For a period of time, longer for some of us than others, Mel Gibson’s film *The Passion* will prompt particular emotions each time we reflect upon The Holy Cross of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Dominant, however, among our thoughts and feelings prevails the joy of infallible love. Continuing briefly a reference to The Passion, it is abundantly clear in the countenance of the ever-faithful mother of Jesus, so aptly portrayed in the movie, that compassionate love emanated from her to her Son as He carried the Cross and endured the striking. Our Lord’s love for His mother, for all of mankind including His persecutors flowed from His entire being.

In our own lives, the Cross of our Savior evokes profound feelings of love. Do we not see innocent love in the eyes of young children when they enter a House of Worship or when they sit at the table to dine, as they reverently make the sign of the Cross — sometimes even with the wrong hand. These pure pilgrim children have understood the teachings of their parents and grandparents that the making of the sign of the Cross is something very special, something holy, and something that evokes love. Without ignoring the faithfulness of young adults and middle-aged people, I call our attention to the senior citizens who reverently approach icons in our churches and in their homes piously making the sign of the Cross. I call our attention to their participation in our Orthodox services which bring forward the Holy Cross in litany and in exaltation. They indeed imbue the warmth of love in the hearts of all of us with the quietness and strength of their faith. One of the hymns of the Great Vespers of the Feast of the Exaltation of the precious and life giving Cross reads as follows:

"O precious Cross of the Lord, Moses prefigured when he stretched out his arms to heaven and thus defeated the haughty Amalek. You are the pride of the faithful, the strength of those who struggle. You are the beauty of the apostles, the courage of the just and salvation of all the saints. Wherefore, at the sight of your elevation, the whole creation rejoices and exults and glorifies Christ whose goodness tied all things into one."

This hymn, without using the particular word, speaks of the victory of The Cross, and our faithful pilgrims of all ages share in the joy of this victory. They share in the love, also, which results from this victory.

by Father Nicholas C. Triantafilou
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St. Nicholas Book Group

The St. Nicholas Book Group will meet Monday, October 1st at 7:00pm to discuss The Art of Fielding by Chad Haarbach. This novel, which follows the personal growth of a college baseball prodigy, was greeted by strong reviews. We will meet at 7:00pm at the Family Life Center.

PLEASE JOIN US!!! EVERYONE is Welcome

Christian One-Liners

- The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.
- We don’t change the message, the message changes us.
- You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him/her.
- The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

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Announcements

Stewardship

Stewardship is caring for the needs of others. Stewardship is offering one’s self to God as He offered Himself to us. Stewardship is what a person does after saying “I believe…” as proof of that belief.

- Williams and McKibben in Oriented Leadership
**Making the Sign of the Cross**

Orthodox Christians often wear crosses on their bodies (e.g., on a chain or thong around the neck, or on a special pin), and trace the sign of the Cross on themselves during prayer, as a visible expression of their faith.

To make the sign of the Cross, use your right hand: Hold together the tips of your thumb, index finger, and middle finger, while bending your ring and pinky fingers against the palm of your hand. The first three fingers together express our faith in the Holy Trinity: God (divine) and perfect Man (human).

When the Pharisees and the Saducees were testing Jesus Christ, to find out for themselves if He was the Son of God, a lawyer asked Him which is the greatest of the commandments. He answered, “Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is one, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” We remember this when we make the sign of the Cross!

With your hand in the special position, **touch your forehead** (for the mind), **then your stomach** (for body and soul*), **then your right and left shoulders** (for strength). Make your movements slow and deliberate, rather than quick and sloppy. Make sure to trace an upright Cross, rather than one that is distorted or upside down.

You can practice making the sign of the Cross together in front of a large mirror.

*Before the advent of modern medicine, philosophers and men of learning believed that the soul was centered in the abdomen, because it rumbled and churned when they were nervous or afraid. The Russian Psalter even uses the word for “womb” in its directions, according to Fr. Seraphim Slobodskoy, so there is no mistake! † NTK

Compiled from *The Law of God* (pp. xiii, 23-24) and various postings to the OCA clergy listserv on the development of the sign of the Cross.
Establish your
Legacy at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
with a
Gift in Memory of Loved Ones

John R. Koch, Chair, Planned Giving,
with collaboration from
Sakis Salas & Voula Francis

PHILANTHROPY – Gifting (often in memory of loved ones) – may allow you to earn income tax deductions and to transfer money out of your estate to avoid additional estate taxes while leaving a legacy gift to our beloved St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

It could be as simple as providing a bequest of cash in your will or living trust. Charitable gifts distributed at the time of your death provide estate tax deductions. Unlike income tax, however, these deductions are unlimited, which means that you can donate even more, tax-free.

Ways to Give:
• Bequests in your will or living trust
• Donation of Appreciated Securities
• Life Insurance Donations (St. Nicholas named as beneficiary)
• Charitable Trusts
• Retirement Assets (St. Nicholas named as beneficiary)

PHILANTHROPY - Η δωρεά (συχνά στη μνήμη των αγαπημένων) μπορεί να σας επιτρέψει να κερδίσετε κρατήσεις φόρου εισοδήματος και να μεταφέρετε χρήματα από την περιουσία σας για να αποφύγετε τους πρόσθετους φόρους ακίνητης περιουσίας αφήνοντας ταυτόχρονα ένα παλιό δώρο στην αγαπημένη μας Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία του Αγίου Νικόλαου. Θα μπορούσατε να είναι τόσο απλό όσο η παροχή ενός κληροδοτήματος μετρητών στη θέλησή σας ή στην εμπιστοσύνη που ζουν. Φιλανθρωπικά δώρα που διανέμονται κατά το χρόνο του θανάτου σας παρέχουν εκπτώσεις φόρου ακίνητης περιουσίας. Αντίθετα από τον φόρο εισοδήματος, ωστόσο, αυτές οι εκπτώσεις είναι απεριόριστες, πράγμα που σημαίνει ότι μπορείτε να δώσετε ακόμη περισσότερα, αφορολόγητα.

Τρόποι για να δώσετε:
• Κληροδοτήματα στη θέλησή σας ή στην εμπιστοσύνη που ζουν
• Δωρεά Αξιολογημένων Τίτλων
• Δωρεές Ασφάλισης Ζωής (ονομαζόμενος δικαιούχος του Αγίου Νικόλαου)
• Φιλανθρωπικές Καταπιστεύσεις
• Τα περιουσιακά στοιχεία συνταξιοδότησης (ο Άγιος Νικόλαος ονομάστηκε δικαιούχος)

Using the Sign of the Cross Every Day

The sign of the Cross is a great way to sanctify or bring to God every part of your busy day - whether good or bad! Here are just a few times during the day when you might want to make the sign of the Cross:

† Before you get out of bed, to thank God for protecting you through the night.

† Before you prepare a meal for your family, to thank God for His bounty. (My grandmother Mary said a prayer and traced the sign of the Cross with the tip of her spoon whenever she opened a new sack of flour or sugar, opened a jar of jam or peanut butter, etc.).

† Before and after meals, to thank God for the bounty He provides.

† As you leave your home, to ask God to protect you on your journey and watch over your house or apartment while you are gone.

† When you pass an Orthodox church building or monastery, to ask God to preserve it and guide its leaders

† As you bandage a “boo-boo” or take any kind of medicine, to ask that God will heal you both in body and spirit.
Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos (Myrtidiotissa)

“The Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos “Of the Myrtle Tree” (Myrtidiotissa) is in the monastery church of Myrtides on the Greek island of Kythera. It derives its name from the fact that it was found in a myrtle bush in the fourteenth century.

At that time, a shepherd was tending his sheep with myrtle bushes. On September 24, forty days after the Dormition, the Mother of God appeared to him and told him to seek her icon which had been brought to that place many years before.

The shepherd fell to the ground in amazement, praying to the icon. He stood up and walked out of the church. Soon he was able to run and catch up with his relatives, weeping for joy, he brought the icon home and told his friends and relatives about how he had found it.

The next morning, the shepherd found the icon missing, and thought that perhaps someone had stolen it during the night. With a heavy heart, he led his sheep back to the spot where he had found the icon. To his amazement, he saw the icon once again in the branches of the myrtle bush.

Glorifying God, the man took the icon home with him once more. The next morning, it had disappeared just as it had before. When this happened a third time, the shepherd realized that the Mother of God wanted her icon to remain where it had first appeared. A small church was built to house the icon, and was called “Of the Myrtle Tree,” after the icon. The building was replaced and enlarged over the years, and many miracles took place there.

At the end of the sixteenth century Theodore Kouprianos, a descendant of the shepherd who found the icon, lived in the village of Kousoumari. He was a paralytic, and had an unshakeable faith that the Mother of God would heal him. Each year on September 24 he sent a family member to the church to light candles for him. One year he asked to be carried there by his family so that he might venerate the icon himself. During the Vigil, a great noise was heard coming from the direction of the sea. People fled the church, thinking that pirates were attacking. The paralytic remained in the church by himself, entreating the Mother of God for protection. Suddenly, he heard a voice from the icon telling him to get up and flee. He stood up, and then walked out of the church. Soon he was able to run and catch up with his relatives, who rejoiced upon seeing this miracle. As it turned out, there was no pirate attack, and the noise was regarded as a sign of God’s providence so that the paralytic could remain alone in church with the icon. Since that time the Kouprianos family has celebrated the icon’s Feast Day with a special reverence, since Theodore had been healed on that day.

**PARISH LIFE**

**BAPTISM**

“All you who have been baptized in Christ”

**THEODORE MONROE**

Son of Matthew & Catherine Nipper

Godparent: Louis Gitchos

**BENJAMIN JAMES**

Son of Steven & Deborah Foley

Godparent: Dede Catsavis

**WEDDING**

“Crown them with Honor and Glory”

Cathy Jo Bonney & Scott Davenport

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**FUNERALS**

“Where the Righteous Rest”

June 6th Panaagiotis Panopoulos

July 3rd John P. Carnasiotis

August 3rd Nickoletta “Nicky” Antoniou

**MEMORIALS**

Sept 10th 40 Day Nickoletta “Nicky” Antoniou

Sept 17th 1 Year Mary Ann Catsavis

5 Year Leo Catsavis

Sept 24th 1 Year Thomai Karakasis
In Loving Memory

Of

Nicoletta “Nicky” Antoniou

In the Broadway musical Wicked, there is a beautiful song titled “For Good” that expresses the feelings of thanks and gratitude for the efforts of one given to another. The song says, “I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason; bringing something we must learn. And we are led to those who help us most to grow; if we let them.” When I reflect upon the meaning of those words, I am thankful to have met Nicky Antoniou, who became my mentor and friend.

The first time I spoke to Nicky was in December of 1989, when she called to congratulate me for being elected to the Parish Council. I had no way of knowing that her call would mark the beginning of a relationship that would guide St. Nicholas through the next 3 decades of its history.

Sadly, in September of 2015, Nicky Antoniou was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She died 23 months later on July 29, 2017. During that period I realized Nicky Antoniou had changed my life forever. With her guidance, I learned the meaning of service to a higher power. And because of her, I was able to experience the many rewards of serving God, the Church and the St. Nicholas Community.

At her funeral, Nicky’s family members, friends, and fellow parishioners gathered to remember the qualities that made her such a dynamic and indispensable person in their lives. They recalled her warm smile and infectious personality; but, more importantly, they remembered her as person with a strong moral character, an upbeat attitude and an optimistic outlook on life. Father Doug and Metropolitan Tarasios, of Buenos Aires, each eulogized her in personal terms. They recalled their deep personal relationships with Nicky and they emphasized how she used her entrepreneurial spirit, strong work ethic, and her desire to succeed to assist them in growing their ministries.

Having served with Nicky for more than 20 years on the Parish Council, I can confirm that she had each and every one of those qualities. But, in my view her greatest quality was her ability to attract and unite people around a common cause. Throughout our relationship, whenever those instances would arise, I marveled at her ability to define the mission, gather the troops, build a consensus, assign duties and then supervise the project to a successful conclusion.

Space limitations prevent me from adequately describing all of the activities and organizations Nicky participated in and served; other than to say as a servant of the church she was “all in”. When I look at the total body of her work, during the time period I knew her, I think it’s safe to say that no parishioner has ever done more. There are, however, two outstanding achievements that deserve special recognition, because without Nicky Antoniou they would have never occurred.

The first achievement took place in 1996 when Nicky Antoniou was selected to head a search committee to find a new priest to replace the retiring Father George Nicozisen. Because the church was working to acquire land and expand its facilities, the new priest needed to be young, personable and energetic. To her credit, Nicky not only found Father Doug Papulis, who at that time was recognized as the best young priest in the Diocese, but she also persuaded him to accept the position and then convinced Metropolitan Iavakos to approve his appointment to St. Nicholas. Having been intimately involved with the process, at that time, I can tell you that no one, other than Nicky, would have succeeded and achieved that result.

The assignment of Father Doug to St. Nicholas, paved the way for Nicky’s second major achievement, which was to lead the parish through the process of acquiring land and building the Family Life Center. Without Nicky’s leadership during the planning, financing and construction stages of the development, and her ability to unite various groups in the community, the Family Life Center would not exist today.

The question many parishioners asked following Nicky’s death was where do we go from here? More importantly, they wondered if it was possible to replace a person who had done so much for St. Nicholas. The answer to these questions came more quickly than anyone expected, when it was revealed that in the last months of her life, Nicky found and trained replacements for all of her activities.

Looking back on my 28 year relationship with Nicky Antoniou, I’m convinced she came into my life to help me grow as a person and serve a cause greater than myself. As I reflect on her life, and her accomplishments I see Nicky as the ultimate servant. She served her family, her parish, and her church; but, her ultimate mission was to serve God. Today, I mourn her passing and I miss her friendship; but, going forward I’ll cherish her memory; and, I’ll always be thankful to have known her.

Nicky had a special gift of inspiring people to join her in helping others. I was one of those people and I am a better person today because of her.

The lyrics from Wicked say it best, “Because I knew you, I have been changed for good.”

Tom Whaley
Orthodox Christian mission Center (OCMC) Corner:
"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."

Alaska Youth Mission
July 7-17, 2017

KUSKOKWIN DEANERY, ALASKA – The 2017 Alaska-III Mission Team participated in teaching and outreach projects in the villages surrounding Napaskiak, AK. This Team was a joint effort of the OCMC and the Orthodox Youth Mission Team (OYMT). OYMT is an organization of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Danbury, CT whose purpose is to give high school youth and adult leaders the opportunity to put their faith to work by serving others. This Team was comprised of 20 youth and 6 adult leaders from 6 parishes in 3 jurisdictions of the Orthodox Church. They fundraised throughout the year and then prepared for their work in Alaska by serving as a team on a day-long repair project at their respective churches. They also participated in Bible studies, sensitivity training and construction training sessions to ensure that the work they were to perform was done right and will have a lasting impact.

The Team participated in the annual Kuskokwim Deanery youth conference, offered a Bible camp and worked alongside people from the villages to assist with needed church renovations and maintenance projects. The Team worked with local clergy and lay leaders in Napaskiak to reach out to youth and adults from the small village of Oscarville (population 68) and other small villages surrounding Napaskiak.

The project focused on children and teens and the unique challenges that they face as Orthodox Christians growing up in isolated communities in Alaska, and offered witness to help strengthen the faith and deepen the understanding of the Church.

Excerpts of their on-line diary (https://www.facebook.com/pg/oymt1/posts/) reflect the success of this trip:

- Everyone here is so nice and welcoming, I love it. They made us food, including caribou! Towards the end we went to vespers at the church and it was very beautiful. We were invited to sing during the service. Other than English, we sang in Slavic and Yup'ik, the native language here.
- We hopped on our boats and traveled to a neighboring village to visit Mother Olga's grave, a Matushka who may be canonized as a saint. It was amazing to be close to and pay respects to someone who has made such a spiritual difference. Our team was able to try walrus, salmon jerky and Eskimo ice cream. Each group sang to the other some hymns and songs. Today was a beautiful look into culture and traditions.
- My favorite part of camp was getting to meet all the kids and being able to learn about their lives. By the time 4:00 pm came, none of the kids wanted to leave.
- Things couldn’t be better! Bible camp was a huge success. The people are warm and inviting. Tonight’s delicacy was braised moose! Transportation can be challenging.
- I've noticed over the past 4 days that the more time we spend with the kids, the more they start to love us and welcome us into their lifestyles. I couldn't be more amazed by the love and generosity that is surrounding us, it’s a wonderful feeling to know you're wanted and loved in a new place with new people.
- Four of our team members helped put up two of the three beams for the floor and some floor joists. The church is now officially off the ground and the altar has been placed! This evening our team had the opportunity to get together and reflect on this week in our traditional share circle.
- We talked about the openness, acceptance, and faith of the villagers, our growing connection as a team, and what touched us the most this week. We were treated to a generous feast made by Brenda's family and said bittersweet goodbyes to our closest new friends. All of us in the Team have been deeply affected by this trip. We had an amazing week and many of us truly are not ready to leave, but the memories that we have made here in Napaskiak will stay with us forever!
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It's been a great summer and we wish to thank the following volunteers who taught Summer Sunday School: Lexie Dendrinelis, Rebecca Christophi, Steph McPherron, Haroula Souris, Jackie Stavro, Mahrya Fulfer Page, Nichole Scheel, Demi Holt, Jennifer LaChance, Leah Ray, as well as some lovely students who assisted. We had up to 21 students on any given Sunday and this year the focus was service projects and the kids got to plant basil, write notes to service men and women serving in our military forces, write thank you letters to our clergy and church staff, send cards to elderly at a community home, and help the homeless. Plus they enjoyed a delicious snack each Sunday.

And now, it's time to get back into the swing of Sunday School. Our first day back is September 17th. Despina and I look forward to working with our Sunday School staff and are very thankful for their service to our parish. Please join us in welcoming them. Our 2017/18 teacher roster is as follows:

**Regular Sunday School Teachers:**

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**Diana Ott-Music Director**

**Bess Fitzmaurice-Co-Sunday School Director**

**Despina Hartley-Co-Sunday School Director**

**If you have not yet registered your child/children for Sunday School, please take a moment to do so BEFORE the first day of Sunday School (September 17th) and mail it in along with the registration fee. There is a registration form in this newsletter. It takes time and coordination to create class rosters for our teachers and it's disruptive when we don't have students registered in advance.**

Our first day of Sunday School will be September 17th. On this day, we will observe the feast of the Elevation of the Cross. Students should report to their classrooms immediately following Holy Communion. Students through 4th grade will work on Cross Crafts and will quickly return to church to participate in the procession of the Cross. Following the procession, students will return to their classrooms. After Sunday school, there will be an Ice Cream Social in the Gym.

On the following Sunday, 24th, there will be “Youth Activities” Information Tables set up around the gym so that you can learn about and sign up for parish youth activities and organizations. Also on that same day, we are asking that parents come to their child’s classroom during the last 15 minutes of class (11:15) for a brief introduction to their teacher and classroom. You will have the opportunity to sign up for bringing snacks and for helping the teacher or our Sunday School. If you have more than one child, just do your best with visiting classrooms. Feel free to contact your teacher if you can not make it.

Sunday School begins after Holy Communion and ends at 11:30. For the younger students, please meet your child at their class. For older children (2nd grade & up), use your discretion in whether to meet your child or let them come to you. **

**Family Ministry**

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September 2017

If you wish to always pick up your child, please discuss it with your child’s Sunday School teacher so they know not to excuse your child without a parent pick up.

Please mark your calendars for these special days and events in our Sunday School.

- **September 17th**: First day of Sunday School, Elevation of the Cross Procession, Ice Cream Sundae Social
- **September 24th**: Visit your teacher, Youth Activities Tables
- **October**: Pageant Meeting-TBA
- **October 21**: Trunk or Treat
- **November 11th**: Music Teacher’s Training Conference (Times TBA)
- **November 11th/12th**: Youth Choir Conference Hosted By St. Nicholas
- **November 19th**: First Sunday of Advent, St. Nicholas Goodie Bag Assembly
- **November 26th**: Thanksgiving break-no Sunday School
- **December 2nd**: Observe St. Nicholas Day (goodie bags in Shoes)
- **Date TBA**: Pageant Rehearsal
- **December 16th**: Christmas Cookie Baking and Decorating for youth up to 5th Grade
- **December 17th**: Pageant
- **December 24th**: Christmas Break, no Sunday School
- **December 31st**: Christmas Break, no Sunday School
- **January 7th**: Vasilopita Sunday, Oratorical Festival Kick Off
- **January 14th**: Excellent Attendance Awards
- **January 28th**: Scout Sunday
- **February 4th**: Godparent/Godchild Sunday (Bring your Godparent to Sunday School)
- **February 18th**: Forgiveness Sunday, Cheesefare Sunday
- **February 19th**: Lent Begins
- **February 25th**: Sunday of Orthodoxy (Children’s Procession of the Icons at end of liturgy)
- **March 4th**: Oratorical Festival
- **March 11th**: Veneration of the Cross (Children’s Procession with daffodils)
- **March 31st**: Saturday of Lazarus (Youth confessions/pancake breakfast)
- **April 1st**: Palm Sunday (Children’s procession with palms)
- **April 8th**: Easter/Pascha, AGAPE SERVICE, NO CLASS
- **May 6th**: Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- **May 20th**: Last Day Sunday School, Teacher Recognition and Excellent Attendance Awards before communion, Sunday School Picnic after Class

We will be continuing the Attendance Incentive Program. Just as before, students who attend Sunday School regularly will receive gold coins on their 8th, 16th, 24th and 32nd Sunday in attendance. Students trade their coin in for a prize. In addition, we will recognize the students with excellent attendance at the end of each semester. Any student missing two or fewer classes per semester will receive this award.

In addition, students will earn an extra star towards the gold coin reward when attending Divine Liturgy and arriving BEFORE the reading of the Epistle.

Philoptochos will also continue the “Jar of Giving” campaign. Children are encouraged to bring in offerings for the basket that comes around as well as loose change for the “Jar of Giving” that is earmarked for paying down the debt of the FLC and meant to foster the habit of stewardship.

As always, our Sunday School needs volunteers. We expect all parents to help in some way throughout the year. It might be once for a few hours or perhaps for parents with a little more availability, volunteering on a committee. We need volunteers in the following areas:

- **Substitute teachers**, help with the Ice Cream Sundae Social, Decorating Sunday School and Bulletin Boards, Nursery, Oratorical Festival, Christmas Pageant, St. Nicholas Day, January Canned Food Drives, Vasilopita Bread Baking, Icon & Bake Sale fund raiser, Teacher Appreciation Gifts, Teacher’s Appreciation Luncheon, End of Sunday School Picnic, Student Attendance Awards & Prizes, and general help (help as needed). We also welcome any donations to help offset our Sunday School costs. If you didn’t get a chance to help last year, then we’ll welcome your efforts this year. Let us know what you’d like to do and if you would like to make a donation by e-mailing Bess Fitzmaurice or Despina Hartley at besscatering@charter.net or da_hartley@hotmail.com. We may call on some of you directly for help if we are shorthanded in some specific area.

We look forward to seeing all of you and your children back in Sunday School in a few weeks. Until then, We wish you a happy end of summer.

In His Service,
Bess Fitzmaurice and Despina Hartley
Co-Sunday School Directors

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**HELLENIC SPIRIT FOUNDATION**

This is the 6th year that the HELLENIC SPIRIT FOUNDATION has supported the “STARS” UMSL 6 week program from Anatolia College in Salonica. To be acknowledged for their achievements are **ELENA KARYOFYLLI** and **ELLI STOGIANNOU**. For more details, please contact the HSF at 4400 Woodson Rd STL MO 63134.
ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION – 2017-2018

Parents:
Telephone: Email (mandatory):
Address: City: Zip:

Children must be 3 years of age by August 1, 2017 to enter the 3 year old preschool class. Church school follows the age limits of St. Louis School Districts. Use the back of the form for more than 4 children.

Child: Baptismal Name:
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Parents! We need your continued support to make Church school and all of its extra-curricular activities run smoothly. In order for this to happen, we expect you to volunteer for at least one of the events below. This is a great way for you to make a contribution to Church School and take the burden off of our hardworking and dedicated volunteer teachers and Sunday School staff.

Please circle below:

Substitute/Assistant Teacher: If you can’t commit all year long, this is a good way to help out once in a while.
September: Ice Cream Social, Teacher Appreciation Gifts, Decorating and helping prepare Sunday school
November: Teacher’s Meeting Refreshments and set up and Advent decorating of Sunday school
December: St. Nicholas Day Gift Bags, Christmas Pageant, Teacher Appreciation Gifts
January: “Souper Bowl” Canned Food Drive, Oratorical Festival Committee
February: Teacher’s Meeting Refreshments and set up, Oratorical Festival Refreshment Committee
May: Teacher’s Appreciation Luncheon, Teacher’s Appreciation Gifts, End of Sunday School Year Picnic

I can help in any way needed: We often need help with myriad of little things including cleaning and organizing
Summer Sunday School Teacher/Assistant: We need help with our Summer program that’s offered in June & July for 5 weeks. You can volunteer for one or all five weeks. This is perfect for those wanting to teach and serve but can’t during the regular school year.

I can help with decorating and bulletin boards: This is done in September for the commencement of Sunday School, November for Advent and Christmas, January, then in Spring for lent and Easter and then for Summer

Photographer: Take pictures as needed, post on website, print as needed for bulletin boards, storage and archive

Registration fees are $10/child April – August. Late registrations will be $20/child in September. We welcome all donations. Make checks payable to St. Nicholas Church (reference check Sunday School) and mail to:

St. Nicholas Church 4967 Forest Park Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108
Dear St. Nicholas Family & Friends,

The annual Greek Festival presents a tremendous opportunity for us to unite together as family & friends to share our faith and culture with the St. Louis community. Thanks to our organizers, volunteers, and donors for their continuous support!

In order to help deflate the expenses of the Greek Festival and maximize profits, we are continuing to seek monetary donations to help fund the attached listed items. Each year, we have received an average of $15,000 from you, our parishioners, that directly affects our net income. We hope to surpass this amount this year. It is not necessary to cover the entire estimated cost of an item and you may choose to make a partial donation, or better yet, partner with your family and friends to help cover the cost.

Please make checks payable to St. Nicholas Greek Festival and note your item in the memo box and mail to: Christina Anastas, 1001 Surrey Hills Dr, St. Louis, MO 63117. For any questions or to discuss further, please contact Christina Anastas at 314.647.4636 or Carol Kamburis at 314.803.2451.

Thanks for your consideration and generosity!

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*Denotes partial donation  **Denotes in-kind donation
Please join us on Sunday, October 22, 5:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church

1910 Serbian Drive, St. Louis

for

A Concert to Benefit F.O.C.U.S. Gateway City.
This concert is being presented by the choirs of the Orthodox Churches of the St. Louis Region.

There is no charge but a free-will offering will be accepted.

A dessert reception will follow.

For Information Contact 314-993-0990.

Save the Date for

Annual St. Nicholas Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 21, 2017
6:00 pm

at the Family Life Center

more details to follow soon
St. Nicholas Philoptochos Society
Invites you to join us for our...

Grecian Kitchen
Holiday Open House
Saturday, November 4, 2017
10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
St. Nicholas Family Life Center
Lunch, Greek Pastries, & Boutique Shopping
Open to the Public!

Grecian Kitchen
Harvest Bake Sale Luncheon
Sunday, November 19, 2017
After Divine Liturgy
St. Nicholas Church Auditorium
Lunch, Greek Pastries, Home-Made Baked Goods, & Specialty Items

Please come and place your orders for home-made
“Grecian Specialties” for the holidays.
For advanced orders, please contact
Dianne Zotos 636-5410708

Proceeds will help fund the work of local & national charities
supported by St. Nicholas Philoptochos

ST. NICHOLAS PHILOPTOCHE SOCIETY
Invites you to Celebrate
One of the Great Feasts of the Holy Church

“The Elevation of the Cross”
Annual Stavrou Luncheon
Thursday, September 14, 2017
Immediately following Divine Liturgy
St. Nicholas Family Life Center

$12.00
Proceeds to benefit Holy Cross Seminary
Scrapbooking & Project Day

Sat. September 23, 2017
10am-10pm
$20

Do you have a project that you have wanted to complete (or start)? We have set up the time and space for you!

Traditional & online scrapbooking, sewing, card making, quilting, jewelry making, knitting, needle pointing – all projects welcome!

**Wi-Fi & power sources available**
Proceeds benefit
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

at St. Nicholas Family Life Center
Philoptochos Room
12550 South Outer 40 Dr. 63141

For reservations & questions contact
Steph McPherron at scdemos@yahoo.com or 314-640-0989

Please make checks payable to:
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
and mail to:
1501 Timberbridge Ct.
Chesterfield, MO 63017

8th Annual
Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, September 23 at 10 a.m.
St. Nicholas Family Life Center
12550 South Forty Drive, 63141

Refreshments will be served, as well as treats for the pets. Please RSVP to 314-661-6921 or frmariana@osingoc.org.
St. Nicholas Philoptochoes Society
Grecian Kitchen/Harvest Bake Sale

Treat your Family & Friends to
Home-made Grecian Specialties
for the Holidays!

To Place Your Order...
Mail the completed order form below with check payable to: St. Nicholas Philoptochoes
c/o Dianne Zotos, 1238 Hillcrest Field Dr, Chesterfield, MO 63005 or call 636.541.0708

Pick-up Dates...
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017
10:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Grecian Kitchen Holiday Open House
St. Nicholas Family Life Center
12550 South Forty Dr
Town & Country, MO 63141

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017
AFTER Divine Liturgy
St. Nicholas Church
4967 Forest Park Ave
St. Louis, MO 63108

Menu...
Galaktoboureko ..........$22 (12pc Pan)
Custard Filled Pastry (ready to bake)
Koulouria..................$8 per dozen
Braided Butter Cookies
Paximathia..................$12 per dozen
Chocolate Dipped Greek Biscotti
Baklava.....................$25 (24pc Pan)
Classic Greek Favorite (Ready to Bake)

Spanakopita............$22 (12pc Pan)
Savory Spinach & Cheese Pie (ready to bake)
Tiroptita...............$22 (12pc Pan)
Savory Cheese Pie (ready to bake)
Pastitsio..............$45 (Half Pan)
Ground beef, pasta, & bechamel Casserole
(OPA* Salad dressing ........$4
*Hellenic Cuisine* cookbook ..........$25

MAIL completed form & check payable to: St. Nicholas Philoptochoes
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To ensure holiday delivery, please order by: NOVEMBER 1, 2017

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SAVE THE DATE

for the IOCC St. Louis Metropolitan Committee’s

15TH ANNUAL IOCC BANQUET & 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 12, 2017
Vespers 5:00 | Banquet 6:00

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
1755 Des Peres Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63131

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Please visit us at www.sngoc.org

Philoptochos Philanthropy

PHILANTHROPY REPORT September 2017

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord and He will repay him for his deed” Proverbs 19:17

We are pleased to report that we continue to assist our people in our Confidential Program and we thank you for your support when we need your help.

We hope that you will continue to keep us in your prayers. These are difficult times for many people and your donations of clothing, furniture and financial assistance have allowed us to help our own parishioners & those in outreach programs.

We are currently in need of furniture for a woman with many needs. A bed and bedding would be very helpful at this time, but need also other items (small appliances would be good). We are in need of women’s clothing: shoes: size 9, pants: size 20, shirts: size 20-24—please contact Jeanne if you have any of these items.

If you are donating clothing or small appliances, (microwave ovens, kitchen utensils, etc.) PLEASE DO NOT DELIVER UNTIL AFTER THE FESTIVAL — kindly notify us of your donation so we can accommodate those in emergency situations. Our space is limited during the Festival.

If you are donating furniture, please contact us first, if possible send an email giving us a description of the furniture and how soon they need to be picked up. We will place your items with our charities and notify you if, or when, we can pick them up. We will be pleased to send you a tax form for your records.

Please continue to fill your food bags, our need for this ministry has grown and is very much appreciated by our charity organizations and our outreach projects. Thank you. Please see the suggested menu next to our message.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Johanna Spanos (314) 966-5176 or Jeanne Tompras (314)994-7667, or Kim Tarlas (314)740-0955. If you cannot reach us, please contact Kathy Ellis at church who will put you in touch with a person who will handle your donation. We are grateful for your support. Thank you.