

ST. NICHOLAS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

December 2024

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The Real Wonder of Christmas

Heaven called the Magi by a star, and thus it brought the first-fruits of the Gentiles to You, the infant lying in the manger. And they were amazed, not by scepters and thrones, but by the utter poverty. For what is more shabby than a cave? And what is more humble than swaddling clothes? But it was through these that the riches of your divinity shone forth. Lord, glory to You! (Hypakoe, Matins of Christmas)

The way we celebrate Christmas these days takes a lot of preparation: putting lights on the houses, making airline reservations for the kids to come home, addressing and sending cards, ordering gifts before they're sold out, inviting guests, planning the menus, cleaning our houses and much more.

All this work can be (and probably will be) exhausting, but it's entirely appropriate. After all, we're remembering the coming of the Christ, our Savior, to share in our lives, teach us, heal us and even die with us in order to lead us to the Kingdom of God. Of course, we should be prepared!

And in this midst of all this preparation, we should also prepare our hearts to marvel at God's ways, and how surprising and wonderful (wonder-full, that is) they are.

In St. Matthew's gospel account of the Nativity, the Magi come from the East, seeing in the heavens the star that proclaims the Lord's birth. It's a surprise to King Herod and those around him, preoccupied as they are with their own plans, that these pagan astrologers are the ones who can see that the signs of the coming of the Messiah. And this surprise makes them feel very insecure.

Likewise, the shepherds in Luke's gospel are amazed by the angels' proclamation that the Savior has come to the world as a vulnerable child, born in a cave and laid in a manger because there's no room in the inn. But they go and see it to be so, and when they spread the joyful news, "all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told to them by the shepherds" (Luke 2:18).

The gospel accounts of Christmas remind us that God's ways are not our ways. Again and again in the Scriptures, the Lord works out His plans for our salvation through humility, mercy and unconditional love for each and every one of us – even when we don't deserve it.

So in the midst of all our preparations for this glorious feast, let's also prepare our hearts – through prayer, fasting and almsgiving – to be surprised, challenged and ultimately inspired by the Gospel message, so the love we show in our lives can surprise, challenge and inspire others.

- Father Michael Arbanas

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St. Nicholas Dance Troupe
 Dance practice for all groups will begin in *January*
 Look for information from Demi Holt in *December*



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025
 ST. NICHOLAS FAMILY LIFE CENTER
 Champagne Reception
immediately following Divine Liturgy

~Complimentary by Reservations Only~
 to the Church Office 314.361.6924

Scrapbooking & Project Day
 Saturday, January 11, 2025
 10 am - 10 pm

Come as early as you like, stay as late as you like, come and go as you please.

St. Nicholas Family Life Center
Philoptochos Room
 12550 South Forty Drive
 St. Louis, MO 63141

Traditional & online scrapbooking, sewing, card making, quilting, jewelry making, knitting, needle pointing, crocheting:
- all projects welcome-

This is just the space to get them done (or started).
 Wi-Fi & power sources available.

For reservations and questions, Contact Steph McPherron at:
scdemos@yahoo.com or 314-640-0989

*Cash or checks payable to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church to be paid the day of the event.

\$25

Proceeds benefit St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church



Dear St. Nicholas Parish Family,

“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11

My family and I would like to take a moment to wish you a very Merry Christmas. We are grateful to God for our wonderful St. Nicholas Church family. During this season, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; I pray that all four of these will fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. This Christmas, as in all previous years, we celebrate “Emmanuel” (God with us). Without Christ’s presence among all of us, we would be lost and empty. Through God’s presence working within us, we are being healed, transformed, reconciled and made whole.

On behalf of the entire parish, I am so grateful for how you have served so sacrificially, tirelessly and enthusiastically this past year. Whether it is serving on the Parish Council, being a member of Philoptochos, chairing a committee, guiding our youth, helping those in need, serving at various events and fundraisers or any one of the other countless (usually unseen) responsibilities that keep our community running, we are forever appreciative.

Thank you so much for all you do! Have a very merry Christmas and happy and healthy new year!

Best regards,

Carol Kamburis
Parish Council President

Family Fun Night

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
ST. NICHOLAS FAMILY LIFE CENTER

*Tree Lighting, Christmas Carols, Crafts for
all ages, Pizza, Hot cocoa, and more!*

*Fun for the entire St. Nicholas Church Family
All are welcome!*

RSVP by 12/1 to:
Demi Holt 314.550.6579 or demi.holt@att.net



The Nicholad

Join us for this festive season of celebration, reflection, and gratitude for our beloved St. Nicholas Church family

St. Nicholas Day Vespers
Reception to follow

Thursday, December 5 - 6:30 pm | Family Life Center

St. Nicholas Day Divine Liturgy
Reception to follow

Friday, December 6 - 9:30 am | Family Life Center

Family Fun Night

Friday, December 6 - 6:00 pm | Family Life Center
Tree lighting, Pizza, Christmas Carols, Hot cocoa, and more!

St. Nicholas Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 7 - 11:00 am | Algonquin Golf Club

HOPE and JOY Christmas Caroling

Saturday, December 7 - 3:00 pm | Fairmont Senior Living

St. Nicholas Day Luncheon

Sunday, December 8 | St. Nicholas Church
Immediately following Divine Liturgy

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Coffee reception to follow

Monday, December 9 - 7:00 pm | Family Life Center



*Please join us for the
St. Nicholas Day Luncheon
Celebrating the Feast Day of our Beloved
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church*

*Sunday, December 8, 2024
Following Divine Liturgy*

*Enjoy a delicious lunch, festive dessert, and fellowship
Special menu and entertainment for children!*

Kindly respond by November 25th by mailing to:

*Carol Kamburis
1211 Bedford Falls Ct
Ballwin, MO 63021*

Guest name(s): _____

- Enclosed is my reservation for _____ at \$30 per adult
_____ at \$10 per child (12 and under)*
- I/we are unable to attend but would like to make a donation of \$ _____*
- Check enclosed payable to: Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church*
- Credit Card number _____ Exp: _____ CVV: _____*

Name: _____

Street/City/Zip: _____

Phone number: _____



Philotochos Corner December 2024

Grecian Kitchen Holiday Open House: November 2nd – Congratulations to the Grecian Kitchen co-chairs, Christina Anastas, Christina Ginos, Carol Kamburis, and their committees for an amazing event. We were excited to welcome a great crowd of loyal patrons! Guests enjoyed delicious Greek lunch and pastries, Grecian Kitchen specialties to take home and bake for the holidays, festive décor and music, and boutique shopping from an assortment of local vendors. Special thanks to our committee and volunteers for a great event! Save the date for next year - **November 8, 2025.**



Philotochos Sunday: November 3rd - We thank you for attending our annual Philo-tochos Sunday to celebrate the Ladies of St. Nicholas Philo-tochos - past, present, and future. The offering tray benefited our families in need ministries, our prayer shawls were blessed in Church and we will also kick-off our holiday drive “Seats & Feet” to benefit The Little Bit Foundation. A lovely reception was enjoyed by all in the fellowship auditorium.

Philo-tochos Christmas Luncheon: Saturday, December 7th – Algonquin Golf Club
Join us for the annual St. Nicholas Philo-tochos Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 7th - 11:00 a.m. at Algonquin Golf Club, \$40 per person. Please RSVP to Carol Kamburis at 314.803.2451.

Calendar of Events:

- 12/05 – St. Nicholas Vespers/Reception (FLC)
- 12/06 – St. Nicholas Day/Coffee Reception (FLC)
- 12/07 – Philo-tochos Christmas Luncheon (Algonquin Golf Club)
- 12/08 – St. Nicholas Day Luncheon (St. Nicholas)
- 1/09 – Board Meeting (FLC)
- 1/12 – Vasilopita Sunday (St. Nicholas)
- 1/18 – General Membership Brunch Meeting (FLC)





St. Nicholas Philoptochos Society's
Holiday Ministry

“Seats & Feet”



Socks & Underwear Drive

to benefit



THE
little bit
FOUNDATION



Please drop off NEW items in the collection box
at Church or the Family Life Center

Boys' boxer underwear (sizes pre-school to 8th grade)

Girls' underwear (sizes pre-school to 8th grade)

Boys' & Girls' socks (sizes pre-school to 8th grade)



Donations will be accepted

November 3rd through December 15th



Or choose to support with monetary donations...

Please mail checks payable to:

St. Nicholas Philoptochos (memo/for: “Seats & Feet”)

4967 Forest Park Ave, St. Louis, MO 63108



For more information, please call:

Helen Carey 314.750.0745 or Carol Kamburis 314.803.2451



HOLIDAY SEASON SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Thursday, December 5, 2024: VESPERS

6:30 pm Vespers for Feast of St. Nicholas at Family Life Center Chapel
Reception to follow

Friday, December 6, 2024: FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS

9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Family Life Center Chapel
Reception to follow

Tuesday, December 24, 2024: CHRISTMAS EVE

9:30 am Royal Hours Service at Family Life Center Chapel
5 pm Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Church

Wednesday, December 25, 2024: CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30 am Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Church

Wednesday, January 1, 2025: NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Family Life Center Chapel
Complimentary champagne reception to follow

Sunday, January 5, 2025: FOREFEAST OF EPIPHANY

8:15 am/9:30 am Orthros/Divine Liturgy & Blessing of the Waters
at St. Nicholas Church

Monday, January 6, 2025: EPIPHANY DAY

9:30 am Divine Liturgy & Blessing of the Waters
at Family Life Center Chapel

Tuesday, January 7, 2025: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIZER

9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Family Life Center Chapel



2024

St. Nicholas Christmas Card

Sign up to be included on our Holiday Greeting Card
to your fellow parishioners.

Free-will donations to benefit our Youth Programs.
Suggested donation is \$20

Names to appear on card as follows:

Donation enclosed _____

Please mail or deliver by December 2:

St. Nicholas Family Life Center
12550 South Forty Drive
St. Louis, MO 63141

To submit online, please visit sngoc.org





Hello St. Nicholas Family!

We are very excited to prepare our Church School Students for this Advent and Christmas season. Our Teachers will be explaining the journey of Jesus Christ birth, the true meaning of Christmas, and the importance of Jesus in the Orthodox Christian faith.

Here are the upcoming events dedicated to this special time of year:

- **December 6th at 6:00pm- Family Fun Night at the FLC**
(All Children)- St. Nicholas Children will make Christmas cards and ornaments to give to our Senior Family members who are not able to attend Church.
- **December 7th at 3:00pm- Christmas Caroling at Fairmont Senior Living**
(Grades K-5)- Practice for Christmas Caroling will be held at Church after Church School on November 24th.
- **December 8th at 1:30pm at Family Life Center- Christmas Banana Bread**
(High School)- Our GOYA students will prepare Banana Bread and deliver to St. Nicholas Senior Family members.
- **December 15th at 12:30p- Pageant Practice and Christmas Caroling at Children’s Hospital**
(Grades 6th-8th)- Our Jr. GOYA students will be singing Christmas Carols at Children’s Hospital.
- **December 22nd after Divine Liturgy- St. Nicholas annual Christmas Pageant- (All Children)**

MORE FUN NEWS from our Sunday School Team!!!

- Our 4th and 5th Grade Sunday School students learned how to make Prosforo (Holy Bread) and the meaning of the bread during the Divine Liturgy.
- Our Church School Store is now open for our Sunday School students to start shopping after they have attended six or more Sunday School classes. We encourage parents to bring their children to be able to partake in this fun activity.
- Stephanie McPherron has gathered a list of babysitters within our St. Nicholas Community. If you are in need of a babysitter and would like more information, please reach out to the church school office at sngocchurchschool@gmail.com .

As always, we are honored to serve with our youth and look forward to seeing your children in Sunday School.

Sincerely,

Lexie Dendrinelis & Tania Scarpino
Church School Co- Directors

Christmas
COOKIE
DECORATING

For All St. Nicholas Church School Students & Parents

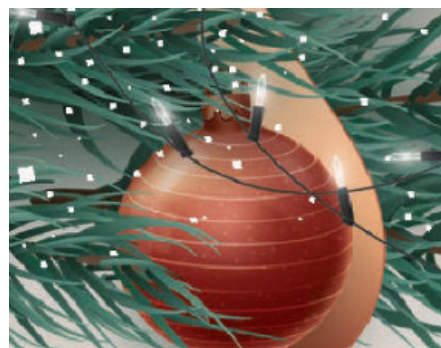
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024
10:00 AM - ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

Join us for the 13th annual Christmas cookie decorating event. **Please bring your aprons, favorite cookie cutters and festive sprinkles.** Cookie dough, icing, hot chocolate, Christmas fun and fellowship will be provided

RSVP BY 12/10 TO
SNGOCCHURCHSCHOOL@GMAIL.COM

Grecian Kitchen

Holiday Open House





Young Adult League
GREATER SAINT LOUIS

18-35 YEARS OLD?
JOIN TODAY!

Already a **Member?**
Stay in the loop!



@yalstlouis



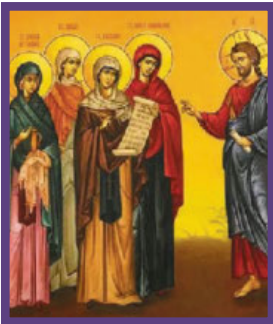
stlouisyal@gmail.com



Submit topics for
future **discussions!**



Worship. Witness. Service. Fellowship.



The Women's Faith Group meets monthly (excluding July and August) to learn about the Orthodox Christian Faith and how to live the Faith throughout one's life. Scripture and various books authored by Orthodox Christians are read and discussed for enrichment, enlightenment, and encouragement to live a Christ-like life. "being transformed from glory to glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

*Please join us 10 am Tuesday, December 17
at the Family Life Center*



Calling all HOPE and JOY Sunday School Students (grades K-5)

Help us spread the Spirit of St. Nicholas
to our Friends and Neighbors at

Fairmont Senior Living
7920 Clayton Rd, St. Louis, MO 63117

Christmas Caroling
Saturday, December 7 at 3 pm

(Wear your red and green and meet in the lobby at Fairmont Senior Living.)

RSVP Bess Fitzmaurice
314-602-5406



St. Nicholas 2025 Stewardship Pledge Form

Complete form and return to:
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
4967 Forest Park Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63108
314.361.6924

For budget planning purposes, please complete by March 1, 2025

Last Name *	First Name *	Middle Initial	Spouse's Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email *	Phone *	Envelope #	
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Select Stewardship Offering. *

* required field

- Steward — A good faith pledge in accordance with your means and ability
- Super Steward — Annual minimum contribution of \$5,000 or 5% of household income
- Leadership St. Nicholas — Annual minimum commitment of \$10,000 or more for 10 consecutive years

Payment Schedule *

- WEEKLY MONTHLY QUARTERLY ONE-TIME OTHER
- \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

Total 2025 Pledge Amount: *

Note—An average of \$2,400 per family is needed to balance the budget.

\$

Amount to be paid in full by December 31, 2025

Payment Method *

- Check made payable to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
- I will set up a one-time or recurring gift via www.sngoc.org/donate-now
- Set up my one-time or recurring gift using my existing bank or credit card information on file
- Set up my one-time or recurring gift using new bank or credit card information provided below
- Stock transfer (contact the church office)

Bank Withdrawal (ACH / EFT)

- Checking
- Savings

Routing #

Account #

Signature*

Credit / Debit Card

- Visa
- Master Card
- Discover
- American Express

Name on card

Card #

Exp date

CVV

Please notify the church office throughout the year of any changes to name, address, phone number, or email address, in order to keep our records current.

Stewardship

Pledges through 11-13-2024

Please remember to fill out your pledge form for 2024.

Leadership St. Nicholas

- *Demos, Gus
- *Efthim, Andrew
- Efthim, Frank and Carol
- *Galakatos, Andrew
- *Galakatos, Gregory and JoAnn
- *Grayson, William and Diana
- James, George and Georgia
- *Kalomas, Dean
- Kaminski, Glen and Kimberly
- *Millonas, Dean and Michelle
- *Pulos, Jason and Barbara
- *Sewall, David
- *Souris, George
- Stavrides, Pete and Teresa
- *Tarlus, George and Kimberly

Leadership St. Nicholas

A minimum financial commitment of \$10,000 per year for 10 consecutive years.



*Fullfilled 10 year Leadership committment

Super Stewards

St. Nicholas Super Steward

A minimum commitment of 5% of household income or \$5,000.



- Angelides, Nicholas and Sarah
- Arbanas, Fr. Michael & Pres. Caroline
- Argyros, Demos and Mary
- Botonis, Nick and Jamie
- Bude, George
- Dagartzikas, Anastasios
- Efthim, Janet
- Efthim, Paul and Christina
- Ellis, George and Diane
- Ferretti, Michael and Georgia
- Ferretti, Peter and Tonya
- Fitzmaurice, Sean and Vasiliki
- Harris, Barbara
- *Hart, James and Theodora
- Kazanas, Dan and Anne
- King, Dr. Tinna
- Koch, John and Mary Anne
- Leara, Paul and Helen
- Martin, Jason and Claire
- Mastorakos, Mary C.
- McDermott, Gregory and Cheryl
- McPherron, Colin and Stephanie
- Mitchell, Bill and Charlene
- Papulis, Fr. Doug & Pres. Christina
- Salas, Sakis and Cathy
- Sewall, Martha
- Spanos, Peter and Kimberly
- Tsikalas, Demetrios & Jackie
- Vellios, William
- Vleisides, Mark and Renee
- Anonymous

*Fullfilled 10 year Leadership committment

2024 Stewards


Pledges Through 11-13-2024

Al-Bussairi, Stephanie	Crocker, Timothy & Joanna	Golfin, Byron & Carolyn	Koutsogiannis, Atha
Alexander, Stacey	Cutsoukos, Maria	Gordon, LaDonna	Lambos, Basile & Aristeia
Anagnos, Tom & Beth	Dafnides, Thomas	Grant, Christopher & Georgiana	Lampros, Susan
Anastas, Christina	Daly, Logan	Guenther, Alexandra & Andrew	Lananna, Brian & Valerie
Anastas, Mary Ellen	Danko, Lisa	Habtu, Yemane & Abrahatzion	LaPasso, Leonard & Alexandra
Anastas, Nicholas & Jamie	Davis, John & Mimi	Habtu, Danni	Lappas, George
Anastas, Stephanie	Dedes, Fr. Seraphim	Haldeman, Weston & Jessica	Leara, Christopher
Anastasios, Louis & Catherine	DelaRoche, Lydia & William	Halley, Demetra	Lee, Andre & Brigitte
Anderson, Mitry	Demmas, Helen	Hartley, Jonathan	Lekich, David & Patricia
Angelides, Mary	Demos, Gus	Hartman, Jeffrey & Polly	Leontsinis, Patricia
Angelides, Michael & Sheridan	Demos, James & Theresa	Hartman, Paige	Lewis, Gary & Constance
Angelos, Vasso	Demos, Theodore & Helen	Hedgecock, Dianne	Liringis, Elizabeth
Angelos, George	Dendrinelis, Lexie	Hedgecock, Michael	Livaditis, Terry & Kathy
Angelos, Steve	Denos, Ellis & Karla	Heine, Betty	Livaditis, Constantinos & Grace
Antonakos, James	Denos, Jonas	Herbig, Nicole & Michael	Lockwood, Dale & Andrea
Antonakos, Jonathon & Allison	Devers, Brennan & Alexandra	Hinni, Aaron & Kathy	Lynch, Robert & Janice
Antoniou, Thomas & Ann	Dillas, Ellis & Karla	Hoffman, John & Candice	Macheras, Clara
Antonopoulos, Konstantinos & Georgia	Doran, Michael	Holt, Zachary & Demetra	Maddux, Michael & Susan
Antonopoulos, Michael	Dougherty, David & Stephanie	Houseman, Drs. John and Stephanie	Mager, David & Marika
Appel, Michael & Patricia	Duffy, John & Elizabeth	Hunnius, Janet	Malakelis, Theodora
Athanasiadis, Christos & Penelope	Eck, Dimitri	Jackson, William	Maleas, Trigona
Ballard, Donald & Maria	Eckert, Ronald & Georgia	James, John & Frances	Mann, Austin & Maria
Been, Rodney & Elaine	Efthim, Richard & Dena	James, Steven & Margaret	Manolis, Hristos & Janice
Bendas, Nick & Dianne	Efthim, Stephanie	Jemas, Noel & Marilyn	Manolis, Christina
Benos, Constantine & Judy	Efthim, Steven	Jemas, Zachary	Massad, Leslie & Sylvia
Betta, Nickolas & Danene	Enge, Jeffrey & Laura	Johnson, Duane & Katherine	Massad, Mikula, Maria & Jeremy
Birkby, David & Dianna	English, Jim & Jennifer	Johnson, Pantelis & Georgia	Mastis, Chris & Terri
Bogdanos, Renee	Ettel, Linda	Jurgiel, Robert & Stacy	Mastis, Frank & Vicki
Bohr, Zack & Demitria	Fakonas, Anastassios & Christina	Kacso, Claudiu & Simona	Mastis, Rachel
Botonis, Diane	Fakonas, Athanasios & Katherine	Kaftantzis, Dimitrios & Roussa	Mastis, Vincent
Botonis, Dina	Fandos, Alice	Kalamitsiotis, Deric & Kalie	Mastorakos, Bill & Christa
Botonis, Nick & Jamie	Ferretti, George & Jeanette	Kallaos, Tom & Mersine	Mastorakos, Mary Ann
Botonis, Olivia	Finer, Lyndia & Barry	Kallaos, William & Connie	Mattern, Derick
Boudoures, Kerry	Fleshman, Ronald & Dorothy	Kamburis, Carol	Mavromatis, Peter & Katheryn
Bouyoukos, Timothy	Forsting, Katherine	Kamburis, Michael & Maria	McCullison, Joseph & Anastasia
Bouyoukos, Nick	Foster, Anthony & Effie	Kamburis, Sandra	Memos, James
Boyher, Logan & Kristen	Fotenos, Helen	Kantis, Maria	Menos, Kevin
Brown, Jim & Anna	Fotinos, William	Kapodistrias, Gus & Dianne	Meyer, Clayton & Sarah
Buckalew, Philip & Irene	Fournier, Michael & Pamela	Kappas, Nicholas & Michele	Meyer, David & Carol
Burch, Robert & Cindy	Francis, William & Voula	Karagiannis, Helen	Mezines, Chris & Mary
Camene, Timothy & Christine	Fridrich, Vaso	Karakas, Achilles & Dorothea	Mezines, George & Andrea
Carey, Dennis & Helen	Fryrear, Jim & Stacie	Karides, Anastasia	Mezines, Sam & Maureen
Carey, Nicholas & Amy	Gaddis, James & Angelina	Karides, William & Pam	Mezines, Vanessa
Caaimatis, Carol	Gaddis, Nicholas & Heather	Kastaris, Harriet	Millonas, William & Claudia
Cassimatis, Nicholas & Susan	Galakatos, Christopher & Kimberly	Katsaras, Nicholas	Milonas, John
Catalano, James & Sarah	Galakatos, Theresa	Katsiyiannis, Michelle	Mitchell, Roger & Deborah
Catalano, John	Galakatos, Krys	Katsoulis, Sue	Modde, Ben & Michelle
Catsavis, Gus	Gallagher, Sean & Stephanie	Kavadas, Jimmy & Brenda	Molleston, Jerome
Chakides, Adonis	Georges, Niko & Alexia	Kazanas, Maria	Moore, James & Connie
Charles, Harry	Georges, Anthony & Sonja	Kazanas III, Dan	Mott, Chad & Stefanie
Chiapel, Dr. John	Georges, Helen	Ketchmark, Steve & Stavra	Muckler, Robert & Mary
Chirco, Sergio & Dimitra	Germanos, John E.	King, Ordie	Muckler, Robert C & Lauren
Chrissos, George & Anna	Germanos, Nicholas & Vanessa	King, Michael & Katie	Mullen, Vincent & Stacie
Christy, John & Mary	Germanos, Elias	Kirby, John & Katina	Murphy, Benjamin & Betsy
Chronopoulos, Sophia	Ginos, Nick & Kathy	Kirkou, Eugenia	Nakis, Emmanuel & Gina
Clemens, Daniel & Vicki	Ginos, Thomas & Christina	Klevorn, Larry & Angie	Natsis, Voula
Clifton, Alexis	Ginos, Naso	Konczak, Leopold & Cynthia	Nichoalds, Joe & Helen
Clones, John	Glastris, George	Kondis, Nick & Jamie	Nicozisin, William & Linda
Cluck, Sophia	Glikos, George & JoAnn	Kontras, Demitra	Nicozisin, Demetra
Corona, Stephany	Glioumas, George & Stephanie	Koskolos, Nick & Helen	Nicozisin, Katerina
Coulson, William & Elaine	Glynias, Stefan & Elizabeth	Kotis, Jimmy & Anastasia	Nicozisin, Vasiliki

2024 Stewards


Pledges Through 11-13-2024

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| Nipper, Matt & Cathy | Politis, Demetrios & Julann | Smith, Cassandra & Ryan | Theodorou, Argyrios & Evangelia |
| Ogbe, Mewail & Saba | Politis, Vlasios | Smyrniotis, Byron & Stacy | Theodorou, Nicky |
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"The Orthodox Mission Team of St. Louis works to nurture an awareness within our local churches of the need to evangelize, catechize, and support missionary efforts and programs globally."



In a recent inaugural visit, the Orthodox Christian Mission Center established connections within the newly-formed Diocese of Benin, Togo, and Burkina Faso in West Africa. From October 9 to 14, Mission Center Projects and Grants Manager, Santhe Loizos, met with His Grace Bishop Athanasios - the first bishop of the Diocese - to offer support and explore opportunities for future collaboration.

This meeting marked the beginning of a promising relationship, opening new pathways for expanding the Church and sharing the Gospel in a largely non-Christian region with great potential for growth.

The trip concluded with a significant milestone for the emerging diocese: a Mission Center grant for \$72,800 that will help to support its development over the next year.

Reflecting on the experience, Santhe emphasized the importance of the visit in building strong relationships with the local Orthodox community and expanding the Church's reach in areas eager to learn about the Gospel. This effort is a strategic step in continuing to spread faith and engagement across new regions.

To offer support, use this link to help us continue to share the Gospel and bring people into the fullness of life in Christ: <https://www.ocmc.org/serve-from-home/give>

As always, please feel free to contact Rosie Hartley, 618-447-9688, if you have any questions, would like to be part of the Mission Team St. Louis, or if you would like to help our missionaries. Thank you for your continued support!

New Horizons in West Africa Expanding Outreach to Benin, Togo, and Burkina Faso





Dear St. Nicholas Parish Family,

In an effort to communicate the status of our loan for the St. Nicholas Family Life Center & renovations to St. Nicholas Church, below is a condensed timeline to recap the past 20 years.

1999: Purchased 10 acres in Town & Country for \$2,500,000

2003: Retired the land loan for a total of \$3,200,000

2010: First St. Nicholas Capital Campaign raised \$4,000,000 in pledges and construction began on the St. Nicholas Family Life Center as well as the renovations at St. Nicholas at Forest Park

Total cost to complete construction of the St. Nicholas Family Life Center and major renovations to St. Nicholas Church on Forest Park of \$8,500,000

2012: Signed loan documents for \$5,855,024

2015: Refinanced to a lower 3% interest municipal bond loan of \$5,273,184

2020: Extended our current municipal bond loan for 5 years at the same 3% interest rate and continuing the same amortization schedule

2024: As of November 5 our current loan amount is \$683,876.98. Our monthly mortgage payment is \$25,500

We have made significant strides towards paying off our debt. Thank you for your continued love and dedication to our Parish.

Sincerely,

Carol Kamburis, President

Remember the Church in Your Will: Bequests

When you include the Church in your testamentary plans, you support its vital mission on a long-term basis. The most common way this is done is through a single bequest. Any type of property, including cash, securities, real estate, works of art and jewelry, and more, may be given to the Church through a bequest. Your generosity will assist in sustaining the faith, ministries and mission of St. Nicholas for generations to come.



TYPES OF BEQUESTS

- **Specific Bequest:** This may be a specific dollar amount, a specific piece of tangible or real property, or a stated percentage of your estate.
- **Residuary Bequest:** This includes all or a portion of your estate after distribution of other specific bequests, debts, taxes, expenses & fees.
- **Contingent Bequest:** Under this type of provision, the Church will only receive the bequest if the primary intention cannot be met or if certain specified circumstances take place.

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MEMORIALS

† 1 year memorial for Thomas Whaley

November 10

† 10 year memorial for Elias Malakelis

November 17

FUNERAL

Vasiliki Stratos fell asleep in the Lord on October 22. Her funeral was October 26.

† May her memory be eternal.

Despina Pashos fell asleep in the Lord on October 26. Her funeral was November 4.

† May her memory be eternal

BAPTISMS

Jane Arina, daughter of Jonathan and Allison Antonakis was baptized on November 2. Her Godparents are James Antonakis and Anastasia Kotis. Congratulations!

40-day Blessings

Sophia Marie, daughter of Ben and Michelle Modde was Blessed and Churched on October 20. Congratulations!

Ava Lynn, daughter of Thomas and Sarah St. Geme was Blessed and Churched on November 10. Congratulations!

December 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Fourteenth Sunday of Luke</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Fellowship Coffee Hour Sunday School 1:00 pm St. John Chrysostom ICON Class Assumption GOC	2 <i>Akathist Service</i> 7:00 pm Family Life Center Coffee Reception to Follow	3 7 pm via Zoom Young Adult League	4 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom	5 10 am Kafenio Family Life Center St. Nicholas Vespers 6:30 pm Divine Liturgy Family Life Center Chapel Reception to Follow	6 <i>Feast of St. Nicholas</i> 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Family Life Center Chapel Reception to Follow 6:00 pm Family FUN Night Family Life Center	7 10:30 am <i>Adult Choir Practice at FLC</i> 3:00 pm HOPE/JOY Caroling Fairmont Senior Living 11:00 am Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon Algonquin Golf Club
8 <i>Tenth Sunday of Luke</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Sunday School St. Nicholas Day Luncheon 1:30 pm GOYA Baking Family Life Center	9 <i>Akathist Service</i> 7:00 pm Family Life Center Coffee Reception to Follow	10 7 pm via Zoom Young Adult League	11 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom	12	13	14 10:30 am <i>Adult Choir Practice at FLC</i>
15 <i>Eleventh Sunday of Luke</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Fellowship Coffee Hour Sunday School <i>Christmas Pageant Rehearsal</i> Following Divine Liturgy Jr. GOYA/GOYA Christmas Caroling 1:00 pm St. John Chrysostom ICON Class Assumption GOC	16 8:00 am Vasilopita Baking St. Nicholas Church	17 10 am <i>Women's Faith Group</i> Family Life Center	18 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom	19	20	21 10:30 am <i>Adult Choir Practice at FLC</i> 10 am Cookie Decorating St. Nicholas Church
22 <i>Sunday Before Nativity</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Christmas Pageant Fellowship Coffee Hour	23	24 <i>Royal Hours</i> 9:30 am Family Life Center <i>Christmas Eve</i> 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas Church	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 9:30 am Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas Church 	26	27	28 10:30 am <i>Adult Choir Practice at FLC</i>
29 <i>Sunday After Nativity</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Fellowship Coffee Hour	30	31				30

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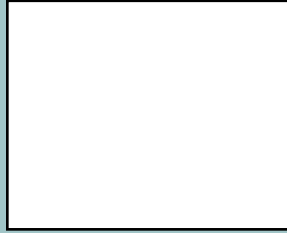


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