

ST. NICHOLAS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May 2024

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RESURRECTION AND RESTORATION By His wounds we are healed (Isaiah 53:5).

-Father Michael Arbanas

The joyful proclamation of the Lord's Resurrection – Christ is Risen! – is not the end of Jesus' story, but rather a new beginning for each one of us who calls on His name.

It's a joyful time, of course, and we will certainly rejoice. And there is still much to do.

The world is still broken, still in great need of healing. Our calling as the Church – the Body of Christ – and as individual members is to bear witness to the opportunity for a new life, one that is filled with the presence of God, that comes from Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new (Rev 21:5)."

Before Great Lent began, we commemorated the moving story of the Prodigal Son's being welcomed by his father back into the family that the son himself had broken by leaving and squandering his inheritance. What is this, if not healing?

And in the Midnight service of Pascha we sing, in our joy, these beautiful words of restoration: "Let us call 'Brothers' even those who hate us!"

To be healed, in the Scriptures, is to be restored to wholeness – to the state in which we were meant to be. And this healing applies to all aspects of life: physical, emotional, spiritual, relational, and societal, among them.

Ultimately, it is the image of God in us that needs healing, and this restoration is exactly what the Resurrection brings to humankind. No longer do illness, death and separation have the final word; God's love conquers everything that tries to spoil God's image in us. And trusting in this salvation – this healing – gives us the courage and the strength to bear witness to it and be a presence of God's healing in a world that desperately needs it. Christ is Risen!

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May 27 Memorial Day

9 am Memorial Service
Veterans' Memorial Pavilion
St. Matthew's Cemetery

There will be no individual graveside memorial services this year, if you would like your departed loved ones memorialized with the Veterans, please email their names to ldanko@sngoc.org or deliver to either Church office

The Memorial Service will be recorded and sent to the parish for viewing on Memorial Day



St. Nicholas Scholarship

The St. Nicholas Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications for 2024

- Up to 5 recipients will be selected from qualified applicants for scholarships up to \$4,500
- Applicants must be graduating high school seniors or current college students presently attending or intending to attend 2-yr, 4-yr or graduate-level college program in anticipation of a degree.
- All applications, in their entirety, must be received in the Family Life Center Office online or by US Mail no later than:

5:00 pm CDT, Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Late Applications will NOT be accepted for consideration

Any questions may be directed to the church office during normal business hours at ldanko@sngoc.org or 314.361.6924

We need your help!



AHEPA Chapter #53 (including Chapter #395) is planning to honor former Queens and Maids at their 100th Anniversary Gala.
Saturday, October 12, 2024
Marriott, St. Louis

Please contact
Chris Anastas at 314.647.4636
 so we can honor you or someone you know.



President's Message

May 2024

Dear St. Nicholas Parish Family,

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

As you are receiving this issue of our newsletter, we are preparing for Holy Week, the Church’s most solemn observances that lead up to the most joyous feast of the resurrection. We will come together as a parish family to declare that the tomb is empty and Christ is Risen! This is the foundation of our faith and love, a new start for all of us, as the Lord renews all things. Heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of our dedicated parishioners and our spiritual fathers for their faithful efforts during Lent and Holy Week.

The Parish Council, along with our physical facilities committees, work hard to maintain both buildings – St. Nicholas Church and the Family Life Center. We have a new sound system at St. Nicholas Church that will improve our experience during services. Thank you to Chris Sarantakis and Niko Georges for overseeing this much needed project.

Festival prep is in full swing! There are several volunteer opportunities throughout the spring and summer. All are welcome, no experience necessary, we’d love to see you! Please save the dates for the Taste of the Greek Festival in July and the Labor Day Weekend Greek Festival. It takes all of us coming together to host the best ethnic food festivals in the area.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me any time.

May God continue to Bless all of us!

Best regards,

Carol Kamburis
Parish Council President





PHILOPTOCHOS CORNER – MAY 2024

Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen! – Thank you to the many Ladies of St. Nicholas Philoptochos who worked tirelessly during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Our members helped plan, cook, set up, clean up, decorate, and much, much more. May God continue to bless us with health in our hands and love in our hearts.

Palm Sunday Brunch – A special thank you to Christina Ginos, Carol Kamburis, Chris Anastas and all the Ladies of St. Nicholas Philoptochos for hosting a beautiful Palm Sunday Brunch. Guests enjoyed an elegant event – complimentary mimosas, delicious traditional & gourmet omelet buffets, coffee bar, festive spring décor, children’s buffet & entertainment. This has become a wonderful tradition at the start of Holy Week.

Reception after AGAPE Service on Easter Sunday, May 5th – Please join us after AGAPE service at the Family Life Center for the annual AGAPE Coffee Reception on Easter Sunday.

Kendra Gives Back Party – Friday, May 10th – Join us for a Kendra Gives Back Party on Friday, May 5th from 4 pm to 7 pm – Kendra Scott at Plaza Frontenac. 20% of the proceeds benefit St. Nicholas Philoptochos Society.

General Meeting “Membership & Margaritas” – Thursday, May 9th – Please join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center for our general meeting as we wrap up the Philoptochos season and welcome guests from two of our charity spotlight, Cure SMA and The Covering House. RSVP to Sandra Kamburis at skamburis@hotmail.com or 314.952.9958

Calendar of Events:
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5/09 – Philoptochos General Meeting (FLC)
5/10 – Kendra Gives Back Event
(Kendra Scott/Plaza Frontenac)





Dear St. Nicholas Family & Friends

We are gearing up for our Annual Labor Day Festival and Taste of the Festival in July. We need your continued support with volunteering your services, even if its only for an hour or two. Last year we had a great response from our young adults – many thanks for their help! We hope you can join us again in continuing to learn the skills of our parents and grandparents.

Please feel free to contact a member of the Festival Food Team with questions regarding the schedule.

Thanks,

Chris Anastas, Teddy Hart, Peggy Pierroutsakos & Dianne Zotos
Festival Food Team

Monday, 5/13 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Spanakopita Assembly

Monday, 5/20 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Galaktoboureko, Baklava Sundaes & Leftover Spanakopita Assembly

June –

Monday, 6/10 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Salad Dressing Cups

Wednesday, 6/12 at 8:30 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Salad Dressing Bottles

Monday, 6/17 – Hellas Pastries Arrival – Time TBD

Friday, 6/28 at 1:00 p.m. – St. Nicholas – Lamb Shanks (Wash/Marinade)

Saturday, 6/29 at 7:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Lamb Shanks (Cook)

July –

Monday, 7/08 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Koulouria 1st Batch

Friday, 7/12 at 9:00 a.m. – Family Life Center – Taste of the Festival Prep (Tzatziki Cups/Cut Baklava)

Tuesday, 7/16 at 9:00 a.m. – Family Life Center – Taste of the Festival Pastry Prep

Wednesday, 7/17 thru Friday, 7/19 – Family Life Center – Taste of the Festival Kitchen Prep

Monday, 7/29 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Koulouria 2nd Batch

August –

Friday, 8/02 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Saganaki Prep

Monday, 8/05 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Kourabiedes

Friday, 8/16 at 9:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Cut Baklava/Crumble Feta/Walnuts

Monday, 8/19 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Pastries Assembly

Wednesday, 8/21 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – If needed finish Pastries

Friday, 8/23 at 8:30 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Tzatziki Cups

Wednesday, 8/28 at 9:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Chickens Prep

Friday, 8/30 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Salads Prep

Saturday, 8/31 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Salads Prep

***Teddy Hart – 314.914.7711, Peggy Pierroutsakos – 636.795.5894 or Dianne Zotos – 636.541.0708
Your Festival Food Team***

Summer Orthodox Fellowship and Education



Fanari Camp

June 16-22



**Vacation Bible School
Assumption GOC**

July 24-28



We Magnify You! July 29- August 2



HELLENIC CULTURE CAMP August 5-9

Questions? Please contact your Church office 314.361.6924 or ldanko@sngoc.org



St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Fine Arts Festival





Thank you to our Lent and Holy Week 2024 Donors!

Jonquils for Sunday of the Cross- *Jim and Teddy Hart in Memory of Mary Varvares*
 Palm Tree Plants for Palm Sunday-
 Palm Sunday Crosses-- *Ron and Elaine Been in memory of Nick and Katherine Georgen*
 Palm Sunday Icon Flower Arrangement-
 Lilies for Epitaphion- *The Family of Florence and Frank Mastis, in their memory.*
 Hydrangeas for Holy Week and Easter-
 Heretismoι (Friday night) Candles-*Sophia Chronopoulos and Family*



Palm Sunday Bay Leaves- *Tom and Patti Elwood and Family*

Levane-Incense-

Palm Sunday Greenery-

Altar Candles for Holy Week Services:

- Palm Sunday- *Sophia Chronopoulos & Family*
- Holy Monday-*Sophia Chronopoulos & Family*
- Holy Tuesday-*Sophia Chronopoulos & Family*
- Holy Wednesday-*Sophia Chronopoulos & Family*
- Holy Thursday-*Sophia Chronopoulos & Family*
- Good Friday- *Sophia Chronopoulos & Family*
- Holy Saturday-*Sophia Chronopoulos & Family*



Flowers for the Icon of the Bridegroom (Nymphios)-

Cotton Balls, Flour & Olive Oil for Holy Wednesday Holy Unction--*The Kamburis Family*
in memory of Tharinos and Kyriaki Patakas

Holy Thursday Icon Flower Arrangement for Divine Liturgy-

Holy Thursday Icon Flower Arrangement for Service for 12 Passion Gospels-

Holy Thursday 12 Gospel Candles- *Mary Jane Thomas in memory of the Siromas family*

Holy Thursday Service Wreath-

Holy Thursday Service Candles for Cross- *Jemas Family*

Good Friday Sheet for Body of Christ-

Good Friday Icon Flower Arrangement for Royal Hours-

Good Friday Icon Flower Arrangement for The Descent from the Cross-

Good Friday Icon Flower Arrangement for The Lamentations (Epitaphion)-

Good Friday Epitaphion Candles (four)- *George and JoAnn Glikos in memory of Chris and Despina Zeris*
John and Despina Glikos and Eugenia Zeris



Good Friday Epitaphion Candles (four)- *Noel Jemas family in honor of Lou and Felia Jemas*

Good Friday White Carnations-

Anthohero (Rosewater)-*Rosie Hartley in memory of her parents*

Holy Saturday Icon Flower Arrangement for Divine Liturgy -

Holy Saturday Resurrection Candles for Priests (one candle)-*Bill, Linda & Katerina Nicozisin*
in memory of Frank & Rose Zirbas and Gus Nicozisin

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Holy Saturday Icon Flower Arrangement for Resurrection Service-

Holy Saturday Floral Cross for Resurrection Service-

Holy Saturday Resurrection Banner-*Mary Jane Thomas*

Agape Service Icon Flower Arrangement-

Olive Oil (for votive lights)-*The Kamburis Family*

Twelve Palm Tree Plants-

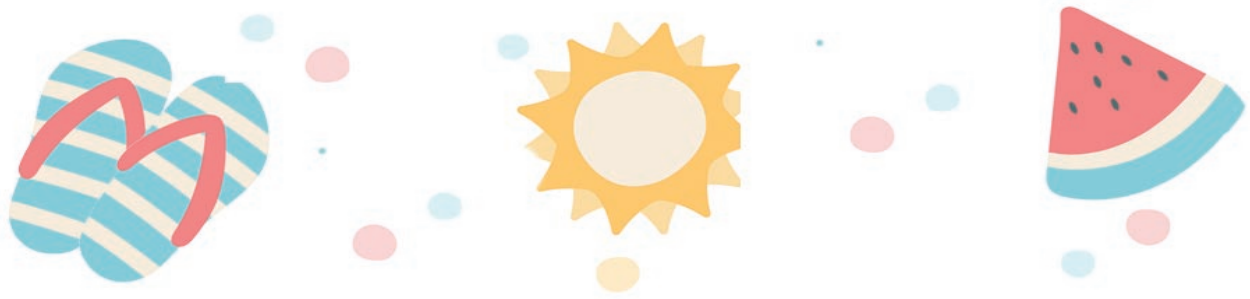
Resurrection Meal Donations-

Easter Eggs-

Additional Donations-

Additional Candles - *Irene Schildroth in memory of Loved Ones*





From the Church School Director's Desk

**Hello St. Nicholas Family,
Christos Anesti!**

Time has flown by! What a wonderful Church School year it has been!

We have welcomed new families, learned teachings of our Orthodox faith and had some fun mixed in there too. :)

Our children have deepened friendships and felt what it means to be close to God through our traditions and community.

I'm pleased to share that we averaged over 50 children in class every Sunday. Sometimes hitting 15 in just one room! Parents, YiaYias, Papous, Nounos, Nounas, thank you! Whether you are the Sunday driver or encourager, you are much appreciated!

A HUGE epharisto to our teachers for their wisdom, dedication and love shared each Sunday. Our children are in great hands with their guidance, please thank them when you see them at church.

We have just 2 Sundays in May for class before the summer break. Please see the flyer for the details on our Church School- Last Day Celebration.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

**Lexie Dendrinelis
Church School Director**





EVERYONE IS INVITED
COMPLIMENTARY FOR ALL

ST NICHOLAS PARISH PICNIC

MAY 19, 2024

(LAST DAY OF CHURCH SCHOOL)



START AT 11:30
FOLLOWING LITURGY
FOOD, ICE CREAM AND
DRINKS



ACTIVITIES

TRIVIA, GAMES, FACE
PAINTING AND BALLOONS!



**ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX
CHURCH**



Orthodox Young Adults

Please join us for an Orthodox Young Adults (for ages after college-30's) night of fellowship, discussion and faith on **Tuesday, May 14 at 7 pm via Zoom.**

We will be meeting via Zoom on the second Tuesday of every month.

For the Zoom link and for any questions, please contact:
Gracie Livaditis at glivaditis251@gmail.com

Everyone is welcome!



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, May 28, 2024
at the Family Life Center*

Thank you for Putting the Kids on the Bus!

Because of your generosity, we have raised the funds needed to send the children to see their incarcerated fathers during Family Days this June 26-27!

The Prison Ministry Team Thanks You!

Shine Bright, Do Good

JOIN US FOR A KENDRA GIVES BACK EVENT

DATE & TIME

Friday, May 10th, 2024
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

DETAILS

Shop in store or online using web code :

GIVEBACK-GLDAB

May 10th & May 11th

**20% of proceeds support
St. Nicholas Philoptochos**



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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."



ORTHODOXY IN CAMEROON



A few months ago OCMC welcomed at the Mission Center Fr. Anastasios Simona, the Vicar General under Metropolitan Gregorios of Cameroon. During his visit, Fr. Anastasios shared updates on ongoing projects supported by OCMC and outlined future plans in the Metropolis.

Highlighting a significant initiative, Fr. Anastasios shared a scholarship project supported by OCMC stating that it not only provided over 200 scholarships, but also provided livestock to families, in a

particularly under-served area of northeast Cameroon home to the Toupouri ethnic group. He emphasized the positive impact, stating that this endeavor is, "helping to develop positive relationships with the government because we are the only church group to be offering such assistance in this area."

*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!*

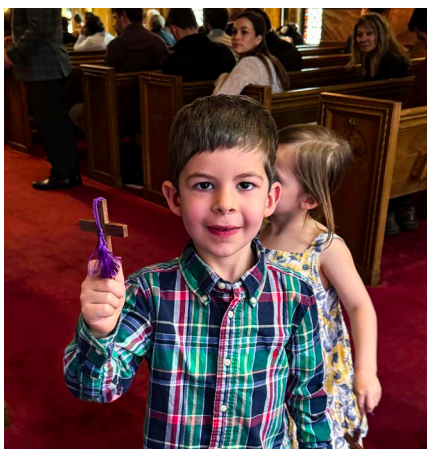


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Lenten Retreat 2024



Sunday of the Holy Cross





MEMORIAL DONATIONS



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In Memory of

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George and Diane Ellis
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 William and Stathy Darcy

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 and Family
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In Memory of Myra Briggs

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In Memory of Andreas Katsulas

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In Memory of Mike Lukakis

Cornelius J Moriarty

THE NEXT 100

In Memory of

Presvytera Sylvia Nicozisin

Christina and Tom Ginos
 The Kamburis Family
 Dennis and Helen Carey
 Dan and Andrea Tarlas
 Peter Lemakis
 George and Kim Tarlas
 Anna Zotos
 Catherine Zotos
 Thomas Zotos
 Zac and Demi Holt

In Memory of Jeanne Tompras

Dennis and Helen Carey
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 Pete and Teresa Stavrides
 Sam and Maureen Mezines
 Terry and Kathy Lividitis
 John Millonas and Robert Ramsey
 Lou and Theone Politis
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 George and Kim Tarlas
 Paul and Helen Leara
 Mary C. Mastorakos
 Tom and Mersine Kallaos
 Christina and Tom Ginos

In Memory of

Vassiliki "Bessie" Dubis

Tim and Jeanne Pappas
 Mary Vidakis
 Kalliope Tsiopas
 Byron and Carolyn Golfin
 Paul and Helen Leara
 Stephanie Benos Tyler
 John and Mary Anne Koch
 Joe and Helen Nichoalds

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

(Continued)

THE NEXT 100 (continued)

In Memory of

Vassiliki "Bessie" Dubis

Dennis and Helen Carey
Maureen Mezines
Chad and Stef Mott
Steven, Katie, Nicholas and
Penelope Mastorakos
Nick and Helen Koskolos

WOMAN'S PHILOPTOCHOS

In Memory of Jeanne Tompras

Margo and Darryl Grayson
Michael and Jenny Pappas
Pres. Sylvia Nicozisin and Family
The Team at
Alpine Investment Management
Joe and Dominica Redman
George and Dianne Zotos
Michael and Georgia Ferretti
Dan and Andrea Tarlas
William and Elaine Coulson
Sue Katsoulis

WOMAN'S PHILOPTOCHOS

(continued)

In Memory of

Vassiliki "Bessie" Dubis

John and Niki Ferris
Ryan and Cassandra Smith
Vasiliki Stratos
Liz Rauls and Family
Michael and Jenny Pappas
Olympia Carranza and Rick
George Pappas

In Memory of Thomas Kirkou

Amy, Lyndia and George Kirkou



PARISH LIFE

MEMORIALS

†	3 year memorial Nicholas Glioumas	March 31
†	3 year memorial Aphrodite Glioumas	March 31
†	1 year Memorial Athanasios "Tommy" Karagiannis	April 14



40 DAY BLESSINGS

Adelyn Grace, daughter of Amber and Kevin Menos was blessed and churched on March 17. Congratulations!

FUNERALS

Nicholas Reynolds fell asleep in the Lord on March 15. His funeral was April 9. May his memory be eternal.
Thomas Kirkou fell asleep in the Lord on March 18. His funeral was March 22. May his memory be eternal.
Vassiliki Dubis fell asleep in the Lord on March 18. Her funeral was March 25. May her memory be eternal.
Bill Koutsogianis fell asleep in the Lord on April 2. His funeral was April 9. May his memory be eternal.
Presvytera Sylvia Nicozisin fell asleep in the Lord on April 4. Her funeral was April 13. May her memory be eternal.
George Papagianis fell asleep in the Lord on April 8. His funeral was April 12. May his memory be eternal.

READY SET

GIVE STL

MAY 25, 2024
 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
 5K & 10K WALK/RUN

benefitting



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LOCATION

START AT ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
 1755 Des Peres Road • Town & Country, MO 63131 • 314-966-2255

TIME

EVENT STARTS: 8:00 AM
 EARLY REGISTRATION/PACKET PICK UP: 6:30 AM (CHURCH PARKING LOT)

REGISTRATION FEES

\$30 (18 and older) • \$20 (17 and younger) & (senior citizens 65 and older)

We welcome corporate and small business sponsors to make a donation

MANAGED BY START 2 FINISH



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 April 2 our current loan amount is \$1,001,140.64 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

Ways to Give: Qualified Charitable Distributions

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows individuals who are 70½ years old or older to donate up to \$100,000 total to one or more charities directly from a taxable IRA instead of taking their required minimum distributions.

- It's a smart way for individuals who don't/can't tax benefits from their charitable donations.
- QCDs are not included in taxable income.
- QCDs satisfy RMDs without increasing adjusted gross income, thus lowering or eliminating Social Security benefit taxation, Medicare premiums, alternative minimum tax, 3.8% investment surtax and medical expense deductions, or being bumped to a higher marginal tax bracket.



If you have questions or would like to donate appreciated securities, mutual funds, or make QCDs, please contact the church office. We also recommend that you consult your Financial/Tax Advisors for additional information

May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Holy Wednesday</i> <i>Holy Unction</i> 1:30 pm at Family Life Center 7 pm at Church	2 <i>Holy Thursday</i> 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Family Life Center <i>12 Passion Gospels</i> 6:30 pm at Church	3 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>The Royal Hours</i> 10 am at Church <i>The Decent from the Cross</i> 1:30 pm at Church <i>The Lamentations</i> 7 pm at Church	4 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church <i>Canon of the Resurrection</i> 11 pm at Church
5 <i>Great and Holy Pascha</i> <i>Midnight Resurrection Service and Liturgy</i> at Church <i>Resurrection Meal to Follow</i> <i>Noon Agape Service</i> at Family Life Center Chapel Easter Lamb Roast to Follow at FLC	6 <i>St. George the Great Martyr</i> 9:30 am Family Life Center Chapel	7	8 <i>7 am</i> Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom	9 <i>6 pm</i> Women's Philoptochos General Meeting	10 <i>4 pm</i> KENDRA GIVES BACK	11 <i>10:30 am</i> Adult Choir Practice Family Life Center
12 <i>Sunday of Thomas</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Sunday School Fellowship Coffee Hour <i>5 pm Jr. GOYA</i> <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	13 <i>8 am</i> Spanakopita Assembly at Church	14 <i>7 pm</i> Orthodox Young Adults via Zoom	15 <i>7 am</i> Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom <i>St. Nicholas Scholarship</i> <i>Deadline</i>	16	17	18 <i>10:30 am</i> Adult Choir Practice Family Life Center
19 <i>Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Sunday School Fellowship Coffee Hour Last Day of Church School Party	20 <i>8 am</i> Galaktoboureko, Baklava Sundaes & Leftover Spanakopita Assembly at Church	21	22 <i>7 am</i> Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom	23	24	25 <i>10:30 am</i> Adult Choir Practice Family Life Center <i>8:00 am</i> FOCUS Run Ready, Set, GIVE STL Junior Olympics
26 <i>Sunday of the Paralytic</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Sunday School Fellowship Coffee Hour Junior Olympics	27 Memorial Day Junior Olympics	28 <i>10 am</i> Women's Faith Group Family Life Center	29 <i>7 am</i> Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom	30	31	

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