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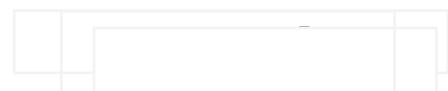
Majmudar Farewell

Sunday, January 22, 2023 marked the final Liturgy led by Fr. Seraphim at St. Nicholas before his new assignment to St. Lawrence Orthodox Church in Santa Cruz, California.

The Philoptochos hosted a farewell dinner on January 21, 2022 to thank Fr. Seraphim, Presbytera Sophie and the entire Majmudar family for their tireless dedication to the St. Nicholas Tacoma parish and community for the past 13 years. The dinner produced an outpouring of community love for the Seraphim family and all of us at St. Nicholas wish them well on their new endeavor. After the dinner we gathered into the sanctuary to take the group picture seen above.

Our new priest, Father Anthony Cornett will celebrate his first Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas on Sunday February 26.

Welcome, Fr. Anthony, Presbytera Anna and their four children to St. Nicholas.



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General Office Hours: Tuesday—Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Sunday Services

8:45 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Please join us for Social/Coffee Hour in our downstairs hall, following the Divine Liturgy

February 2023, Father Iraneus Williams and Father Daniel Armatas will conduct services.



Father Anthony Cornett will be appointed the Proistamenos of St. Nicholas Church effective March 1, 2023

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Kelly Rosati – Beginner dancers

George Pirotis – Adult Group Instructor

Philoptochos Society

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 Merrilee Pangis - Secretary
 Ingrid Chamales - Treasurer

Sunday School

To be announced

Coffee Hour

Zach Karanasos

IT, etc.

Bill Samaras

Philia

Diane Pirotis

Pro Life

Genevieve Eagle

Greek School

George Pirotis

Lazarus Group

Dean Hamos

Pilgrimage

Zach Karanasos

Prospora Baking

Deborah Talbot

Flowers & Church Decorating

Kathy Rowley/Genevieve Eagle

Welcome

Gus Chamales

Parish Council

Next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday February 14, 2023

FEBRUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>29</p> <p>Philoptochos Soup Supper for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:45am Orthros ● 10am Divine Liturgy 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5:30pm Beginning Greek 	<p>31</p> <p>Cyrus & John</p>	<p>Feb 1</p> <p>Brigid of Ireland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6pm Vespers ● 7pm Choir Practice 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5:30pm Modern Greek 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6pm Vespers
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:45am Orthros ● 10am Divine Liturgy 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5:30pm Beginning Greek 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm Building Committee 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6pm Paraklesis ● 7pm Choir Practice 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5:30pm Modern Greek 	<p>10</p> <p>Blaise, Bp of Sebaste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6pm Vespers 	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Philoptochos Pie Sale to Benk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:45am Orthros ● 10am Divine Liturgy ● 11:30am Matushka Mary Pe 	<p>13</p> <p>Priscilla & Aquila</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5:30pm Beginning Greek 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm Parish Council 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6pm Paraklesis ● 7pm Choir Practice 	<p>16</p> <p>Nikolai of Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5:30pm Modern Greek 	<p>17</p> <p>Theodore the Soldier</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1st Saturday of Souls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6pm Vespers
<p>19</p> <p>Fasting: Last day to eat meat!</p> <p>LAST JUDGMENT/MEATFARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:45am Orthros ● 10am Divine Liturgy 	<p>20</p> <p>Fasting: No meat; dairy ok every dy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5:30pm Beginning Greek 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Elwin of Cornwall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6pm Paraklesis ● 7pm Choir Practice 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5:30pm Modern Greek 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>2nd Saturday of Souls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6pm Vespers
<p>26</p> <p>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</p> <p>St Arcadius, son of St Xenoph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:45am Orthros ● 10am Divine Liturgy 	<p>27</p> <p>CLEAN MONDAY</p> <p>Ephraim of Katounakia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5:30pm Beginning Greek 	<p>28</p> <p>CLEAN TUESDAY</p> <p>John Cassian</p>	<p>Mar 1</p> <p>CLEAN WEDNESDAY</p> <p>David of Wales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm Choir Practice 	<p>2</p> <p>CLEAN THURSDAY</p> <p>Nicholas Planas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5:30pm Modern Greek 	<p>3</p> <p>CLEAN FRIDAY</p>	<p>4</p> <p>3rd Saturday of Souls</p> <p>Gerassimos of the Jordan</p> <p>St Theodore Saturday</p> <p>3 more</p>

News and Announcements

Parish Council President

Fellow Parishioners,

I would like to take this occasion to both thank you for electing me to the 2023 Parish Council, and join you as we look forward to the next chapter of our community of St Nicholas.

Fr Seraphim, Presvytera Sophie, and the entire family leave us with many good memories and they will be missed, but our hearts and prayers are with them.

As we await the arrival of our new Priest, Presvytera, and their four daughters, we have much to look forward to. Father Anthony arrives just in time to guide us through Great Lent and our journey towards Pascha. The recent completion of Project 2020 provides the opportunity for the next phase of iconography depicting scenes from the life of our beloved patron saint. Plans for the chapel of St Nikephoros continue, and we look ahead to addressing the needs of our aging building and how best to promote the growth of our parish as we round out our first hundred years.

We have much work ahead of us as we strive to make the most of the talents we have been given, but these opportunities give us hope for blessings to come, and I look forward to the future ahead as we share these joys together.

Please join me as we open our hearts and lives to this new family, the new opportunities ahead in 2023, and the future of our parish.

With Faith and Love,

Andrew Primis—*Parish Council President*

Welcome Fr. Anthony

Fr. Anthony and his family will be moving to Tacoma from Los Angeles during the week of February 20, and will celebrate his first liturgy as your new proistamenos on Sunday, February 26. Fr Irenaeus Williams & Fr Daniel Armatas have graciously agreed to celebrate the liturgy on the Sundays in between.



Presbytera Anna and
Father Anthony
Despina Evangilia (3),
Miriam Rachel (9),
Zoe Ephremia (7)
Macrina Maria (4 months)

Coffee Hour



COFFEE HOUR MINISTRY

TEAM LEADERSHIP CHANGING FROM TEAM PRES SOPHIA TO TEAM CEDENO

With Fr Seraphim's new assignment to St Lawrence, Pres Sophia will no longer be able to lead her coffee hour team. I'm deeply indebted to her for her love and labor in leading her team. When the Coffee Hour Ministry was reinstated, she volunteered to be a team leader. She has been an invaluable source of information and inspiration. I cannot properly articulate my gratitude to her. Her shoes will be hard to fill. However, Glory to God for all things because what is impossible for men is possible for God. God has provided Klaudia Cedeno to take over leadership of the team. I'm truly thankful to our Lord & St Nicholas for putting in the heart such a capable person the willingness to take over the leadership role.

The coffee hour teams are in imperative need of having more members on their team. You can help by volunteering to join the ministry. Individuals or families may host a coffee hour for a special occasion. For more information please contact Zach Karanasos.

MISSION

- ✂ To extend the Holy Eucharist to social/coffee hour
- ✂ To express and manifest our faith by extending the hospitality we proclaim and by acknowledging the grace we have received during the Divine Liturgy
- ✂ To promote fellowship
- ✂ To connect with fellow parishioners, to welcome guests and to invite new faith seekers to our Church

Keeping the Coffee Hour Ministry alive is pivotal because it represents a great opportunity to:

- ✂ Put into practice principles of our faith (hospitality, discipline, respect, servitude, generosity, engagement) that enhance our spiritual growth and challenge us to become servant leaders
- ✂ Foster a sense of community
- ✂ Unify us by building within our parish a center of shared values and purposes

Coffee hour should become part of our collective identity as Orthodox Christians at St. Nicholas Church. Furthermore, it is one of the few and regular times parishioners can connect with each other.

TEAM SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY:

2/05/2023	Community Coffee Hour*
2/12/2023	Philoptochos: Autism Pie Drive
2/19/2023	Men's Team
2/26/2023	Philoptochos: Welcome Father Anthony Cornett and Family

***Community Coffee Hour:** Parishioners are encouraged to bring cookies, pastries, chips, etc., just be aware that during fasting periods (Great Lent, Apostles, Panagia & Nativity), the items need to be vegan.

Modern Greek Language School



**2022-2023 Modern Greek Language Classes, every Thursday, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.
2022-2023 Beginners Greek Classes, Every Monday from 6:00-7:00 PM.**

General Information: The classes are open to everyone who is interested to learn the Greek Language, History and Culture!

Teacher - George Pirotis

Contact Church Office - 253-272-0466

Purpose: The purpose of the Greek School is to promote the Greek letters, language, culture, and Hellenic Civilization. **The classes are open to all parishioners.**

Students will learn Grammar, Modern Conversational Greek and some of the Biblical - Ancient Greek Terminology.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE



Daughters of Penelope
Valentine's Day Toffee Sale

Homemade English Pecan Toffee
\$10 for 8 oz bag

Toffee will be ready for pick-up after Liturgy
February 12, 2023



To order text Evy (253-377-2191) or
email (evykontos@gmail.com)

Philoptochos News

President's Message

Greetings everyone and Happy New Year! It is such a blessing that the Philoptochos mission is truly a valued part of St. Nicholas parish! The events that Philoptochos has sponsored over the past year have been GENEROUSLY supported not only by parishioners, but by visitors to our parish as well. Each event has seen an increase in giving over the previous year. Philoptochos is humbled by the financial expression of your faith in our ability to help those who are needy in our local area and the wider orthodox community.

Significant activities in January included:

The Farewell Dinner for Majmudars - Philoptochos and the Parish Council jointly hosted a farewell dinner for our beloved Father Seraphim and his family on January 21. Approximately 180 parishioners came to this event. Dinner was served with a short program and group photo afterwards. Here is a photo of the team preparing the meal.



Vasilopeta - On January 9, special loaves of bread (made by our Philoptochos members in the church kitchen), were cut and served to representatives of the St. Nicholas ministries. \$1,508 donated from parishioners for this event will go to the St. Basil's Academy, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese home for children in need in New York.



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Philoptochos News

Holiday Food Certificate Drive - Every year Philoptochos has spearheaded a project to donate food certificates to families in the community for Thanksgiving and Christmas. This year we helped eight families at four schools, Boze, Blix, Downing and McCarver elementary schools. Gift cards have already been distributed to the families for both holidays. Our goal was to raise \$4,000 for this project. As of December 31, 2022, we had raised \$6,400, surpassing that goal. Thank you to AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, and all members of our community who donated towards this project. Additional funds raised will be applied towards local community needs as determined at the four schools.

January/February planned activities to further our mission of helping those less fortunate and to promote participation in the Philoptochos Society:

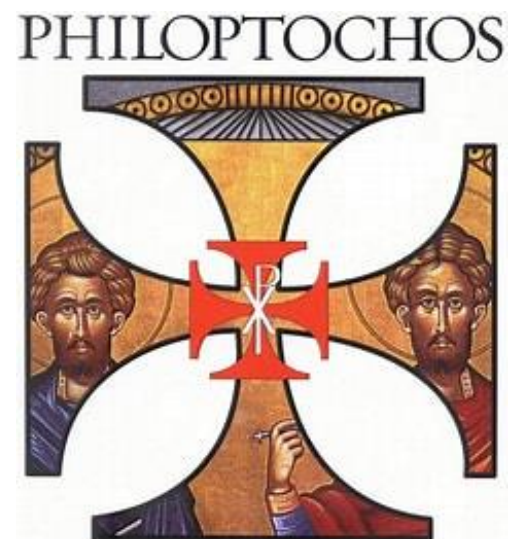
Soup Coffee Hour - On January 29, members will prepare a variety of soups and rolls to be served at the coffee hour. This will be a free-will offering. Funds for this event will benefit two National funds: the Social Services fund and the Cancer and Other Major Illnesses Fund. The Social Services fund provides assistance to improve the quality of life of those in need. Through confidential and professional services, the National office provides outreach, education, support, advocacy, financial assistance and referrals to local and broader resources as needed. The Philoptochos Cancer and Other Major Illnesses fund provides relief to members of our community, so they can focus on their health and health care needs.

Pie Coffee Hour - On February 12 members will serve a variety of pies for \$3.00/piece at the coffee hour. Funds from this event will go to the Autism Assistance Fund. This fund provides assistance and support to persons within the Autism spectrum and promotes education to heighten Autism awareness.

Membership - Our year starts in January and runs through December. The membership is \$30 for the year. Please ask any member about Philoptochos—it is the Orthodox Church's Women's Ministry. Please contact Jane Evancho for membership payment. We encourage our Greek Orthodox friends to join us. They can be involved as much or as little as they wish. We welcome you all to our group. There is a lot of satisfaction in doing things for the common good and helping our church and the less fortunate among us...

Thank you so much for your support!

Jane—



Building Committee

FEBRUARY BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

This last month has been a time of deep transition within the church, resulting in many administration delays, including a General Assembly to approve the 2023 church budget, now scheduled for January 29.

From a Building Committee perspective, the most pressing issue in the 2023 budget is obtaining approval to replace the church furnace, which is well past its life expectancy age, was not working during at least one Liturgy late last year, and has been becoming less reliable over time. Bids from reputable contractors have been obtained and vetted, and we are ready to put the wheels in motion once an official go-ahead is provided.

A previous proposal to provide gravel paving for overflow parking in the south church lot was deferred for at least another year, and is therefore not in the upcoming 2023 budget.

This coming month will be the last Building Committee meeting with Father Seraphim in attendance, he has been a genuine inspiration and essential guide in bringing about the major church renovations that have occurred over the last several years. We look forward to welcoming Father Anthony, who in good will and good faith, we trust will be an inspirational torch bearer and is planned to be in attendance as well.

A preliminary proposal that was advertised in the last Messenger for long-term fixes to the deteriorating Upper Hall and Dining Hall/Kitchen area roofs, in conjunction with a bigger pictured overall church renovation plan has been delayed. The proposal is still in the works of being sketched up, defined, and initially presented to the Building Committee, and then to the Parish Council as one of many long-term church program possibilities. It is the desire to present preliminary specifics of the proposal in the next Messenger if positively received.

Lastly, in what will likely be a reoccurring theme in upcoming Messengers, below are some reminder photos of the existing state of the Upper Hall and Dining Hall/Kitchen area roofs.



Above is a view of the Upper Hall bookstore and office areas taken from the Dining Hall roof deck. The scenery on the roof is less attractive in real life, especially when wet and puddling.



This is the Upper Hall roof drain near the center of a virtually no-slope roof. On rainy days a stagnate small lake will accumulate. A 10' x 10' liquid membrane preventative maintenance patch will be applied around the drain in dryer weather.

MILITARY MINISTRY NEWS

Our latest contribution to our ministry comes from the Basil family. Dino and Chris

Basil's father, Vasilakis H. Basil, served in the United States Navy during the Korean and Cold Wars with the Military Airlift Transport Service (MATS). MATS was established in 1948 to be responsible for all U.S. military transport requirements. The basis of MATS was the previous Air Transport Command of the United States Air Force together with personnel and aircraft transferred from the Naval Air Transport Service - NATS of the United States Navy. MATS played vital roles in supporting the Berlin Airlift (1948-1949), The Korean War (1950-1953) during which Vasilakis flew many support missions, the Suez, Lebanon and Taiwan Straits Crisis (1956-1958), Operation Deep Freeze/Antarctic (1957-1963), the Congo Airlift (1960-1963), the Berlin Crisis (1961), the Cuban Missile Crisis (1962), Operation Big Lift (1963), and for part of the Vietnam War. In early 1966, MATS was disestablished and succeeded by the Military Airlift Command - MAC, set up by the U.S. Air Force, and it returned shore-based Navy cargo aircraft to Navy control as operational support airlift (OSA) aircraft.



Vasilakis H. Basil
United States Navy
Korean War
Chris and Dino
Basil's father



Ingrid and I spent many years on active duty with the United States Army and during all of that time we served in units with military chaplains. I even had military chaplains working directly for me, or under my command for the last few years that I served. Thanks to Kalitsa Z., I recently read this article and found it very informative. I ask that if you know anyone of the orthodox faith who also serves in the military, to please share this article with them. Hopefully they will find it as informative as I did, but more importantly, I hope it will help them stay in closer contact with our faith.

No Military Dispensation Necessary, by Fr. Jerome Cwiklinski. This article was originally written and posted on March 11, 2010, by stgeorgeoma in Uncategorized trackback.

Since 11 September 2001, hosts of Orthodox Americans have enlisted or been commissioned in our nation's armed forces. Some have since paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives, all in order to protect our freedoms, among which is the free exercise of religion. This freedom is not confined to Hometown USA but is upheld even in a war zone. Such places are far beyond the reach of parish clergy, yet our Orthodox warriors need fortification that only our Church can provide against the dangers of battle and spiritual warfare.



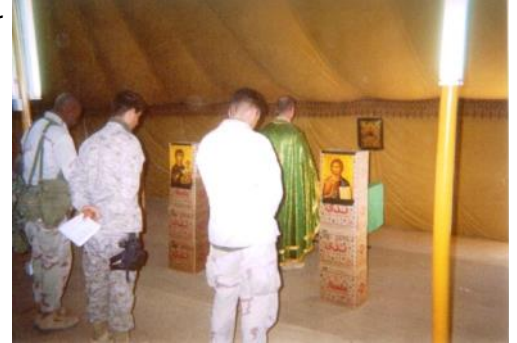
Orthodox Chaplains bring Orthodox worship, sacraments, and spiritual counsel to a widely scattered flock, often reaching out to solitary Orthodox Christians – a true diaspora. When deployed, they ride a circuit to offer the liturgy at a different camp, perhaps on different days of the week, to those who can't come to a central location. They do so in convoys or aircraft vulnerable to attack, risking their own lives to make our people ready to face the possibility of death and to help them lead better Christian lives.

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MILITARY MINISTRY NEWS

Celebrating the Divine Liturgy in a field environment may reduce some of its pageantry, but not people's expectations. Our faithful in uniform desire the fullness of worship even though it may take place inside a tent on an altar made of ration cases. The grandeur of the Blessed Kingdom is made present despite challenges – a real "Table in the presence" of enemies – where it is not uncommon for vestments to be worn over body armor, or for Lord, have mercy to be accompanied by the not-so-distant thud of explosions.

Ministry as a Chaplain does imply a certain degree of oikonomia, but Orthodox Christians in the armed forces, who take their faith seriously, do not seek personal dispensations. They want to conform to the standards of the Church: Confession; keeping the fasts despite limited menu choices and high heat conditions; preparing properly for the Sacraments – that's because they are accustomed to discipline as a routine way of life.



There are still many Orthodox military people who aren't aware Orthodox Chaplains exist and are therefore predisposed not to look for Orthodox services – most frustrating when they go an entire deployment without the Sacraments, only to learn an Orthodox priest was within easy reach. "Why didn't the Orthodox Chaplain look for them?" seems a fair question to ask, and they can if you match their efforts as follows:

*Orthodox service members – insist your religious preference is correct in your military records. There is an established code for Orthodox Christians. Be visible. Make the Sign of the Cross. Do not attend non-Orthodox services – there is no substitute for Orthodox worship or Orthodox sacraments! Non-Orthodox Chaplains can help you by placing you in contact with an Orthodox Chaplain. **Use your chain-of-command to ensure that happens.***

Orthodox parish priests – Contact an Orthodox Chaplain and give him the names of the sons and daughters of your parish who have entered the armed forces. The St. George Orthodox Military Association, www.orthodoxmilitary.org or StGeorgeOMA@gmail.com is the best go-to resource to find Orthodox Chaplains or to help Orthodox military personnel find one another.

Orthodox parents – Bug your kids! Ask them when was the last time they attended an Orthodox service? Send them an icon and prayer book. Encourage them to remain active in the faith even while serving in remote locations. Send their email or mailing address to an Orthodox Chaplain. Tell them the non-Orthodox chaplain assigned to their unit is obliged to find them an Orthodox priest. Write to your Representative if necessary.

Everyone – pray to our intercessors among our Orthodox military saints that those who serve will remain steadfast in the Orthodox Christian faith.

There are Orthodox Chaplains serving around the world in the different branches of the military. Do not let their branch of service deter you from making a request. The best thing about Orthodox military ministry is that it is Joint and it is Pan-Orthodox – meaning every Liturgy is a triumph of Orthodoxy!

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MILITARY MINISTRY NEWS

Did you know...“Orthodox” was not among the choices for dog tags in WWII and until the 1950s? Our very first Chaplains were forced to choose from “C,” “P,” “J,” or “No Pref.” **World War II veteran and later Archon Nicholas Royce set in motion a letter-writing campaign that finally allowed “Eastern Orthodox” to be recognized and included.** With the Orthodox Church breaking the old paradigm, every faith qualified to be listed as a specific religious preference. This just goes to show that breakthroughs in our Orthodox Christian faith are not solely dependent on the actions of clergy.

Ordinarily, this ministry focuses on parishioners and their family members, but occasionally we do highlight others and their extraordinary achievements. Once again, thanks to Kalitsa’s kindness, the following article is about a gentleman who had been a long-time member of Saint Sophia Cathedral in Los Angeles, the same church from which our own Fr. Anthony Cornett is about to arrive. Because of this gentleman’s extraordinary accomplishments both as a military veteran and devoted follower of the orthodox faith, I think you will find this article as interesting as I did.

Reprinted from GreekObituary.com

Nicholas Royce died peacefully on January 16, 2022 in Northridge, CA. Born Nicholas Vlangas to Greek immigrant parents, he made his professional dance debut at age 14 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. Nick changed his last name to Royce upon entering the entertainment industry where he became a famous dancer and choreographer. **He entered the U.S. armed services upon graduation from high school and with his solo dance act entertained over 75,000 GIs in hospitals and on bases throughout the U.S. and Japan. He was introduced to the troops as the "Greek Fred Astaire in GI clothing."**



Mr. Nicholas Royce
U.S. Army
World War II
"THE GREEK FRED
ASTAIRE IN GI
CLOTHING"



In the late 1940s and 50s, he won worldwide acclaim and became one of the most recognizable figures in the dance world with the Nicholas Royce Dancers. The group had one of the top dance acts on the circuit, headlining in supper clubs, theaters and appeared on television on such shows as Ed Sullivan, Kate Smith, and Milton Berle.

In addition to his show business career, Royce was passionate and proud of his Greek Orthodox faith. He set out to expand the voice of Orthodoxy throughout the world with the ultimate goal to make Eastern Orthodoxy an integral part of American life along with the other major faiths.

Nicholas' lobbying efforts resulted in Hallmark adding Greek Orthodox Easter to its calendars.

Nicholas fought hard for the return of Hagia Sophia in Constantinople as a viable Orthodox house of worship and for the reopening of the Greek Orthodox Theological Seminary on the island of Chalki, both in present day Turkey.

His life and accomplishments were featured in an LA Times article on December 14, 1989 (www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1989-12-14-vw-119-story.html).

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MILITARY MINISTRY NEWS

His achievements were entered into the United States Congressional Record on February 6, 2008 by Congressman Howard L. Berman (www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CRECB-2008-pt1/html/CRECB-2008-pt1-Pg1525-4.htm?mc_cid=8705e30c73&mc_eid=35790f108d).

Recognizing his efforts, the Greek Orthodox Church vested Royce as an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate on March 3, 1985, the highest honor bestowed upon a layman. He was also inducted in the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, which is dedicated to the defense of the rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. His work in the Human Rights arena is so extensive that in 1996, the University of Minnesota's Immigration history Research Center added "The Nicholas Royce Papers" to its archival library.

Royce was a member of several organizations including the Television Academy where for many years he served as a judge for the annual Daytime and Primetime Emmy Awards and was also was a member of the Jazz Society of Los Angeles. As a thank you to women who had supported him in his various causes, Royce joined Women in Film, Hollywood Women's Press Club, and American Women in Radio & Television. He wanted to support them in their struggle for equality in the entertainment business.

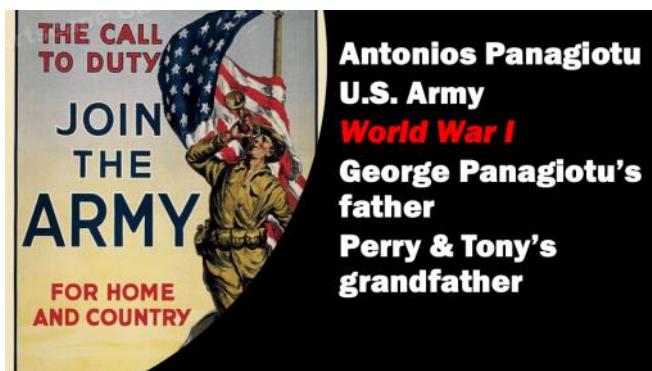


Nicholas was a faithful member of Saint Sophia Cathedral in Los Angeles upon moving to the Southland in 1957 until his last breath. It was his wish to leave his remains to Loma Linda University for medical research.

His one year memorial was recently chanted at Saint Sophia Cathedral just prior to the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 15, 2023.

Noting the omission of Eastern Orthodoxy as a religious preference on military dog tags in WWII, he set in motion a letter-writing campaign that finally allowed "Eastern Orthodox" to be recognized and included. (See the "Did you know" section here: orthodoxmilitary.wordpress.com/2010/03/11/no-military-dispensation-necessary). AND NOW YOU KNOW, THE REST OF THE STORY.

REMEMBER OUR PARISH VETERANS! St. Nicholas parishioner Antonio Panagiotu passed away on February 23, 1971. He served as a soldier in the United States Army during WWI.



**MAY HIS MEMORY
BE ETERNAL!!!!**

Submitted by: Gus

ST. NICHOLAS AKATHIST MINISTRY

Ministry of Akathist, Prayers for the Departed

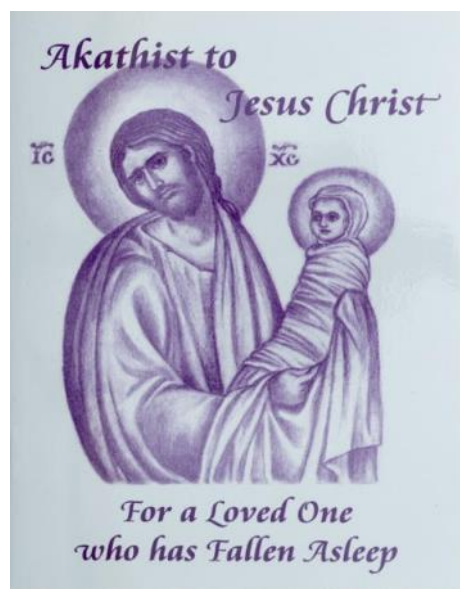


Thank you to all who are involved in this wonderful ministry at Saint Nicholas. In offering the gift of praying the Akathist to Jesus Christ for a Loved One who Has Fallen Asleep, it is a great comfort to family and friends of the departed ones.

When we offer these prayers for the newly departed, it also helps us in many ways. **May God bless your gift of prayer.**

If you are interested in knowing more about this ministry, or would like to be involved, please contact the church office.

Thank you again,
Kathy Rowley

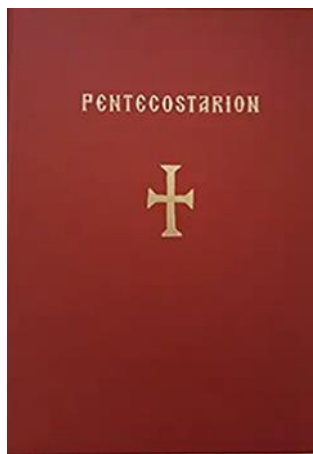


St. Nicholas Bible Study

The Book of Acts



Our Bible Study Group



A NOTE ON THE TEXT OF THE PENTECOSTARION

And its editions and on the word “Pentecost” (Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, MA 1990)

The Lord God commanded His people Israel through Moses, the seer of God, to keep a feast to Him three times in the year. The first was “the feast of unleavened bread”, the Passover (Pascha), and the second was the “feast of the harvest of first fruits” (Exodus 23:14-16). Between these two great feasts was a period of fifty days according to the scriptural ordinance: “And ye shall number to yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day on which ye shall offer the sheaf of the wave offering, seven full weeks: until the morrow after the last week ye shall number fifty days”. (Leviticus 23:15-16).

Since the second feast was forty-nine days after the sheaf was offered on Passover, that is after seven weeks (a week of weeks), the Hebrews called it the feast of weeks – “Seven weeks shalt thou number to thyself” . . . and thou shalt keep the feast of weeks to the Lord”(Deuteronomy 16:9-10) -and so is it called among the Jews to this day.

“Pentecost” is derived from the ordinal form of the Greek word for the number fifty, i.e., πεντηκοστή. During the Hellenistic period this term was applied to the fiftieth day after Passover even in the Old Testament Scriptures. “In the feast of Pentecost, which is the holy feast of seven weeks. . .” (Tobit 2:1). “And after the feast called Pentecost. . .” (II Maccabees 12:32).

The original feast was a joyous festival of thanksgiving for the first fruits of the harvest, completing that thanksgiving begun on the Passover with the sheaf of the wave offering and the new lamb. The Lord commanded for the Passover: “Then shall ye bring a sheaf, the first fruits of your harvest, to the priest; and he shall lift up the sheaf before the Lord . . . And ye shall offer, on the day on which ye bring the sheaf, a lamb without blemish” (Leviticus 23:10-12).

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...Although the day of Pentecost is marked as one of the three great feasts of the Temple of the Law, it differs from the others in that it is not celebrated for a full week. A feast was customarily celebrated for a week, with the first day and the last – the eighth day – being especially solemn. Since this great feast of week was celebrated for only one day and was not completed and fulfilled in a week of observance as were the other feasts, attention was once more directed back to the Passover which began the computation and the offering which was ended and completed in Pentecost. Although this feast is fifty days after instead of the usual seven, this linkage implies that in some way Pentecost is the seal and completion of Passover according to the customary manner of keeping festival. Herein is a foreshadowing of the time when the whole period will be rendered sacred, when the types and pre-figurings of the Old Testament find fulfillment in the redemption wrought by our Savior.


Moses was the instrument that the Lord used to deliver His people from Egypt. The feast celebrating this deliverance was kept according to the ordinance of Moses also. Along with the linkage mentioned above, Passover and its period of celebration was inextricably associated with Moses. When we consider his forty-day sojourn on Mount Sinai to receive the Law, it would be easy to associate it with the fifty days between Passover and Pentecost. All these linkages and associations which we have spoken of inspired the development during the century or so before our Lord's Incarnation of a commemoration of the giving of the Law on the feast of Pentecost. Israel commemorates and celebrates its salvation at the Passover and then returns the first-fruit offering of obedience to the Law fifty days later, as a token of thanksgiving for deliverance and for the Law.

The shadows received fulfillment and new significance in our Savior's dispensation: the work of salvation wrought at Pascha and the new, living Law of the Holy Spirit inscribed on the living tablets of the disciples' hearts at Pentecost. With our Savior's Resurrection, His continual physical presence from Pascha to His Ascension sanctified this period. Our Savior delivered us on Pascha, the first great day of the feast; and the seal of the feast is that great day of the descent of "another Comforter", Who will insure the continual presence of the Lord in our hearts for all our life. This is the completion and purpose of our deliverance: that being delivered, we persevere therein through communion with the immortal life in the Holy Spirit.

On Account of the consecration of our Lord's physical presence after Pascha and the bestowal of the Holy Spirit, the whole fifty days became a unified, special time. Apostolic legislation, according to the Twentieth Canon of the First Ecumenical Council, decreed that there be no fasting or kneeling during this season. The word "Pentecost", which can properly be applied only to the fiftieth day since it means "fiftieth", came to signify the whole season of fifty days. Today, the word means both the season of fifty days and day of the feast, the fiftieth day.

The name was carried over to hymns composed for the season. Such a hymn is called a "Pentecostarion", and the book in which the hymns and services for this season are collected is called the Pentecostarion.

IMPORTANCE OF PENTECOST

- Power given to the Apostles
- Revelation of the Holy Trinity
- Tongues of Fire/Overcoming of the divisions of the Tower of Babel – human unity
- Reversal of the Fall – the reinstatement of the communion of the Holy Spirit once again
- Christ's Ascension  Pentecost – The completion of Christ's saving acts
- Liturgical calendar – link of Scripture with how we experience Scripture
- The Church became a community at Pentecost. Pentecost initiates a true community.
- The Gospel is everyone - People hear the Gospel in their own language.

Father Seraphim: I may be wrong, but I believe he uses the word "brethren" (**Acts 2:29**) to make a distinction between Jews and Gentiles. Ἀδελφοί is the word used to address a monk or a nun in an Orthodox monastery.

Word study: Brethren (brotherhood) - ἀδελφοί - a-del-fee

- brother, whether born of the same two parents or only of the same father or mother
- having the same national ancestor, belonging to the same people, or countryman
- any fellow or man
- a fellow believer, united to another by the bond of affection
- an associate in employment or office
- brethren in Christ
- his brothers by blood
- all men

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- Apostles
- Christians, as those who are exalted to the same heavenly place

Father Seraphim: What concept of scale do we have when it comes to the Gospel? What are the limits of our concerns, for example? If you took your Gospel summary (homework – What is the Good News of the Gospel to you?) and applied that, what are the perimeters of your mandate? In my early priestly ministry I was really struggling with this concept of scale. When I was ordained, I had a sense of being like an empty glass vessel and as the prayer unfolded I could see and experience this pure sweet oil filling up the vessel and when the prayer was finished the vessel was full. The essence of the priesthood is taking something that is not mine and anointing the people of God to be followers of Christ. A dear friend of mine, Bishop Basil, said once in my early ministry - concerning priorities, “The sanctification and salvation of your own soul, that of Sophie, Brigid and John (before Nick, Tommy & Gabriel), those God has sent to you for confession, the parish in which you serve, the people of Santa Cruz County, of California and then beyond, in that order”. This advice has guided my ministry ever since. I am not tasked with anointing the whole world because I don’t have a heart big enough to do so. St. Silouan had a heart big enough to anoint the world with the grace of the Holy Spirit and did. That’s true for all of us, because we are all priests and kings.

Genevieve E: As you grow spiritually, your heart expands so you can be more inclusive over time.

Father Seraphim: Exactly! This is precisely the point of what we are discussing regarding the Feast of Pentecost. Only the Holy Spirit has the power to magnify the scale of possibility. Remember, St. Peter denied Christ not that long before Pentecost (1 ½ months before?). I believe it was St. John Chrysostom who said the reason the fifty days between Pacha and Pentecost happened was the Holy Spirit was preparing the Apostles, segment by segment, day by day, to have the capacity to be prepared for Pentecost. It wasn’t just a random number. The scale of things is increasing in the Apostles throughout each hour of those fifty days until their readiness. Peter is a great example. He went from denying Christ to working many miracles as mentioned in **Acts 2**. What happened in the interim? It was incredibly rapid growth in the expansiveness of his heart. What’s going on in this event of Pentecost is a compression form that’s still ultimately qualitatively the same for every Orthodox Christian who’s trying to be saved (following Bishop Basil’s little formula). You see the same thing in the upcoming Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God and its companion, the Entrance (in November). Grace goes from the Mother of God’s birth to her readiness at Annunciation at light speed. Every human goes through this qualitatively the same. So if we slow it down, we get a sense of us. This brings us to the question of “scale”. One of my favorite moments in the Gospel is when the Lord takes them from Capernaum to the coast near Tyre and Sidon (**Matthew 15: 27**) *“And she said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their master’s table.’”* This was probably the first time the Apostles had seen the expansive Mediterranean Sea. It seems like a random place to visit for this one event. I’ve always wondered if He wanted to show them what’s ahead. Regarding the photo of the dragonfly in the marshland above, I started tracking this dragonfly to get a sense of his world. What are his parameters? When I was there, he was in a limited area. When we have the Holy Spirit’s gift, as we saw here in Pentecost, taking a man who 53 days prior denied Christ, and fills him with unutterable power to work miracles and become a household name for nearly two thousand years, the application of that (for those of us who have received the Holy Spirit) is how do we understand the scale of possibility and our scale of concern? What’s the first word out of St. Peter’s mouth and the Lord and St. John the Baptist in their public ministry? Repent. It’s what drives the expansion of our heart and for our purposes, our sense of scale. The limitation of my scale is directly related to how much I’m clinging to my besetting passions. The more we repent within ourselves and acquire that spirit of peace, the more everyone around us experiences the radiating grace from that.

Ingrid C: It looks to me that the Apostles were still clinging to their desire for Jesus to still be there with them and that was likely part of a lack of focus. They knew they had something wonderful to give but they didn’t have a focus on how to do it. Just like you are relating your conversation with Bishop Basil where he gave you a focus of how you were to do what you wanted to do. Your heart is full of this wish to impart to everybody in the world, but the Holy Spirit gave that focus, and what I’m hearing is that you’re expressing how the Bishop took away the burden from you by giving you a focus so you didn’t feel weighed down. I’m seeing the same thing with the Apostles - the burden of “Oh my gosh, I’ve got all this knowledge and I’ve got to get it out to the world but how do I do that?” That’s how the Holy Spirit fixed that problem by taking the burden away and giving them (and you) the joy to be able to do it.

Father Seraphim: Beautifully put. What he also was doing, underneath, was putting a medical scalpel to the tumor

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of pride in me that was underneath that anxiety. The reason I had that feeling was because there was a subtle pride that pushed me to assume that I had the capacity to anoint the world with the grace of the Holy Spirit that I received at ordination.

Dimitri A: By working on changing our own mind and heart, we stop focusing on being selfish and our heart expands and we have more love and concern for others.

Some more photos from our last “In-person” Bible Study with Father Seraphim:



Father Seraphim with the official beverage of the St. Nicholas Bible Study: *“Stand on the edge of the abyss and when you feel that it is beyond your strength, break off and have a cup of tea”.* Elder Sophrony of Essex



Flowers for Genevieve!
Thank you Father Seraphim for the beautiful bouquet of flowers!!



Father Seraphim giving a travel blessing for Roberta and Kathie as they head out on a 2 week trip to the Holy Land next week!

ST. NICHOLAS CATECHUMENS

2023 CATECHUMENS



If you haven't met our new Catechumens, please take a few minutes to introduce yourself and get to know these great people.



Ethan Wright



Jaclyn Lukehart



Jeffrey Swain



Jim Belsvig



Lisa Lauderback



Justine, Angela & Porter Montoya



Christine Chansley

Submitted by: "Mama" Genevieve

ST. NICHOLAS FLOWER MINISTRY



Final Stage of Christmas decorations for the Nativity of Christ



Theophany

If you are looking for a way to serve St. Nicholas that is rewarding and beautiful, please contact Genevieve, at goobahoo@gmail.com and join us in the fun. No floral experience required!

Submitted by: Genevieve

ST. NICHOLAS PRO-LIFE MINISTRYA photograph showing a close-up of a hand holding a lit candle and a piece of paper. The background is dark with out-of-focus lights, suggesting a vigil or prayer service.

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated **40-day campaign that aims to end abortion** locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

Spring 2023 Prayer Vigils February 22 – April 2

Please join our new priest, Father Anthony Cornett and the St. Nicholas Orthodox Pro-Life Ministry as we hold our Orthodox Prayer Vigils on a new day of the week this year. We will be at the Cedar River Clinic, **1401 MLK Jr. Way**, every **Thursday** during the 40 Days for Life Spring Vigil, **February 22 – April 2, from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** 40 Days for Life has helped to save thousands of innocent lives and has helped to awaken the inherent maternal and paternal instinct given to us by God. Come help us make a difference through prayer.

PRAYER & FASTING

Christ told us some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. The two go hand in hand. Prayer keeps us rooted in the fact that it is our desire to carry out God's will. Fasting is a sacrifice that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God's help.

Each day during 40 Days for Life, individuals, Churches, families, and groups will be asked to join together in prayer for a specific request so the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus.

People of faith are also invited to fast throughout 40 Days for Life. We believe that when God's people fast with a broken, repentant, and contrite spirit, our heavenly Father will hear from heaven and heal our lives, our Churches, our communities, our nation, and our world.

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CONSTANT VIGIL

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility in your community.

It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this 24-hour-a-day presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. It also serves as a call to repentance for those who work at the abortion center and those who patronize the facility.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

During 40 Days for Life, the message is taken proactively to every corner of your community. Media outreach is conducted through carefully targeted news stories, talk shows, and editorials. Church involvement begins by meeting with local pastors, other church leaders, and members of different congregations.

A door-to-door petition and education drive reaches out to every household in your town or city. People visibly show their support for 40 Days for Life by wearing wristbands, placing signs in their yards, or displaying bumper stickers on their vehicles.

If your community has a college campus, many students can be impacted through an intense 40-day campus outreach. This can consist of flyer raids, public witness, petition drives, table displays, and much more.



22,829
lives saved
since 2007

132
Abortion Centers
Closed

247
Abortion Workers
Quit

PROSPHORA

PROVIDING THE OFFERING

Your own of your own we offer unto You, on behalf of all and for all.

Despina Ampatzis brings the offering the first Sunday of every month.

Stephen Gorham brings the offering the third Sunday of every month.

Regular Sunday prosphora bakers are needed.



Left: a basket of Prosphora. Right: a basket of artoklasia. The artoklasia does not need to be decorated. It is a sweet bread offered at Vespers in five loaves (from the Gospel accounts of feeding 5000+) in honor of the Lord, or the Theotokos, or a saint. Artoklasia means breaking bread.



The blessing of the artoklasia from the GOARCH website:

Priest: Lord, Jesus Christ, our God, You blessed the five loaves in the wilderness and from them five thousand men were filled. Bless now these loaves, the wheat, the wine and oil and multiply them in this holy church, this city, in the homes of those who celebrate today, and in Your whole world. And sanctify Your faithful servants who partake of them.

Priest: For You are He who blesses and sanctifies all things, Christ our God, and to You we offer up glory together with Your eternal Father and Your holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Priest kisses the loaf and then enters the holy sanctuary, singing:

The rich have grown poor and gone hungry but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.

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Submitted by: Deborah Talbot

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY NEWS

The Stewardship Ministry encourages all parishioners to fill out and submit a **yearly** donation/ stewardship card so that we can maintain an accurate registry of information and commitment.

The ministry is grateful to the following individuals and families who have supported our church by completing a 2023 stewardship card and or has made a contribution to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church to date. As always we honor those who make contributions of time, talent and treasure as well. YOU make St. Nicholas the wonderful place that it is to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

2023 Donations and or commitments as of January 26, 2023

William and Mary Acker *	Leonidas and Despina Alatsis *
George and Despina Ampatzi	Sonny and Irene Angelos *
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Perry Panagiotu

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Alexandra and Richard Schutt *

Liam Sullivan

Deborah Talmot *

Roxanne Vallantine *

Jeffrey and Janice Williams

Daniel and Mary Wright

Tasso and Sarah Zambaras *

Alex Pangis *

Scott and Rachael Parnell

George and Diane Pirotis *

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James and Jenise Sweeney *

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Michael Jane White *

Edward Winskill *

John and Kalitsa Xitco *

* indicates those individuals who have filled out the Stewardship/donation commitment form.

ALL SAINTS CAMP 2023

All Saints Camp 2023 Registration is Open!

Camper Registration for All Saints Camp 2023 opened Wednesday, 1/25 at 8:30am! Our overnight camp takes place in beautiful Gig Harbor, WA on Raft Island at All Saints Camp. Campers have the chance to experience the outdoors, make new friends, grow in their Orthodox spirituality, and have lots of fun! Each day features time in Orthodox Life and Chapel, Arts & Crafts, games at the Sports Court, time outside on the dock and beach, and hiking Camp's many trails, swimming at a local pool, cabin activities and competitions, and campfire each evening.

We are excited to offer two sessions this year:

- Elementary (Campers entering grades 3-5 in Fall 2023)
- Intermediate (Campers entering grades 6-8 in Fall 2023).

Early Bird Rates through March 1st, 2023:

- First camper registration fee: \$400
- Any additional campers registration: \$375/camper



Register today for
All Saints Camp
Summer Sessions 2023!

ELEMENTARY (GRADES 3-5):

JULY 9-15TH

INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 6-8):

JULY 16- 22ND

www.allsaintscamp.com

Donations and Pledges

On line Donations now possible

ON-LINE DONATIONS

The donation section of the Church’s website has been revamped to include a link to a new on-line donation form. The form allows one-time donations, setup for automatic recurring donations, and selection of donation purpose. There is also a note section to inform Church accounting of special handling needs, such as memorial donations or address changes. Church on-line donations are directed to the Church through WePay (a Chase Bank Affiliate) and Aplos Software, LLC. Donors contributing on-line receive an email thanking them for their donation. In addition, through a link in the donation notification, each donor can setup their own Aplos account to view a list of on-line donations, manage recurring donations, and to view and print a contributions statement.



Please be aware that in converting to this software I noticed multiple duplicative account names. In some instances, I will need to merge duplicate accounts so the contribution statement accurately combines into one statement both the on-line donations and check and cash donations. The unique identifier for this purpose is a valid email address.

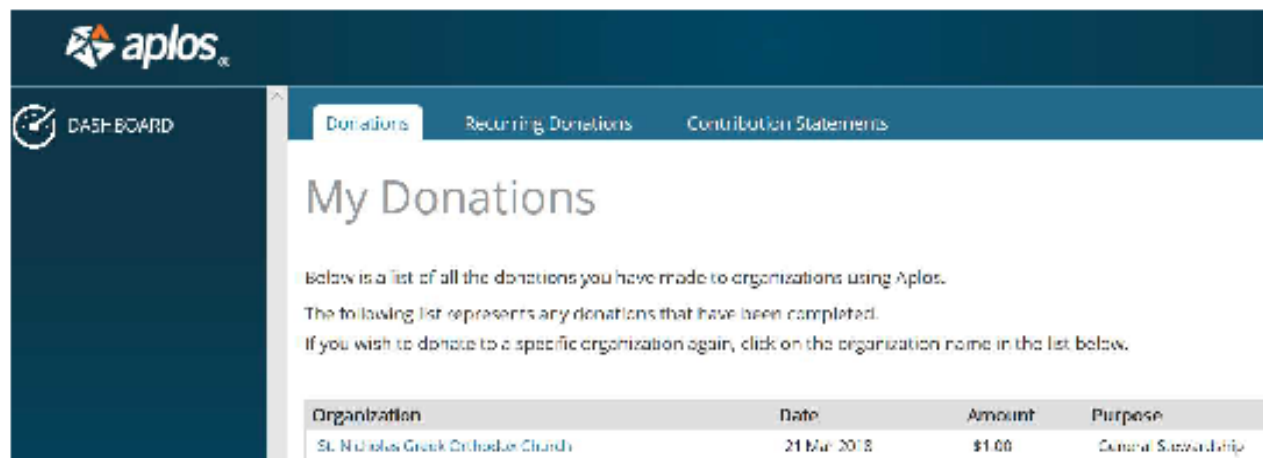
I want parishioners to enjoy greater flexibility in making Church donations and receiving an accounting of their annual to date contributions at any time of the year. Many of you have asked and inquired about the possibility of accounting for your donations automatically on-line. It is now a reality. If you have any problems or questions with this new service, please let me know. As your treasurer, I am here to serve you!

In Christ,

Mark Robinson

On-Line Contribution Instructions:

- 1) On a computer or mobile device, go to the Church’s website – www.stnicholastacoma.org
- 2) Select the  button. This takes you to the Church’s donate page!
- 3) Select the gold colored donate  button at the bottom of the page.
- 4) You will now be taken to the page to make your donation. Simply complete the form.
- 5) From the contributions email you receive, select the link to setup your own Aplos account. An account history page will be available. The first tab will show only on-line donations, the second tab allows accounting for recurring donations, and the third is for contribution statements listing on-line, check, and cash donations.



OUR MISSION

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church proclaims and teaches the Gospel in accordance with the Orthodox Faith; sanctifies the faithful through God's grace in worship, the Divine Liturgy, and other sacraments; enhances parishioners' spiritual life; and adds to the faithful by receiving individuals into the Church through instruction, baptism, and/or chrismation.

COMMIT YOUR TIME AND TALENT TO ASSIST WITH GOD'S WORK

St. Nicholas has several ministries that exist to fulfill our parish mission and serve our community. Giving of our time and talent through these ministries is just as much an act of stewardship as giving financially. If you would like to contribute your time and talent through one of our ministries, please visit our website to see a list of active ministries: stnicholastacoma.org/ministry-center.

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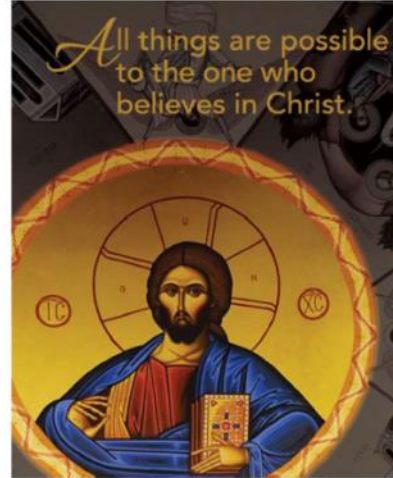
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
Attn: Church Treasurer
1523 S. Yakima Ave.
Tacoma, WA 98405

AT CHURCH:

Drop your completed card into the secured dropbox on the stewardship table in the downstairs hall.

Stewardship contributions can be fulfilled with cash, check, credit card, or through online donations at stnicholastacoma.org/donate. For more information, please visit: stnicholastacoma.org/stewardship.

**2023 STEWARDSHIP CARD
ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
TACOMA, WASHINGTON**



"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. Giving is not a substitute for commitment - it is an expression of our commitment."
Fr. Seraphim Majmudar

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"Those who seek the Lord shall never want for any good thing." (Psalm 34:10)

OUR DONATIONS ARE IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR HIS CONTINUED BLESSINGS GIVEN TO US. OUR DONATION REFLECTS HOW MUCH WE ARE BLESSED AND HOW THANKFUL WE ARE; HOWEVER, WE ARE AWARE THAT GOD EXPECTS US TO GIVE SACRIFICIALLY TO HIS WORK.

2023 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

Stewardship contributions cover all of our parish operating expenses. An average contribution of approximately \$2000/year from each family would enable our parish to meet its operational expenses without depending on Festival revenue.

I/We offer a minimum stewardship pledge of \$...../year or \$...../month in 2023 to support God's work.

I/We understand that by participating in supporting our parish financially and by committing my/our Time and Talents, I/we shall be a member(s) in good standing at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

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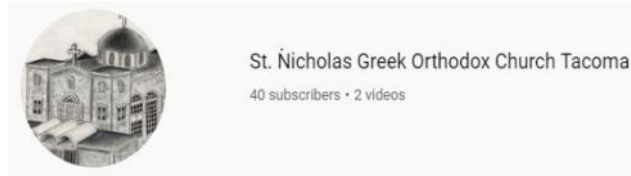
On Line Services

Watch Services From Home, Live (it's working again)

Although you might not be able to be at St. Nicholas in person, you can watch services at home from any device capable of connecting to YouTube. This is free and is available for most services. Here's how to do it:

1. First, find the schedule when a service is being broadcast. This is called Live Streaming. Look at the calendar on the previous page, or better, look at the calendar on the St. Nicholas Web page. www.StNicholasTacoma.org. There is a Live Streaming link at the church calendar.
2. You can simply click [here](#). If there is a service underway, press the button. You will see and hear the service.
3. Watch on any device. Open **YouTube** (you may have to start a browser like Chrome). In the *YouTube search bar*, type; *St Nicholas Tacoma*

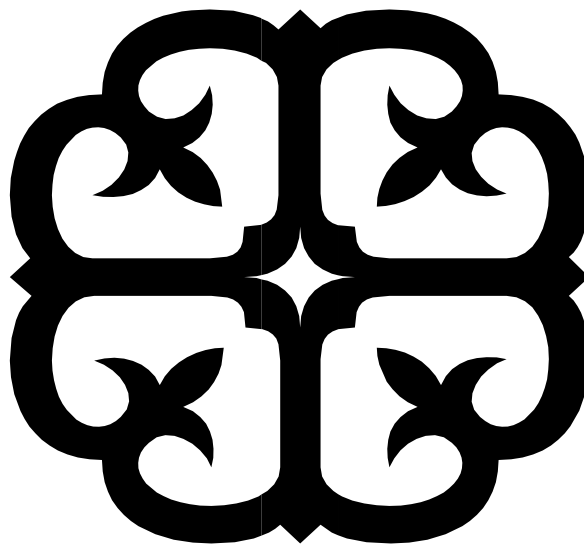
Click on this selection;



If a service is being broadcast, click the **LIVE NOW** button.

4. Some TV's allow direct connection to YouTube. You can connect as above.

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