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#### PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Mr John Kiosoglous MBE ASM Acting President of the Community and Parish of Prophet Elias Norwood and Eastern Suburbs Via email: prophetelias@esc.net.au

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Dear Mr Kiosoglous Oble

Thank you for your invitation and for hosting me at the Norwood Greek Cultural Festival last weekend.

Firstly, I must commend and congratulate the Parish, Committee, and all volunteers who contributed to making the festival enjoyable and successful. The beautiful weather complimented the best in Hellenic food, music, and dancing, which everyone who attended celebrated with much joy.

It was also heartening to see so many families come together to celebrate Hellenic culture and their devotion to faith that is strongly felt within the community.

As announced at the event, the South Australian Government recognises this event of cultural significance, which contributes greatly to the wider community - that is why my Government has committed to the ongoing funding of the Norwood Greek Cultural Festival for the next three years to the value of \$75,000 (\$25,000 per year).

Officers from Multicultural Affairs in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, will be in touch with you in the coming weeks to discuss the facilitation of this contribution.

I wish you, the Committee, and the Parish all the best.

Peter Malinauskas PREMIER

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## Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia Community and Parish of Prophet Elias Norwood

# Ο ΕΝΣΑΡΚΟΣ ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ - THE INCARNATE ANGEL Fortnightly Newsletter

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## Message from our Parish Priest

Με αισθήματα χαράς και ενθουσιασμού, επικοινωνώ μαζί σας για πρώτη φορά δια μέσου του νέου περιοδικού της Κοινότητος- Ενορίας μας, «Ο ένσαρκος Άγγελος».

Έχοντας είδη εισέλθει στο «στάδιο των αρετών» σε αυτή την ευλογημένη περίοδο του Αγίου Τριωδίου, καλούμεθα δια μέσω «τη βασιλίδι των αρετών», την νηστεία δηλαδή, να αγωνιστούμε, να ταπεινωθούμε, να μετανοήσουμε, να κάνουμε πράξεις ελεημοσύνης για να μπορέσουμε και εμείς να βρεθούμε «δικαίως στεφανούντες»

Εύχομαι Ο Κύριος δια πρεσβειών του Αγίου Ενδόξου Προφήτου Ηλίου του Θεσβίτου να σας δίνει υγεία και δύναμη για το υπόλοιπόν της Αγίας Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής!

Με πατρικές ευχές

π. Ιωάννης

With joy and great excitement, I communicate with you for the very first time, through the new newsletter of our Community-Parish, "The Incarnate Angel".

Having entered the "stadium of virtues" in this blessed period of the Holy Triodion, we are called by means of "the Queen of virtues", that is **fasting** in order to humble ourselves, to repent, to do acts of arms giving, so that we may find ourselves "justly crowned".

I pray that The Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Glorious Prophet Elias the Thesvite, grants you all health and strength for the rest of the Holy Great Lent.

Prayerfully Yours,

Rev. Fr. Joannis

## Message from Norwoods Ark (Youth)

Norwood's Ark is up and running for 2023.

This year's lessons commenced with a BBQ prepared and cooked by The Rev Fr Ioannis.



We invite all the youth above the age of 14 to attend our youth group lessons at 7pm every Wednesday night. The lesson is followed by a social gathering which includes a game of table tennis. Simultaneously at 7pm every Wednesday, Fr Ioannis hosts a Bible Study group for adults above the age of 30.

## **Sincere Appreciation**

We express our sincerest gratitude to Mr J Thomas for repairing and painting the brick fence of our Church Car Park.

#### **Donations**

We thank our caring Parishioners for their constant contributions. We apologise for not publicly acknowledging you and ask for your patience as we implement a system from here on, to have you included in this newsletter.

#### **Flowers**

We sincerely thank Mr Nicholas and Dr Mary Bambacas for adorning our icons throughout the lenten period with beautiful fresh flowers.

## Message from Greek Schools

Welcome to all our students for the 2023 academic year. We are grateful to all parents and grandparents for entrusting their children and grandchildren to our community and parish to learn the Greek language and Greek traditional dances.

Greek National Day – On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and after the conclusion of the doxology (for the people that fought for Greek independence) our students will perform in the church poems and songs followed by a dance performance in the carpark of our church. Immediately after, students that have completed and returned the applicable consent form, will be permitted to board the bus on route to the national war memorial for a memorial service commencing at 12.30 pm. Students are anticipated to return to the Church of Prophet Elias between 1.45 – 2.00 pm.

## Message from Ladies Philoptoho

Our wonderful Ladies of Philoptohos were amazing in offering their services before, during and after the Norwood Greek Festival,

Furthermore, the Icon and Books exhibition was splendidly presented and well supported by not only our parishioners, but from all areas of Adelaide.



For those who would like to offer their assistance, we invite you to join us on Saturday morning 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 in cleaning our Church in preparation for Holy week.

Those who would like to donate towards the flowers for the Epitafio, we kindly ask you to do so at the special collection tray as you enter the Church.

On Good Friday 14th April, decorations for the Epitafio will commence early in the morning, Those who wish to assist please come along from 7am.

## Message from Executive Committee

Greetings to all our Parishioners from the Executive Committee.

We have had a very busy start to the year with hosting the Norwood Greek Festival for the first-time post COVID.

It was truly an amazing event, and we take the opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteers, sponsors and in particular all you parishioners who came to support our Festival.

Norwood Greek Festival 2023



Our winner Mr Jim Dimas wins 2 return tickets to Greece compliments of our sponsor TKT2Fly



Simultaneously we take the opportunity to sincerely thank the outgoing members of the Executive Committee Mr A Kefalianos, Dr M. Ikonomos, Dr F Sylaidis Mr J Kiosoglous and Mr I Radimissi for their tireless efforts and contribution to our Community and Parish and welcome to the Executive Committee Mr A Psaromatis,

Mrs V Antoniou, Mr P Kastanos and Mr E Hatzopoulos.

#### **EVENTS**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March** - Matins and Liturgy 8.00 -10.30 am followed by a Fish Luncheon. All welcome. No booking required.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Matins, Liturgy and Doxology (Greek National Day) 8.00 -11.00 am followed by dance performance from student of our Greeks Schools. Memorial Service at the National War Memorial 12.30 pm

**Palm Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023 -** Fish Luncheon after morning service. \$25 per person. Please pre book via trybooking

https://www.trybooking.com/1034586

or to a member of the Executive Committee.

#### **HALL HIRE**

Hall Hire is available only for Funerals and Memorials.

Cost \$350 + \$150 Cleaning fee (\$500). Should the family require assistance with **servicing** of the food a \$300 donation to the Philoptohos is applicable.

#### FLOOR REFURNISHING OF CHURCH

The Annual General Meeting of the Greek Orthodox Community and Parish of Prophet Elias Norwood had agreed in 2019 to revamp our church in the way of replacing the 35 year old carpet. Due to COVID, this was placed on hold and once again approved by the AGM in

October 2022. We are in the process of obtaining quotes for commercial grade marble with matching marble mosaic which will be imported from Italy and will be made available in due course. This project is anticipated to cost our community approximately \$180,000.00 including installation. We will keep you posted of fundraising events.

### Δ. ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟ

Εκφράζουμε τις θερμές μας ευχαριστίες στα εξερχόμενα μέλη του Δ. Συμβουλίου κ. Α. Κεφαλιανό, κ. Ι Κιοσόγλου, Δρ. Μ Οικονόμου,

Ταυτόχρονα καλωσορίζουμε τα νέα μέλη κ. Α. Ψαρομμάτη, κ. Β. Αντωνίου, κ. Π Καστανό και κ. Η. Χατζόπουλο και τους ευχόμαστε Καλή Δύναμι!

#### ΕΝΟΙΚΙΑΣΗ ΧΩΛ

Το χωλ είναι διαθέσιμο για ενοικίαση μόνο για κηδείες και μνημόσυνα. Η τιμή είναι \$350 + \$150 χρέωση καθαρισμού, (\$500).

Σε περίπτωση που το ζητήσει η οικογένεια, η Φιλόπτωχος με \$300, μπορεί να σας εξυπηρετήσει με το σερβίρισμα.

#### ΑΝΑΚΑΙΝΙΣΗ ΔΑΠΕΔΟΥ

Το 2019 η Γενική Συνέλευση αποφάσισε να αντικαταστήσει τα 35χρονά καρπέτα του Ιερού Ναού μας. Λόγω της πανδημίας, τέθηκε αυτή η εργασία σε αναμονή. Όμως η Γ. Συνέλευση τον Οκτώβριο του 2022 έγκρινε για άλλη μια φορά την ανακαίνιση δαπέδου. Βρισκόμαστε στη διαδικασία απόκτησης προσφορών για μάρμαρο πλακάκι εμπορικής ποιότητάς και με μαρμάρινο μωσαϊκό, που θα εισαχθεί από Ιταλία και θα διατεθεί σε 4 περίπου μήνες. Αυτή η εργασία αναμένεται να κοστίσει περίπου \$180,000 συμπεριλαμβανομένης και της εγκατάστασης. Θα σας κρατάμε ενήμερους για εκδηλώσεις που θα κάνουμε για να καλύψουμε αυτό το μεγάλο κόστος.

## Message from Sunday Schools

Our Community and Parish of Prophet Elias Norwood has commenced Sunday School lessons for the year 2023.

Please note these lesson are conducted every Sunday immediately after Holy Communion (approximately 10.30 am) and conclude at 11.00 am.

The Good Lord has entrusted all parents with children, and we hope that you bring them to The Lord, so that they can learn through Catechism (Katihisis-Katihitiko) about The Creator.