

Luncheon on the 1st Tuesday of every month!

All members of our Community are invited to participate in and enjoy a regular luncheon gathering at a restaurant of our choice, a short distance from the Church! We are all brothers and sisters in Christ, and as a Christian family, this will be a gathering for fellowship, conversation and fun! It will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and other parishioners, as well as to get to know newcomers to our Church! Please call your friends and invite them to join us! It will be a time where we can enjoy each other's company, create new beautiful memories and offer encouragement and support to each other in times of need!

Our November luncheon was at Delia's and what fun we had! We celebrated birthdays and being together as a community again! For the rest of the year, we will be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at a different restaurant of the group's choosing. Each of us will be responsible for paying for our own meal, but there are no membership dues required to participate in the group. Our **December luncheon** is at **Amphora's Diner Deluxe, at 11:30. Phone: (703) 925-0900.** Please give Marina a call so we have an idea of how many people will be joining us! We would love to see you there!

Presiding Priest: Fr. George Alexson

PAREA Chair: Marina Blair (571-969-9234)

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Parish Council President: Marina Blair

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Happy 5th Anniversary, PAREA!

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Kalanta and its Origins

Like most Greek folk music (*demotika*), Christmas carols date back to the Byzantine times and are still mostly sung in the purist *katharevousa* form of the Greek language. The word "*kalanta*" derives from the Latin "calenda", which is defined as the start of the month.

Καλήν εσπέραν
άρχοντες,
αν είναι ορισμός σας,
Χριστού τη Θεία
γέννηση,
να πω στ' αρχοντικό
σας.
Χριστός γεννάται
σήμερα,
εν Βηθλεέμ τη πόλη,
οι ουρανοί αγάλλονται,
χαίρεται η φύσις όλη.

Εν τω σπηλαίω τίκτεται,
εν φάτνη των αλόγων,
ο βασιλεύς των
ουρανών,
και ποιητής των όλων.
Πλήθος αγγέλων
ψάλλουσι,
το Δόξα εν υψίστοις,
και τούτο άξιον εστί,
η των ποιμένων πίστις.

Good evening noblemen
If this is your will,
Christ's holy birth
May I sing in your noble house
Christ is being born today
In the town of Bethlehem
Heavens rejoice
All of nature is happy.



Inside the cave (He) is being
born
In a manger for horses
The King of all the universe
The Creator of everything.
A crowd of angels are singing,
"Ossana in excelsis",
And holly is
The faith of the shepherds.

Welcome Everyone!
Καλώς ήλθατε όλοι σας!



*"May the Blessings of Christmas be with you
today and always."*

January Luncheon:

Tuesday, January 10th, at 11:30am

OLIVE GARDEN

45970 Waterview Plaza, Sterling, VA 20166

(571) 434-0713

Happy Nameday! Χρόνια σας Πολλά!

*Barbara (4th), Savas (5th), Nicholas (6th),
Spyridon Spyridoula (12th), Eleftherios
Eleftheria (15th), Daniel (17th) Sebastian
(18th), Ignatius (20th), Juliana (21st), Eugenia
(24th), Christos Christina (25th),
Efthemios (26th), Stephen (27th)*