

My Beloved Parishioners,

Blessed Holy 12-Days of Christmas (**Agion Dodekaemeron**) and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year! In the midst of this challenging period, we draw our strength and our peace from our newborn Christ! There is no difficulty our Lord cannot protect us from, there is no disease more powerful than His healing hand! In a time of hardship, we also draw strength from one another! It is a great blessing to see some of you at church and have many of you watching us from their homes. Thank you for “sticking” together and for helping our church and one another! Thank you also for helping decorate our church for the Holidays! Our church wears its festive best and warms our hearts, both from the cold of winter and the hardships of this pandemic!

Christmas may have passed, but the feasts and celebrations have not! Christmas is **not** only one day! Our Holy Church celebrates Christmas for **7 days!** Also, Christmas is only the beginning of a **12-day** festive season (**Agion Dodekaemeron**), which ends with Holy Epiphany. This naturally means the month of January is full of feasts! January 1st is dedicated to the **Circumcision of our Lord** (eight days from His birth) and **St. Basil the Great**. Then follows **Holy Epiphany** on the 6th and the feast of **St. John the Baptist** on the 7th. Then we celebrate the feasts of **Saints Anthony** and **Athanasios** on January 17th and 18th. Following are the feasts of **St. Efthymios the Great** on the 20th, St. Maximos the Confessor on the 21st, and Saints Ephraim and Isaac the Syrians on the 28th. Finally, we will celebrate **St. Gregory the Theologian** on the 25th and the **Three Hierarchs** on the 30th.

Happy Name Day to all named after the feast of Holy Epiphany and Saints Basil, John the Forerunner, Anthony, Athanasios, Theodosios, Efstراتيجος, Efthymios, Maximos, Timothy, Ephraim and Gregory, who celebrate this month!

With Love in our Newborn Christ,
Your Parish Priest, Fr. Gregory

NEW YEAR PRAYER

Most merciful Lord, You, who have granted us so many years of life so far, and You who have deemed us worthy to see yet another New Year, we entreat You, do not count the shortcomings of our past. Your immense goodness granted us yet another chance to do today whatever we have failed to do so far. Bless our efforts. Strengthen our weak nature. Deliver us from this pandemic. Help us with all the ways You know how, as to use the time of this year, and all our remaining years, to fulfill Your Divine Will and Commandments. And on the awesome Day of Judgement, grant that we may appear in front of Your Glory with hands full of the spiritual riches, we have gathered with Your own Grace, and allow us to also inherit the everlasting bliss of your Heavenly Kingdom. AMEN!

ΠΡΟΣΕΥΧΗ ΓΙΑ ΤΟ ΝΕΟ ΕΤΟΣ

Πανάγαθε Κύριε, συ που μας χάρισες τόσα έτη ζωής μέχρι σήμερα και μας αξιώνεις να εισέλθουμε και πάλι σε Νέο Έτος, Σε παρακαλούμε, μην υπολογίσεις τις παραλείψεις μας ως τώρα. Η αγαθότητά σου μας δίνει νέες ευκαιρίες, ώστε εκείνο που δεν κάναμε μέχρι σήμερα να το κάνουμε από εδώ και στο εξής. Σε παρακαλούμε, ευλόγησε τις προσπάθειές μας. Ενίσχυσε την αδύνατη θέλησή μας. Απάλλαξέ μας από αυτή τη πανδημία. Βοήθησέ μας με όσους τρόπους Συ γνωρίζεις, ώστε και κατά το έτος αυτό και καθ' όλη τη διάρκεια της ζωής μας να χρησιμοποιούμε την επίγεια ζωή μας όπως Συ θέλεις και παραγγέλλεις. Και την ημέρα της Κρίσεως, αξίωσέ μας να παρουσιασθούμε μπροστά σου με χέρια γεμάτα με πνευματικά αγαθά, τα οποία πετύχαμε με τη δική σου χάρη, ώστε να κληρονομήσουμε και τα άφθαρτα αγαθά της αιωνίου σου βασιλείας. ΑΜΗΝ!