



### Thank You!

During this **Veteran's Day** weekend, we extend our heart-felt gratitude to all those who serve and have served our country in the Armed Forces.

*Many Years!*

*Për Shumë Vjet!*

### Special Luncheon

Join us in the Church Hall today for a **Stuffed Cabbage Luncheon**, sponsored by the *Teuta Ladies' Society*. The meal will consist of lazy stuffed cabbage, rice, vegetable, salad, and dessert. There will be chicken tenders available for children who would prefer it over the cabbage.

The cost is \$15.00 for adults. Children 12 and under are invited free of charge.

See *Laura Chadwick* or *Laura Denisevich* if you would like to attend. Thank you. We promise it will be delicious!

### St. Nectarios Day celebration

This afternoon, His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon, will preside at the celebration of Great Vespers for St. Nectarios of Aegina at Christ the Savior Church in Southbury, Conn.

The service will begin at 4:00 p.m., and will be followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

### Thanksgiving Day Service

On Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate the Akathist Hymn, "**Glory to God for All Things**" with **Prayers of Thanksgiving** at 6:30 p.m. in observance of **Thanksgiving Day**.

Please join us!

### News from the Women's Council

The *Orthodox Women's Council's* annual drive for **Pajamas for Kids** (*infants to 18-year-olds*) is continuing through March. (Please note, sweat pants will work for the 18-year-olds).

If you would like to contribute **new** pajamas, a container is located in the Church Hall. Thank you for your participation.

### Community Christmas Card

As in years past we will be collecting contributions for our annual **Community Christmas Card**. All entries must be turned in by Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> for the card to be printed and mailed in a timely manner.

Forms are available at the Candle Desk.

### The Nativity Fast

The **Nativity Fast** begins on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and lasts through the Divine Liturgy of Christmas Day. During this time, Orthodox Christians fast and pray in preparation for the Feast.

According to the Tradition of the Church, we observe this Fast by abstaining from meat (including poultry and eggs), dairy, olive oil and wine. On Wednesdays and Fridays, we also abstain from fish. While many people relax these rules, particularly until after Thanksgiving, it is important that we do as much as we can, so that we can properly prepare ourselves spiritually for the Great Feast of our LORD's Nativity.

### Educational Mini-Series to be held

On Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, we will hold the third installment of our adult education "mini-series" on Saints in our Church Hall at 7:00 p.m., following the celebration of the Akathist Hymn, "Glory to God for All Things."

In our final session, titled "Who is my Saint?", we will discuss why Saints are important for us and how we can relate to our patron Saint and the other Saints of the Church calendar.

### General Parish Meeting scheduled

There will be a **General Parish Membership Meeting** on Sunday, January 14, 2018. We will be electing Parish Council members and discussing important needs of our parish community.

Please plan to attend.

### Charity Collection

This month, the month of *Thanksgiving Day*, our **Charity Collection** will benefit the **Bridgeport Rescue Mission**, which assists needy persons in our area.

Please be generous!

**Ephesians 2:4-10**

Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, by reason of His very great love with which He has loved us even when we were dead by reason of our sins, brought us to life together with Christ, and you have been saved by grace. God raised us up together, and enthroned us together in heaven in Christ Jesus, so that He might show in future ages the overflowing riches of His grace, through His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith: and that, not on your own, for it is God's gift, and not the result of work which might have been a pretext for anyone to boast. For we are His workmanship, we who were created in Christ Jesus through good works, which God has pre-planned so that we could walk in them.

**Luke 10:25-37**

At that time, behold, a certain lawyer got up to test Jesus, saying, "Master, what must I do to gain eternal life?" But He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" He answered and said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole strength, and with thy whole mind; and

thy neighbor as thyself." And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you shall live." But he, wishing to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell in with robbers, who after both stripping him and beating him went their way, leaving him half-dead. But, as it happened, a certain priest was going down the same way, and when he saw him, he passed by. And likewise a Levite also, when he was near the place and saw him, passed by. But a certain Samaritan as he journeyed came upon him, and seeing him, was moved with compassion. And he went up to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. And setting him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him. And as he was leaving the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I, on my way back, will repay you." Which of these three, in your opinion, proved himself neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" And he said, "The one who took pity on him!" And Jesus said to him, "Go and do as he did."

**Efesianëve 2:4-10**

Vëllezër: Perëndia, që është i pasur në përdëllim, për dashurinë e tij të shumtë me të cilën na deshi, edhe duke qenë të vdekur për fajet, na dha neve jetë bashkë me Krishtin;—me hir jeni të shpëtuar—Edhe na ngjalli bashkë, dhe na vuri të rrimë bashkë në qielloret me anë të Jisu Krishtit, që të tregojë në jetët që vijnë pasurinë e tepërt të hirit të tij me anë të mirësisë që ka për ne me anë të Jisu Krishtit. Sepse me hir jemi të shpëtuar me anë të besimit; dhe kjo nuk është prej jush, po është dhurata e Perëndisë, jo prej veprash, që të mos mburret ndonjë. Sepse jemi krijesë e tij, të krijuar në Jisu Krishtin për vepra të mira, të cilat i parapërgatiti Perëndia, që të ecim në to.

**Llukait 10:25-37**

Në atë kohë, ja tek u ngrit një mësues ligji, duke e ngarë Jisui, e duke thënë: “Mësues, ç’të bëj, që të trashëgoj jetën e përjetshme?” Edhe ai i tha, “Ç’është shkruar në ligj; si lexon?” Edhe ai u përgjigj e tha: “Të duash ZOTIN Perëndinë tënd me gjithë zemrën tënde dhe me gjithë shpirtin tënd dhe me gjithë fuqinë tënde dhe me gjithë

mendjen tënde” edhe “të afërmin tënd posi veten tënde”. Edhe ai i tha: “U përgjigje drejt; bëj këtë, dhe do të rrosh.” Po ai, duke dashur të nxjerrë veten e tij të drejtë, i tha Jisuit: “E cili më është i afërm?” Edhe Jisui u përgjigj e tha: “Një njeri zbriste nga Jerusalemi në Jeriko dhe ra në duar kusarësh, të cilët si e zhveshën dhe e bënë me plagë, ikën dhe e lanë gjysmë të vdekur. Edhe qëlloi të shkojë asaj udhe një prift; dhe kur e pa atë, shkoi nga ana tjetër. Kështu edhe një Levit, sa arriti në atë vend, erdhi e pa, dhe shkoi nga ana tjetër. Po një Samaritan, duke udhëtuar, erdhi në vendin ku ishte ai, dhe kur e pa, iu dhimbs, edhe erdhi pranë e i lidhi plagët, duke derdhur mbi to vaj e verë, dhe e hipi në kafshën e tij, dhe e solli në një bujtinë, e u kujdes për të. Edhe të nesërmen kur do të dilte, nxori dy dinarë e ia dha bujtinarit, dhe i tha: Kujdesu për këtë njeri; dhe ç’të prishësh më tepër, unë, kur të kthehem, do të t’i jap. Cili nga këta të tre të duket se u bë i afërmi i atij që ra në duart e kusarëve?” Edhe ai i tha: “Ai që bëri përdëllim për të”. Jisuj pra i tha: “Shko edhe ti bëj kështu”.