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PHILOPTOCHOS CORNER

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Χριστός Ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς Ἀνέστη!
Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

MAY NEWS BRIEFS

Χριστός Ἀνέστη! This is a very special month as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. May also brings us Mother's Day.

Let's start with this prayer . . .

THE "JELLY BEAN" PRAYER

Red is for the blood Christ gave
Green is for the grass He made

Yellow is for God's light so bright
Orange is for our prayers at night

Black is for the sins we made
White is for the grace He gave

Purple is for His hour of sorrow
Pink is for His new tomorrow

A jar full of jelly beans, so colorful and sweet
Is a prayer, a promise, a special treat



God, fill my heart and my life with
the joy of the Resurrection of Christ
Amen



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Friday, May 6



Philoptochos and Daughters of Penelope Co-sponsoring
"Margarita Night"

7:00 p.m.



MAY 8
MOTHER'S DAY

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Wednesday, May 11

"Philoptochos Birthday" Meeting, 7:00 p.m.



June 15

Annual Dinner Meeting at Travis Pointe Country Club
Information to follow





Dear Ladies

Many blessings this Easter season.

And now a huge “thank you” to . . .

- ❖ Vicky Masters and Katerina Roumanis who once again did an outstanding job planning the Palm Sunday Luncheon along with help from our ladies
- ❖ Gus Boutsikakis, Thanos Masters, Avraam Piniatoglou, Chris Webber for preparing our delicious Palm Sunday lunch
- ❖ Dena Petropoulos and her committee for boiling, dyeing, and wrapping the Easter eggs
- ❖ . . . everyone who participated at the luncheon

Looking forward to seeing you at the “Philoptochos Birthday” meeting on May 11! A great evening is planned so save the date!

--Vangie Kolokithas, President

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MANY AMAZING USES FOR OLIVE OIL —OTHER THAN FOR BAKING!

- **Shine stainless steel.** Rub on pots/pans/flatware and sinks as an effective and safe way to make them shine
- **Remove stickers.** Apply a bit of oil to sticker; let sit a few minutes. It should be easy to remove without any residue left
- **Shine wood furniture.** Apply oil to a cloth and wipe. Enjoy your shiny “new” furniture!
- **Avoid wax on a candle holder.** Rub a thin coat of oil onto the holder’s base before you insert the candle. Dripped wax should be easy to peel off
- **TLC for your hair.** Nourish, condition, and detangle your hair with a DIY olive oil hair mask

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Santorini Pasta Salad

Enjoy this pasta salad as a perfect addition to any meal or as a meal in itself. Add chicken or salmon for an added treat.

- 4 cups bow tie or spiral pasta
- Cherry tomatoes, halved
- 8 oz. crumbled feta
- $\frac{3}{4}$ C sliced Kalamata or black olives
- 1 C chopped celery
- $\frac{1}{4}$ C grated Parmesan or Romano cheese

DRESSING

- $\frac{1}{2}$ C olive oil
- 1 tbsp. mayonnaise
- 1 tbsp. white vinegar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. oregano
- Dash of salt, pepper

- Boil pasta al dente and drain
- Mix remaining ingredients reserving some feta
- Whisk dressing, pour over salad and toss
- Cover and place in refrigerator to chill
- Add remaining feta on top when ready to serve

ENJOY!

“People who love to eat are always the best people.”—Julia Childs

MOTHER'S DAY



A MOTHER'S LOVE

*A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain.*

*It is made of deep devotion
And of sacrifice and pain.
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
for nothing can destroy it
or take that love away.*

*It is patient and forgiving
When all others are forsaken
And it never fails or falters
Even though the heart is breaking . . .
It believes beyond believing
When the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
Of the rarest, brightest gems . . .*

*It is far beyond defining
It defies all explanation
And it still remains a secret
Like the mysteries of creation . . .*

*A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
Of God's tender guiding hand.*

~Helen Steiner Rice

*For Our Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, and
Special Women Who Also Helped to Shape
Our Lives*

HER GARDEN

*Yes, she kept a garden
a garden of the heart.
She helped to plant all the good things
that gave my life its start.*

*She would turn me to the sunshine
and encouraged me to dream,
fostering and nurturing
the seeds of self-esteem*

*And when the winds and the rain came
she protected me enough
but not too much because she knew
I'd need to stand up strong and tough.*

*Her constant good example
always taught me right from wrong
markers for my pathway
that will last a lifetime long.*

*I am in her garden
I am her legacy
and I hope today she feels the love
reflected back to me.*

~Anonymous



Take time to . . .

LOVE AND BE LOVED

It is a God-given privilege