

ST. NICHOLAS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November 2025

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THANKSGIVING FOR EVERYONE



Thanksgiving is a distinctly American holiday, older than the nation itself.

But one doesn't have to be a descendant of the Pilgrims to celebrate the day properly. All people with even an ounce of humility are capable of thanking God for all the blessings they have received.

It's no surprise, then, that this holiday has become one of the most beloved days of the year for all Americans, no matter their country of origin. We all adopt the Pilgrims' story as our own story, and we gather as they did.

But our Thanksgiving table certainly won't look just like that of the Pilgrims and their Wampanoag guests. Yes, most of us will have turkey, as they did, but we're way more likely to also feast on spanakopita or injera than we are the eels and boiled corn mush that the Pilgrims likely ate. (This, in fact, is another reason to be thankful!)

Other families, with roots elsewhere, might serve fried rice, tortillas or stuffed cabbage with their meal. The common factor is also the most important one: giving thanks to God.

This common attitude of thanksgiving should give us hope. As Christians, thankfulness is one of the guiding forces of our life. Our worship, after all, is centered on receiving the Eucharist (which literally means, "Thanksgiving"). And we do this not only once a year, but every Sunday and every feast day.

Seeing the ways that people from other cultures have made Thanksgiving their own helps us look forward to the day when David's words will be fulfilled: *All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name* (Psalm 86:9). And let's not merely look forward to this day; let's do our part to help it come to pass.

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Jonathan Hartley
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Christmas COOKIE

DECORATING

*For All St. Nicholas
Church School Students & Parents*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

10 AM - ST. NICHOLAS FAMILY CENTER

Join us for the 14th annual Christmas cookie decorating event. **Please bring your aprons, favorite cookie cutters and festive sprinkles.** Cookie dough, icing, hot chocolate, Christmas fun and fellowship will be provided

**RSVP BY 12/10
TO
SNGOCSUNDAYSCHOOL
@SNGOC.ORG**

2025

Please mark your calendar for the

Parish General Assembly Meeting

Sunday, November 16, 2025

St. Nicholas Church
(following Divine Liturgy)

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



The Nicholad

*Join us for this festive season of celebration, reflection, and gratitude
for our beloved St. Nicholas Church family*

St. Nicholas Day Vespers

Reception to follow

Friday, December 5 - 5:30 pm | Family Life Center

Family Fun Night

Friday, December 5 - 6:30 pm | Family Life Center

Tree lighting, Pizza, Christmas Carols, Hot cocoa, and more!

St. Nicholas Day Divine Liturgy

Reception to follow

Saturday, December 6 - 9:30 am | Family Life Center

St. Nicholas Day Luncheon

Sunday, December 7 | St. Nicholas Church

Immediately following Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 13 - 11:00 am | Family Life Center

Philoptochos Corner- November 2025

Philoptochos Sunday – November 2nd - We will honor all the ladies of St. Nicholas Philoptochos, pass the 2nd tray for families in need, and kick-off our holiday drive “Seats & Feet” to benefit local children’s charities.

Philoptochos Sunday commemorates the November 1st feast day of Saints Cosmas and Damianos - Patron Saints of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society. Saints Cosmas and Damianos represent examples of faith and love. Trained and skilled as physicians, these brothers were blessed to receive from the Holy Spirit the gift of healing people’s illnesses of body and soul. Their care extended to all God’s creatures, including animals. The Holy Spirit gave them the power and ability to do miraculous deeds. Saints Cosmas and Damianos served with fervent love for both God and neighbor, never taking payment. The saints strictly observed the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, “Freely have you received, freely give.” Matthew 10:8. The fame of Saints Cosmas and Damianos spread and people called them unmercenary physicians. Their example is the cornerstone of our philanthropy and ministry.



Saturday, November 8th – Grecian Kitchen Holiday Open House at the Family Life Center 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Please invite your family and friends for lunch and pick up your “Grecian Specialties” orders for the holidays. Jump start your Christmas shopping from our great selection of local boutiques! For more details, refer to the flyer in this issue.

Tuesday, November 11th – General Meeting to review and approve the 2026 Budget and select our charity spotlights. Join us for this seasonal dinner meeting at the St. Nicholas Family Life Center - 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Sandra Kamburis 314.952.9958 -or- skamburis@hotmail.com. Please plan to attend!

Sunday, November 23rd – Grecian Kitchen Harvest Bake Sale Luncheon – The Ladies of Philoptochos will be hosting their Annual Grecian Kitchen Harvest Bake Sale Luncheon. We are in need of “home-made” 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.

Holiday Ministry “Seats & Feet” to benefit local children’s charities – please drop off NEW socks and underwear (sizes pre-school to 8th grade) in the collection box at Church. Donations will be accepted through December 14th. Monetary donations welcomed!



Calendar of Events:

- 11/02 – Philoptochos Sunday (St. Nicholas)
- 11/08 – Grecian Kitchen Holiday Open House (FLC)
- 11/11 – General Meeting to approve 2026 budget (FLC)
- 11/23 – Harvest Bake Sale/Luncheon (St. Nicholas)
- 12/05 – St. Nicholas Vespers/Reception (FLC)
- 12/06 – St. Nicholas Day/Coffee Reception (FLC)
- 12/07 – St. Nicholas Day Luncheon (St. Nicholas)
- 12/13 – Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon (FLC)



St. Nicholas Philoptochos Society's
Holiday Ministry
"Seats & Feet"

Socks & Underwear Drive

to benefit

Local Children's Charities



Please drop off NEW items in the collection box
at Church or the Family Life Center

Boys' boxer underwear (sizes pre-school to 8th grade)

Girls' underwear (sizes pre-school to 8th grade)

Boys' & Girls' socks (sizes pre-school to 8th grade)

Donations will be accepted
November 2nd through December 14th

Or choose to support with monetary donations...

Please mail checks payable to:

St. Nicholas Philoptochos (memo/for: "Seats & Feet")

4967 Forest Park Ave, St. Louis, MO 63108

For more information, please call:

Demi Holt 314.550.6579 or Carol Kamburis 314.803.2451



St. Nicholas Philoptochos Society
Invites you to join us for our...

Grecian Kitchen

Holiday Open House

Saturday, November 8, 2025

10:30 am to 3:30 pm

St. Nicholas Family Life Center

Greek Food, Pastries & Boutique Shopping

Open to the Public!

Grecian Kitchen

Harvest Bake Sale Luncheon

Sunday, November 23, 2025

After Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas Church Auditorium

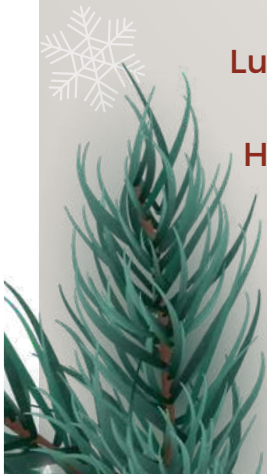
Lunch, Greek Pastries, Home-Made Baked Goods, and more!

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 PM

GRECIAN 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)

Paximathia.....\$15 PER DOZEN
CHOCOLATE DIPPED GREEK BISCUITS

Baklava..... \$30 (24PC PAN)
CLASSIC GREEK FAVORITE (READY TO BAKE)

Koulouria.....\$12 PER DOZEN
BRAIDED BUTTER COOKIES

Vasilopita Bread**\$25
TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S DAY BREAD WITH HIDDEN "GOOD LUCK" COIN
FOR PICK UP 12/21 AT ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

Spanakopita\$25 (12PC PAN)
SAVORY SPINACH & CHEESE PIE (READY TO BAKE)

Tiropita..... \$25 (12PC PAN)
SAVORY CHEESE PIE (READY TO BAKE)

Pastitsio..... \$50 (HALF PAN)
GROUND BEEF, PASTA, & BECHAMEL CASSEROLE
(READY TO BAKE)

"OPA" Salad dressing.....\$5

"Hellenic Cuisine" Cookbook.....\$25

MAIL COMPLETED FORM & CHECK PAYABLE 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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

ITEM	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL \$
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		
COOKBOOK	\$25		
VASILOPITA BREAD	\$25		
		TOTAL	\$



Please join us for the
St. Nicholas Day Luncheon
Celebrating the Feast Day of our Beloved
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, December 7, 2025
Following Divine Liturgy

Enjoy a delicious lunch, festive dessert, and fellowship
Special menu and entertainment for children!

Kindly respond by November 25th by mailing to:

Carol Kamburis
1211 Bedford Falls Ct
Ballwin, MO 63021

Guest name(s): _____

☐ *Enclosed is my reservation for* _____ *at \$30 per adult*
_____ *at \$10 per child (12 and under)*

☐ *I/we are unable to attend but would like to make a donation of \$* _____

☐ *Check enclosed payable to: Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church*

☐ *Credit Card number* _____ *Exp:* _____ *CVV:* _____

Name: _____

Street/City/Zip: _____

Phone number: _____



2025

St. Nicholas Christmas Card

*Sign up to be included on our Holiday Greeting Card
to your fellow parishioners.*

*Free-will donations to benefit our Youth Programs.
Suggested donation is \$20*

Names to appear on card as follows:

Donation enclosed _____

Please mail or deliver by December 1:

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

To submit online, please visit sngoc.org



St. Nicholas Prison Ministry

TOY 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.

Thank you!



For more information
contact
Clark Porter
314-518-6747

clark_porter@moep.uscourts.gov



Sunday School Directors' Desk - November 2025

***The Lord bless you and keep you.
Numbers 6:24***

Education of faith is a life-long journey that starts in the family home.

We are grateful for the twenty-five percent increase in Sunday School enrollment this year! This increase aligns with Barna Group's newest research from September 2025 revealing a new shift: Millennials and Gen Z are driving a resurgence in church attendance across the country!

St. Nicholas Sunday School provides a free Orthodox educational program for Pre-Kindergarten through twelfth grade. Our program is tailored to different age groups, ensuring the content is suitable for each developmental stage. For example, younger students are learning about God's love and basic Bible stories, while older students delve deeper into theological concepts, sacraments, iconography, Bible land geography, and the importance of stewardship.

Sunday School provides a gift of knowledge that offers lifelong value and significance!

Special thank you to Jonathan Hartley and Christina Stamelos for their technical assistance, and Bill and Linda Nicozisin for gifting the Sunday School Resource room with a new stainless utility shelf.

***See you in Sunday School,
Sincerely,***

***Lisa James
Sunday School Co-Director***



MORTGAGE BURNING Celebration



Blessing of the Animals



Cherubs Playdate

Saturday, November 15

9:30-11:30 am



Des Peres Park Playground

Littles and parents under the age of kindergarten, please join us for playing and fellowship! Siblings are welcome! Please text Gracie Livaditis for questions 314.616.9557



Church Musician Sunday



**MEMORIAL DONA -****CHURCH FUND*****In Memory of Photini Stavrides***

Pete & Teresa Stavrides

In Memory of Nicolaos Theodorou

Nicky Theodorou

Sylvia & Stewart Massad

In Memory of John Halikiopoulos

Georgia Pliakos

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Paul & Tina Efthim

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Gerti Beta

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In Memory of Becky Tharenos

Bob & Mary Muckler

**PARISH LIFE****MEMORIALS**

†	For all Kytherian Society Members	September 28
†	1 year memorial for Vasiliki Stratos	October 19
†	1 year memorial for Helen Pappademos	October 19
†	11 year memorial for Gabriel Kaftantzis the infant	October 5
†	11 year memorial for Bill Pappademos	October 19

**FUNERAL**

Nick Tharenos fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, October 12. His Funeral was Friday, October 17.

† May his memory be eternal

WEDDINGS

Xavier Garrett and Dalinda Shockley were married on September 20. Their Orthodox Sponsor is Elizabeth Paparigopoulos.

Jim Kallaos and Ashley Knehans were married on September 27. Their Orthodox Sponsor is Anna Kaplan.

John Ginos and Bailey Lawson were Married on October 9. Their Orthodox Sponsor is Vanessa Mezines

Nick Zotos and Stephanie Efthim were married on October 18. Their Orthodox Sponsor is Chris Zotos.

Congratulations!**40 DAY INFANT BLESSING**

Jonathan David, son of Dianna and David Birkby was Blessed and Churched on October 12.

Theofanis James, son of Cassandra and Ryan Smith was Blessed and Churched on October 19.

Congratulations!

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, November 18
at the Family Life Center*

Prayer Shawl Classes

Philoptochos Prayer Shawl Committee is offering
knitting and crocheting classes
for teens and adults
at the FLC

Saturday, November 15 - 10:00 am

Saturday, January 10 - 10:00 am

If you've always wanted to learn one or both of these lifelong skills, this is your chance to receive one-on-one instruction from experts.

ALL knitting needles, crochet hooks, and yarn will be PROVIDED FOR YOU, so there's no need to bring anything besides your desire to learn new things and enjoy some fellowship!



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 itemize their deductions to still receive 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.

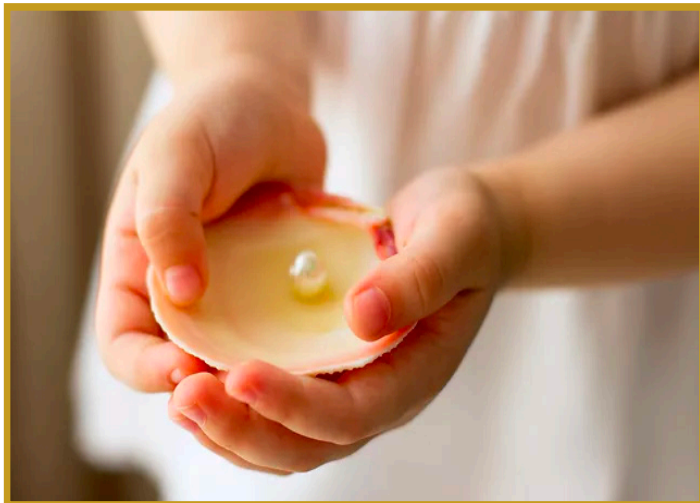
2025 Stewardship

Pledges through October 10, 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
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

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| Arbanas, Fr. Michael and Caroline | Mitchell, Bill and Charlene |
| Argyros, Demos and Mary | Papulis, Fr. Doug and Presv. Christina |
| Bude, George | Salas, Sakis and Cathy |
| Dagartzikas, Anastasios | Sewall, Martha |
| Demos, James and Theresa | Tarlas, Dan and Andrea |
| Efthim, Janet | Tsikalas, Demetrios and Jackie |
| Ferretti, Michael and Georgia | Vellios, William |
| Ferretti, Peter and Tonya | Vleisides, Mark and Renee |
| Fitzmaurice, Sean and Vasiliki | *Anonymous |
| Ginos, Thomas and Christina | *Anonymous |
| *Hart, James and Theodora | *Anonymous |
| 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 | |

St. Nicholas Super Steward

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



2025 Stewards

Pledges Through October 10, 2025

Al-Bussairi, Stephanie
 Alexander, Stacey
 Anastas, Christina
 Anastas, Mary Ellen
 Anastas, Nicholas & Jamie
 Anastasios, Louis and Catherine
 Anderson, Mitry and Julia
 Angelides, Mary
 Angelides, Michael and Sheridan
 Angelos, Vasso
 Angelos, George
 Angelos, Steve
 Antonakos, James
 Antonopoulos, Konstantinos and 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
 Birkby, David and Dianna
 Bollwerk, Kenneth and Georgia
 Botonis, Dina
 Botonis, Gus
 Botonis, Nick and Jamie
 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
 Cassimatis, Carol
 Cassimatis, Ted
 Catalano, John
 Catsavis, Gus
 Ceno, Mihallaq & Monika
 Chakides, Adonis
 Charles, Harry
 Chirco, Sergio and Dimitra
 Chrissos, George and Anna
 Chronis, George and Jessica
 Chronopoulos, Sophia
 Clemens, Daniel and Vicki
 Clones, John
 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
 Dimza, Elaine
 Dimza, Ted
 Dimza, Eugenia
 Doran, Michael
 Dougherty, David and Stephanie
 Dugan, Deborah
 Eble, Grant and Tina
 Eck, Dimitri
 Eckert, Ronald and Georgia
 Efthim, Richard and Dena
 Efthim, Christopher and Sabrina
 Efthim, Stephanie
 Efthim, Jessica
 Ellis, George and Diane
 Elwood, Thomas and Patricia
 English, Jim and Jennifer
 Ettel, Linda
 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
 Forbush, Dennis and Margaret
 Foster, Anthony and Effie
 Fotinos, William
 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
 Galakatos, Krys
 Gallagher, Sean and Stephanie
 Georges, Niko and Alexia
 Georges, Anthony and Sonja
 Georges, Helen
 Georges, Stephen
 Germanos, John E.
 Germanos, Nicholas and Vanessa
 Germanos, Elias
 Ghirmazion, Yohana
 Gibson, Parker and Kaleigh
 Ginos, Naso
 Ginos, Nicholas and Kathleen
 Ginos, John
 Glioumas, George and Stephanie
 Glynias, Stefan and Elizabeth
 Golfin, Byron and Carolyn
 Gordon, LaDonna
 Grant, Christopher and Georgiana
 Guarino, James
 Guenther, Alexandra and Andrew
 Habtu, Yemane and Abrahatzion
 Habtu, Amanuel
 Haldeman, Weston and Jessica
 Halley, Demetra
 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
 Kallaos, Nicholas
 Kamburis, Carol
 Kamburis, Michael and Maria
 Kamburis, Sandra
 Kantis, Maria
 Kapodistrias, Gus and Dianne
 Kappas, Nicholas & Michele
 Karagiannis, Helen
 Karakas, Achilles and Dorothea
 Karides, William and Pam
 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
 Kirkou, Eugenia
 Konczak, Leopold and Cynthia
 Kondis, Nick and Jamie
 Kontras, Demitra
 Koskolos, Nick and Helen
 Koutsogiannis, Atha
 Lambos, Basile and Aristeia

Lampros, Susan
 LaPasso, Leonard and Alexandra
 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
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 Maleas, Trigona
 Manolis, Hristos and Janice
 Manolis, Christina
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Pliakos, Georgia
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Politis, Vlasios
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10:30 am Adult Choir Practice at FLC
2 <i>Fifth Sunday of Luke</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church <i>Philoptochos Sunday</i> Sunday School Fellowship Coffee Hour 5 pm GOYA at FLC 5 pm Vespers-6 pm OCMC Missions Dinner Presentation at Holy Trinity GOC	3 8:30 am Prosforo Baking at Church	4	5 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom	6 9 am GK Kitchen Prep FLC	7	8 <i>Synaxis of the Holy Archangels</i> 9:30 am at FLC 10:30 am GK Holiday Open House at FLC 10:30 am Adult Choir Practice at FLC
9 <i>St Nektarios Seventh Sunday of Luke</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Sunday School Fellowship Coffee Hour 5 PM JR. GOYA at FLC	10	11 7 pm via Zoom Young Adult League 6 pm Philoptochos General Meeting at FLC	12 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom	13 4:30 pm Men's Night FLC	14	15 9:30 am Cherubs Play Date Des Peres Park 10 am Prayer Shawl Classes at FLC 10:30 am Adult Choir Practice at FLC
16 <i>Matthew The Apostle and Evangelist</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Sunday School Fellowship Coffee Hour Name Day Celebration Parish General Assembly	17	18 10:00 am Women's Faith Group Family Life Center	19 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom	20	21 <i>Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple</i> 9:30 am at FLC	22 10:30 am Adult Choir Practice at FLC
23 <i>Ninth Sunday of Luke</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Sunday School Fellowship Coffee Hour Parish Elections GK Harvest Bake Sale Following Divine Liturgy	24	25	26	27  BLESSED THANKSGIVING	28	29
30 <i>Andrew The First Called Apostle</i> 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Fellowship Coffee Hour						

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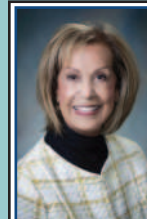
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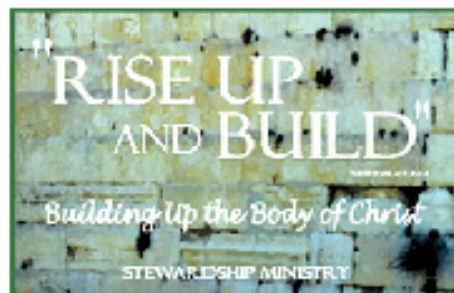
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