## ST. NICHOLAS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

#### October 2025

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Dear St. Nicholas Family,

We want to offer our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners and friends who worked so hard to make our Greek Festival such a great success — those who worked over the Labor Day weekend, in the months of preparation before the Festival, and in the two-week clean-up afterward. Many thanks to our steering committee, the Parish Council and all the parishioners who worked so well together.

Certainly, the beautiful weather helped bring the crowds, but the joyful spirit of our parish life and the Christian hospitality with which you welcomed our thousands of guests were the most important factors in making the festival so wonderful.

As always, the food was delicious. Our dancers and musicians performed with an extra measure of warmth and enthusiasm. The inevitable challenges were handled gracefully, and the entire operation seemed tremendously smooth. As a result, our guests enjoyed themselves immensely.

The full financial results will take some time to finalize, but we're confident that they will be good. In living up to our Christian calling to love and hospitality, we know for certain that this year's festival was a tremendous success!

With love in Christ, **Father Doug and Father Michael** 



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The Ladies of St. Nicholas Philoptochos would like to keep in touch with our college students this fall semester. Please email Dominica Redman at:

dominica.redman@yahoo.com

the following information:

name, address, cell phone number and email of the college student.

Even if you have sent us the information in the past, please send it again so we can keep our records up to date.

Thank you!

## St. Nicholas Ministry Fair Sunday, October 12



Come join us and explore the many ministries at St. Nicholas and see how you can get involved!

For further information
Please contact the Church Office 314.361.6924 or ldanko@sngoc.org



## Parish General Assembly Meeting

Sunday, November 16, 2025 St. Nicholas Church (following Divine Liturgy)

We need your participation.
YOU are the
St. Nicholas Family!





Dear St. Nicholas Parish Family,

Congratulations to the executive committee, steering committee, and all the volunteers on a successfully planned and executed St. Nicholas Greek Festival! It takes all of us coming together to host the largest (and BEST) ethnic festival in the area. Whether you helped with prep, sponsored a lunch, made a monetary donation, volunteered your time over Labor Day weekend, attended as a patron, helped with clean up, or all of the above......THANK YOU! Financial results will be shared at the General Assembly meeting on November 16.

Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. You are encouraged to offer your prayerful thanks and continue in the fulfillment of your commitment to Christ's Church in thanksgiving for His many blessings to you. Your Stewardship Commitment is a testimony of your dedication to your own spiritual growth and the spreading our beloved Orthodox Faith. Please assist us to continue our good works at St. Nicholas by ensuring that your 2025 Stewardship Pledge is fulfilled and you begin thinking about your Stewardship Pledge for 2026.

As we cross the incredible milestone of eliminating our debt, we must continue to support the operations of our facilities, expand our ministries and prepare for the future. Stewardship covers our operating expenses (utilities, insurance, salaries, etc.) for St. Nicholas Church and the Family Life Center. As we turn to the future and establish the foundation for the next 100 years, donations to The Next 100 will be necessary to assist our focus on these key initiatives: Expand our Ministries to become more impactful on our parishioners' lives; Make Capital Improvements to maintain and improve our physical facilities; and Endow Our Parish to support the future.

We are blessed with an active Parish Life at St. Nicholas. Please make sure to read the newsletters, weekly bulletins and e-blasts, and note the events on your calendars. Our committee leaders work hard to plan wonderful activities and events for all of you. Don't miss out!

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

May God continue to Bless all of us!

Best regards,



Dear 2025 Festival Kitchen Prep Volunteers,

It has been another awesome year with our volunteers and young adults who have given their personal time, great teamwork and continued support!

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to the army of faithful volunteers who come to create thousands of food items that fuel our Labor Day foods engine.

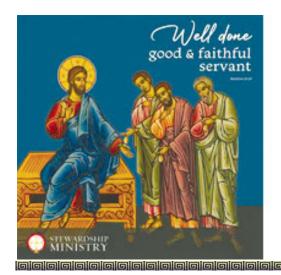
Kitchen Prep Team Leaders – Thank you to the Team Leaders who keep coming back to oversee the food items for our Festivals. And welcome to our new Team Leaders!

Kitchen Prep Volunteers – A very special thank you to the ladies and gentlemen who show week after week to ensure the thousands of items are made. Without you, the festival would not be possible! Thanks to the parents and grandparents that encourage our youth to participate as well. They are the future leaders of the Festival!

*Lunch Volunteers* – In order for us to get through the day, we thank our lunch volunteers who provided delicious meals and desserts.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers!

Thanks for your continued support, Chris Anastas, Teddy Hart, Peggy Pierroutsakos, & Dianne Zotos



Please join us!
Stewardship Appreciation Sunday
October 12
Following The Divine Liturgy
St. Nicholas Auditorium



## Philoptochos Corner- October 2025

Thank you to all of our Philoptochos ladies that continue to work tirelessly towards the success of our annual Labor Day weekend Greek Festival. Together we host the largest ethnic festival in St. Louis, and none of it would be possible without our devoted volunteers. Our patrons not only enjoy the delicious food, music and dancing, they love the sense of community and we heard "thank you" at every step along the way. It is heartwarming to see our parish family connecting with each other and even making new friends, while working side by side for the good of our church. Special thanks to our youth, who put their heart and soul into volunteering at the Festival. The future of St. Nicholas!

Stavrou Luncheon (Elevation of the Cross): September 14 – A heartfelt thank you to the families of Margaret Hatzes and Cleo Tarlas for preparing and sponsoring the Stavrou Luncheon in their memory. Proceeds benefitted Holy Cross Seminary.

Membership Meeting: September 25 - We kicked off our calendar year at the annual Membership General Meeting and look forward to working together towards our mission to serve those in need. Please join us this "season", as we continue the tradition of Philoptochos: A Legacy of Hope, Faith, Charity and Love.

Grecian Kitchen Holiday Open House at the Family Life Center: Saturday, November 8 – Please mark your calendars, invite your family and friends, and place your orders for home-made "Grecian Specialties" for the Holidays. Guests will enjoy a festive event, a delicious Greek luncheon, and a wide assortment of local boutique shopping to kick-off the holiday season.

Grecian Kitchen Harvest Bake Sale/Luncheon at St. Nicholas: Sunday, November 23- The ladies of Philoptochos will be hosting their Annual Grecian Kitchen Holiday Harvest Bake Sale/Luncheon. Please help us with our fundraising efforts by bringing your homemade items: breads, cakes, pies, etc. for the bake sale. If you are interested in baking an item, please contact:

Georgia Ferretti 636-675-0329 or georgiaferretti1215@gmail.com

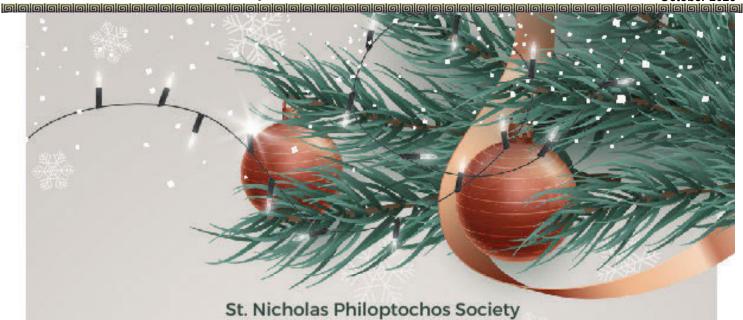
#### Calendar of Events:

11/02 – Philoptochos Sunday

11/08 – Grecian Kitchen Holiday Open House (FLC)

11/23 – Grecian Kitchen Harvest Bake Sale/Luncheon





the Women's Auxiliary for St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

# Grecian Kitchen Holiday Open House

Saturday, November 8, 2025 10:30 am to 3:30 pm St. Nicholas Family Life Center 12550 South Forty Drive St. Louis. Missouri

**GREEK FOOD & PASTRIES** 

**BOUTIQUE SHOPPING** 

Home-made "Grecian Specialties" available for the holidays For advanced orders, please contact Dianne Zotos 636.541.0708

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





St. Nicholas Philoptochos Society Grecian Kitchen

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 PHILOPTOCHOS c/o Dianne Zotos, 1238 Hillcrest Field Dr, Chesterfield, MO 63005 or call 636.541.0708

#### Pick-up Date...

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025 10:30 AM - 3:30 PMGRECIAN KITCHEN HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE St. Nicholas Family Life Center, 12550 South Forty Dr, St. Louis, MO 63141

Galaktoboureko\$25 (12PC PAN) CUSTARD FILLED PASTRY (READY TO BAKE)	Spanakopita\$25 (12PC PAN) SAVORY SPINACH & CHEESE PIE (READY TO BAKE)		
Paximathia\$15 per dozen Chocolate dipped Greek Biscotti	Tiropita		
Baklava\$30 (24pc pan) Classic Greek Favorite (Ready to Bake)	Pastitsio		
Koulouria\$12 per dozen	"OPA" Salad dressing\$5		
BRAIDED BUTTER COOKIES	G		
	"Hellenic Cuisine" Cookbook\$25		
Vasilopita Bread**\$25 Traditional New Year's Day Bread with hidden "good luck" coin **For pick up 12/21 at <u>St. Nicholas Church</u> **			
MAIL COMPLETED FORM & CHECK DAY	(ABI F TO: ST. NICHOLAS PHILOPTOCHOS		

C/O DIANNE ZOTOS, 1238 HILLCREST FIELD DR, CHESTERFIELD, MO 63005 TO ENSURE HOLIDAY DELIVERY, PLEASE ORDER BY: NOVEMBER 1, 2025

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ITEM	PRICE	Quantity	\$
GALAKTOBOUREKO			
(12PC PAN)	\$25		
Paximathia (dozen)	\$15		
Baklava (24pc pan)	\$30		
Koulouria (dozen)	\$12		
SPANAKOPITA (12PC PAN)	\$25		
TIROPITA (12PC PAN)	\$25		
PASTITSIO (HALF PAN)	\$50		
OPA SALAD DRESSING	\$5		
Сооквоок	\$25		
Vasilopita Bread	\$25		
		TOTAL	\$

## Sunday School Directors' Desk - October 2025

**Hello to our St. Nicholas Family!** 

We hope your families are having a wonderful start to the Fall season. Our first day of Sunday School was on September 14, which was also the day we celebrated the Elevation of the Cross. Our St. Nicholas Sunday School students participated in a beautiful procession upstairs, walk around the church and displaying crosses to our church community during the service.

Our students were able to meet their Sunday School teachers and get a brief overview of what we have in store for this school year. The curriculum this year will outline our Orthodox Faith, the Saints of our Church, how we can be good Orthodox Christians, and outreach programs to help our community.

Currently we have approximately 100 students registered for Sunday School, and we are very excited to see them in our classrooms. If you still need to register your student for Sunday School, please reach out to the St. Nicholas Church office.

As always, watch the weekly e-blast for additional events that may happen in between bulletins.

Sincerely, **Tania Scarpino Sunday School Co-Director** 









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## St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church presents The Orthodox Faith: A Way of Life



A five-week adult education class for inquirers, those preparing for Baptism or Chrismation and lifelong members of the Church.

Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

First meeting at St. Nicholas Church 4967 Forest Park Avenue St. Louis, MO 63108

All following meetings are via zoom Please call your church office for Zoom Link at 636-384-6188

## Explore the Orthodox Christian Faith:

October 1: The Church, Icons, and the Divine Liturgy Meeting at St. Nicholas Church

October 8: What the Church Believes, The Anaphora of the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

October 15: From Cradle to Grave: The Sanctification of Life and Time

October 22: From the Mount of Olives to Mound City: Orthodox Church History

October 29: Prayer, Fasting, and Orthodox Christian Spirituality

> For more information, please contact Father Michael Arbanas at 314-425-9641 or frmarbanas@sngoc.org



St. Nicholas Prison Ministry

## ΓΟΥ DRIVE

October 5 through December 6

#### There are two ways to give:

Visit us at our table during Coffee Hour, beginning Sunday, October 5, select a child and a gift to purchase.

Visit our Amazon gift list online by using the QR code below. After choosing your gift, please have your gift delivered to St. Nicholas.



Please make all selections and deliver to Church no later than Sunday, December 5.



contact Clark Porter 314-518-6747

porter@moep.uscourts.gov

**Event sponsored by** Mission Team St. Louis

## **ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER**

**Sunday, 2 November 2025 Holy Trinity Orthodox Church** 

1910 Serbian Drive, Saint Louis, MO 63104

5 pm Vespers; Check-in, Cash Bar and Displays open at 5:30 pm 6 – 8:30 pm Guatemalan Fiesta (Casual attire) and Presentation



Juanita during a pediatric rotation

#### **Sharing Christ's Love** For the care of the whole person: Spiritual - Emotional - Physical

With guest speakers Jesse Brandow and Juanita Pascual Long term missionaries to Guatemala and

> Special host: Fr. Chris Rowe **OCMC Development Director**

#### **EVENT SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**

- DEFENDER (\$1.000 +)
- \_\_ GUARDIAN (\$500)
- \_\_ MENTOR (\$250)
- \_\_ MISSIONARY (\$100)
- \_\_ DISCIPLE (\$50)

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

#### \*\* SPECIAL DIETS: VEGETARIAN MEAL(S) \_

GLUTEN FREE MEAL(S)

The Health Clinic in Aguacate opened in 2015. With its construction there is a continued need for medical equipment and supplies. While an OCMC sponsored medical team visits this area twice a year, a great need for an ultrasound machine and a portable dental chair is on the top of the list. The proceeds of this benefit event will go towards the purchase of these highly needed items. We all can contribute and make this part of the world a safer place!

#### www.ocmc.org/MTSL2025



#### \$40 Adults \$20 Students

Register online by scanning the QR code, by using the web link or by mailing the below registration form

#### **OCMC Benefit Dinner**

c/o Registration 5243 Creighton Dr. St. Louis, MO 63123

For additional information call 571-276-6541 or email: missionteamstl@gmail.com

Mail the completed form with payment by Oct 15.

☐ Reserve	$\_$ adult seats x \$40 and $\_$	stude	nt x \$20. Enclosed
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#### PARISH LIFE



#### CHURCH FUND

In Memory of Judy Drennan

Cynthia & Andrew Orf and Family

#### In Memory of Kurt Smith

Michael & Georgia Ferretti John & Hariklia Souris Kosmas & Depsina Souris

#### CHURCH FUND

In Memory of Becky Tharenos Fran Demetre

#### NEXT 100 CAMPAIGN

In Memory of Becky Tharenos Elaine & Ron Been

t	40 day memorial for Becky Tharenos	August 24
t	40 day memorial for Judith Drennen	September 7
t	5 year memorial for Filareti Malamas	September 7
t	21 year memorial for Effie James	August 24
Ť	23 year memorial for Louis James	August 24
t	25 year memorial for Mark James	August 24

#### **FUNERALS**

Becky Tharenos fell asleep in the Lord on July 18. Her funeral was July 21

May her memory be eternal

Judith Drennen fell asleep in the Lord on July 25. Her funeral was August 2

May her memory be eternal

Makeda Yohannes fell asleep in the Lord on August 2. Her funeral was August 9.

May her memory be eternal

#### **BAPTISMS**

Gabriella Marie, daughter of Katie and Michael King was baptized on June 28. Her Godparent is Timothy Vleisides. Congratulations!

#### 40 DAY INFANT BLESSING

Kingston Eleni, daughter of Brigitte and Andre Lee was blessed and churched on September 7, 2025. Congratulations!



KYKLOS - Circle of Glory: 20 Years 20 years later, the Games have passed—but the art remains.

Born from the vision of Greek Americans in St. Louis, KYKLOS - Circle of Glory became the only American-created monument permanently installed in Athens' Olympic Stadium during the 2004 Games. KYKLOS endures as a timeless tribute to Hellenic pride, unity, and the Olympic spirit.

> Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025 | 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. UMSL Millennium Student Center Free & open to the public | Advance reservations required

Highlights: documentary premiere • awards ceremony • tribute portrait unveiling in memory of Nick Karakas • Olympic art exhibition • musical and dance performances • catered reception

Presented by the Hellenic Spirit Foundation, this free public event was also made possible by the Matsakis family support from the Dr. Nicholas Matsakis Memorial Program of the Greek Professorship at University Missouri, St. Louis (UMSL).

Reserve: hellenicspiritfoundationstl.org | Contact Bess Fitzmaurice: 314-602-5406



## 2025 Stewardship

Pledges through September 18 2025

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

#### Leadership St. Nicholas

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



## **Leadership 2025**

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\*Fullfilled 10 year Leadership committment

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



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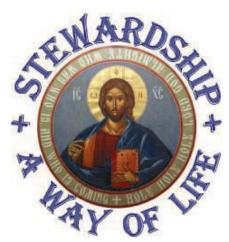
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SATURDAY	4 10 am Blessing of the Animals Family Life Center 10:30 am Adult Choir Practice at FLC	11 10:30 am Adult Choir Practice at FLC	18 St. Luke the Apostle and Evangilist 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Family Life Center 10:30 am Adult Choir Practice at FLC 5 pm Trunk or Treat Family Life Center	10:30 am Adult Choir Practice at FLC	
FRIDAY	3 St. Dionysios 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Family Life Center	10	Canidate Applications DUE St. Nicholas Elections	24	31
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MONDAY		Sr. Thomas 9:00 am Orthros-10:00 am Divine Liturgy St Thomas Romanian Orthodox Church	13	20	27
SUNDAY		S Second Sunday of Luke 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Sunday School Fellowship Coffee Hour St. Thomas 6:30 pm Vespers St. Thomas Romanian Orthodox Church	12 Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Counceil 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liurgy at Church Sunday School Fellowship Coffee Hour Stewardship Appreciation Sunday St. Nicholas Ministry Fair 5 PM JR. GOYA at Game Show Battle Room	19 Third Sunday of luke 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Bivine Liturgy at Church Sunday School Fellowship Coffee Hour Election Seminar at Church 12:30 pm Altar Boy/Handmaiden Outing Fishing at Busch Wildlife	26 Sixth Sunday of Luke St. Demetrios 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am D ivine Liturgy at Church Sunday School Fellowship Coffee Hour Name Day Celebration

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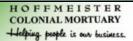
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