

ST. NICHOLAS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

August 2025

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A PRAYER FOR OUR HEALERS

This month, we're delighted to begin something new at St. Nicholas Church – a special prayer for our parishioners who work or volunteer in health care.

On Sunday, August 17, at the end of the Divine Liturgy, we'll invite our many physicians, nurses, therapists, aides, support staff and anyone else who works in health care to the front of the church. We'll ask the Lord to work through them to bring healing – both of body and soul – to the patients they serve. And we'll anoint their hands, asking the work of those hands will always be the work of God's love for people who are hurting.

This new prayer springs from our Healing Initiative – an ongoing effort to emphasize our parish as a place of healing. The Church, after all, is sometimes known as the “spiritual hospital,” and Jesus' ministry in the Gospels is marked not only by the miraculous cures of many illnesses, but also – and more importantly – the mending of our broken relationship with God.

Given our church's location across the street from one of the region's major medical centers and the many parishioners we have working in health care throughout the region, this focus on the healing aspect of Jesus' ministry is natural. Look for more to come.

We've chosen August 17 for this prayer because it's the closest Sunday to the feast of St. Diomedes the Physician, the 3rd century martyr from Tarsus who healed many people in Christ's name and who brought many people to the faith. He is one of a number of saints who are known as “Unmercenary Healers” because they healed people without asking for payment.

We encourage all of our health-care workers to be present for this special prayer, and we look forward to further developing this emphasis on the healing work of Christ.

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Calling all DANCERS!

Practice will be every Monday and Wednesday
 at St. Nicholas Family Life Center
 until otherwise notified.

Kids (age 6-12) - 5:30-6:00pm

Adults (18+) - 6:00-7:00pm

Teens (13-18) - 7:00-8:00pm

Questions?

Contact Demi Holt at:
demi.holt@att.net

Existing Dancers-check GroupMe!



Save the Date!

23rd Annual IOCC Banquet
 September 28, 2025

Help globally with your donations and support!

*For more information:
 contact Valerie Kopecky 314-324-4277*



Scrapbooking & Project Day

Saturday, August 16, 2025

10 am - 10 pm

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

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

Traditional & online scrapbooking, sewing,
 card making, quilting, Jewelry making,
 knitting, needle pointing, crocheting:

- all projects welcome-

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

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

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

Proceeds benefit St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church



\$25



Dear St. Nicholas Family & Friends:

We are once again gearing up for our Annual Labor Day Festival, Saturday, August 30 thru Monday, September 1 and Taste of the Festival, July 19 and 20. We need your continued support in 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 your parents and grandparents. The following schedule also includes some Philoptochos prep dates.

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

Thanks,

Teddy Hart – 314.914.7711, Peggy Pierroutsakos – 636.395.8696 & Dianne Zotos – 636.541.0708

Your Festival Food Team

August –

Monday, 8/04 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Kourabiedes

**Friday, 8/15 at 9:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Cut and Cup Baklava for Pastry Assembly,
Crumble Feta and Walnuts**

Monday, 8/18 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Pastries Assembly

Wednesday, 8/20 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Pastries Assembly (if needed)

Friday, 8/22 at 8:30 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Tzatziki Cups Assembly

Wednesday, 8/27 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Chickens (Clean and Marinade)

Friday, 8/29 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Salads (1,000)

Saturday, 8/30 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Salads (5,000)





“Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant”

Dear St. Nicholas Parish Family,

Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. It allows us to participate in the work of God. Bearing fruit in the world is the visible result of our abiding in Christ, the True Vine.

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 Form has been completed. I thank you on behalf of St. Nicholas Church.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Taste of the Greek Festival 2025 will be in the books. Results will be reported next month. Thanks to our organizers, volunteers and patrons!

The Greek Festival kicks off at the end of this month. It's crunch time! There are several volunteer opportunities in the coming weeks as we prepare to host the best and largest ethnic food festival. Please support the Greek Festival over Labor Day Weekend by volunteering your time, donating towards expenses, ordering Festival Guest Checks for your colleagues, inviting your friends and neighbors to attend! And the work continues after the Greek Festival to clean, organize and get our building back in order for our fall activities. Please consider helping with this project by contacting me directly.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Mortgage Burning Celebration on Sunday, September 21 at the St. Nicholas Family Life Center. The Divine Liturgy will be held in the Chapel, followed by a luncheon celebration in the Auditorium – including the burning of the mortgage! This is an exciting time for our community, as we retire our debt and turn to the future.

May God continue to bless all of us!

Best regards,

Carol Kamburis
Parish Council President

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

MORTGAGE BURNING Celebration



Join us to celebrate this exciting time
for our community, as we retire our
mortgage debt and look to the future!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
St. Nicholas Family Life Center

Divine Liturgy in the
Family Life Center Chapel
followed by a luncheon in the
FLC Auditorium

*Invitations to follow with more
details and RSVP information*



St. Nicholas GREEK FESTIVAL

Labor Day Weekend

Saturday, August 30

11am to 8pm

Sunday, August 31

11am to 8pm

Monday, September 1

11am to 5pm



Come join us this Labor Day weekend!

108th Annual St. Nicholas Greek Festival

Authentic Greek Food | Live Music | Dance Performances

Church Tours | Gift Shop

Free Admission | Free Parking

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
4967 Forest Park Avenue, St. Louis

opastl.com

BE INVOLVED... VOLUNTEER



WE NEED YOU TO....

- MAKE A DIFFERENCE
- JOIN THE TEAM
- HELP US WITH OUR MISSION
- ASK YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU

LABOR DAY WEEKEND GREEK FESTIVAL

"A ST. LOUIS TRADITION"
ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

CONTACT...

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

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-OR-

ASK US HOW TO SIGN-UP ONLINE!

Be our hero, donate a GYRO!

Excitement is building as we prepare for our upcoming 108th St. Nicholas Greek Festival. This beloved event is a cherished tradition, bringing our community together for fellowship, fun, and fantastic food!

One of the major highlights of the festival is our traditional gyros, which always draws a crowd with its delicious offerings. This year, we are anticipating an even greater turnout, and to meet the demand, we will be purchasing 200 gyro cones.

To help cover this significant expense, we are seeking your support. Each gyro cone costs \$180, and we are asking for donations to underwrite the cost of these 200 cones. Whether you're able to sponsor one cone or several, your contribution will go a long way in helping defray the cost of this festival favorite and ensure the success of our event.

Donations can be made via check, through the QR Code below or online donations at SNGOC.org/festival, and please specify that your gift is for the gyro cones. Every bit helps, and your generosity will directly impact the success of the festival.

Thank you so much for your continued support and for being a part of this wonderful community. We look forward to celebrating with you at the festival!



ONLINE FESTIVAL DONATIONS
WWW.SNGOC.ORG





GREEK FESTIVAL GUEST CHECKS

Treat your friends to the tastes and sounds of the Greek Festival by surprising them with Greek Festival Guest Checks. Available in increments of \$10 and redeemable for food, beverage or merchandise throughout the Festival over Labor Day Weekend. Only guest checks that are redeemed will be charged to the provided account. This is a simple way to support the Greek Festival while hosting your friends! Please email stnicholas@sngoc.org or contact the Church office for more details.





HELLENIC CULTURE CAMP

St. Nicholas Family Life Center

August 4-8, 9 am - 4 pm
(drop off at 8:30)

Grades 1-8 in Fall of 2025

Fun Activities include:
Orthodox Faith
Greek Cooking
Geography/Mythology
Greek Dancing
Greek Language
Arts & Crafts
Sports & Games
Field Trip to Vetta Sports

\$150 for first child, \$100 for each additional child
(Financial assistance is available)

For questions or to volunteer please contact:
Tania Scarpino 314.255.3262 - helleniccamp@gmail.com

To register online, please visit
>sngoc.org >RESOURCES & EVENTS >Parish Events & Activities
>St. Nicholas Hellenic Culture Camp



**REGISTER
HERE**



Sunday School Begins September 14

Expanded age groups to include Pre - K through 18 years old
offering a new and age-appropriate curriculum



Please use the registration QR code to reserve space
for your child(ren) to explore the fundamental teachings
and rich traditions of our Orthodox Faith.

Registration
is OPEN!

For questions and/or information, please visit:
sngocchurchschool@gmail.com
or contact your church office.
314-361-6924

*There is NO FEE to attend Sunday School at St. Nicholas



St. Nicholas Scholarship Program

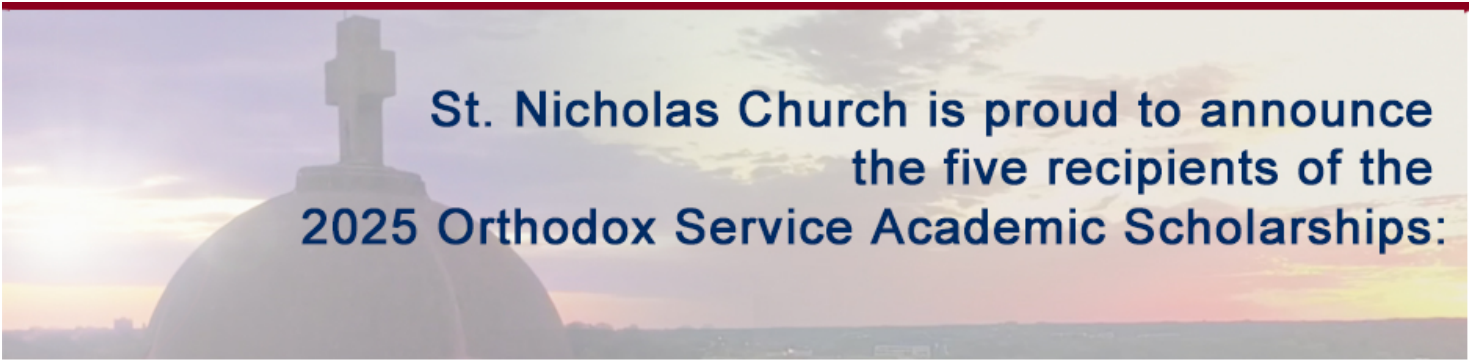
Every year, the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Community awards up to five scholarships to qualifying high school graduates and current university/college/vocational school students.

In order to qualify for a scholarship, the applicant must be:

- An Orthodox Christian and member in good standing (current steward) of the St. Nicholas Community.
- A graduate or graduate-to-be of an accredited high school, or enrolled or about to be enrolled in a community college, college, university, or vocational school.

Awards are based upon the extent of faithful participation in and service to Orthodox Christian ministries and activities. All applicants must submit with their application form and other supplemental materials Church Activity Attendance Forms, Orthodox Outreach/Parish Service/Youth Activity Attendance Forms, and an essay or video as outlined in the application. It is strongly suggested that students planning to apply for a 2026 award begin preparing these elements now.

Copies of the forms are available on the church website, from the church office, or from the adult supervisor of each outreach activity. The new 2026 application will be available on the church website beginning in September, 2025, and informational sessions will be held after liturgy in September/October, January, and March, prior to the May, 2026 deadline.



**St. Nicholas Church is proud to announce
the five recipients of the
2025 Orthodox Service Academic Scholarships:**

Alexander Gibbs:	Zagreles-Greles and Leo McDermott Scholarships
Linda Katsiyiannis:	Zagreles-Greles Scholarship
Leo Martin:	Zagreles-Greles Scholarship
Penelope Smith:	Zagreles-Greles and Helen McDermott Scholarships
Blake Sorbello:	Zagreles-Greles Scholarship

Best wishes for continued Orthodox Christian service and success in your academic and career endeavors!

2025 Stewardship

Pledges through July 9, 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

- *+Efthim, Andrew
- Efthim, Paul and Christina
- Efthim, Frank and Carol
- *Galakatos, Andrew
- *Galakatos, Gregory and JoAnn
- *Grayson, William and Diana
- Harris, Barbara
- James, George and Georgia
- *Kalomas, Dean
- Kaminski, Glen and Kimberly
- *Millonas, Dean and Michelle
- *Pulos, Jason and Barbara
- *Sewall, David
- Stavrides, Pete and Teresa
- *Tarlas, George and Kimberly

*Fullfilled 10 year Leadership committment

Super Stewards 2025

Arbanas, Fr. Michael and Caroline
Argyros, Demos and Mary
Bude, George
Dagartzikas, Anastasios
Demos, James and Theresa
Efthim, Janet
Ferretti, Michael and Georgia
Ferretti, Peter and Tonya
Fitzmaurice, Sean and Vasiliki
Ginos, Thomas and Christina
*Hart, James and Theodora
Jemas, Noel and Marilyn
Kazanas, Dan and Anne
King, Tinna
Koch, John and Mary Anne
Leara, Paul and Helen
Martin, Jason and Claire
Mastorakos, Mary
Mastorakos, William and Christa
McDermott, Gregory and Cheryl
McPherron, Colin and Stephanie

Mitchell, Bill and Charlene
Papulis, Fr. Doug and Presv. Christina
Salas, Sakis and Cathy
Sewall, Martha
Tarlas, Dan and Andrea
Tsikalas, Demetrios and Jackie
Vellios, William
Vleisides, Mark and Renee
*Anonymous
*Anonymous
*Anonymous

St. Nicholas Super Steward

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



2025 Stewards

Pledges Through July 9, 2025

Al-Bussairi, Stephanie
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Anastas, Christina
Anastas, Mary Ellen
Anastas, Nicholas & Jamie
Anderson, Mitry and Julia
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Angelides, Michael and Aheridan
Angelos, Vasso
Angelos, George
Angelos, Steve
Antonakos, James
Antonopoulos, Konstantinos & Georgia
Antonopoulos, Michael
Appel, Michael & Patricia
Athanasiadis, Christos and Penelope
Been, Rodney and Elaine
Bendas, Nick and Dianne
Benos-Tyler, Stephanie
Betta, Nickolas and Danene
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Bollwerk, Kenneth and Georgia
Botonis, Gus
Boudoures, Kerry
Bouyoukos, Timothy
Bouyoukos, Nick
Boyher, Logan and Kristen
Branford, Tyler
Brown, Jim and Anna
Buckalew, Philip and Irene
Burch, Robert and Cindy
Camene, Timothy and Christine
Careklas, John
Carey, Dennis and Helen
Carey, Nicholas and Amy
Cassimatis, Nicholas and Susan
Catalano, John
Catsavis, Gus
Ceno, Mihallaq & Monika
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Charles, Harry
Chirco, Sergio and Dimitra
Chrissos, George and Anna
Chronis, George and Jessica
Chronopoulos, Sophia
Clemens, Daniel and Vicki
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Cluck, Sophia
Corona, Stephany
Coulson, William and Elaine
Crocker, Timothy and Joanna
Cutsoukos, Maria
Dafnides, Thomas
Danko, Lisa
Davis, John and Mimi
Davis, Alexander
Dedes, Fr. Seraphim
DelaRoche, Lydia and William
Dellas, Peter
Demmas, Helen
Demos, Theodore and Helen
Denos, Ellis & Karla
Devers, Brennan and Alexandra
Dillas, James and Stephanie
Doran, Michael

Dougherty, David and Stephanie
Dugan, Deborah
Eble, Grant and Tina
Eck, Dimitri
Eckert, Ronald and Georgia
Efthim, Richard and Dena
Efthim, Stephanie
Efthim, Jessica
Elwood, Thomas and Patricia
English, Jim and Jennifer
Fakonas, Anastassios and Christina
Fakonas, Athanasios and Katherine
Fandos, Alice
Farrell, Margaret
Ferretti, George and Jeanette
Finer, Lyndia and Barry
Finnegan, Sean & Eugenia
Fleshman, Ronald and Dorothy
Foster, Anthony and Effie
Fournier, Michael and Pamela
Francis, William and Voula
Fridrich, Vaso
Fryrear, Jim and Stacie
Gaddis, James and Angelina
Gaddis, Nicholas and Heather
Galakatos, Christopher and Kimberly
Galakatos, Theresa
Galakatos, George and Priscilla
Gallagher, Sean and Stephanie
Georges, Niko and Alexia
Georges, Anthony and Sonja
Georges, Helen
Germanos, John E.
Germanos, Nicholas and Vanessa
Germanos, Elias
Ghirmazion, Yohana
Gibson, Parker and Kaleigh
Ginos, Naso
Ginos, Nicholas and Kathleen
Glioumas, George and Stephanie
Glynias, Stefan and Elizabeth
Golfin, Byron and Carolyn
Gordon, LaDonna
Grant, Christopher and Georgiana
Guarino, James
Guenther, Alexandra and Andrew
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Habtu, Amanuel
Haldeman, Weston and Jessica
Hartley, Jonathan
Hartman, Jeffrey and Polly
Hartman, Paige
Haywood, Richard
Hedgecock, Dianne
Hedgecock, Michael
Heine, Betty
Herbig, Nicole and Michael
Hinni, Aaron and Kathy
Hoffman, John and Candice
Holt, Zachary and Demetra
Houseman, John and Stephanie

Hunnius, Janet
Inman, Tim and Alexandra
Jackson, William
James, John and Frances
James, Steven and Margaret
James, Lisa
Johnson, Pantelis and Georgia
Johnson, Duane and Katherine
Jurgiel, Robert and Stacy
Kacso, Claudiu and Simona
Kaftantzis, Dimitrios and Roussa
Kallaos, Tom and Mersine
Kallaos, William and Connie
Kamburis, Carol
Kamburis, Michael and Maria
Kamburis, Sandra
Kantis, Maria
Kapodistrias, Gus and Dianne
Kappas, Nicholas & Michele
Karagiannis, Helen
Karakas, Achilles and Dorothea
Karnezis, George
Kastaris, Euripides
Kastaris, Harriet
Katsaras, Nicholas
Katsiyannis, Michelle
Katsoulis, Sue
Kavadas, Jimmy and Brenda
Kazanas, Maria
Kazanas III, Dan
Keleta, Shewit
Ketchmark, Steve and Stavra
King, Ordie
King, Michael & Katie
Kirby, John and Katina
Konczak, Leopold and Cynthia
Kondis, Nick and Jamie
Kontras, Demitra
Koskolos, Nick and Helen
Koutsogiannis, Atha
Lambos, Basile and Aristeia
Lampros, Susan
Lappas, George
Leara, Christopher
Leara, Alexander
Leara, Kathleen
Lee, Andre and Brigitte
Lekich, David and Patricia
Leontsinis, Patricia
Lewis, Gary and Constance
Liringis, Elizabeth
Livaditis, Terry and Kathy
Livaditis, Constantinos and Grace
Lockwood, Dale and Andrea
Lynch, Robert and Janice
Macheras, Clara
Maddux, Michael and Susan
Mager, David and Marika
Malakelis, Theodora
Maleas, Trigona

Manolis, Hristos and Janice
Manolis, Christina
Massad, Leslie and Sylvia
Massad - Mikula, Maria and Jeremy
Mastorakos, Mary Ann
Mastorakos, Steven and Kathryn
Mattern, Derick
Mavromatis, Peter and Kathryn
McCullison, Joseph and Anastasia
Menos, Kevin
Meyer, David and Carol
Mezines, Chris and Mary
Mezines, Sam and Maureen
Millonas, William and Claudia
Mitchell, Roger and Deborah
Modde, Ben and Michelle
Molleston, Jerome
Mott, Chad & Stefanie
Muckler, Robert and Mary
Mueller, Jake
Mullen, Vincent and Stacie
Murphy, Benjamin and Betsy
Nakis, Emmanuel and Gina
Nichoalds, Joe and Helen
Nichoalds, Dimitra
Nicozisin, Vasiliki
Nicozisin, William and Linda
Nicozisin, Demetra
Nicozisin, Katerina
Nipper, Matt and Cathy
Nutter, Zachary & Emily
Ogbe, Mewail and Saba
O'Hara, Thomas and Mary
Opari, Gjergji & Jeni
Orf, Roland and Cynthia
Otso, Carl and Nancy
Palazzola, Joseph and Deborah
Panopoulos, Dina
Panopoulos, Elias and Catherine
Papadopoulos, Pete and Estelle
Papageorge, Janet
Papagianis, Beverly
Papagianis, Christos
Pappas, Basil and Kathy
Pappas, Michael and Jenny
Pappas, Stephen and Carol
Pappas, William
Pappas, George
Papulis, Peter and Mary
Paradowski, Christopher and Christine
Paslidis, Alexandra
Patakas, George
Patakas, Gus
Patterson, Sam
Patterson, Katina
Peppes, William
Peterson, Anastasia
Pierrotsakos, Margaret
Pliakos, George
Politis, Demetrios and Julann
Politis, Vlasios
Politis, Louis and Theone
Politis, Peter and Megan
Porter, Clark

2025 Stewards

Pledges Through July 9, 2025

Psaris, Dianna
 Psaris, Nicholas
 Redman, Joseph and Dominica
 Reichert, Valerie
 Riethmann, Elizabeth
 Rigas, Jim and Donna
 Roeber, Maria
 Roemer, Scot and Christiane
 Rogers, Ronald and Katherine
 Rowe, Daniel and Lauren
 Russon, John and Gina
 Salas, Olga
 Sarantakis, Chris and Tina
 Scarpino, Nicholas & Tania
 Schriedel, Jesse and Kristina
 Sears, Katherine
 Sevastianos, Noel and Evangelia
 Shamia, Constantin
 Shawki, Peter and Catherine
 Shawki, George & Jeannette
 Sheridan, Robert and Georgine
 Shisko, William and Fotina
 Shisko, Louis
 Silvestri, John and Anne
 Skalas, Doloris
 Skubic, Gerald and Diana
 Smith, Loukia
 Smith, William and Caitlin

Smith, Cassandra and Ryan
 Smith, Kyle and Lexi
 Smith, Adam and Joanna
 Smyrniotis, Byron and Stacy
 Sorbello, James Jr. and Carmen
 Sorbello, Catherine
 Sorocko, Tina
 Sorocko, Tony
 Souris, John and Hariklia
 Souris, George
 Souris, Kosmas and Despina
 Spanos, Leon
 Spanos, Christina
 St. Geme, Thomas and Sarah
 Stamelos, Christina
 Stamelos, Maria
 Stavrianos, Christos and Isabella
 Stavrianos, Elias
 Stavrianos, Panayiotis & Carolina
 Stavro, Mark and Jackie
 Stevens, Mitchell & Madeleine
 Stevens, George & Lauren
 Storgion, Steven and Michelle
 Stricker, Jerry and Sophia
 Stricker, Abigale

Strong, James and Anne
 Takes, Peter and Alexandra
 Takes, Michael
 Tanurchis, Maria
 Tanurchis, John
 Teferi, Mulugheta and Zegge
 Teferi, Elsa
 Teferi, Emmanuel
 Tetradis, Mike and Kathleen
 Tharenos, Nick and Becky
 Thavorides, Elizabeth
 Thavorides, Anne
 Thavorides, Nick
 Thavorides, Tom and Vicki
 Theodore, George
 Theodorou, Argyrios and Evangelia
 Theodorou, Nicky
 Thompson, Kyle and Cecily
 Thornberry, Adam
 Tovrea, Perry and Maria
 Tschlis, Penny
 Tschlis, Michael and Vasilika
 Tschlis, George
 Tsilimantos, Nike
 Tsimpris, Catherine

Tsiopos, Kalliope
 Tsoubanos, Nicholas and Kristina
 Tsoukas, Sophia
 Tsoulis, Nick and Stella
 Tuttle, William and Athena
 Vahey, Joanna
 Vainalis, Vasiliki
 Varsam, Nick and Portia
 Vellios, Sophia
 Vidakis, Mary
 Vlachos, Fay
 Vlahiotis, Antonios
 Walters, Lexie
 Ward, Gary and Gloria
 Wessel, Craig and Kathryn
 Whaley, Daphne
 Winter, Don and Susan
 Wolfmeyer, William and Yolanda
 Woodrome, Chris and Nicole
 Zaman, Anthony and Karen
 Zervos, Nick & Stephanie
 Zias, Dina
 Zotos, George & Dianne
 Zotos, Diane
 +Zotos, Magdalene
 Zotos, Katherine
 Zuko, Stavri and Marika

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 Sakis Salas at 636-866-6193. We also recommend that you consult your Financial/Tax Advisors for additional information

✠ MEMORIAL DONATIONS ✠

CHURCH FUND

In Memory of Dave Page

Jim & Carmen Sorbello

In Memory of

Magdalene Zotos

Harry Charles

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MEMORIALS

†	40 day memorial for Maria Cutsoukos	June 29
†	40 day memorial for Magdalene Zotos	July 6
†	20 year memorial for George Kekeris	July 13

BAPTISMS

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





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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."



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 2, 2025
Holy Trinity Serbian Church
1910 Serbian Drive, St. Louis, Missouri

Mission Team St. Louis invites you to the annual Missions Benefit Dinner and Presentation. This year's proceeds will benefit mission projects in Guatemala!

"Sharing Christ's Love – For the care of the whole person: spiritual – emotional – physical"



OCMC Presentation by:
Fr. Chris Rowe
OCMC Development Director

Feature Keynote from Missionary
Serving in Guatemala.

MORE TO COME!

Embrace, Encourage, and Empower: Changing Women's Lives in the Democratic Republic of the Congo



A full and vibrant expression of the Orthodox Christian Faith is one that offers all people a welcoming

embrace, steadfast encouragement, and meaningful empowerment. The Church, wherever she finds herself, strives to make the physical and spiritual lives of others better through outreach, opportunity, community, and the sacraments.

For centuries, missionaries, priests, and bishops have ventured to new lands to help improve the lives of others and offer salvation in Jesus Christ. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), this fundamental task of the Church is being led by five hierarchs working to make a difference in the lives of their flocks and others.

Across the country, the Church in the DRC is carrying out vital ministries. In the capital, Kinshasa, the only accredited Orthodox Theological School in Africa prepares future clergy. Children throughout the country are receiving a good education at Orthodox schools.

In the spirit of 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "...encourage one another and build one another up," His Eminence Metropolitan Chariton of Kananga is also working to help Congolese women in the DRC by creating community, providing opportunity, and offering support.

Through generous contributions from Orthodox faithful like you, a Mission Center grant of \$27,000 has enabled the Metropolis of Kananga to establish the Cutting and Sewing Training Project – a six-month intensive training program for women in the region.

The funds from this grant have been used to purchase sewing machines and supplies for 31 recent graduates of the program following months of intensive training. The program will be expanded to 50 women in its next phase.

His Eminence noted that the women have near perfect attendance (some even bring their children to class!), and in a recent report from the Metropolis, it was shared that, *"The financial support of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center has truly relieved the pressing need of unemployed young people. Women heads-of-household in the city of Kananga and its surroundings have seen their professional capacity increased after six months of practice."*

Thanks to your ongoing prayers and support, the Church in the DRC will continue to grow and empower women in its diocese through her ministries.

August 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 <i>Eighth Sunday of Matthew</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Fellowship Coffee Hour	4 8:00 am Kourabiedes St. Nicholas Church <i>Supplications Service</i> 7 pm Family Life Center Chapel St. Nicholas Dance Troupe Check your time 5:30-7 pm Family Life Center HELLENIC CAMP	5 HELLENIC CAMP	6 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom <i>Feast of Transfiguration</i> 9:30 am Family Life Center Chapel St. Nicholas Dance Troupe Check your time 5:30-7 pm Family Life Center HELLENIC CAMP	7 HELLENIC CAMP	8 HELLENIC CAMP	9 10:30 am Adult Choir Practice at FLC
10 <i>Ninth Sunday of Matthew</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Fellowship Coffee Hour	11 <i>Supplications Service</i> 7 pm Family Life Center Chapel St. Nicholas Dance Troupe Check your time 5:30-7 pm Family Life Center HELLENIC CAMP	12 7 pm via Zoom Young Adult League	13 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom <i>Supplications Service</i> 9:30 am Family Life Center Chapel St. Nicholas Dance Troupe Check your time 5:30-7 pm Family Life Center	14 <i>Dormition Vespers</i> 6:30 pm Assumption GOC Reception to follow	15 <i>Dormition of the Theotokos</i> 9:30 am Family Life Center Chapel 9:00 AM Cut/Cup Baklava, etc. St. Nicholas Church	16 10:00 am Project Day at FLC 10:30 am Adult Choir Practice at FLC
17 <i>Tenth Sunday of Matthew</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Prayers for our Healers Fellowship Coffee Hour	18 8:00 am Pastries Assembly St. Nicholas Church St. Nicholas Dance Troupe Check your time 5:30-7 pm Family Life Center	19	20 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom 8:00 am Pastry Assembly at Church (if Needed) St. Nicholas Dance Troupe Check your time 5:30-7 pm Family Life Center	21	22 8:30 AM Festival Prep Tzatziki Cups St. Nicholas Church	23 10:30 am Adult Choir Practice at FLC
24 <i>Eleventh Sunday of Matthew</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Fellowship Coffee Hour	25 St. Nicholas Dance Troupe Check your time 5:30-7 pm Family Life Center	26	27 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom 8:00 am Clean/Marinade Chickens St. Nicholas Church St. Nicholas Dance Troupe Check your time 5:30-7 pm Family Life Center	28	29 <i>Behreading of St. John the Baptist</i> 9:30 am Family Life Center Chapel 8 am Salads Prep St. Nicholas Church	30 8 am Salads Prep St. Nicholas Church 
31 <i>Twelfth Sunday of Matthew</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Fellowship Coffee Hour 						

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2. Bring supplies to either St. Nicholas Church or FLC before August 10.

For more information, contact:
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For more information on how to participate, scan this QR code!

