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Today is: Sunday, March 7, 2021

7th SUNDAY OF LUKE

MEATFAIR SUNDAY (SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT)

Basil, Efraim and Eugene the Martyrs

Βασιλείου, Εφραίμ και Εϋγενίου τῶν μαρτύρων

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TODAY	MEATFARE SUNDAY (SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT) 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sat. Mar. 13	2nd Saturday of Souls 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Sun., Mar. 14	CHEESEFARE SUNDAY (SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS) 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - <i>40-Days Memorial Service George Tsihlas. May his memory be eternal!</i>
Mon., Mar. 15	CLEAN MONDAY The Great Compline Service Service starts at 6:00pm
Wed., Mar. 17	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Service starts at 8:30am
Frid. Mar. 19	1st Salutations to the (Theotokos) the Mother of God Service starts at 6:30pm
Sat. Mar. 20	3rd Saturday of Souls 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Sun., Mar. 21	SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Mon., Mar. 22	The Great Compline Service Service starts at 6:00pm
Wed., Mar. 24	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Service starts at 8:30am
Thur. Mar. 25	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Frid. Mar. 26	2nd Salutations to the (Theotokos) the Mother of God Service starts at 6:30pm
Sun., Mar. 28	SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY THE PALAMAS 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

All the services are livestreamed through the Facebook account:

St. George Cathedral Philadelphia

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΑΠΟΚΡΕΩ (ΤΗΣ ΚΡΙΣΕΩΣ) 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Σαβ., 13 Μαρτ.	Δεύτερο Σάββατο τῶν ψυχῶν 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Κυρ., 14 Μαρτ.	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΤΥΡΟΦΑΓΟΥ (ΤΗΣ ΣΥΓΧΩΡΗΣΕΩΣ) 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία - <i>Τεσσαρακονθήμερον Μνημόσυνον Γεωργίου Τσίχλα. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!</i>
Δευτ., 15 Μαρτ.	ΚΑΘΑΡΑ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ Τὸ Μέγα Ἀπόδειπνον Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στις 6:00μ.μ.
Τετ., 17 Μαρτ.	Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στις 8:30π.μ.
Παρ., 19 Μαρτ.	Α΄ Χαιρετισμοὶ πρὸς τὴν Θεοτόκον Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στις 6:30μ.μ.
Σαβ., 20 Μαρτ.	Τρίτο Σάββατο τῶν ψυχῶν 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Κυρ., 21 Μαρτ.	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΙΑΣ 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Δευτ., 22 Μαρτ.	Τὸ Μέγα Ἀπόδειπνον Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στις 6:00μ.μ.
Τετ., 24 Μαρτ.	Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στις 8:30π.μ.
Πεμ. 25 Μαρτ.	Ο ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Παρ., 26 Μαρτ.	Β΄ Χαιρετισμοὶ πρὸς τὴν Θεοτόκον Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στις 6:30μ.μ.
Κυρ., 28 Μαρτ.	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΓΡΗΓΟΡΙΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΛΑΜΑ 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Ὅλες οἱ ἀκολουθίες μεταδίδονται ζωντανά μέσω τοῦ διαδικτύου ἀπὸ τὸ Facebook:

St. George Cathedral Philadelphia

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, March 7

Oratorical Festival Presentation

*@ the Cathedral, at the end of the
Divine Liturgy*

Philoptochos Sisterhood Meeting

*@ the Philoptochos room at the end of
the Divine Liturgy*

Tues., March 9

Parish Council Meeting

via ZOOM, @ 6:30pm

Tues., April 6

Parish Council Meeting

via ZOOM, @ 6:30pm

THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

8:8-13; 9:1-2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Πρώτης Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

8.8-13, 9.1-2

Ἄδελφοί, βρῶμα ἡμᾶς οὐ παρίστησιν τῷ θεῷ· οὔτε γὰρ ἔὰν φάγωμεν περισσεύομεν, οὔτε ἔὰν μὴ φάγωμεν ὑστερούμεθα. Βλέπετε δὲ μήπως ἡ ἐξουσία ὑμῶν αὕτη πρόσκομμα γένηται τοῖς ἀσθενοῦσιν. Ἐὰν γὰρ τις ἴδῃ σε τὸν ἔχοντα γνῶσιν ἐν εἰδωλείῳ κατακείμενον, οὐχὶ ἡ συνείδησις αὐτοῦ ἀσθενοῦς ὄντος οἰκοδομηθήσεται εἰς τὸ τὰ εἰδωλόθυτα ἐσθίειν; Καὶ ἀπολεῖται ὁ ἀσθενῶν ἀδελφὸς ἐπὶ τῇ σῆ γνώσει, δι' ὃν Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν; Οὕτως δὲ ἀμαρτάνοντες εἰς τοὺς ἀδελφούς, καὶ τύπτοντες αὐτῶν τὴν συνείδησιν ἀσθενοῦσαν, εἰς Χριστὸν ἀμαρτάνετε. Διόπερ εἰ βρῶμα σκανδαλίζει τὸν ἀδελφόν μου, οὐ μὴ φάγω κρέα εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, ἵνα μὴ τὸν ἀδελφόν μου σκανδαλίσω. Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἀπόστολος; Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἐλεύθερος; Οὐχὶ Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν ἐώρακα; Οὐ τὸ ἔργον μου ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ; Εἰ ἄλλοις οὐκ εἰμὶ ἀπόστολος, ἀλλὰ γε ὑμῖν εἰμι· ἡ γὰρ σφραγὶς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀποστολῆς ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel is According to Mathew

25:31-46

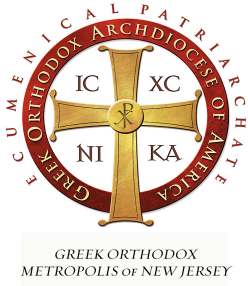
The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαίον ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

25.31-46

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ὅταν δὲ ἔλθῃ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐν τῇ δόξῃ αὐτοῦ καὶ πάντες οἱ ἅγιοι ἄγγελοι μετ' αὐτοῦ, τότε καθίσει ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καὶ συναχθήσεται ἔμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, καὶ ἀφοριεῖ αὐτούς ἀπ' ἀλλήλων ὡσπερ ὁ ποιμὴν ἀφορίζει τὰ πρόβατα ἀπὸ τῶν ἐρίφων, καὶ στήσει τὰ μὲν πρόβατα ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ, τὰ δὲ ἐρίφια ἐξ εὐωνύμων. τότε ἐρεῖ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῖς ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ· δεῦτε οἱ εὐλογημένοι τοῦ πατρός μου, κληρονομήσατε τὴν ἡτοιμασμένην ὑμῖν βασιλείαν ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου. ἐπέινασα γάρ, καὶ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἦμην, καὶ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ περιεβάλετέ με, ἡσθένησα, καὶ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με, ἐν φυλακῇ ἦμην, καὶ ἦλθετε πρὸς με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ οἱ δίκαιοι λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἶδομεν πεινῶντα καὶ ἐθρέψαμεν, ἢ διψῶντα καὶ ἐποτίσαμεν; πότε δέ σε εἶδομεν ξένον καὶ συνηγάγομεν, ἢ γυμνὸν καὶ περιεβάλομεν; πότε δέ σε εἶδομεν ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ ἦλθομεν πρὸς σε; καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐρεῖ αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἀδελφῶν μου τῶν ἐλαχίστων, ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. τότε ἐρεῖ καὶ τοῖς ἐξ εὐωνύμων· πορεύεσθε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ οἱ κατηραμένοι εἰς τὸ πῦρ τὸ αἰώνιον τὸ ἡτοιμασμένον τῷ διαβόλῳ καὶ τοῖς ἀγγέλοις αὐτοῦ. ἐπέινασα γάρ, καὶ οὐκ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ οὐκ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἦμην, καὶ οὐ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ οὐ περιεβάλετέ με, ἀσθενής καὶ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ οὐκ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ καὶ αὐτοὶ λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἶδομεν πεινῶντα ἢ διψῶντα ἢ ξένον ἢ γυμνὸν ἢ ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ οὐ διηκονήσαμεν σοι; τότε ἀποκριθήσεται αὐτοῖς λέγων· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον οὐκ ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων, οὐδὲ ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. καὶ ἀπελεύσονται οὗτοι εἰς κόλασιν αἰώνιον, οἱ δὲ δίκαιοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον.



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December 20, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

I pray that you are all in good and sound health in these trying and difficult times!

Please see below instructions by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America pertaining to the parish operations during COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Cathedral is being prepared and we are following the welcoming and seating processes as parishioners entering the Narthex. Parish Council members will be greeting and guiding you through the procedures designated by the Archdiocese as you approach the Cathedral.

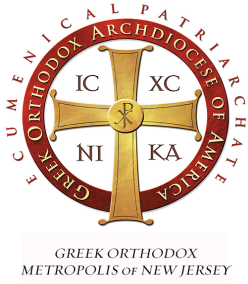
- A Registration form is prepared for attending services for each individual or family members.
- Please be sure to wear a mask when you enter the Cathedral and practice the social distancing rule of 6 feet apart, between individuals or families. Families can sit together.
- There will be no need to touch any door handles or other items (Only the main Cathedral door and the back door for handicap access will remain open throughout the Liturgy)
- **Orthros on Sundays will be celebrated at 8:45am with Divine Liturgy following at 10:00am.**
- A basket will be on either side of the candle stand in the Narthex for you to make your offerings and donations.
- After lighting candles, please revere the icon and do not kiss the icon.
- Father Ambrose will make announcements with directions for an orderly and safe approach for Holy Communion and then Dismissal.
- Antidoron will be given only by the priest. Parishioners will approach to receive antidoron without kissing the hand of the priest and wearing their masks.
- Call the Church Office for instructions regarding Memorials. If offered, Koliva must be placed on a tray in individual bags after the service.
- The pews have been cleaned and disinfected and hand sanitizer is placed in the Narthex.

If you are in a **high-risk category as defined by the CDC** (see link below), are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms or have had exposure to someone with symptoms, we urge you to remain home and enjoy the online services until you can safely return to the church. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>

Please approach with patience and understanding as we proceed together in worship.

In His Service,

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20 Δεκεμβρίου, 2020

Αγαπητοί ενορίτες του Ιερού Καθεδρικού Ναού Αγίου Γεωργίου Φιλαδελφείας,

Εύχομαι και προσεύχομαι το γράμμα αυτό να σας εύρει όλους καλά και σε καλήν υγείαν.

Παρακαλώ δείτε συννημμένως τις σχετικές οδηγίες από την Ιερά Αρχιεπισκοπή Αμερικής κατά τη διάρκεια της ελεύσεώς σας στον Ιερό Καθεδρικό Ναό του Αγίου Γεωργίου. Οι οδηγίες αυτές επισυνάπτονται επίσης και στην σχετική ιστοσελίδα της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής, και σας παρακαλούμε να τις διαβάσετε με προσοχή και να τις κατανοήσετε, διότι αφορούν την διατήρηση και προστασία της προσωπικής και οικογενειακής σας υγείας κατά τη διάρκεια της συμμετοχής σας στις λατρευτικές συνάξεις του Ιερού Καθεδρικού Ναού.

Κατά τη διάρκεια της λατρείας μόνο η κεντρική πόρτα του Καθεδρικού Ναού θα είναι ανοιχτή, καθώς και η πίσω πόρτα αλλά μόνο γι' αυτούς που διαθέτουν κάποιο είδος αναπηρίας και δεν μπορούν να ανέλθουν τα σκαλοπάτια του Καθεδρικού Ναού. **Η ΓΥΑΛΙΝΗ ΠΟΡΤΑ ΘΑ ΕΙΝΑΙ ΚΑΘ' ΟΛΗ ΤΗ ΔΙΑΡΚΕΙΑ ΚΛΕΙΣΤΗ.** Όταν προσέρχεστε στον Νάρθηκα, παρακαλώ να ακολουθείτε τις οδηγίες που σας δίδονται από τα μέλη του Εκκλησιαστικού Συμβουλίου κατά τη διάρκεια της ελεύσεώς σας. Οι οδηγίες αυτές είναι οι εξής:

1. Συμπλήρωση των προσωπικών και οικογενειακών σας στοιχείων (εάν προσέρχεστε όλοι μαζί ως οικογένεια) στο βιβλίο εγγραφής των μελών που θα παρευρίσκεται στον Νάρθηκα.
2. Κατά την είσοδό σας στον Καθεδρικό Ναό και κατά τη διάρκεια της Θείας Λειτουργίας η περιοχή του στόματός σας θα πρέπει να είναι καλυμμένη με μάσκα, και η στάση σας στα στασίδια θα πρέπει να είναι σε απόσταση έξι (6) ποδών από τον επόμενο και προηγούμενο ενορίτη· εξαίρεση αποτελεί η προσέλευση των ενοριτών που προσέρχονται ως μια οικογένεια.
3. Οι πόρτες της εισόδου του Καθεδρικού θα ανοίγουν και θα κλείνουν από τα μέλη του εκκλησιαστικού συμβουλίου για τη δική σας ευκολία, και δεν θα χρειάζεται να τις αγγίζετε καθόλου.
4. Κάθε Κυριακή ο Όρθρος αρχίζει στις **8:45 π.μ.**, και η Θεία Λειτουργία στις **10:00 π.μ.**
5. Οι Δίσκοι/καλάθια θα βρίσκονται στα δυο άκρα του παγκαρίου για να ρίπτετε τον οβολό σας, καθώς και την δωρεά σας.
6. Εφόσον ανάψετε το κερί σας, μπορείτε να προσκυνήσετε εν συνεχεία τις εικόνες, χωρίς όμως να προσπαθήσετε να τις ασπασθείτε και φιλήσετε.
7. Το αντίδωρο θα δίδεται μόνο από τον ιερέα προς τους πιστούς. Η προσέλευσή σας για το αντίδωρο θα γίνεται με την μάσκα στο πρόσωπό σας. Είναι καλό να αποφεύγεται να φιλάτε το χέρι του ιερέως.
8. Για την τέλεση των μνημόσυνων των αγαπημένων σας προσώπων που έχουν μεταστεί στον Κύριο, παρακαλώ τηλεφωνήστε εγκαίρως το γραφείο του Καθεδρικού Ναού για να λάβετε τις σχετικές οδηγίες για το πως να τα προετοιμάσετε. Η διαμοίρασις των κολλύβων στους συγγενείς και φίλους θα γίνεται μόνο εντός πλαστικών σακούλων. **ΤΟ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΟ ΚΕΝΤΡΟ ΤΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ ΓΙΑ ΟΠΟΙΟΣΔΗΠΟΤΕ ΣΥΓΚΕΝΤΡΩΣΕΙΣ ΚΑΙ ΣΥΝΕΣΤΙΑΣΕΙΣ ΠΡΟΣ ΤΟ ΠΑΡΟΝ ΘΑ ΠΑΡΑΜΕΙΝΕΙ ΚΛΕΙΣΤΟ.**
9. Τα στασίδια θα είναι καθαρισμένα και απολυμασμένα πριν το άνοιγμα του Καθεδρικού Ναού, και απολυμαντικό διάλυμα θα βρίσκεται στο Νάρθηκα για την χρήση και απολύμανση των πιστών.
10. **Εάν έχετε προβλήματα υγείας και ανήκετε σε ευάλωτη κατηγορία, ή αν είστε άρρωστοι και έχετε έρθει σε επαφή με άτομα που είχαν συμπτώματα του κορωνοϊού (COVID-19),**

παρακαλούμε να παραμείνετε στις οικίες σας μέχρι την πλήρη ίαση σας. Μπορείτε να παρακολουθήσετε όλες τις λατρευτικές συνάξεις από το Facebook του Καθεδρικού Ναού.

Σας ευχαριστούμε για την υπομονή και κατανόησή σας.

Ευχόμενοι όπως ο Κύριος βοηθά και στηρίζει πάντοτε όλους ημάς, διατελούμε,

Μετά της εν Χριστώ αγάπης,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Αρχμ. Αμβρόσιος Μπιτζιάδης-Μπούερς', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Αρχμ. Αμβρόσιος Μπιτζιάδης-Μπούερς
Ιερατικός Προϊστάμενος

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2021

...the greatest of these is love

Jesus spoke of love and showed compassion. He taught us by his example to love one another and to be compassionate toward those in need. In the Gospels, we read of the compassion of Jesus:

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick (Matthew 14:14).

Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him (Matthew 20:34).

...he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd (Mark 6:34).

Compassion can often mean kindness and sympathy. In these verses, it means something deeper and much more powerful. "And he had compassion" is translated from the Greek ἐσπλαγγνίσθη (esplachNEEsthee) and comes from the root word in Greek for "guts." In other words, it is compassion and concern that are felt in one's guts – a compassion that is felt in a deeply physical way. Compassion felt in this way compels us to respond with love and deep concern.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus says "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him..." (Luke 10:33).

In the parable of the Prodigal Son Jesus says, "But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him." (Luke 15:20).

These stories reflect the love and compassion that Jesus has for his people. His compassion inspires and challenges each one of us to live compassionately.

This understanding of the full meaning of compassion in the New Testament means that another person's suffering becomes our own suffering. Compassion in this sense can change the way we live and care for others and for our community. When we feel this physical type of compassion, we are fully and physically engaged. We serve others and care for our community with love.

To love in the way Saint Paul writes to the Christians at Corinth, when he says, "...the greatest of these is love," means we can't live without compassion for others. Love and compassion are not expressed only in our offerings of money and other support. Love and compassion are not something we give in order to receive something in return. Pride has no place in acts of love and compassion.

The love that Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Christians at Corinth is an expression of stewardship. Stewardship is everything we do after we say "I believe." Stewardship is about how we live our lives and make our choices. Stewardship is about love and love is about stewardship.

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PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENT

Under current conditions and restrictions due to COVID-19, Memorial receptions are forbidden in the Cathedral Social Hall. Therefore, anyone who is planning a MNEMOSINON (Memorial Service) is welcomed to make a donation to St. John's Hospice for homeless men on Arch Street, Philadelphia, through the Cathedral Philoptochos.

Philoptochos Food and Clothing Drive

Our Philoptochos chapter is collecting food products and gently used men's clothing for the St. John's Hospice for homeless men. Please help us by donating items in the Cathedral Hall.

Here are some suggestions for donations:

Peanut Butter & Jelly	Oatmeal/breakfast cereal
Whole grain pasta	Canned stew or soups
Cooking Oil	100% Juice
Canned Tuna or Meat	Canned Fruits or Vegetables
Rice	Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Mouthwash	Shampoo & Deodorant
Razors & Shaving Cream	Gently used men's clothing

Please help us make this effort a success for those homeless in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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St. John's Hospice is a Catholic Social Service located in Center City Philadelphia. Established in 1963 by Monsignor Anthony J. O'Neill and the little brothers of Good Shepherd, Saint John was created as an outreach ministry to serve and assist the poor and homeless in the community. Saint John's continues to provide crucial, life-sustaining services with dignity, respect and compassion to homeless men in Philadelphia. They take care daily close to 200 homeless people.

For contributions, please contact the Cathedral office @ 215-627-4389, or Jenny Kravaris @ 610-716-4502.

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