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### **What Am I Thankful For This Year?**

Every year comes a holiday called Thanksgiving. It's where you give thanks for people you love. People usually celebrate this holiday by having family gatherings and eating food like turkey, sweet potatoes, corn, pumpkin pies and many more tasty things. We have a big family and on Thanksgiving we set a beautiful table and thank God and each other for everything that we have, especially health.

I am thankful to God that I have everything: my parents, cousins, friends, nice neighbors, a house and plenty of food. I live in a wonderful country and in a beautiful city. I go to a great school and do so many activities, I also go to another parochial school every Saturday and learn another language and culture because my mom was born in Russia. So I had the chance to learn three languages and three different cultures and I am grateful for this opportunity. I am thankful to my parents and grandparents for loving and caring for me. I am a blessed person that I have a big, friendly family here and in Greece, Russia and Spain. We always communicate and help each other. I am also thankful to all my teachers who teach

me to be smart and kind, classmates and friends who I am very thankful for the friendship they give me.

I want to say a very big thanks to Father John Lardas who assisted me and blessed me to become an Altar Boy. I will never forget that day on March 25, 2016 when the Greeks celebrate two wonderful holidays - the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary and Greek Independence Day. When I came home after school and saw my mom, I told her, "Mom, today I feel so happy! It's the happiest I have been in all of my life! Now I help Fr. John at the Altar!" We hugged each other and cried from happiness. Now Fr. John is in another church and we have Fr. Nathanael who is a very nice priest and person too!

I am thankful for the people who I wrote about not only on Thanksgiving but everyday. I thank God for peace, love and kindness