WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to all those visiting with us today! Please be aware that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the unity in belief and practice of the Body of Christ. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing with the Orthodox Church are permitted to receive Holy Communion. Everyone, however, is welcome to receive the blessed bread (antidoron) at the end of the service.

If you are visiting, please be sure to tell us so that we can properly welcome you. Everyone is invited to join us in the hall following church to socialize during the Coffee Hour.

December 15, 2019 - Sunday of the Holy Forefathers
15 Δεκεμβρίου, 2019 - Κυριακή τῶν Ἀγίων Προπατόρων

SAINT OF THE DAY: St. Eleftherios the Hieromartyr

MEMORIAL: Eftalia Pappou (1 year)

ALTAR FLOWERS: Donated by Maria & Anastasios Isildakli in memory of Eftalia Pappou

COFFEE HOUR: Donated by Maria & Anastasios Isildakli in memory of Eftalia Pappou

HAPPY NAMEDAY: To all those who celebrated their nameday this past week - St. Spyridon (December 12th), St. Eleftherios, David or any of Christ’s forefathers (today) - we wish you Many Years! Χρόνια πολλά!

COMMUNION LINES: Please be aware that we have changed the way we approach to receive Holy Communion. We ask that you form two lines in the center aisle, one leading to each chalice. After receiving Holy Communion, you may proceed to the left or right to partake of the antidoron, and then return to your seat by the side aisle. Please allow the Sunday School children and their teachers to receive Communion first, and always follow the instructions of our ushers.

“OUR FATHER” GREEK PHONETICS: Πάτερ Ἰμών, ο ἐν τις οὐρανίς, ἀγιασθήτω το ὄνομά Σου; ελθέτω ὁ Βασιλείαν Σου; γενιθήτω τὸ θέλημά Σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανί καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Τὸν ἄρτον ἴμόν τον εἰπούσιον δοὺς ἰμόν σιμέρον; κε ἀψε ἴμόν τὰ οφελήματα ἴμόν ὡς ἴμό σφικεν τοις οφιλέτοις ἴμόν; κε με ἵππεσι εἰμάς ποισμόν, ἀλὰ ῥίσε ἴμας ἀπό τού πονίρου.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Fr. Chris and Presvytera Penny have put together a very fun evening activity for the adults of the parish. Starting with a potluck dinner, we’ll get into a game with teams of up to four people. We’ll answer age-appropriate questions on the themes of history, geography, language, movies, music, science, and much more. Join us on January 29!
Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Adelphoi, ὡς ὁ Χριστὸς φανερώθη, ἡ ζωὴ ὑμῶν, τότε καὶ ὑμεῖς οὐν ἀυτὸν φανερώθησοθε ἐν δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ μέλη τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνεῖαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν, πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν κακίνην, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν ἢτις ἐστίν εἰδωλολατρία, δι' αὐτὴν ἔρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐπί τοὺς ὦν τοὺς τῆς ἀπειθείας· ἐν ὑς καὶ ὑμεῖς περιεποτήσατε ποτε ὅτε ἔζητε ἐν αὐτοῖς. Νονί δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς τὰ πάντα, ὀργήν, θυμόν, κακίαν, βλασφημίαν, αἰσχυρολογίαν ἐκ τοῦ σώματος ὑμῶν· μὴ ἤμεοθεθείτε εἰς ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδοοῦμεν τὸν παλαιὸν ἀνθρώπον ὑμῶν τὰς πράξεις αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν νέον τὸν ἀνακαινοῦμεν εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ κτίσαντος αὐτὸν, ὅποιο οὐκ ἐνι 'Ἐλλην καὶ Ἰουσαίος, περιτομή καὶ ἀκροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκύθης, δοῦλος, ἑλευθέρος, ἀλλά τὰ πάντα καὶ ἐν πᾶσι Χριστὸς.

Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"
ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Please make sure to join us for our General Assembly TODAY, following Divine Liturgy. We will meet in the Founder’s Court and need you with us!

HOLY TRINITY NURSING & REHAB CENTER:
Holy Trinity provides a comprehensive rehabilitation program of Physical, Occupational and Speech/Language Therapies. Call 508-852-1000 for more information.
The Divine Liturgy is celebrated every Wednesday morning at 9:30am. We ask that you please always keep Holy Trinity Nursing Home, it’s staff, directors, residents, and families in your prayers.

BOOK-READING GROUP (Learning Your Faith) and Bible Study: Fr. Chris holds a morning book-reading group called Learning Your Faith. The group will normally meet from 9:30—11 am each Thursday. Bible Study will be held on every Monday from 6:30—8 pm and will include discussion and videos highlighting the gospels. Make sure to join us on Monday, December 16, as we go to Bethlehem to see where exactly Christ was born!

THANKS: Many thanks to George Kousoulos, the president of the St. Spyridon Senior Parishioners, for taking the time to clean some of our chandeliers and the Karamboulas family for sponsoring the St. Spyridon feast day icon decoration.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: In an effort to reduce our paper waste, we ask that every family send us their email addresses. We send not only the Bulletin and Cathedral News via email, but also nameday letters, and other important updates. You don’t want to miss out! You can send a message to the office or Fr Nicholas to get set up.
Also, our mass emailing system, called a listserv, also requires that you sign up to receive messages from us. Please go onto our website, spyridoncathedral.org, and click the icon on the lower right to sign up. It will then send you a confirmation email. Please do that today!

GOYA: We will meet on Tuesday, December 17th for our Annual Yankee Swap! Bring a gift valued $10-$20 to share in the holiday fun.

PARISH COUNCIL: We would like to congratulate and welcome back Costa Bloumis, Mike Dionis, John Lenis, Georgia Parafestas, and Joan Theros to the Parish Council for the 2020-2021 calendar years. May God bless them all and illumine them with His wisdom.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE: Please drop off your CLEAN and GENTLY USED or NEW coats in the drop off box at the entrance to Family Center. Donations are accepted through December. Distribution will take place through December until our coat supply is gone. Questions: please contact Maria Kassos at amkassos@townisp.com

FEEDING MINISTRY: We would like to thank our two anonymous donors for sponsoring our December meal. If you would like to share your blessings and sponsor a meal, please contact Dora Pappas (mspappas@msn.net)

*If you would like an announcement included in the Sunday Bulletin, please submit your message to the Church Office by Wednesday.*
Warm Coats from Warm Hearts

Help our orthodox Food Pantry Clients
Please drop off your Clean, gently used, or new coats

Donations accepted through December
Distribution to take place in December

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Sunday School Students grades 7-12 are invited to participate in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. Our Parish Festival date is still forthcoming but you can use Winter Break to start thinking about which topic you would like to present!
**HOSPITAL VISITS**

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** If you or a loved one are, or will be, in the hospital, please contact the church office to arrange a pastoral visit. Also, please notify the office if a friend or family member is in a rehab center, nursing home, assisted living facility, or under hospice care.

There is a true story about a wise and good king who ruled in Persia many years ago. He loved his people but he also wanted to know how they lived. He wanted to know about their hardships. Often he dressed in the clothes of a working man or a beggar, and went to the homes of the poor. No one whom he visited thought that he was their ruler. One time, he visited a very poor man who lived in a cellar. He ate the simple food the poor man ate. He spoke cheerful, kind words to him and then he left.

Later he visited the poor man again and disclosed his identity by saying, "I am your king!" The king thought the man would surely ask for some gift or favor, but he didn't. Instead he said, "You left your palace and your glory to visit me in this dark, dreary place. You ate the simple food that I ate. Well, you brought gladness to my heart! To others you have given your rich gifts. To me you have given yourself!"

The King of glory, the Lord Jesus Christ, gave Himself to you and me. He knows you better than you know yourself but He also wants to be loved and appreciated by you. The Bible calls Him, "the unspeakable gift!" In the Church, we simply call Him our good, loving, merciful God. May that God who loves you so much come into your heart this Christmas season. We at St. Spyridon wish you all of His blessings during this Christmas season.

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**Burn the Mortgage Update**

We have been making significant progress on completing our final push to pay off our mortgage!

Over the past three months we have made payments totaling $125,000 to bring our current mortgage balance to $581,515.

If you have an outstanding pledge to this Burn the Mortgage Campaign, we ask that you make every effort to complete it by the year end.

Let’s start the new decade in the life of this parish unburdened by finances!

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**Trivia Night**

**Wednesday, January 29**

**6:00 pm**

in the Cotsidas Auditorium
Our operating budget would require that each family contribute $1,100 in Stewardship in order to meet our operating expenses.

*Goal amount includes the 2019 Stewardship Budget Receipts of $300,000.00. Funds reflect all monies received in 2019. We suggest budgeting your Stewardship contribution as you would your monthly home expenses. Our Cathedral must meet the financial needs of its ministries and annual operating budget by way of our Christian Stewardship Program. We ask that you prayerfully pledge whatever you can give to support our community through Stewardship. May God continue to bless the work of your hands.