

# ST. NICHOLAS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January 2025

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## THIS YEAR IT'S ABOUT THE SAINTS

-Fr. Michael Arbanas

January church bulletins tend to focus on the New Year and the opportunities it creates to re-dedicate our lives to the Christian path of repentance, worship, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The fact that we commemorate Jesus' Baptism on January 6 adds extra incentive to renew our focus on repentance, worship, prayer and fasting.

All this is absolutely appropriate, and we continue to encourage it.

This year, though, we're going to concentrate on the rest of the month, filled as it is with the feast days of many inspiring saints – people who have shown us, over the centuries, how to live out our baptisms and follow Christ.

Here are a few of the commemorations this month:

- *St. Anthony the Great (Jan. 17, 3rd Century)* – recognized as the “Father of Monasticism” in both the East and West.
- *St. Maximos the Confessor (Jan. 21, 7th Century)* – who struggled against heresy so eloquently that the heretical Emperor had his tongue uprooted and right hand cut off so Maximos could no longer preach or write against it. He died in exile.
- *St. Timothy the Apostle (Jan. 22, 1st Century)* – an early and faithful disciple of St. Paul who later became the first bishop of Ephesus and died as a martyr in the year 97. Paul's two Epistles to Timothy are addressed to him.
- *St. Ephraim the Syrian – (Jan 28, 4th century)* – the first person to make they poetic expression of hymns into a way to express Orthodox theological teachings, known to many as the first and greatest hymnographer of the Church.
- *The Three Holy Hierarchs – Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom (Jan. 30, 4th and 5th centuries)* – the “Great Hierarchs and Ecumenical Teachers” who explained the Holy Trinity, defended the faith in the face of heresies, lived according to the monastic example and preached the Gospel eloquently. (*St. Gregory is also commemorated on Jan. 25.*)
- *Sts. Cyrus and John, the Unmercenary Healers (Jan. 31, 3rd Century)* – men of prayer who healed illnesses in Christ's name freely and without charge, and who were martyred for their faith.

All of these saints, in different ways, showed the Light of Christ in the way they lived, and at the center of their lives was a deep love of God expressed in worship, prayer, fasting and care for those in need.

We, too, have this calling – to live by faith in the Lord in all things, every day of the week. The details will be different for each of us, but the foundation is the same for all – walking in the way of Christ. May God bless us all to stay on this path for the year ahead and for the rest of our lives.



**St. Nicholas Servants**

**2025 PARISH COUNCIL**

- Helen Carey
- Adonis Chakides
- Niko Georges
- Zac Holt
- Marilynn Jemas
- Carol Kamburis
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**PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE**

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- Peter Takes, Chairperson 314-503-0358
- Amanuel Habtu
- Deb Palazzola
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- Fr. Doug Papulis
- Fr. Michael Arbanas
- Mary Ann Mastorakos, Chairperson
- George Ellis, DDS
- Teddy Hart
- Rosie Hartley
- Marilynn Jemas
- Christina Stamelos

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# HOLIDAY SEASON SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**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**



## 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](mailto: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**



*YES is coming to your community!*

- Be guided through an educational and formational service-learning experience
- Learn about the current struggles of your community
- Connect with organizations doing great work in your city
- Come together with other young people eager to serve

**WHEN?**

Saturday, January 18th from 9:30am - 4:30pm

**WHERE?**

St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian Church  
4967 Forest Park Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63108

**WHO?**

Ages 13-18 years old

**COST?**

A donation of \$45 per person will support the food, supplies, and outreach efforts for the YES Trip.

**HOW DO I REGISTER?**



**ANY QUESTIONS?**

Please contact  
**Wadeed Fakhoury,**  
Director of YES:  
wfakhoury@focusna.org



# Feast of St. Nicholas





# St. Nicholas Day Luncheon





## ***Philoptochos Corner January 2025***

### ***Happy New Year!***

As we step into the new year, the Ladies of St. Nicholas Philoptochos remain steadfast in continuing our mission and ministries to serve those in need. Heartfelt thanks to the Philoptochos Board, Executive Board, and entire Membership for their continued support, hard work, and countless hours spent serving on committees, in order to meet our Philoptochos commitments – locally and nationally. Thank you for being generous with your time and talents! A special thank you to Father Doug Papulis and Father Michael Arbanas for their continued spiritual support, love, and guidance.

**“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” -Helen Keller**

**Grecian Kitchen Harvest Luncheon/Bake Sale – November 24** – Thank you to Georgia Ferretti and her committee for another successful and festive GK Harvest Luncheon/Bake Sale. Thanks to the ladies who donated homemade pastries for our bake sale. The success of these events makes it possible for us to continue our work in helping the needy, and our beloved St. Nicholas!

**St. Nicholas Vespers Reception and St. Nicholas Day Brunch – December 5 & 6** – Many thanks to Maria Kamburis and Georgia Ferretti for chairing the lovely Vespers Reception and St. Nicholas Day Brunch Reception at the FLC. It was a beautiful way to continue our St. Nicholas Celebrations. A huge thanks to the Philoptochos for providing the beautiful poinsettia centerpieces and delicious dessert at the St. Nicholas Day Luncheon on December 8. May God bless us and grant us many more years of service in His glorious name.

**Annual Vasilopita Celebration – Sunday, January 12** - Philoptochos will host its Annual Vasilopita Celebration with proceeds to support St. Basil's Academy. For more than half a century, St. Basil's Academy has provided a “home away from home” for Orthodox young people who come from broken homes, or are victims of poverty, abuse or abandonment.

**2025 Membership Drive** - As we begin the New Year, 2025, with hope, faith, and renewed enthusiasm toward the Philoptochos mission to minister to the underprivileged, we want to invite women of all ages to join the St. Nicholas Philoptochos Society. Being a member of Philoptochos means being a part of something greater than yourself, it means making the world a better place. It is our tradition of philanthropy, our living and practicing Orthodox faith, which enables and encourages us to serve with compassion, dignity and respect. It is now the time to Invite you to offer your talents to our mission. It is now the time to Embrace your ideas of compassion for our fellow man. It is now the time to Involve yourself by offering your talents and ideas for the betterment of our community. Come join us! When making your 2025 pledge, please consider the following: \$21.00 of each pledge is used to fulfill yearly commitments to the National & Metropolis Philoptochos. The balance of your pledge supports our local chapter of St. Nicholas Philoptochos. Please mail checks payable to: St. Nicholas Philoptochos to 4967 Forest Park Ave, St. Louis, MO 63108. Stewardship is due no later than March 1, 2025.

### ***Calendar of Events:***

***1/09 – Board Meeting***

***1/12 – Vasilopita Sunday***

***1/18 – General Membership Brunch Meeting***

***2/02 – Godparent/Godchild Sunday  
and GK Pre-Lenten Luncheon/Bake***



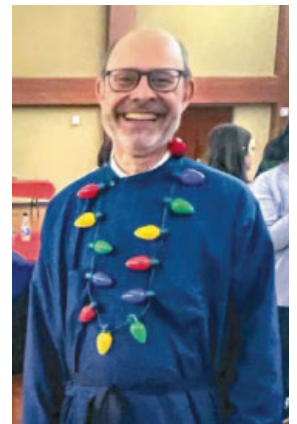


# Philoptochos Christmas Party





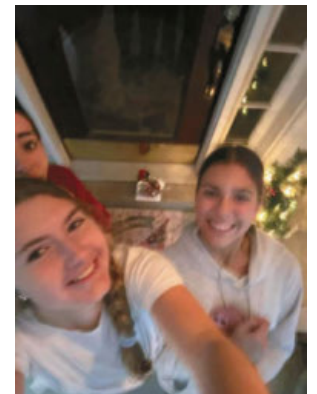
# Family Fun Night







# GOYA Bakes and Delivers Bread







# Young Adult League GREATER SAINT LOUIS

## 18-35 YEARS OLD? **JOIN TODAY!**

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



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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, January 21  
at the Family Life Center*

## Cherubs and Parents Play Date

Calling all St. Nicholas parents and littles (under the age of Kindergarten) for a time to play and spiritual growth! Please join us for two upcoming play dates:

**When:** Saturday, January 11 and Saturday, February 1 at 9:30 am

**Where:**

St. Nicholas Family Life Center  
12550 South 40 Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63141



**To RSVP or if you have questions,  
please contact:**

Gracie Livaditis at 314.616.9557  
or Dino Livaditis at 314.223.6435



# Stewardship

*Pledges through December 6, 2024*

***Please remember to fill out your pledge form for 2025.***

## Leadership 2024

- \*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
- \*Tarlas, George and Kimberly

\*Fullfilled 10 year Leadership committment

## Leadership 2025

- \*Efthim, Andrew
- \*Galakatos, Andrew
- Harris, Barbara
- Stavrides, Pete D. & Teresa

## Leadership St. Nicholas

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



## Super Stewards 2024

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

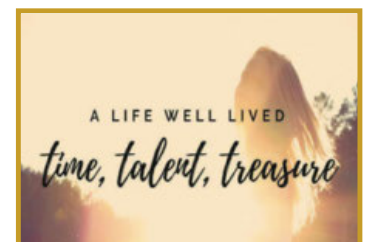
\*Fullfilled 10 year Leadership committment

## Super Stewards 2025

- Bude, George
- Ferretti, Michael and Georgia
- Ferretti, Peter and Tonya
- Ginos, Thomas & Christina
- \*Hart, James and Theodora
- Jemas, Noel and Marilyn
- Koch, John and Mary Anne
- Leara, Paul and Helen
- Martin, Jason and Claire
- Mastorakos, Mary
- Mastorakos, William and Christa
- McPherron, Colin and Stephanie
- Panopoulos, Dimitrios and Cathy
- Papulis, Fr. Doug & Pres. Christina

## St. Nicholas Super Steward

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





# 2024 Stewards

*Pledges Through December 6, 2024*

Al-Bussairi, Stephanie	Charles, Harry	Foster, Anthony and Effie	Jemas, Noel and Marilyn
Alexander, Stacey	Chiapel, John	Fotinos, Helen	Jemas, Zachary
Anagnos, Tom & Beth	Chirco, Sergio and Dimitra	Fotinos, William	Johnson, Pantelis and Georgia
Anastas, Christina	Chrissos, George and Anna	Fournier, Michael and Pamela	Johnson, Duane and Katherine
Anastas, Mary Ellen	Christ, Hrisostomos	Francis, William and Voula	Jurgiel, Robert and Stacy
Anastas, Nicholas & Jamie	Christy, John and Mary	Fridrich, Vaso	Kacso, Claudiu and Simona
Anastas, Stephanie	Chronopoulos, Sophia	Fryrear, Jim and Stacie	Kaftantzis, Dimitrios and Roussa
Anastasios, Louis and Catherine	Clemens, Daniel and Vicki	Gaddis, James and Angelina	Kalamitsiotis, Deric and Kalie
Anderson, Mitry	Clones, John	Gaddis, Nicholas and Heather	Kallaos, Tom and Mersine
Angelides, Mary	Cluck, Sophia	Galakatos, Christopher and Kimberly	Kallaos, William and Connie
Angelides, Michael and Sheridan	Corona, Stephany	Galakatos, Theresa	Kamburis, Carol
Angelos, Vasso	Coulson, William and Elaine	Galakatos, Krys	Kamburis, Michael and Maria
Angelos, George	Crocker, Timothy and Joanna	Gallagher, Sean and Stephanie	Kamburis, Sandra
Angelos, Steve	Cutsoukos, Maria	Georges, Niko and Alexia	Kantis, Maria
Antonakos, Jonathon and Allison	Dafnides, Thomas	Georges, Anthony and Sonja	Kapodistrias, Gus and Dianne
Antonakos, James	Daly, Logan	Georges, Helen	Kappas, Nicholas & Michele
Antoniou, Thomas and Ann	Danko, Lisa	Germanos, John E.	Karagiannis, Helen
Antonopoulos, Konstantinos & Georgia	Davis, John and Mimi	Germanos, Nicholas and Vanessa	Karakas, Achilles and Dorothea
Antonopoulos, Michael	Dedes, Fr. Seraphim	Germanos, Elias	Karakasis, Vickie
Appel, Michael & Patricia	DelaRoche, Lydia and William	Ginos, Nicholas and Kathy	Karides, William and Pam
Athanasiadis, Christos and Penelope	Demmas, Helen	Ginos, Thomas & Christina	Karides, Anastasia
Ballard, Donald & Maria	Demos, Gus	Ginos, Naso	Karras, Frieda
Barton, Richard and Alexandra	Demos, James and Theresa	Gitchos, Stella	Kastaris, Harriet
Been, Rodney and Elaine	Demos, Theodore and Helen	Gitchos, Louis	Katsaras, Nicholas
Bendas, Nick and Dianne	Dendrinelis, Alex and Janice	Glastris, George	Katsiyannis, Michelle
Benos, Constantine and Judy	Dendrinelis, Lexie	Glikos, George and JoAnn	Katsoulis, Sue
Betta, Nickolas and Danene	Denos, Ellis & Karla	Glioumas, George and Stephanie	Kavadas, Jimmy and Brenda
Birkby, David and Dianna	Denos, Jonas	Glynias, Stefan and Elizabeth	Kavanaugh, Elaine
Bogdanos, Renee	Devers, Brennan and Alexandra	Glynias, Alexandra	Kazanas, Maria
Bohr, Zack & Demitria	Dillas, James and Stephanie	Golfin, Byron and Carolyn	Kazanas III, Dan
Bollis, Alexander and Kathleen	Dimza, Elaine	Gordon, LaDonna	Ketchmark, Steve and Stavra
Botonis, Dina	Dimza, Ted	Grant, Christopher and Georgiana	King, Ordie
Botonis, Nick and Jamie	Dimza, Eugenia	Guenther, Alexandra and Andrew	King, Michael & Katie
Botonis, Diane	Doran, Michael	Habtu, Yemane and Abrahazion	Kirby, John and Katina
Botonis, George	Dougherty, David and Stephanie	Habtu, Solomuna	Kirkou, Eugenia
Botonis, Olivia	Duffy, John and Elizabeth	Habtu, Danni	Klevorn, Lawrence and Angela
Boudoures, Kerry	Eble, Grant and Tina	Haldeman, Weston and Jessica	Konczak, Leopold and Cynthia
Bouyoukos, Timothy	Eck, Dimitri	Halley, Demetra	Kondis, Nick and Jamie
Bouyoukos, Nick	Eckert, Ronald and Georgia	Hartley, Jonathan	Kontras, Demitra
Bowen, John and Allison	Efthim, Elizabeth	Hartman, Jeffrey and Polly	Koskolos, Nick and Helen
Boyer, Logan and Kristen	Efthim, Richard and Dena	Hartman, Paige	Kotis, Jimmy & Anastasia
Brown, Jim and Anna	Efthim, Christopher and Sabrina	Hedgecock, Dianne	Koutsogiannis, Atha
Buckalew, Philip and Irene	Efthim, Stephanie	Hedgecock, Michael	Lambos, Basile and Aristeia
Bueter, Ben and Alexis	Efthim, Steven	Heine, Betty	Lampros, Susan
Burch, Robert and Cindy	Enge, Laura and Jeffrey	Herbig, Nicole and Michael	Lananna, Brian and Valerie
Camene, Timothy and Christine	English, Jim and Jennifer	Hinely, Andrew and Sophia	LaPasso, Leonard and Alexandra
Carey, Dennis and Helen	Ettel, Linda	Hinni, Aaron and Kathy	Lappas, George
Carey, Nicholas and Amy	Fakonas, Anastassios & Christna	Hoffman, John and Candice	Leara, Christopher
Cassimatis, Nicholas and Susan	Fakonas, Athanasios & Katherine	Holt, Zachary and Demetra	Lee, Andre and Brigitte
Cassimatis, Carol	Fandos, Alice	Houseman, John and Stephanie	Lekich, David and Patricia
Catalano, James and Sarah	Ferretti, George and Jeanette	Hunnius, Janet	Leontsinis, Patricia
Catalano, John	Finer, Lyndia and Barry	Jackson, William	Lewis, Gary and Constance
Catsavis, Gus	Fleshman, Ronald and Dorothy	James, John and Frances	Liringis, Elizabeth
Chakides, Adonis	Forsting, Katherine	James, Steven and Margaret	Livaditis, Terry and Kathy
			Livaditis, Constantinos and Grace



# 2024 Stewards

*Pledges Through December 6, 2024*

Lockwood, Dale and Andrea	Otto, James and Maria	Russon, John and Gina	Tekle, Ocbai
Lynch, Robert and Janice	Palazzola, Joseph and Deborah	Salas, Olga	Tetradis, Mike and Kathleen
Macheras, Clara	Panopoulos, Dina	Sanazaro, Nick and Maggie	Tharenos, Nick and Becky
Maddux, Michael and Susan	Panopoulos, Dimitrios and Cathy	Sarantakis, Chris and Tina	Thavorides, Elizabeth
Mager, David and Marika	Panopoulos, Louis and Jo Ann	Scarpino, Nicholas & Tania	Thavorides, Anne
Malakelis, Theodora	Panopoulos, Kosta and Chrysoula	Schaaf, John and Stephanie	Thavorides, Nick
Maleas, Trigona	Panopoulos, Elias and Catherine	Schabelski, Kathleen and Benjamin	Thavorides, Tom and Vicki
Mann, Austin and Maria	Papadopoulos, Pete and Estelle	Schildroth, Irene	Theodore, George
Manolis, Hristos and Janice	Papageorge, Janet	Schriedel, Jesse and Kristina	Theodorou, George and Debra
Manolis, Christina	Papagianis, Beverly	Sears, Katherine	Theodorou, Argyrios & Evangelia
Massad, Leslie and Sylvia	Paparigopoulos, Basilios and Elizabeth	Sevastianos, Noel and Evangelia	Theodorou, Nicky
Massad - Mikula, Maria and Jeremy	Papay, Andrew	Shamia, Constantin	Thompson, Kyle and Cecily
Mastis, Chris and Terri	Pappas, Basil and Kathy	Shasserre, Richard and Katia	Thornberry, Adam
Mastis, Frank and Vicki	Pappas, Michael and Jenny	Sheridan, Robert and Georgine	Tompras, Anthony
Mastis, Rachel	Pappas, Stephen and Carol	Shikles, Zachary and Nicole	Tripolitis, Elaine
Mastis, Vincent	Pappas, Tim and Ifigenia	Shisko, William and Fotina	Tripolitis, Anna
Mastorakos, Mary Ann	Pappas, William	Shisko, Louis	Tsichlis, Penny
Mastorakos, William and Christa	Pappas, Thomas	Silvestri, John and Anne	Tsichlis, Michael and Vasilika
Mattern, Derick	Pappas, George	Skubic, Gerald and Diana	Tsilimantos, Nike
Mavromatis, Peter and Kathryn	Papulis, Peter and Mary	Smith, Kurt and Loukia	Tsimpris, Catherine
McCullison, Joseph and Anastasia	Paradowski, Christopher & Christine	Smith, William and Caitlin	Tsiopos, Kalliope
Memos, James	Pashos, Leo	Smith, Cassandra and Ryan	Tsoukas, Sophia
Menos, Kevin	Patakas, George	Smith, Adam and Joanna	Tsoulis, Nick and Stella
Meyer, David and Carol	Patakas, Gus	Smyrniotis, Byron and Stacy	Tuttle, William and Athena
Meyer, Clayton and Sarah	Patterson, Sam	Smyrniotis, Nicholas	Vahey, Joanna
Mezines, Chris and Mary	Patterson, Katina	Sorbello, James Jr. and Carmen	Vainalis, Constantine & Alexandra
Mezines, George and Andrea	Peppes, William	Sorbello, Catherine	Vellios, Sophia
Mezines, Sam and Maureen	Perkins, Nicholas	Sorocko, Tina	Vidakis, Mary
Mezines, Vanessa	Perkins, Frieda	Sorocko, Tony	Vlahiotis, Antonios
Millonas, William and Claudia	Perkins, Stan	Souris, John and Hariklia	Volas, Mary
Milonas and Ramsey, John and Robert	Peterson, Anastasia	Souris, Kosmas and Despina	Walker, Jessica
Mitchell, Roger and Deborah	Pierroutsakos, Margaret	Spanos, Leon and Johanna	Walters, Lexie
Modde, Ben and Michelle	Pliakos, Georgia	Spanos, Christina	Wessel, Craig and Kathryn
Molleston, Jerome	Pliakos, George	Spivey, John and Maria	Westfall, Mark and Sophia
Moore, James & Connie	Politis, Demetrios and Julann	Stade, Fr. Christopher and Mary	Whaley, Daphne
Mott, Chad & Stefanie	Politis, Vlasios	Stamelos, Christina	Wilson, Duane
Muckler, Robert and Mary	Politis, Louis and Theone	Stamelos, Maria	Winter, Don and Susan
Muckler, Robert and Lauren	Politis, Alex & Mary Ann	Stavrianos, Christos	Wolfmeyer, William and Yolanda
Mullen, Vincent and Stacie	Politis, Peter and Megan	Stavro, Mark and Jackie	Xenakis, Paul
Murphy, Benjamin and Betsy	Porter, Clark	Stevens, Mitchell & Madeleine	Yannakakis, Andrew and Karen
Nakis, Emmanuel and Gina	Potsou, Anastasia	Stevens, Mitchell & Madeleine	Yiatras, Harry and Tiffany
Natsis, Stavroula	Powell, Jeffrey & Kristie	Stevens, George & Lauren	Zaman, Anthony and Karen
Nichoalds, Joe and Helen	Psaris, Dianna	Storgion, Steven and Michelle	Zervos, Nick & Stephanie
Nicozisin, Vasiliki	Psaris, Nicholas	Stricker, Jerry and Sophia	Zhang, Kailun
Nicozisin, William and Linda	Ray, Daniel and Leah	Strong, James and Anne	Zias, Dina
Nicozisin, Demetra	Reichert, Valerie	Takes, Peter and Alexandra	Zotos, George & Dianne
Nicozisin, Katerina	Restrepo, Carlos and Olympia	Takes, Michael	Zotos, Diane
Nipper, Matt and Cathy	Riethmann, Elizabeth	Tanurchis, Maria	Zotos, Ann
Ogbe, Mewail and Saba	Rigas, Jim and Donna	Tanurchis, John	Zotos, Bess
O'Hara, Thomas and Mary	Roeber, Maria	Taratsas, Leonora	Zotos, Magdalene
Opari, Jeni	Roemer, Scot and Christiane	Tarlas, Dan and Andrea	Zotos, Katherine
Orf, Roland and Cynthia	Rogers, Ronald and Katherine	Teferi, Mulugheta and Zegge	
Otso, Carl and Nancy	Rogers, Alexander	Teferi, Elsa	
Ott, Stephen and Diana	Rowe, Daniel and Lauren	Teferi, Emmanuel	

# 2025 Stewards

**Pledges Through December 6, 2024**

Alexander, Stacey  
 Anastas, Christina  
 Antonopoulos, Konstantinos and Georgia  
 Brown, Jim and Anna  
 Buckalew, Philip and Irene  
 Camene, Timothy and Christine  
 Chrissos, George and Anna  
 Chronis, George and Jessica  
 Corona, Stephany  
 Demos, James and Theresa  
 Ettel, Linda  
 Fakonas, Anastassios and Christina  
 Fandos, Alice  
 Galakatos, Krys  
 Georges, Niko and Alexia  
 Germanos, John E.  
 Germanos, Elias

Ghirmazion, Yohana  
 Ginos, Naso  
 Heine, Betty  
 Hunnius, Janet  
 Johnson, Duane and Katherine  
 Kallaos, Tom and Mersine  
 Kappas, Nicholas & Michele  
 Kastaris, Euripides  
 Katsaras, Nicholas  
 King, Ordie  
 Konczak, Leopold and Cynthia  
 Lappas, George  
 Lappas, George  
 Livaditis, Terry and Kathy  
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 Nakis, Emmanuel and Gina  
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 Souris, John and Hariklia  
 Souris, Kosmas and Despina  
 Spanos, Leon and Johanna  
 Spanos, Christina  
 Storgion, Steven and Michelle  
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 Tharenos, Nick and Becky  
 Thavorides, Tom and Vicki  
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Some thoughts as we begin the new year....

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**2025 St. Nicholas Stewardship Pledge Form**  
on the next page and mail to

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or

Visit your St. Nicholas Website at  
>[sngoc.org](http://sngoc.org) >GIVING > 2025 Pledge Form

**The continued mission and purpose of our church depends on you.**





# 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 #	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

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.

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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](http://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 #

Credit / Debit Card

- Visa
- Master Card
- Discover
- American Express

Name on card

Card #

Exp date      CVV

Signature\*

**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.

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 \$660,028.83. 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.

*We also recommend that you consult your Financial/Tax Advisors for additional information.*



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## CHURCH FUND

### *In Memory of Mrs. Varvaras*

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### *In Memory of*

#### *Presvytera Sylvia Nicozisin*

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The Tsiaklides Family

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Aiden, Henry & Oliver Amptman

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## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### *In Memory of*

#### *Elizabeth 'Libby' Efthim*

Paul & Tina Efthim

## DANCE TROUPE

### *In Memory of Vasisliki Stratos*

Panagiota Christakis

## BUILDING RESTORATION - RENOVATIONS FUND

### *In Memory of Despina Pashos*

Helen Georges

William & Elaine Coulson

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### *In Memory of Leonora Taratsas*

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### *In Memory of Vasiliki Stratos*

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### *In Memory of Despina Pashos*

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## PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

### *In Memory of Christine Lemakis*

Joe & Dominica Redman

Tom & Kendra Kersting

## FUNERAL

Christine Lemakis fell asleep in the Lord on November 21. Her funeral was December 2.

† May her memory be eternal.

## MEMORIALS

- † 40 day memorial for Vasiliki Stratos
- † 2 year memorial for Panagiota Chronopoulos
- † 6 year memorial for Fleeda Memos
- † 7 year memorial for Evangelia Halastanis
- † 9 year memorial for Costa Tassos
- † 12 year memorial for Christos Chronopoulos
- † 30 year memorial for Pantelis Halastanis

- December 1
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# January 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i> 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Family Life Center Chapel <i>Complimentary Champagne Reception to follow</i>	<b>2</b> 10 am Kafenio Family Life Center	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:30 am <i>Adult Choir Practice at FLC</i>
<b>5</b> <i>Forefeast of Epiphany</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Waters at Church Fellowship Coffee Hour Sunday School <b>GOYA</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Epiphany Day</i> 9:30 am Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Waters Family Life Center Chapel	<b>7</b> <i>St. John the Baptist</i> 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Family Life Center Chapel	<b>8</b> 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30 am Cherubs at FLC 10:00 am <i>Scrapbooking/ &amp; Project Day</i> At FLC 10:30 am <i>Adult Choir Practice</i> at FLC
<b>12</b> <i>Sunday after Theophany</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Fellowship Coffee Hour Vasilopita Sunday Sunday School 1:00 pm St. John Chrysostom ICON Class Assumption GOC	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7 pm via Zoom Young Adult League	<b>15</b> 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30 YES St. Louis St. Nicholas Church 10:00 am <i>Philotochos</i> <i>General Membership Brunch</i> 10:30 am <i>Adult Choir Practice</i> at FLC
<b>19</b> <i>Twelfth Sunday of Luke</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Fellowship Coffee Hour	<b>20</b> 9:30 am <i>Jr. GOYA Tubing</i> <i>Hidden Valley</i>	<b>21</b> 10:00 am <i>Women's Faith Group</i> <i>Family Life Center</i>	<b>22</b> 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:30 am <i>Adult Choir Practice</i> at FLC
<b>26</b> <i>Fifteenth Sunday of Luke</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Fellowship Coffee Hour 1:00 pm St. John Chrysostom ICON Class Assumption GOC	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom	<b>30</b> <i>Three Hierarchs</i> 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Family Life Center	<b>31</b>	

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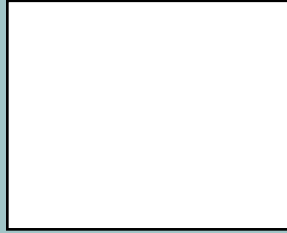
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