σκεῦος ἀδύνατον μεταποιηθῆναι, εἰ μὴ γέγονεν ἔνδυμα τοῦ ποιήσαντος…. 

Τούτω όν τῷ ἐξ ἀπόρων πόρον ἐργασαμένῳ Χριστῷ δόξαν ἀναπέμψωμεν σὺν τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ άγιῷ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰώνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.
GOYA
ILLUMINATION
ZOOM FALL DAY RETREAT

On Saturday, November 7th, the Saint Barbara GOYA gathered for our annual Fall Retreat. In years past, these retreats have taken place in the great outdoors, at Camp sites like Camp Fuller and Camp Jewell, but 2020 hasn't been a typical year. This year's retreat was held via Zoom – but still incorporated many of the same wonderfully, thoughtful discussions and art projects that have made the GOYA Fall Retreat such a milestone in the lives of the teenagers of our parish.

Each GOYAn, received a sealed packet in advance of the retreat; a true treasure chest that contained all of the items that we would need to participate in the retreat. We were given instructions to watch a beautiful video online on Friday evening – in preparation for the retreat. The video, showcases three Orthodox Priest’s recollections of personal visits with Elder Paisios (who is now Saint Paisios) and can be found at the following link: https://youtu.be/RkGwD6zRqgA Their wonderful witness of love was inspiring and provided a deeper look in the life of this modern-day Saint.

On Saturday morning we had been instructed to finally open our sealed treasure chest, and begin by finding the printout of the Six Psalms of Orthros. Each of us, began the day in prayer, reading the psalms aloud – and praying along with a recorded version which is found on our parish website at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xIY2C2DK6g&t=611s

Fr. Peter and Presbytera Vangie encouraged us to continue to read the Psalms aloud, along with the recorded version of the reader’s voice, and add these beautiful prayers to our morning offering of grace. Then we gathered as a group and prayed. After, we were introduced to the theme of the Retreat which was “Illumination” and the accompanying theme scripture from Ephesians 1:18-19: “I ask that your minds may be opened to see his light, so that you will know what is the hope to which he has called you, how rich are the wonderful blessings he promises his people, and how very great is his power at work in us who believe.”

This main theme was woven throughout each discussion, session, and art project for the duration of the retreat. The theme itself was divided into four discussions that followed the theme of Hymns, Holiness, Humility, and the questions: “Do you find yourself confused these days?” and “How do you balance day and night activities?”

Fr. Peter began the first session by speaking about many of the hymns of the Church. He introduced us to the beautiful account of Saint John Koukouzelis the Hymnographer and to hymns from the Paraklesis Service to Saint Barbara. He highlighted many of the verses that spoke about how we pray to the patron Saint of our parish to intercede to God on our behalf and “protect us from epidemics…from disaster, catastrophe and urgent need.”
We examined a number of hymns from the service that were printed for us in the ‘treasure chest’ and included the words to the following Μεγαλυνάριον:

“Everyone who comes to your church and prays receives grace and mercy and a quick answer to his prayer. Therefore we implore you, receive our supplications * and grant us our petitions, Barbara our Patron Saint.”

We also were able to hear the Cherubic Hymn that was composed by Saint John Koukouzelis that was chanted by our choir director, Mrs. Stacey Grimaldi.

Presbytera Vangie led the next session. She beautifully introduced ways in which we could open our hearts to spiritual growth through prayer. She provided us with tools to help us find ways to balance our day and night activities and bring a sense of stability and focus to our lives even in the middle of these confusing times.

She brought up wonderful examples of strength, courage and peace that can be found in the lives of everyday people and saints. We spoke about what it means to be humble and live a life of humility yet remain resolute in our faith and purpose. We donned various hats that day, sharing a little fun while talking about our faith in action.

With each passing minute and session, we were encouraged to dig deeper into our hearts and offer our own reflections and thoughts. The opened ‘treasure chest’ also contained a beautiful puzzle which, when we were given breaks throughout the day’s sessions, unveiled for us not only the retreat’s theme and theme scripture but the Icons of three Saints that were highlighted throughout the retreat: Saint John Koukouzelis, Saint Barbara and Saint Paisios.

In the evening session we heard from Theanne Gagianas, who spoke to us about a moment in her life that she will never forget - when she witnessed a miracle of a crying Icon at the Metropolis of Pittsburgh Summer Camp from Camp Nazareth in Mercer, Pennsylvania on July 22, 1988! Even though this occurred years before many of us GOYAns were born, the beautiful manner in which she described the happenings of that day – each of us felt as if we were there – smelling that distinct fragranced air that accompanied the tears flowing from the Icon
of the Theotokos! One of the Icons that Theanne graciously shared with us is included in this article. Many more Icons began to weep that very same day at Camp Nazareth!

We also heard from Dimitri Gagianas, a recent graduate from Ohio State, who was very active in GOYA and OCF (Orthodox College Ministry) and how his faith in God continues to help him in his daily life. Dimitri also spoke about a podcast that he began recently with his friend Christina Andresen on Ancient Faith Ministries called: "Sirach, Meech and Teens." It offers practical advice for being faithful to God in all situations.

I close with the special instructions that Fr. Peter and Presbytera Vangie offered to each of us GOYAns in a follow-up e-mail to the retreat:

“Never stop learning. Never stop growing in Faith.”

The following words are the lyrics of the song: “In Your Arms” that was written by Marika Mitzos after witnessing the miracle of the crying Icon at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, Pennsylvania on July 22, 1988.

In Your Arms

Children I look below
And see and feel what you should know
You live your lives confused and scared
Looking for something I can share

Holy Mother I feel afraid
The world around me has lost its way
Sometimes I close my eyes and pray
That I’ll continue to obey

I’m traveling upon the road
The righteous path I should follow
My steps are heavy my pace is slow
Still I keep reaching for my goal

In my arms I hold your answer
In my arms I hold your hope
In my arms look for example
In my arms look for your home

Through your tears I know you care
Through your tears I know He’s there
Through your tears you comfort me
Through your tears for all to see

In your arms you hold my answer
In your arms you hold my hope
In your arms you hold my Savior
In your arms you hold my home

Dear Father Peter, Presbytera Vangie
and Special Guest Speakers,

Thank you for the Illuminating experience this weekend.
Glory to God! I will carry this weekend and all that I have learned in my heart everyday.

In Christ,
Alexa
Rise and Shine with Faith

Saint Barbara Young Adults, through the Telos Project, began a new ministry called “Rise and Shine with Faith.” This new initiative provides a wonderful opportunity for our young adults to engage with each other through prayer in our new virtual world.

The pilot program lasts for 6 weeks from October 25 - Dec. 5th. Each week a scripture reading and other brief spiritual writings are posted on the @StBarbara_YAM instagram to read and reflect on. Then on Friday mornings from 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. the group gathers via Zoom to share our thoughts on the week’s readings. This has provided a wonderful opportunity for everyone who has participated to stay connected with each other and grow in our knowledge of our faith.

To participate in the next series of discussion please visit: @StBarbara_Yam on instagram or Saint Barbara Young Adults on Facebook.

The next series of discussions will begin after the New Year but we will have a short one week version the week before Christmas.

District GOYA Zoom Retreat

Host:
Greek Orthodox Church of Our Saviour

Date:
Saturday, December 12, 2020
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Speaker:
Steven Christoforou, Director of Y²AM

Pictured above are some of the airplane projects that were painted during the GOYA Zoom Retreat reminding participants of a quote by Saint Paisios:

“Thoughts are like airplanes flying in the air. If you ignore them, there is no problem. If you pay attention to them, you create an airport inside your head and permit them to land!”
The Visual Role of Saint Nicholas
Iconographic Program

by Bishop Joachim of Amissos

Every Byzantine/Orthodox church requires a coherent iconographic program: one that properly takes into account and reflects the visual tradition, theological teachings, liturgical references and needs, and patronal dedication of the temple. All these factors must be aesthetically coordinated to reinforce and enhance the worshipper’s liturgical experience, to create a sacred space, a space that unites celestial and earthly divine worship. For the Shrine of Saint Nicholas at the World Trade Center in Manhattan, there is the additional significance of the role of this Saint for the history of the city in general, and his role for the martyric site of this Shrine in particular.

Since the early history of New York, going back to the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam, Saint Nicholas, known as Sinterklaas, was the most popular of saints for the Dutch colonists. By 1810, Saint Nicholas was regarded as the patron Saint of the New York Historical Society. In 1822, Clement Moore, a New York resident and professor at General Theological Seminary in the city, composed the well-known Christmas poem, “‘Twas the Night before Christmas.” And in 1881, the New York artist, Thomas Nast, created the familiar drawing of Santa Claus (corrupted form of Saint Nicholas) for the New York Harper’s Weekly.

But within the centuries-long Byzantine/Orthodox Tradition, Saint Nicholas was, and is, regarded as one of the most popular saints, venerated for his great intercessory powers, and as recounted in the various texts of his Life, or Vita, he is especially remembered as a holy figure who rescues individuals from dangers and as a great intercessor at tribunals for those who were wrongly condemned. Thus, as scholars have shown, in light of the latter role, he is regarded as a most powerful intercessor for the dead at the Last Judgment. For this reason, as scholars have also demonstrated, various sacred depictions from his life were painted as coherent cycles in numerous historic churches across the Byzantine/Orthodox commonwealth, often placed in spaces where intercessory prayers for the dead were conducted.

Taking into account the historical associations of Saint Nicholas with both the city of New York and with the tragic associations of the great loss of life that occurred at Ground Zero, it is essential that the iconographic program for the Shrine of Saint Nicholas incorporates some images from the Life-cycle of the Saint, especially those associated with rescue or intercession, thus acknowledging the long-standing powerful intercessory role of the Saint and the site-specific history of the Shrine and 9/11. The visual statement of the iconographic program will serve as a potent reminder and symbol that this same Saint Nicholas is also a refuge and vindicator for those victims of 9/11, interceding for them, and for us as well, now, and at the time of the Last Judgment.

Bishop Joachim of Amissos is an internationally recognized expert in Byzantine Iconography and is the Director of the Archbishop Iakovos Library at Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

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Saint Barbara Parishioner and WWII Veteran Sperie Perakos Receives Legion of Honor

Saint Barbara parishioner Sperie Perakos, was awarded the Legion d'Honneur (Legion of Honor) by the French government at a ceremony in Orange, CT on October 29. The French Legion of Honor is the highest honor awarded to a civilian and was created by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802 to recognize women and men for acts of exceptional achievement for the Republic of France and her people.

Perakos, a graduate of Yale University, a past District Governor of Yankee District #7 and distinguished Life Member of AHEPA, was honored by the French Deputy Consul General Damian Laban for his service and courage as part of the Allied Forces in World War II.

Perakos was a Captain and Combat Intelligence Officer in the 448th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, landing in France with General George Patton's Third Army as part of the Normandy invasion, marching across France and securing vital territory, and helping to liberate St. Mere l'eglise, one of the first territories freed by the American Army, and for which the Mayor of that village presented Perakos with the Coat of Arms of the city. Perakos went on to serve behind the enemy lines in reconnaissance and surveillance, assisting the French army and insurgents in battling Nazi troops.

Perakos accepted this great honor saying that “with deep humility, I share the French Legion of Honor with my comrades in arms – in Normandy, 1944 – our Thermopylae. With unabating sadness, I further share this significant honor with those of us, who, today, lie in France – under white crosses and stars of David – My Eternal Band of Brothers!”

Deputy Consul General of the French Republic, Damian Laban, presented this distinguished medal to Perakos at his home in a ceremony attended by a small group of dignitaries and friends. Major Patrick W. Dugan, Retired, U.S. Army, whose father Staff Sargent William Dugan served with Perakos at Normandy, drove from Ohio to present Perakos with the American flag. Symbolically, Major Dugan and Deputy Consul General Laban sprinkled soil from Utah Beach under Perakos’ feet indicating that “the people of France now trod on soil liberated by the Allied Forces.”

Yale University was represented by Adrian Bonenberg, ’02, who served in Afghanistan and is president of the Yale Veteran’s Association; and Thomas C. Duffy, composer, Professor of Music and Director of the University Band. Other guests were Allison Fox, spouse of a deceased Yale classmate, Joe Fox, both of whom served in WWII; George Kaouris, a St. Barbara Parishioner, whose family was under the Italian occupation in the island of Cephalonia; and Gregory J. Stamos, a longtime friend, representing his father, Peter Stamos, who served in the Battle of the Bulge, and as past Supreme Counselor of the Order of AHEPA, spoke of Perakos’ decades of service to AHEPA and to his Orthodox faith, “providing a constant example of leadership and dedication to all who served with him.”

Stamos was also asked by Perakos’ devoted spouse, Nikki, to describe the mission of the Order of AHEPA since its inception almost a century ago, evolving from combating bigotry and advancing the life of immigrants to a current mission of philanthropy, service, and freedom for all. Stamos also related one of the defining moments for Hellenes, when Archbishop Iakovos, in 1965, marched arm in arm with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Selma, Alabama; Deputy Consul General Laban noted that the nation of France shares common values with Greece and AHEPA, “Liberte, Egalite, Fraternite.”
1. Make a personal inventory of the positive reality which your family’s impact has had on the life of your parish. This will be different for every family, but actually sitting down one evening with your family and discussing the positive things you have brought to the community may help bring to light ways that the family can continue to use those positive gifts more for the glory of God.

2. Encourage one another to acknowledge individually how they contribute to making your home a better place and how they can do so in the future. This exercise can open huge doors to greater affection and trust in your home!

3. Encourage each family member to participate in the healthy hobbies, interests, or stress relievers which give them joy and release.

4. Seek out fun or even new experiences, together as a family, regularly. Find activities that you all enjoy together. Don’t be discouraged when trying something new which doesn’t work out, but rather learn from the experiences together and continue to seek out opportunities to laugh and experience fun together, as often as is reasonable.

5. Encourage and learn to share expectations with one another openly and without attack about the things each family member can do to insure that the home is safe and in good order.

Seek Out Authentic Connections: Find ways to connect authentically with resources and individuals; many times we forget it can be done right at home.

Seek Out Inspiration: Be influenced by people who inspire you, whether professionally or through character; people such as saints, church fathers, or historical figures. Now more than ever, saints’ stories can come alive for all of us; we are able to understand suffering on a group level when it used to just be individually – this may be new for some of us.

Seek Out Authentic Connections x2: This can’t be more important! It is easy to be superficial and develop surface level relationships through social media. Remember to continue to see each other (when appropriate) and build authentic connections together.

Be Discerning About Social Media: Technology and social media can pull us in many directions with different ideologies BUT there are great, wholesome Christian social media accounts. Discern what to consume virtually.

Set Boundaries: Our world is always in the palm of our hands with digital access – which can be really tricky. Create a routine that allows you to separate school and personal; or work and personal. It can be healthy to create a distinction between the two!
God the Father is the ultimate Good parent. The world has set us up to believe that we are in control and must map out our entire life – but in “God’s Will” tradition, we lean on God and trust that we are His and ultimately He will bring us home if we allow Him.

Name your struggles, strengths, weaknesses, and grace. As a family, work on naming what parts of the family are working well and not so well, prior to a crisis. This will allow you to discern what new damages are and what were preexisting. You will also be able to see the new strengths that have come out of the storm. If you recognize unhealthy dynamics, start with yourself when addressing them. If you become healthier, by nature, the rest of the “body” or family will also become healthier. Some issues may be things you need to work alone on; some may be things that the whole family needs to work on.

We all need each other. St. John Chrysostom teaches “the poor person exists for your salvation; to be able to give and love that person with mercy.” Go to your spiritual family: the Holy Trinity, the Theotokos, the saints. Learn about their seasons of struggle and ask them for help and intercession. You may want to seek a spiritual Father or Mother. Glorify God by seeking out help both inside and outside the Church.

God is calling your family to holiness. Recognize that suffering is part of life and can be redemptive. Have these conversations with your family. We are called to model Christ’s mercy, love, and forgiveness to the world. Share the love: Practice almsgiving as a family. Offer loving service for others to witness your gratitude to God as this can serve as joyful ascesis for your family.

Celebrating The Feast Day of Saint Barbara the Great Martyr

Thursday, December 3
7:00 pm Great Vespers of Saint Babara
His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America Presiding
Call the Church Office by Thursday 12/3, before 5 pm to RSVP

Friday, December 4
Feast Day of Saint Barbara
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Call the Church Office by Thursday 12/3, before 5 pm to RSVP

Let us praise the most honorable Barbara. She thwarted the enemy’s power, and through the might and strength of the Cross, she was made free in her flight to God.
Faithful ladies gathered, following safety protocols, and lovingly and expertly prepared tasty Koulourakia, Baklava, Kourabiedes, Finikia, and Tsoureki for purchase so that everyone’s table could be full of these timeless treats.

Pans of spanakopita were also available for purchase and enjoyed by all who supported the philanthropic work of Philoptochos through their purchase.

The Philoptochos Society continues to collect toiletry items and assemble ‘TLC Bags of Hope’ assisting men, women and children who have sought refuge in our area homeless shelters.

Much thanks to all of the ladies for their tireless dedication in caring for the needs of each of us.

May God continue to bless and protect us all.

Saint Barbara Philoptochos Drive-Thru Pastry Sale

Our senses have a way of transporting us through time to a place of joy sealed in our memory. The sight of a well-set table, the smell of home-cooked meal, the taste of lovingly prepared pastry brings up memories of shared meals and laughter.

While the celebration of this past Thanksgiving holiday was different than in years past, as many of us were separated by distance, for the Thanksgiving Day meal, the Saint Barbara Philoptochos Society did its best to provide an opportunity for all to enjoy the familiar taste of their wonderful pastry and treats.

“All those who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ forever. Alleluia”

Sacraments

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Dear Ladies of the Saint Barbara Philoptochos,

Thank you very for your ongoing dedication to the American Red Cross. Every day, I am deeply moved by the kindness and generosity of spirit you bring to our vital mission. But it’s times like these - times of great uncertainty - that I am truly in awe of your unwavering commitment.

As thousands of blood drives around the nation were cancelled due to the impact of COVID-19, please know that your drive protected the health and well-being of the most vulnerable among us - including accident victims, cancer patients, those suffering from chronic illnesses and many others.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for stepping up to help collect and donate lifesaving blood, even as the circumstances of the coronavirus outbreak often made it difficult to do so.

To express my deepest gratitude for your tremendous service to the Red Cross and to our country, please accept this Certificate of Outstanding Service and an honorary badge for your social media profiles.

On behalf of those we serve, thank you once again for your tremendous efforts to strengthen and advance our Red Cross mission during this uniquely challenging time. We look forward to better times ahead, and to our continued partnership to save lives.

Sincerely,

Gail McGovern
President and CEO

For the safety of our donor community and in accordance with CDC guidelines, all donors are required to wear a face covering or mask. Please bring one to your donation. If you do not have one, a mask will be provided to you.
Preparing the Church Property for the Celebrations of the Season

Members of the Saint Barbara Gardening Ministry have been hard at work beautifying the Church grounds for the celebrations of the Season including the Saint Barbara Feast Day; the Nativity of Christ and Theophany.
Leaf of Love and Remembrance

One Name Per Leaf

As the holidays are approaching, many people find it challenging to get through these special seasons as they remember, with love, their family and friends who have departed this life. We all bear witness to the falling leaves of the autumn season, and in some ways this is a reminder of the suddenness of life passing, or so it seems. Yet, God points us to Life in the birth of His Son and Life Eternal in the Resurrection of His Son. Soon the Grief Leaf will become a Leaf Of Remembrance…

Let’s see how…

In God’s Eternal Wisdom, things are apparent to Him that may not be apparent to us. We trust and hope in Him and we raise up our tribulation, sorrow, suffering and grief to the Lord on High. We raise up our hearts and with that we raise up a “Leaf Of Remembrance” on the Covenant Care Community Christmas Tree at Saint Barbara Church in Orange, Connecticut on December 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

God comes to earth as a babe wrapped in swaddling clothing and lying in a manger on Christmas. He brings Light to all. Let us come and adore Him in praise as we give thanks to the Savior for all the loved ones departed from this life in hope of the resurrection, as we prepare our hearts for the Nativity.

In approaching the Birth of Christ, our hopes rise up to follow the Star in the East guiding us to receive the King Of Kings this Christmas. As we do this, we will adorn the Church Christmas Tree with Remembrance Leaves. These leaves become a Leaf of Love and it is through the gift of LOVE over time, that this transition occurs mysteriously and miraculously…from grief to remembrance. Eternal love never perishes. It remains imperishable by Christ’s sacrificial love. He is our Hope and our Eternal Salvation.

We affirm: “Blessed are those who mourn: for they will be comforted.” (Matthew 5.4)

The “Leaf Of Remembrance” provides an opportunity for every person to make an offering to the church by sponsoring a leaf in memory and honor of your loved one’s departed soul. The Remembrance Leaf will be placed as an ornament, on the tree, at the Covenant Care Community Christmas Tree Prayer Service on Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

NOTE: This year, as we continue to follow COVID-19 protocols, slight variations in the way the service is celebrated will need to be followed: social distance seating; masks required. Leaves will not be held by individuals sponsoring the leaves, rather they will be kept up at the soles where they will be handed directly to the assigned people placing the leaf on the tree. Thank you for understanding the need to adjust the usual way that each person(s) leaf is presented.

If you are unable to attend in person, please log-on to our live service link and hear the name(s) of your loved ones announced, by designated readers, as the Leaf of Remembrance is added to our Covenant Care Community Christmas Tree.

Each leaf may be sponsored for $4.00 per Remembrance Leaf or 3 Leaves for $10.00 total. One name per leaf. The leaf will remain on the Christmas Tree until the Feast of Theophany. The leaf will remain in the church.

All proceeds of this fundraiser benefit the Saint Barbara Church General Fund. You may fill out a form and mail it in to the Church Office, to be received by December 15, 2020. Or, you may fill out the form electronically and pay online. Call the Church Office 203-795-1347 for more details.

All materials for this project have been graciously donated.

Leaf Of Remembrance -> Leaf of Love -> Three-In-One Leaf reminding us of The Holy Trinity
### Leaf of Remembrance Order Form

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- **ONE NAME PER LEAF**
- **Paid by:** Check  Cash  Credit Card
- **$4.00 sponsorship for each Remembrance Leaf**
- **$10.00 sponsorship for 3 Remembrance Leaves**

**Number of Remembrance Leaves:** __________________  
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STEWARDSHIP 2020

We are thankful to the following individuals who have pledged $359,026 towards our 2020 stewardship goal of $390,000.

If you have not yet made your stewardship pledge, we ask that you please call the Church Office or simply send in your Stewardship donation. Remember to give dedicated and sacrificial attention to your Stewardship donation, keeping an eye toward helping your church reach its Stewardship goal. As always, we are grateful for your love and support of our parish. Thank you for your continued support.

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Ms. Anne Faraoas
The Holy Season for giving has arrived and the time to greet our friends and relatives with the blessings of Christmas joy in the true spirit of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior is upon us.

We invite you to join the many families of our parish in expressing Christmas greetings to all members and friends of the Saint Barbara Parish by signing up for our Annual Christmas Card.

In these days when printing and postage costs are making personal cards more and more expensive, the Saint Barbara Community Christmas Card provides a wonderful opportunity for you to include your greetings to the whole community and support your church at the same time! Your donation will be used to support the continuing ministry of our parish.

Please complete the form below and submit it with your check, payable to “Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church” by December 18, 2020. Write “Christmas Card Donation” on the memo line. Thank you!

(Please detach and turn in with your payment)

Yes, I want to be a sponsor of the Saint Barbara Community Christmas Card for 2020.
Enclosed is my contribution of $___________.
Please list my name as follows: __________________________________________
(Please print or type name clearly)
Style examples:
Mary and John Takis
John and Mary Takis and family
Mr. and Mrs. John Takis and family

Καλά Χριστούγεννα και Ευτυχισμένο το Νέο Έτος

Please return completed form or phone the Church Office with your information by December 18, 2020
Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church - 480 Racebrook Road - Orange, CT 06477