



## — Beloved Saint Nicholas Family —



Glory to God, the summer has arrived, and with it, the Church provides us with many opportunities of engagement with our own family, as well as surrounding neighbors. Preparations for our Greek Festival are also well underway, and I am appreciative of the level of support from our baking crew, as well as those working diligently to secure sponsorships as well as worthy causes for a portion of our proceeds to support.

For a bit of inspiration this month, I wanted to share an account from the life of the patron of parish priests, **Papa Nicholas Planas (March 2)**. This account from his life focuses on his interaction with a Great Unmercenary Healer, **Saint Panteleimon (July 27)**.

On March 2, 1885 St. Nicholas Planas was ordained a priest. He always served at three churches: Saint Panteleimon near Ilissus, Saint John the Hunter's and Prophet Elisseus' behind the Old Barracks.

His first assignment was as a parish priest at Saint Panteleimon's in Neos Kosmos, Athens. When he arrived the church was totally abandoned and overgrown with weeds, and shepherds would go and pasture their flocks there. Papa-Nicholas got the weeds out of the church and was the first to serve there.

Saint Panteleimon's parish consisted of only thirteen families. During his term as parish priest, another priest without a parish visited him and asked to celebrate in the Liturgy, and Papa-Nicholas, good and simple as he was, accepted him wholeheartedly. However, this priest made an agreement with the then church wardens of Saint Panteleimon, and they fired Papa-Nicholas and sent him to the Church of Saint John ("the Hunter," as they called the church in those days) on Vouliagmeni Road. The parish of this church consisted of only eight families! And the

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Administrative 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

## Fr. Anthony Cornett, Our Presiding Priest



For appointments, questions or urgent needs, Fr. Anthony is available 24/7 on his cell phone.

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### 2023 Parish Council

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Ingrid Chamales - Treasurer

### Sunday School

*To be announced*

### Coffee Hour

Zach Karanasos

### IT, etc.

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### Pro Life

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### Greek School

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### Lazarus Group

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### Pilgrimage

Zach Karanasos

### Prosphora Baking

Deborah Talbot

### Welcome

Gus Chamales


### Flowers & Church Decorating

Kathy Rowley/Genevieve Eagle

## Parish Council

Next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday July 11, 2023

JULY 2023

SUN 25	MON 26	TUE 27	WED 28	THU 29	FRI 30	SAT Jul 1
 Apostles Fast: No meat or dairy Sunday of the New Martyrs 4 more	Venerable David of Thessaloniki 5:30pm Modern Greek (ZOOM) 2 more	Miracle of St. Menas at El Alamein 2 more	Icon of "Three Hands" 3 more	Peter and Paul, the Chief Apostles 2 more	Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles 6:30am Divine Liturgy 2 more	Wonder-working Unmercenarys Cot 6pm Vespers
2 Deposition of the precious robe of St. Elias 8:30am Orthros 3 more	3 Martyr Hyacinth the Chamberlain 5:30pm Modern Greek (ZOOM) 2 more	4 Andrew of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Constantinople 6pm Vespers 7pm Building Committee	5 Venerable Athanasius of Athos, and the Twelve Apostles 6pm Paraklesis 7pm Choir Practice	6 Venerable Sisoës the Great 6:30am Orthros	7 Great Martyr Kyrriaki Venerable Thomas of Maleon 2 more	8 Great Martyr Procopius Icon of Theotokos of Sitka 2 more
9 Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Thessalonica 8:30am Orthros 3 more	10 Forty-five Martyrs of Nicopolis in An 5:30pm Modern Greek (ZOOM) 4 more	11 Great Martyr and All-laudable Euphrosyne Olga, Princess and Equal-to-the-Apostles 4 more	12 Martyrs Proclus and Hilary Venerable Paisios the Athosite 3 more	13 Goliath the Martyr Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel 6:30am Orthros	14 Aquila the Apostle Venerable Nicodemus the Athosite 2 more	15 Martyrs Cyrillus and Julitta 9am Festival Baking 6pm Vespers
16 Hieromartyr Athenogenes, Bishop of Thessalonica 8:30am Orthros 3 more	17 Great Martyr Marina 5:30pm Modern Greek (ZOOM) 6pm Vespers	18 Emilian the Martyr Grand Duchess Elizabeth 6pm Vespers	19 Venerable Dionysius Venerable Macrina, Sister of Basil the Great 3 more	20 Prophet Elias (Elijah) the Tishbite 6:30am Orthros	21 Venerable John and Symeon, the Founders of the Monastic Life 10am Bible Study 2 more	22 Mary Magdalene, the Myrrh-bearer 8am Divine Liturgy 2 more
23 Phocas the Hieromartyr 8:30am Orthros 3 more	24 Great Martyr Christina 6:30am Divine Liturgy 5:30pm Modern Greek (ZOOM) 3 more	25 Dormition of Anna, the Holy Grandmother of Christ Eupraxia of Tabenna 3 more	26 Hieromartyr Hermolaus and those with him Moses the Hungarian of the Kiev Caves 4 more	27 Great Martyr Panteleimon the Healer 6:30am Divine Liturgy	28 Apostles and Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas Venerable Irene Chrysovalantou 2 more	29 Martyrs Callinicus and Theodota Olaf, King & Martyr of Norway 2 more
30 Apostles Silas, Simeon, Crescens, Epaphroditus 8:30am Orthros 3 more	31 Eudocimus the Righteous Joseph of Arimathea 5:30pm Modern Greek (ZOOM) 2 more	Aug 1 Holy Seven Maccabean Child Martyrs Procession of the Precious Cross 2 more	2 Gamaliel, Teacher of St. Paul Translation of the relics of the First Holy Fathers 2 more	3 Venerable Isaac, Dalimatus, and Fourteen Holy Martyrs 6:30am Orthros 6pm Small Paraklesis	4 Holy Seven Children of Ephesus 10am Bible Study 6pm Great Paraklesis	5 Eusebius the Martyr Venerable John Jacob the Chozebite 2 more

The most up to date calendar is always found at the St. Nicholas web page: [www.stnicholastacom.org](http://www.stnicholastacom.org)

# JULY 2023 DAILY CALENDAR

## Saturday, July 1

Wonder-working Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, Martyred in Rome

6:00pm

Vespers

## Monday, July 3

Martyr Hyacinth the Chamberlain

5:30pm

Modern Greek (ZOOM)

## Wednesday, July 5

Venerable Athanasius of Athos, and Lampadus the Wonderworker

6:00pm

Paraklesis

7:00pm

Choir Practice

## Friday, July 7

Great Martyr Kyriaki

Venerable Thomas of Maleon

10:00am

Bible Study

6:00pm

Small Compline (w/ Akathist)

## Sunday, July 9

Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Tauromenium

8:30am

Orthros

10:00am

Divine Liturgy

12:00pm

Coffee Hour: Team Cedeno

## Sunday, July 2

Deposition of the precious robe of the Theotokos in Blachernae

8:30am

Orthros

10:00am

Divine Liturgy

12:00pm

Community Coffee Hour

## Tuesday, July 4

Andrew of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Crete

6:00pm

Vespers

7:00pm

Building Committee

## Thursday, July 6

Venerable Sisoës the Great

6:30am

Orthros

## Saturday, July 8

Great Martyr Procopius

Icon of Theotokos of Sitka

9:00am

Festival Baking

6:00pm

Vespers

## Monday, July 10

Forty-five Martyrs of Nicopolis in Armenia

5:30pm

Modern Greek (ZOOM)

# JULY 2023 DAILY CALENDAR

## Tuesday, July 11

Great Martyr and All-laudable Euphemia  
 Olga, Princess and Equal-to-the-Apostles  
 Venerable Sophronius the Athonite  
 6:30am  
 Divine Liturgy  
 6:00pm  
 Vespers  
 7:00pm  
 Parish Council

## Thursday, July 13

Golinduc the Martyr  
 Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel  
 6:30am  
 Orthros

## Saturday, July 15

Martyrs Cyricus and Julitta  
 9:00am  
 Festival Baking  
 6:00pm  
 Vespers

## Monday, July 17

Great Martyr Marina  
 5:30pm  
 Modern Greek (ZOOM)

## Wednesday, July 19

Venerable Dius  
 Venerable Macrina, Sister of Basil the Great  
 6:30am  
 Divine Liturgy  
 6:00pm  
 Vespers  
 7:00pm  
 Choir Practice

## Wednesday, July 12

Martyrs Proclus and Hilary  
 Venerable Paisios the Athonite  
 6:30am  
 Divine Liturgy  
 6:00pm  
 Paraklesis  
 7:00pm  
 Choir Practice

## Friday, July 14

Aquila the Apostle  
 Venerable Nicodemus the Athonite  
 10:00am  
 Bible Study  
 6:00pm  
 Small Compline (w/ Akathist)

## Sunday, July 16

Hieromartyr Athenogenes, Bishop of Pedachtoë  
 8:30am  
 Orthros  
 10:00am  
 Divine Liturgy  
 12:00pm  
 Community Coffee Hour

## Tuesday, July 18

Emilian the Martyr  
 Grand Duchess Elizabeth  
 6:00pm  
 Vespers

## Thursday, July 20

Prophet Elias (Elijah) the Tishbite  
 6:30am  
 Orthros

# JULY 2023 DAILY CALENDAR

## Friday, July 21

Venerable John and Symeon, the Fool-for-Christ

10:00am

Bible Study

6:00pm

Vespers

7:00pm

Small Compline (w/ PreCommunion Canon)

## Sunday, July 23

Phocas the Hieromartyr

8:30am

Orthros

10:00am

Divine Liturgy

12:00pm

Coffee Hour: Team Karanasos

## Tuesday, July 25

Dormition of Anna, the Holy Grandmother of God

Evpraxia of Tabenna

Olympia

6:30am

Divine Liturgy

6:00pm

Vespers

## Thursday, July 27

Great Martyr Panteleimon the Healer

6:30am

Divine Liturgy

## Saturday, July 22

Mary Magdalene, the Myrrh-bearer and Equal-to-the-Apostles

8:00am

Divine Liturgy

9:00am

Festival Baking

6:00pm

Vespers

## Monday, July 24

Great Martyr Christina

6:30am

Divine Liturgy

5:30pm

Modern Greek (ZOOM)

## Wednesday, July 26

Hieromartyr Hermolaus and those with him, Hermippus and Hermocrates

Moses the Hungarian of the Kiev Caves

Venerable Martyr Paraskevi

6:30am

Divine Liturgy

6:00pm

Vespers

7:00pm

Choir Practice

## Friday, July 28

Apostles and Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas

Venerable Irene Chrysovalantou

10:00am

Bible Study

6:00pm

Small Compline (w/ Akathist)

# JULY 2023 DAILY CALENDAR

**Saturday, July 29**

Martyrs Callinicus and Theodota

Olaf, King & Martyr of Norway

9:00am

Festival Baking

6:00pm

Vespers

**Monday, July 31**

Eudocimus the Righteous

Joseph of Arimathea

5:30pm

Modern Greek (ZOOM)

**Sunday, July 30**

Apostles Silas, Silvan, Crescens, Epenetus, and Andronicus

8:30am

Orthros

10:00am

Divine Liturgy

12:00pm

Antonio "Randy" Motz Memorial Coffee Hour





# NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CATECHISM CLASS



### INTRODUCTION TO CATECHISM CLASS Each Sunday, July 2 – July 30, 12:00 P.M. – Upper Hall

St. Nicholas' Catechism Class will be starting the 2023/2024 Catechumenate with an introductory book study. We will be studying "Arise O God" by Father Andrew Stephen Damick. All are invited to attend (Orthodox & Non-Orthodox).

Father Anthony would like to have those participating in the class to have reviewed the introductory content ahead of time. We have a Google Doc with that content, but for further digging into the text, we've also provided a link to the eBook, Audible audiobook, as well as where you can purchase a physical copy.

***"Arise, O God: The Gospel of Christ's Defeat of Demons, Sin, and Death" by Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick***

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is not about what Jesus can do for your life. It is not even the answer to the question, "How can I be saved?" It is the declaration of a victory. In His coming to earth, His suffering, and His Resurrection, Christ conquered demons, sin, and death. In *Arise, O God*, author and podcaster Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick introduces us to the spiritual war that Christ won by His victory, how we are caught in that war's cosmic crossfire, what the true content of the gospel is—and how we are to respond.

eBook: <https://orthodoxchristianebooks.com/arise-o-god/>

Audible: <https://www.audible.com/pd/Arise-O-God-Audiobook/B09DT89JMW>

Print: <https://a.co/d/fH0llgC>

Introductory Content: <https://tinyurl.com/ariseogodintro>

Please contact Genevieve at [stnicholaszoom@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholaszoom@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

# Festival News

Many thanks to Alan, Angela, Chris, Despina A., Despina K., Eric, Gail, Ingrid, John, Justine, Kalitsa, Karen, Kathy, Krisann, Lisa, Mark, Mary, Merrilee, Olga, Porter, Sally, Tony, Tracey, Yvonne, Zach, and Zoe for making 121 big pans of baklava in the month of June!

Come join us on July 8 to make the small pans of baklava. Our goal is 200 small pans.

**All Baking Sessions begin at 9 AM**



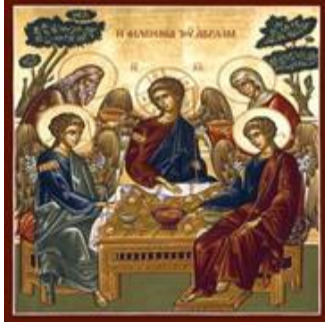
**Please bring an apron, pastry brush and pot for melted butter if possible**

## Festival Baking Schedule

<u>SATURDAYS</u>	<u>WEEKDAYS</u>
Saturday, May 20	Monday, June 19
Saturday, June 10	Tuesday, June 20
Saturday, June 17	Monday, June 26
Saturday, June 24	Tuesday, June 27
Saturday, July 8	Monday, August 21
Saturday, July 15	Tuesday, August 22
Saturday, July 22	Monday, August 28
Saturday, July 29	Tuesday, August 29
Saturday, August 5	Monday, September 11
Saturday, August 12	Monday, September 18
Saturday, August 19	Monday, September 25
Saturday, August 26	Tuesday, September 26
Saturday, September 2	Wednesday, September 27
Saturday, September 9	Thursday, September 28
Saturday, September 16	Friday, September 29
Saturday, September 23	Monday, October 2
Saturday, September 30	Tuesday, October 3
	Wednesday, October 4

**Contact Evy for questions 253-377-2191**

# Coffee Hour



## COFFEE HOUR MINISTRY

### 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

### REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN THE MINISTRY

A servant's heart and a sense of love and care that is penetrating, engaging and inspiring.

### TEAM SCHEDULE FOR JULY:

- 07/02/2023 Community Coffee Hour\*
- 07/09/2023 Team Cedeno
- 07/16/2023 Community coffee Hour\*
- 07/23/2023 Team Karanasos
- 07/30/2023 Randy Sampson's 2 Year Memorial

### TEAMS:

**Team Karanasos: Daphne Karanasos, Leader;** Anna Wilson, Christina Gretty, Zach Karanasos, Angie Wilen, Ann Koopman, John Kouklis, Pres Maria Armatas and Lisa Faithful Ishchenko

**Team Charitou: Yanni & Sophia Charitou, Leaders;** Fenia Mavromichali, Barbara Phillips, Sandra Ciarochi, Yvonne Brandvold, Marie Bell, Kathy Hermick and Maro Kouklis and Lisa Lauderback

**Team Chamales: Dr Ingrid Chamales, Leader;** Karen Samaras, Marion Palas, Sally Hallis, Chrysanthe Barnes, Rikki Kapes, Kathy Johnson and Sharon Kennedy

**Team Cedeno: Klauda Cedeno, Leader;** Evy Kontos, Irene Misiewicz, Gloria Brown, Deborah Talbot, Scott & Rachael Parnell and Angela Montoya

**Men's Team: Ed Winskill, Leader;** Dr Fred Ehret, Bill Samaras, John Cook, Hugh Winskill, Andrew Phillips and Alex Misiewicz

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

## 2023 PILGRIMAGE



# ST ANTHONY'S MONASTERY 2023 PILGRIMAGE

October 17 - 21, 2023

RESERVATION DUE JULY 2, 2023

MEETING: SUNDAY, JULY 16

UPPER CHURCH HALL

# 2023 PILGRIMAGE

## Preliminary St Antony's Pilgrimage Itinerary

October 17-21 2023

### Tuesday:

7:00 AM: Flight departure  
 9:44 AM: Arrival in Phoenix. Transport by Blue Van shuttle to Monastery  
 ~Noon: Arrival at St Anthony's. Check-in & room assignment  
 2:00 PM: Meet at Bookstore courtyard for Fr Anthony's reflections  
 3:30 PM: 9<sup>th</sup> Hour & Vespers  
 4:30 PM: Dinner  
 ~5:00 PM: Small Compline  
 7 PM: Quiet hours start

### Wednesday:

~1 AM: Men's wake-up  
 1:30 AM: Midnight Hour, Orthos & Divine Liturgy  
 ~ 4:15 AM: Breakfast/rest/quiet hours  
 8 AM: Work Detail for men  
 11:30 AM: Lunch  
 12:30 PM: Meet at Bookstore courtyard for Fr Anthony's reflections  
 1:30 PM: Work Detail for men and/or Confession/Spiritual Counseling  
 3:30 PM: 9<sup>th</sup> Hour & Vespers  
 4:30 PM: Dinner  
 ~5:00 PM: Small Compline  
 7 PM: Quiet hours start

### Thursday:

~1 AM: Men's wake-up  
 1:30 AM: Midnight Hour, Orthos & Divine Liturgy  
 ~ 4:15 AM: Breakfast/rest/quiet hours  
 8 AM: Work Detail for men  
 11:30 AM: Lunch  
 12:30 PM: Meet at Bookstore courtyard for Fr Anthony's reflections  
 1:30 PM: Work Detail for men and/or Confession/Spiritual Counseling  
 3:30 PM: 9<sup>th</sup> Hour & Vespers  
 4:30 PM: Dinner  
 ~5:00 PM: Small Compline  
 7 PM: Quiet hours start

### Friday:

~1 AM: Men's wake-up  
 1:30 AM: Midnight Hour, Orthos & Divine Liturgy  
 ~ 4:15 AM: Breakfast/rest/quiet hours  
 8 AM: Work Detail for men  
 11:30 AM: Lunch  
 12:30 PM: Meet at Bookstore courtyard for Fr Anthony's reflections  
 1:30 PM: Work Detail for men and/or Confession/Spiritual Counseling  
 3:30 PM: 9<sup>th</sup> Hour & Vespers  
 4:30 PM: Dinner  
 ~5:30 PM: Small Compline  
 7 PM: Quiet hours start

### Saturday:

~1 AM: Men's wake-up  
 1:30 AM: Midnight Hour, Orthos & Divine Liturgy  
 ~ 4:15 AM: Breakfast/rest/quiet hours  
 8 AM: Work Detail for men  
 11:30 AM: Lunch  
 12:30 PM: Meet at Bookstore courtyard for Fr Anthony's reflections  
 2:30 PM: Meet at Bookstore courtyard for Blue Van Shuttle to airport  
 5:55 PM: Flight departure  
 9:07 PM: Arrival at Seatac

# 2023 PILGRIMAGE



## SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



### ST ANTHONY'S PILGRIMAGE

OCTOBER 17-21 2023

### RESERVATION/DEPOSIT FORM

### \$50 PER PERSON DEPOSIT DUE JULY 2, 2023

**Alaska Airline Flight Information:**

Flight # 606 leaves SeaTac on Tuesday, October 17 at 8:04 AM. Arrives in PHX at 11:00 AM  
Flight # 783 leaves PHX on Saturday, October 21 at 6 PM. Arrives in SeaTac at 9 PM

Approximate cost \$415 per person. Price includes airline tickets, shuttle service from PHX airport to the Monastery and from the Monastery to the PHX airport plus a small donation to Monastery. Lodging & meals are provided by St Anthony's. Final pricing will be known on August 1 when the ticketing is done. An email will be sent showing the remaining amount due (final pricing minus deposit paid). **Remaining amount will be due on August 6.**

Size is limited to 25 pilgrims. Your spot is reserved when you turn in this Reservation/Deposit form with your deposit. Please make your check payable to St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and on the memo line write "St Anthony's Pilgrimage".

**REFUND POLICY:** On or before August 17, 2023, full refund; from August 18 until October 14 no refund—unless you can find someone to take your spot. After October 13, if you find someone to take your spot, you will get a refund minus a \$125 name change fee.

**The exact name(s) and date of birth on the official issued identification is/are:**

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Evening Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Modern Greek Language School



### 2023 Modern Greek Language School / Classes: Every Monday from 5:30—7:00 pm

General Information: **The classes are open to everyone** who may be 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.**

To the satisfaction of the teacher, there is lots of energy, interest, and curiosity in the class in learning the **great influence of the "Greek Language and Hellenism"** to the "Western Civilization" and to the whole world!

**Yearly possible events and student involvement:**

**Ἀγιασμὸς** (Blessing) of the class at the beginning of the School year.

Sunday, October 29st, 2023 - **OXI Day Celebration.**

Thursday, March 26th, 2023 **Celebration, commemorating the March 25th, 1821 Revolution for the Greek Independence from the Ottoman Empire!**

**Cost: The classes are provided free of charge!**

George Pirotis-

# Philoptochos News

## President's Message

Greetings everyone! It is such a blessing that the Philoptochos mission is truly a valued part of St. Nicholas parish! Each of the events that Philoptochos has sponsored over the past year have been GENEROUSLY supported by not only parishioners, but even by visitors to our parish. 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 include:

**Class of 2023** - St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and the Philoptochos chapter honored members of our parish community who graduated this year from high school, college, graduate school, or other training endeavor. Five graduates were acknowledged at the June 25<sup>th</sup> coffee hour event. These graduates are Nicholas Lay, John Majmudar, Angela Montoya, Anna Mattson, and Lea Sullivan.

**Chapter Board Officers** - The chapter board election was held in May in accordance with the national by-laws. Eight officers were elected to a two year term; 2023-2025. They are: President - Jane Evancho, First Vice-President - Hoddi Motz, Second Vice-President - Merrilee Pangis, Recording Secretary - Susie Manthou, Corresponding Secretary - Lisa Faithful, Treasurer - Ingrid Chamales, Assistant Treasurer - Kathy Johnson, and Advisor to the Chapter Board - Sally Hallis. Other board members are Yvonne Brandvold, Kathleen Heidel, Olga Manos, Diane Pirotsis, and Kalitsa Xitco.

**Greek Night at the Movies** - We are planning our second Greek night at the movies, tentatively scheduled for mid-August-September. This event will be at the Grand Cinema in Tacoma. More details to follow.

**2023 Membership** - Our year starts in January and runs through December. We currently have 47 members, both new and renewals, for the 2023 year. Please ask any member about Philoptochos - it is the Orthodox Church's Women's Ministry. Please contact Jane Evancho for membership payment. The membership is \$30 for the year.

We encourage our Greek Orthodox friends to join us. They can be involved as much or as little as they wish. Our chapter has monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month, with Zoom connection available as well. We will take a summer break and resume regular meetings in September. 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-



# Philoptochos News



## Building Committee

Two significant building issues are currently in the works: 1) studying the feasibility and expected cost to add a new toilet stall in the Lower Hall area Women's Restroom and 2) replacing the Dining Hall/Kitchen area roofing, which has been discussed over the last several months. A licensed architect is being set up to do a walk-through of both areas and advise.

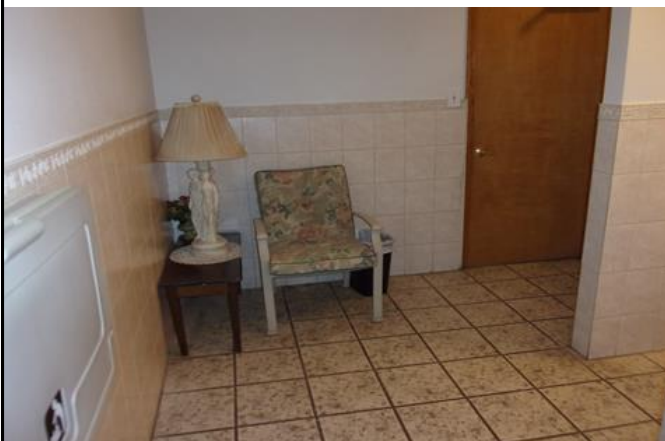
In the case of the Women's Restroom, there are two primary issues to address: verify if there is enough clearance in the current restroom layout to allow for another toilet stall without being required to modify existing walls and the stalls that are already in place; from an initial observation, it's hard to say if the existing conditions will continue to meet current code standards if another stall is added. The second issue is to verify what permits would be required (if any), beyond a mechanical permit for the plumbing work.

The main purpose of a Dining Hall/Kitchen roof walk-through would be to verify anticipated permitting requirements. There is a need to go over a pre-prepared list of suggested construction details as they pertain to the immediate re-roofing work, and what would be the best way to add infrastructure that would accommodate future building improvements, such as renovating the Upper Hall area.

The goal is to present both cases to the Building Committee at their upcoming August meeting so that a comfortable and reasonably accurate budget, based on professional advisement could be drawn up. Going forward, it would be passed onto the Parish Council before their August meeting the following week. If approved, the Women's Restroom proposal could be brought forth to a General Assembly, and the Dining Hall/Kitchen area roofing replacement listed as a line item in the 2024 budget to be submitted to the Parish near the end of this year, with the intent (if approved), for actual field work to take place shortly after 2024 Pascha.

### PHOTO NOTES:

*The lower left photo shows the entrance into the Women's Restroom with a mother's chair by the door. The near side of a stub wall shown at the right is where a new toilet stall would go. The lower right photo shows the location of a new toilet and privacy partition, replacing the current pot depicted with a more practical type. The right photo shows the existing toilet stalls. A new stall would line up to the near side of the existing one in the foreground.*



## Cover Story Continued...

priest's salary was a piece of meat from the lamb of Meat-fare Sunday or Christmas. That didn't bother Papa-Nicholas at all; he thought fasting was the corner-stone of virtue. It was enough that he had a church so that he could serve the Liturgy.

His dismissal from the Church of Saint Panteleimon caused him great spiritual sorrow. One night, as he left Saint John's to go home, he was weeping on the road. The place was deserted at that hour. Suddenly, he saw on the road a fine young man who said to him, "Why do you weep, my Father?"

"I weep, my child, because they chased me out of Saint Panteleimon."

"Don't be grieved, my Father. I am always with you."

Papa-Nicholas said, "Who are you, my child?"

"I," he said, "am Panteleimon, who lives at Neos Kosmos." And immediately he disappeared from in front of him.

He himself described this vision word for word to a daughter of his synodia.

Every year, on the feast of St. Panteleimon, he would go to the Saint's church in Neo Kosmo and do a vigil. One year, as he himself related, he was sick and had a fever. His relative did not allow him to go for his customary vigil. But because of the love which Father Nicholas had for the Saint, he went anyway.

"That night," he himself said, "after the vigil, exhausted, I leaned on the edge of the Holy Table. In the delirium of the fever I saw the Saint in front of me, young and vigorous, holding a small glass full of medicine, and he told me, 'Drink it, my Father, to become well.' I took it from his hand and drank it and became completely well. The fever left me! For a whole week I had the sweetness in my throat. I thought it was a sin and ungrateful not to mention it. I came out through the Beautiful Gate and said, 'My children, I was very sick tonight, and at this moment Saint Panteliemon gave me medicine and I drank and became well.' Everyone believed it and knelt down, glorifying the Saint."

May we have the protective prayers of St. Panteleimon, the inspirational vigor of Papa-Nicholas Planas, and the mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, together with His unoriginate Father and All-holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

In Christ,

**Ft. Anthony Cornett**

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# ST. NICHOLAS AKATHIST MINISTRY

## Ministry of Akathist, Prayers for the Departed

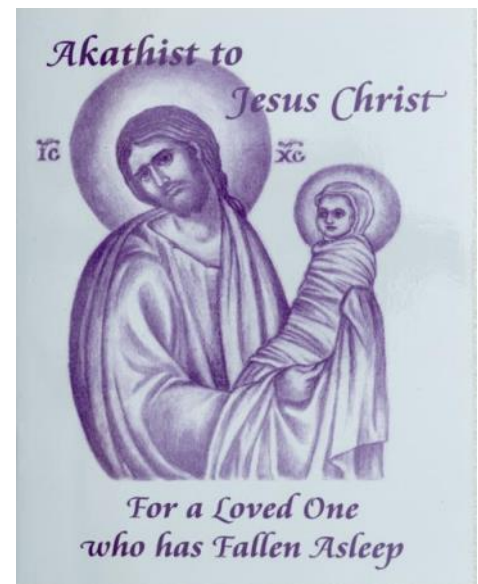


Thank you to all who are involved in this wonderful ministry at Saint Nicholas. In offering the gift of praying the Akathist to Jesus Christ for a Loved One who Has Fallen Asleep, it is a great comfort to family and friends of the departed ones.

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



### Philip and the Ethiopian

**Acts 8: 26-40** “Then, an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, ‘Arise, and go toward the south, to the way that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza. This is a desert.’

<sup>27</sup>So Philip arose and went; and behold, there was a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. He was in charge of all her treasure and had come to Jerusalem to express adoration. <sup>28</sup>He was returning and sitting in his chariot, reading the prophet Isaias (Isaiah).

<sup>29</sup>The Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go near, and join yourself to this chariot.’

<sup>30</sup>Philip ran to the eunuch and heard him reading Isaias the prophet. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’

<sup>31</sup>The man replied, ‘How can I, unless someone explains it to me?’ He then begged Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now, the passage of the Scripture which he was reading was this: **(Isiah 53: 7-8)**

‘He was led as a sheep to the slaughter. As a lamb before his shearer is silent, so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation, his judgment was taken away. Who will declare His generation? For his life is taken from the earth.’

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, ‘Who is the prophet talking about? About himself, or about someone else?’

<sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture, he proclaimed [the Good News about] Jesus to this man. <sup>36</sup>As they went on the way, they arrived to [a place with] some water, and the eunuch said, ‘Behold, here is water! What is keeping me from being baptized?’

<sup>37</sup>Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ The man answered, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God!’ <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stand still, and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

<sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch did not see him any more and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip was found at Azotus. Passing through [that area], he preached the Good News to all the cities, until he reached Caesarea.”

**Father Anthony:** This is a very sacrificial chapter. The eunuch is eager – he has been waiting for this – he has been praying! What happened at the “Well”? You see this throughout Scripture -so much happens at the Well. People meet their wives at wells in the Old Testament multiple times. What sort of matchmaking happens at Jacob’s Well with St. Photini, the Samaritan woman? She meets the Bridegroom! She’s been married how many times and the one she is with now is not even her husband as Christ says? He didn’t do this to embarrass her, He said it to call her out, to say you’ve been seeking the Bridegroom. You’ve been unfulfilled by these

# St. Nicholas Bible Study

earthly bridegrooms. He speaks directly to the aspect of water and Living Water like Philip and the eunuch do here. Ultimately it is the Bridegroom Who's seeking His bride and He draws her unto Himself. And through faith, St. Philip is able to draw the eunuch to Christ and the Living Water. Often this passage is used by some of our non-Orthodox friends to say this is all you need – just a simple belief and baptism. We see throughout the early Church in Scripture that the Apostles and disciples didn't leave people hanging – they didn't simply say, "Okay, you say you believe, be baptized." We see it with the accounts of healing with Christ – "...your faith has healed you, now go in peace". But it is Christ Who is offering the hand of healing through the person's faith. It's the synergy of working together with God's will. Obviously this eunuch was prepared. He had been studying – he shows through his humility that he understands nothing – he clearly understands to a certain extent. "How can I understand this?" is almost like, "how can I know?" What is knowledge? It is not simply learning about a subject or a person, knowledge is a most intimate act – it's about God coming into our lives and embracing one another – it seeks to transform hearts. This is what the eunuch is working with in his preparation to receive the Lord. Clearly he knows about the practice of baptism – this person is well prepared. The beauty and fruits of the eunuch's labor of what was on his heart was his humility. The humility of God is such that God's most humble act of all was coming down through His Incarnation with humility in order to unite man and God to fix the schism between man and God.

**Stephen G:** What happened to the Ethiopian Eunuch after this? Does he start the Ethiopian Church?

**Father Anthony:** Unfortunately, there had been so much war going on with the Georgian Church, the Ethiopian Church and the Armenian Church that a lot of the accounts on the origin stories don't occur until much later. Often the origin stories were in competition with Rome. It wasn't until much later that Rome started holding on to the origin account of their Apostolic witness of the Church. For some time the sort of, unification and the building up of a "pope" figure became of primary importance in old Rome. The focus was on Peter because he had the "keys". Out of a little, unhealthy, competition ancient cities would say, "Well we have our Apostle too." After the Church of Constantinople was developed, they said "Ours is Andrew". Clearly the laying on of hands in the electing of the presbyters, elders, the bishops, the priests and the deacons of the Church has always been a lineage thing. There has to be an Apostle who started a Church in "this city". We see this in Scripture when people are fighting over who baptizes them. **1 Corinthians 1:12-15** "Now I say this, that each of you says, 'I am of Paul', or 'I am of Apollos', or 'I am of Cephas', or 'I am of Christ'. <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name." Or the two brothers who were seeking the prominent seats at the right and left hands of God and they asked their mom to intercede for them. **Matthew 20:21** "And He said to her, 'What do you wish?' She said to Him, 'Grand that these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your Kingdom.'" You see this throughout Scriptures because it is a very human approach. Obviously, there's apostolic succession in the Church and priesthood and the episcopacy, but early on it wasn't a big deal. Concerning the Ethiopian Eunuch, it's foggy. There are accounts that say that he was the one who started the Ethiopian Church.



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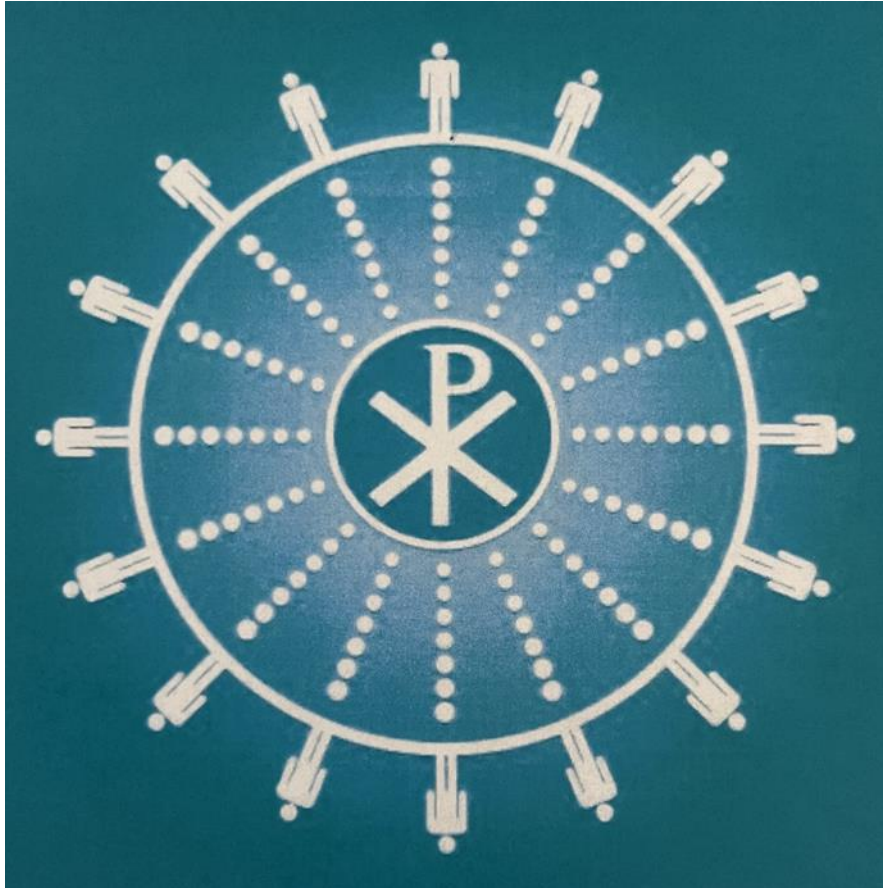
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Ιησους Χριστος Θεου Υιος Σωτηρ  
 Jesus Christ God Son Savior

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**Father Anthony:** The wheel was a common image of the early Church and you see it in the catacombs inscribed on the walls and you would see “ΙΧΘΥΣ” the word for fish. Notice that each letter fits within the spokes of the wheels (shown in red) above each letter. It’s an early Christogram – a way for the early Christians to say, “I am of Christ” without having something obvious, like a cross or an icon or writing out Jesus’ Name.

Another version of this:



“Let us suppose that this circle is the world and that God, Himself, is the center; the straight lines drawn from the circumference to the center are the lives of men. To the degree that the saints enter into the things of the spirit, they desire to come near to God; and in proportion to their progress in the things of the spirit, they do in fact come close to God and to their neighbor. The closer they are to God, the closer they become to one another; and the closer they are to one another, the closer they become to God.”

*Abba Dorotheos of Gaza, On Refusal to Judge our Neighbor*

**Father Anthony:** This is something that the early Church understood very well. They understood the mission of drawing others to God. They didn’t say, “We have the bones of truth, we are with Christ so we’re good to go. If you are with us you can be on the “in”. This is the goal of the Church – to draw one another into the Center – that is God. This happens by being swept up by the Spirit. The Spirit is, effectively, the driving force or the magnet that draws us to the Center.

Submitted by: Genevieve

## St. Nicholas Flower Ministry

FLOWERS & GREENERY NEEDED FOR THE  
DORMITION FEAST OF THE THEOTOKOS  
AUGUST 2023



### 2022 Feast of Transfiguration and the Dormition of the Theotokos

The Flower Ministry is reaching out to St. Nicholas parishioners for help with supplying fresh flowers (especially Hydrangeas) for the Feast of Transfiguration and the Dormition of the Theotokos. We've found that Hydrangeas purchased from the florists and stores barely last through the feast day, whereas homegrown flowers last so much longer and are far more beautiful. I believe that the love one puts in nurturing their garden is reflected in the offering.

The floral colors for the Dormition feast are blue and white. Even though I highlighted Hydrangeas, any blue or white flowers and all greenery would be most welcome.

If you are willing to donate flowers in honor of the great Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, please contact Genevieve at [goobahoo@gmail.com](mailto:goobahoo@gmail.com)

Submitted by: Genevieve



# 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.

Fenia Mavromichali brings the offering the fourth Sunday of every month.

Regular Sunday prosthora bakers are needed.



A photograph to remember a Saturday morning baking prosthora, accompanied by the prayers of Righteous Anthimos of St. Anne's Skete on Athos, and of the Great Grace of Tinos, because it was the monks of St. Anne's Skete who made this prosthora seal, and it was this icon of the Theotokos which fluttered down from its perch directly into my hands recently at a particular time. In the air the scents of beeswax, incense, red roses, and fresh baked bread. In my ears *The Lost Voices of Hagia Sophia* (Capella Romana). I felt at peace, aware of time and space yet connected to Him who is beyond time.

*Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to you. Alleluia!*

## 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, families, organizations and businesses that have shown support to our church by completing a 2023 stewardship card and/or have made a contribution to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church to date. As always, we honor those individuals who make contributions of time, talent and treasure. YOU make St. Nicholas the wonderful place that it is to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### 2023 donations and commitments as of June 15, 2023

Jim and Carol Abel*	William and Mary Acker*
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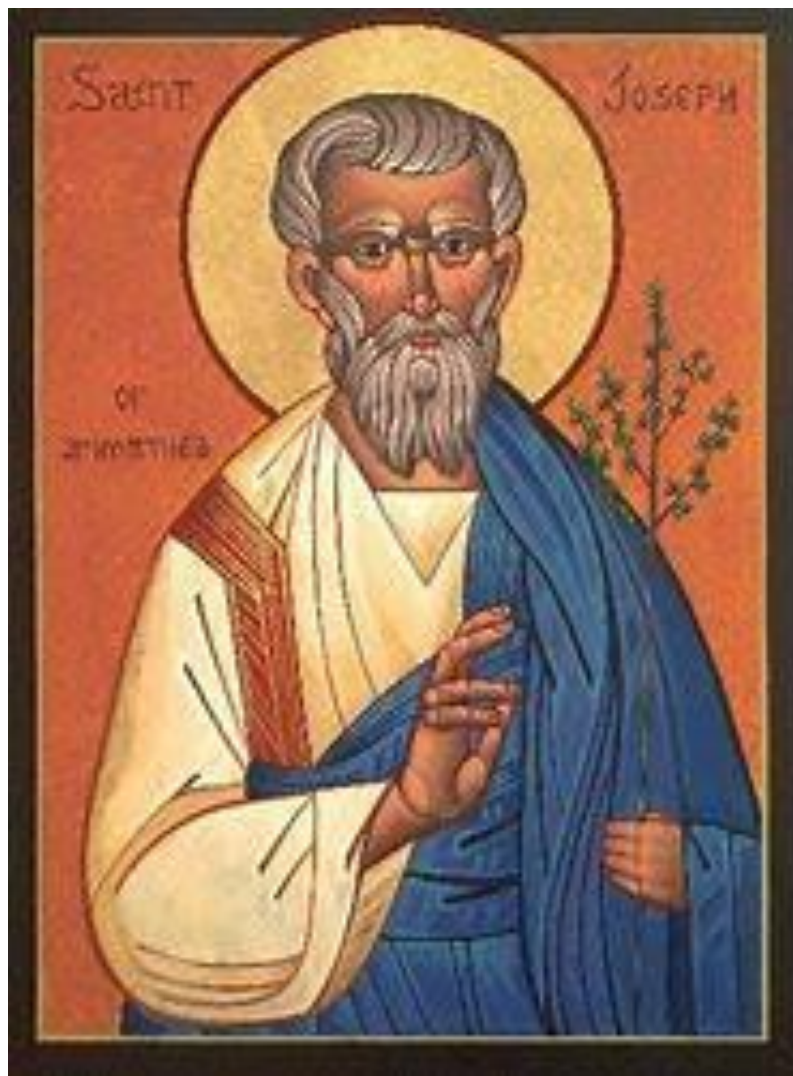
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\* indicates those individuals who have filled out the Stewardship/donation commitment form.



# 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.

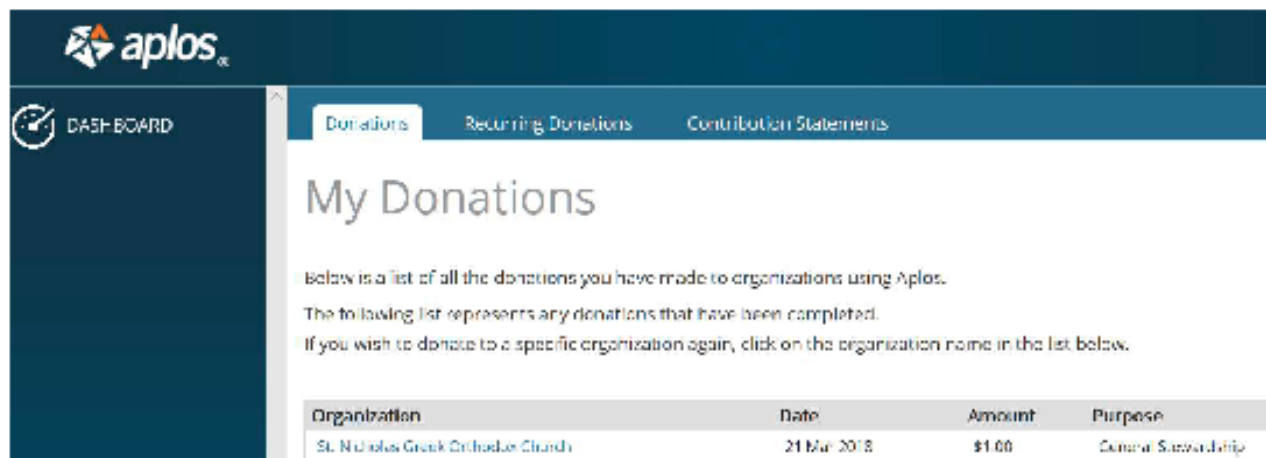
I want parishioners to enjoy greater flexibility in making Church donations and receiving an accounting of their annual to date contributions at any time of the year. Many of you have asked and inquired about the possibility of accounting for your donations automatically on-line. It is now a reality. 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](http://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](http://stnicholastacoma.org/ministry-center).

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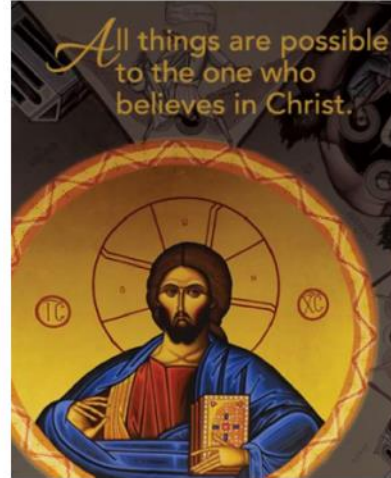
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 1523 S. Yakima Ave.  
 Tacoma, WA 98405

**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](http://stnicholastacoma.org/donate). For more information, please visit: [stnicholastacoma.org/stewardship](http://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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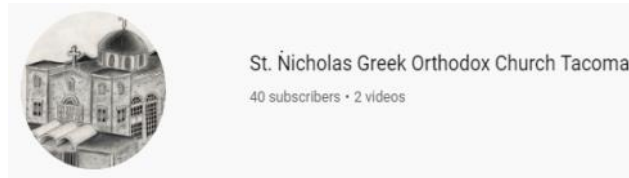
## On Line Services

### 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](http://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*

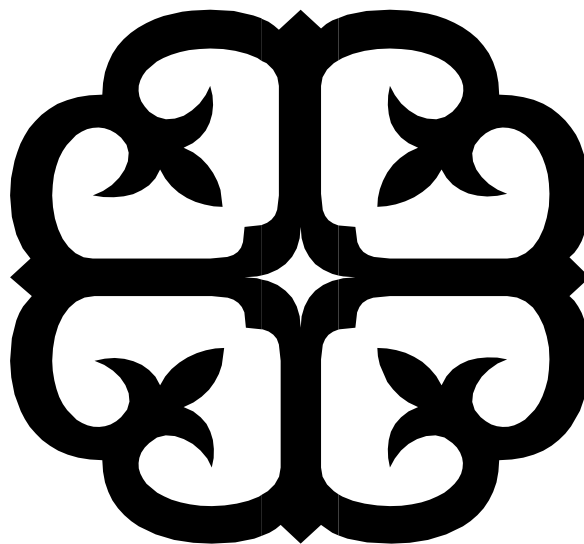
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If a service is being broadcast, click the **LIVE NOW** button.

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

*Bill Samaras—*



Saint Nicholas Messenger

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