Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
New Orleans, Louisiana
JUNE 9, 2019 — FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

AHEPA MEETING
All AHEPA members and those interested in being involved with AHEPA are asked to attend an interview meeting in the boardroom today, Sunday, June 9, following church services to finalize all plans for the District Convention in New Orleans June 21-22 and to discuss upcoming events at the Sheraton Hotel.

AHEPA-DAUGHTERS DISTRICT CONVENTION
The District 16 Convention is being held in New Orleans June 21-22 at the Sheraton Hotel. All Holy Trinity Community members are encouraged to attend the events, particularly the Greek Dance with DJ Christo of Birmingham on Saturday, June 22.

GREEK DANCE AT AHEPA FAMILY CONVENTION—All members of the community are invited to attend the GREEK DANCE on Saturday, June 22, at 9:30 pm in the Sheraton Hotel Ballroom. Christo from Birmingham will entertain the guests. The dance is part of the AHEPA Family District Convention June 20-23. The GREEK DANCE tickets are on sale—$15 in advance after church and $10 for youth/young adults under age 25. Tickets will be $20 at the door and $15 for youth/young adults under age 25. Come join the fun and celebrate with the AHEPA Family and Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena members visiting from out of town. Other events include dinner on Friday, June 21, at 7:30 pm ($75) and Saturday, June 22, Banquet and Dance $110. Please contact an AHEPA or Daughters of Penelope officer for further details.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELLOPE MEETING—The regular Daughter of Penelope meeting will be held today, Sunday, June 9, at 12:00 pm in the gymnasium after church services. Meeting hostesses will be Denise Ammons and Ann Morcos. Plans for the upcoming District Convention June 20-23 at the Sheraton Hotel will be finalized. All members are asked to come to this important meeting and advise if they will attend the Convention events.

PASTRY WORKSHOP—IMPORTANT: A koulourakia workshop will take place this Tuesday, June 11, at 1:00 pm. The cookies are for the Convention. Please come help!

PRELIMINARY ARCHITECTURAL RENDERINGS ON DISPLAY
Parishioners are encouraged to take time and review the preliminary architectural renderings depicting four different concepts for the new Hellenic Cultural Center and surrounding Cathedral grounds. The displays, which are grouped and labeled A, B, C, and D, will remain in the foyer throughout the summer. Index cards are available for you to make comments about one or more of the renderings. The Parish Council asks that you place your comments in the wooden box located by the stairs.

Sunday, June 9 ~ 8:45 am Orthros, 10:00 am ~ Divine Liturgy
Parish Council Member on Duty—John Jimenez
GEORGIA CHRISTIDIS 3-YEAR MEMORIAL
12:00 pm ~ AHEPA Meeting in Boardroom
12:00 pm ~ Daughters of Penelope Meeting in Gymnasium
Monday, June 10 ~ 9:00 am VASILIA PSARELLIS VISITATION
11:00 am ~ VASILIA PSARELLIS FUNERAL SERVICE
7:00 pm ~ ECYM Committee Meeting in Boardroom
Tuesday, June 11 ~ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy—SAINTS BARTHOLOMEW AND BARNABAS
7:00 pm ~ Parish Council Meeting in Boardroom
Thursday, June 13 ~ 6:00 pm Paraklesis
Saturday, June 15 ~ 2:00 pm WEISNICTH BAPTISM
6:00 pm ~ Great Vespers of Holy Pentecost
Sunday, June 16 ~ 8:45 am Orthros—HOLY PENTECOST
10:00 am ~ Divine Liturgy—HOLY PENTECOST
Parish Council Member on Duty—John Jimenez
12:00 pm ~ Philoptochos Community Reception in Coffee Room
Great Vespers of Kneeling Prayers after Reception

2019 VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL “MAKING THINGS RIGHT”
The 2019 Vacation Church School program will be held July 29 – August 2 for children preschool through 5th grade. Early registration forms are available in the Cathedral.

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM GREEK FESTIVAL CHAIRPERSON GINNY ZISSIS
Congratulations to all booth chairpersons and their team of volunteers that made the 2019 Greek Festival an outstanding success! Your hard work and dedication is an essential element to maintaining the Festival as a major event in New Orleans. What a fantastic job by all! Enjoy the summer, relax, and rest before everyone gathers again in the fall to have a round table discussion about the 2020 annual Greek Festival.

GREEK FESTIVAL PASTRY BOOTH APRONS
All Greek Festival Pastry booth volunteers are asked to return their aprons to the Cathedral office as soon as possible so that the aprons can be cleaned and stored for next year. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Message from His Eminence, Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta

TO ALL THE PIOUS PEOPLE OF THE METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

The resignation of our Spiritual Father and Shepherd, His Eminence Former Archbishop Geron of America Demetrios, as well as the election of the New Archbishop of America Elpidoforos, as to be expected, initiated numerous and various reactions. Many chose to express comments, criticism, estimates and opinions, sometimes with discretion and sometimes without. This whole occasion made the words of St. Paul all the more contemporary: “Do not be wise in your own opinion” (Romans 12:16).

Nonetheless, with the passing of these initial days, I believe we have the obligation as members of the Living Body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to view the situation responsibly and in a loving spirit as it is appropriate among members of the Church.

For two decades our Most Beloved Former Archbishop of America Demetrios ministered the Holy Eparchy of the Church in America in peace and with absolute discretion. Even though, during the last two years of his ministry the negative voices, occasionally with bad intentions became more frequent, no one can deny that he worked diligently for the vineyard of our Lord Christ, always striving for peace and concord. In this present text, my intention is not to praise or scrutinize the ministry of Demetrios, however, as his brother and concelebrant in the awesome Mysteries of the Lord, I feel obliged to make this reference to his unpretentious kindness and of the unique quality of his ethos. His long Ministry, though discerning, as he stated in his resignation letter, “was not without human mistakes and probably mistaken actions” [1]. Nevertheless, even after his resignation he promised to keep ministering to the Church as a Bishop with the ministry of prayer, following the example of the Holy Hieromartyr Polycarp [2].

Moreover, the sorrow of His Eminence stepping down from his position was followed immediately by his joy at the election of the New Archbishop of America, His Eminence Elpidoforos. Particularly for this reason, I would like to speak about the wisdom of the Patriarchate’s decision to move quickly with the election and filling the Archiepiscopal throne of America. In this way, the time period of vacancy was brief and kept to a minimum, avoiding any potential conflicts or unnecessary speculation. As always, and in this present circumstance, our Ecumenical Patriarchate demonstrated care and love for the Orthodox Church and for the Greek people in America.

The newly-elected Archbishop of America His Eminence Elpidophoros was born in Constantinople and nourished in the court of the Ecumenical Throne. He is young, and he has great potential, a formidable education, a very sound ethos, and a great desire to minister to the Church. Although he is younger in age, His Eminence has a great deal of experience in many and various fields. Namely, the New Archbishop of America has served in the administration of the Ecumenical Patriarchate as Chief Secretary of the Holy Synod, as well as Metropolitan of Prusa. In addition, he has academic experience as a professor at the Aristotle University Theological School of Thessaloniki and as a visiting professor at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts. In recent years he served as the Dean of the Theological School of Chalki. There, in every possible way, he persisted in petitioning the Turkish government to re-open this prominent and Orthodox historical institution. Simultaneously, in Chalki, he also took over the Office of the Abbot of Holy Trinity Patriarchal Monastery.

In my mind and heart, I firmly believe that he will offer a great deal to this lofty and demanding ministry of the Archdiocese of America in which the Church has elected him. As a shepherd, imitating Christ’s example, and in a God pleasing way, he will minister to all the People.

In closing I want to ask from all of you the pious people of Atlanta Metropolis to pray for the stability of the Orthodox Church in America, the Clergy, and the People and that God will enhance the work we do all together as we serve in the vineyard of the Lord.

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“LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS”

The time had come for our Lord to bid farewell to His Apostles. For three years, Jesus had prepared them for this inevitable day. They had listened intently to His preachings. They had seen Him work miracles. They observed Him carefully as He set the perfect example of how to live a righteous life. Yes, they were nearly ready to begin the work that Christ had commissioned them to do when He said “GO AND TEACH ALL NATIONS.”

Christ knew that this assignment was not a simple one. He was aware that these loyal men would be met with hostility and even persecution. So as He physically departed from their midst when He ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives, Jesus left them with this comforting assurance: “LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS.” Jesus had promised His Apostles that He would send them the Holy Spirit, Who would give them the strength, courage, and guidance necessary for them to accomplish their missionary objectives. They were called upon to put their trust in their Master one final time and return to Jerusalem until that blessed moment when the Comforter would come to them.

Angels encouraged the Apostles with these words as Christ vanished from their sight: “MEN OF GALILEE, WHY ARE YOU STANDING HERE STARING AT THE SKY? JESUS HAS GONE AWAY TO HEAVEN, AND SOME DAY, JUST AS HE WENT, HE WILL RETURN!” This is the day that we ALL wait for!

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Ἀπολυτικίον τῆς Ἀνάστασες

Ἡχός πλ β’

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες, ἀπενεκρώθησαν καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἑν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἅραντὸν σου σώμα. Ἑκόλυευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ἥμην. Ο ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτικίον τῆς Ἀναλήψεως

Ἡχός δ’

Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποίησας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος, βεβαιώθησας αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σύ εἶ ὁ Υός τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

Ἀπολυτικίον τῶν Ἁγίων Πατέρων

Ἡχός πλ δ’

Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστήρας ἐπὶ γῆς τούς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι’ αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὀδηγήσας, πολυεύχομεν, δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτικίον τῆς Ἀγίας Τριάδας

Ἡχός πλ δ’

Εὐλογητός εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, ὁ παναύγιος τοὺς ἀλλεὶς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοὺς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον, καὶ δι’ αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Κοντάκιον τῆς Ἀναλήψεως

Ἡχός πλ β’

Τὴν ὑπέρ ἡμῶν πληρώσας οἰκονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἐνώσας τοὺς οὐρανίους, ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, οὐδαμῶς ὑπερμείζοντος ἀλλὰ μένων ἀδιάστατος· καὶ βοῶς τοῖς ἀγαπητοῖς σε, Ἐγώ εἰμι μεθ’ ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐδεὶς καθ’ ὑμῶν.

Resurrection Apolytikion

Plagal Tone 2

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Apolytikion of the Ascension

Tone 4

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers

Plagal Tone 4

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

Apolytikion of the Holy Trinity

Plagal Tone 4

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fishermen all-wise, sending upon them the Holy Spirit and, through them, netting the world. O Loving One, glory to You.

Kontakion of the Ascension

Plagal Tone 2

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united things on earth with the things in heaven, You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, going not away from any place, but continuing inseparable, and to them that love You crying out: “I am with you, and there is, therefore, none against you.”
Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, ἔκρυνεν ο Παύλος παραπέμενε τὴν Ἐφεσον, ὡς ἡ γένετον αὐτῶν χρονοτριβήθη ἐν τῇ Λατινῇ, ἐσπευδών γὰρ, εἰ δυνατὸν ἦν αὐτῶν την ἡμέραν τῆς Πνευματικῆς γενεάς εἰς ἑσορολύμα. Ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς Μιλετοῦ πέμψας εἰς Ἐφεσον μετεκαλέσατο τοὺς πρεσβύτερους τῆς ἐκκλησίας. Οἱ δὲ παρεγένοντο πρὸς αὐτόν, εἰπὲν αὐτῶι, προσέχετε οὖν ἑαυτούς καὶ παντὶ τοὺς ποιμένις, ἐν οἷς ὡς ἤματο τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄγνω ἐπεσκόπους, ποιμαίνειν τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ κυρίου ἐν κρίσει. Ἡ γραμματεία διὰ τοῦ ἱδίου αἵματος. Ἐγὼ γὰρ οίδα τόσο, ὅτι εἰσελέυνονται μετὰ τὴν ἀφίξειν μου λύκοι βαρεῖς εἰς ὑμᾶς, μὴ φεδεμοῦντες τῶν ἐμῶν αὐτῶν ἀναστήσονται ἄνδρες λαλοῦντες διεσχισμένα, ὑπὸ τοῦ αἰσθήματι ὑπὸ τῶν ὑπερήφανων ὑποκριτῶν ὕπαρξις. Αὐτοὶ γνώσκετε ὅτι ταῖς χρείαις μου καὶ τοῖς οὖσι μετ᾽ ἐμοῦ ὑποκρίνοντες αἱ χεῖρες αὐτῶν. Πάντα ἐπεξείδησα ὑμῖν, ὅτι οὕτως κοπῶνται δεῖ ἀντιλαμβάνεσθαι τῶν ἀθένειντων, μημονεύειν τε τῶν λόγων τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, ὅτι αὐτῶς εἶπεν, Μακάριον ἂν μᾶλλον διδόναι ἢ λαμβάνειν. Καὶ ταῦτα εἴπον, θείς τὰ γονάτα αὐτῶι, οὐ πᾶσιν αὐτῶις προσψεβότο.