

## *Luncheon on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 June luncheon took place at the Mediterranean Breeze and what fun we had! 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 except the months of July and August. 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 September **luncheon** is at **Mimi's Cafe**. 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

*Taste of Greece: October 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>!*

# Parea

*"Our Company of Friends"*



*Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

*Happy Labor Day!*

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In the twentieth year of his reign (326), the Emperor Constantine sent his mother Saint Helen to Jerusalem to venerate the holy places and to find the site of the Holy Sepulcher and of the Cross. Relying upon the oral tradition of the faithful, Saint Helen found the precious Cross together with the crosses of the two thieves crucified with our Lord. However, Helen had no way of determining which was the Cross of Christ.

With the healing of a dying woman who touched one of the crosses, Patriarch Macarius of Jerusalem identified the True Cross of Christ. Saint Helen and her court venerated the Precious and Life-Giving Cross along with many others who came to see this great instrument of Redemption.

The Patriarch mounted the ambo (pulpit) and lifted the Cross with both hands so that all of the people gathered could see it. The crowd responded with "Lord have mercy".

Welcome Everyone!  
Καλώς ήλθατε όλοι σας!



*Saint Efstathios*

### **October Luncheon:**

**Tuesday, October 6th, at  
11:30 am**

**PIZZARAMA**

**1025 Seneca Road,  
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**Tel: (703) 956-6900**

*Happy Nameday! Χρόνια σας Πολλά!*

*August: Sotiris Sotiria (6<sup>th</sup>), Maria  
Marios Panagiota Panagiotis Despina  
(15<sup>th</sup>)*

*September: Stavros Stavrini Stavroula  
(14<sup>th</sup>), Sofia Pisti Elpida Agapi (17<sup>th</sup>),  
Efstathios Efstathia (20<sup>th</sup>), Frosso (25<sup>th</sup>)*