



Meeting the Lord at the Cross



My beloved Saint Nicholas Family,

Under the prayerful leadership of the most blessed and ever-virgin Mary, the myrrhbearing women faithfully hastened not only to the tomb of our resurrected Lord, but first faithfully hastened to His life-giving ascent upon the Cross. When the threat of capture by the Jews and Romans overwhelmed the Disciples, the myrrhbearers persevered with prayerful intention and courage that can only be given by the Lord and Creator Himself.

There are times in our life when fear of the unknown can be debilitating. While our physical actions may seize, our mind is no-less busy with thought after thought, temptation after temptation. The purposeful movement of the myrrhbearers to the Crucifixion of our Lord, in choosing to not abandon Him on that most-precious and life-giving Wood, they prepared themselves to receive a gift from the Gift-giver Himself, the gift of life. If we think even for a moment that those brave women did not battle the same temptations and intrusive thoughts that debilitate us, we would be mistaken. So what was different? They chose life. They chose to receive from the Giver. In, and certainly through, their own weaknesses, they simply “showed up”—they made themselves present to the Creator and Lord.

While the majority of the Disciples abandoned Him in that hour, there was one faithful servant who did not: Saint John the Evangelist. In his presence at our Lord’s final hour, he joins the myrrhbearers in representing faithful humanity—those that prepare to receive from the Giver. On our own, we can do nothing, but with the grace of God, who seeks to give to each of us, we are united with Him in our first-calling. With the Evangelist and Panagia side by side, our Lord unites the faithful of all ages as family: “Woman, behold your son,” and to us: “Behold, your mother.”

—In Christ, Fr. Anthony

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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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Coffee Hour

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Welcome

Gus Chamales

Parish Council

Next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday May 14, 2024

MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
Nine Martyrs of Cyzicus	Great & Holy Week	GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY	GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY	GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY	GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY	GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY
PALM SUNDAY	Apostles Jason and Sosipate	Ignatius (Brianchaninov) of C	Jeremiah the Prophet	Translation of the relics of At	Martyrs Timothy and Maura	Ven Beuno of Clynnog Fawr ii
● 8:30am Orthros	4 more	3 more	3 more	3 more	3 more	3 more
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
GREAT & HOLY PASCHA	Holy and Righteous Job, the I	Alexis the Confessor, Defend	John the Theologian, Apostle	Christopher the Martyr	Apostle Simon the Zealot	Cyrl and Methodius of Thess
Great Martyr Irene	RENEWAL MONDAY: St Georg	Commemoration of the appe:	RENEWAL WEDNESDAY	Hieronymus of Simonopetra	RENEWAL FRIDAY : Life-givin	Mocius the Hieromartyr
Venerable Martyr Ephraim of	Venerable Seraphim of Moun	RENEWAL TUESDAY	Venerable Arsenios the Great	Isalah the Prophet	● 6pm Small Compline (w/ Ca	RENEWAL SATURDAY
2 more	3 more	2 more	● 6:30am Divine Liturgy	RENEWAL THURSDAY	● 6pm Vespers & Small Comp	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Epiphanius, Bishop of Consta	Glyceria the Martyr	Martyr Isidore of Chios	Venerable Pachomius the Grt	Brendan the Navigator	Apostles Andronicus and Jun	Martyrs Peter, Dionysius, Chr
Germanus, Archbishop of Col	● 5pm Beginner's Greek (ZOOI	Therapon the Hieromartyr	Matushka Theodosia the Par	Venerable Theodore the Sanc	● 10am Bible Study (w/ 3rd Hr	● 6pm Vespers & Small Comp
THOMAS SUNDAY	● 6pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)	● 6pm Vespers	Venerable Pachomius the Grt	● 6:30am Orthros	● 6pm Small Compline (w/ Ca	
4 more		● 7pm Parish Council	● 6pm Paraklesis			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Hieromartyr Patrick, Bishop c	Thalelaeus the Martyr	The Great God-crowned Sove	Basiliscus the Martyr	Evgeny of Chechnya	Venerable Symeon of the Wo	3rd finding of the precious he
● 8:30am Orthros	● 6pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)	● 6:30am Divine Liturgy	● 6pm Paraklesis	Venerable Eumentios the Gret	● 10am Bible Study (w/ 3rd Hr	● 6pm Vespers & Small Comp
● 10am Divine Liturgy		● 6pm Vespers		Venerable Michael the Confe:	● 6pm Small Compline (w/ Ca	
2 more				● 6:30am Orthros		
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1
Carpus the Apostle	Hellaudius the Hieromartyr	Andrew, the Fool for Christ	MID-PENTECOST	Venerable Isaac the Confessor	Hermias the Martyr	Justin Martyr the Philosopho
● 8:30am Orthros	Venerable John the Russian	Hieromartyr Eutychius, Bisho	Theodosia the Martyr	● 6:30am Orthros	● 10am Bible Study (w/ 3rd Hr	Venerable Justin of Celije
● 10am Divine Liturgy	● 5pm Beginner's Greek (ZOOI	● 6pm Vespers	● 6:30am Divine Liturgy		● 6pm Small Compline (w/ Ca	● 6pm Vespers & Small Comp
● 12pm Coffee Hour: Memoriz	● 6pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)		● 6pm Paraklesis			

The most up to date calendar is always found at the St. Nicholas web page:
www.stnicholastacom.org

MAY 2024 DAILY CALENDAR

<p>Wednesday, May 1 Great & Holy Week GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY Jeremiah the Prophet 9:00am Presanctified Liturgy 3:00pm Holy Unction 6:00pm Orthros</p>	<p>Thursday, May 2 Great & Holy Week GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY Translation of the relics of Athanasius the Great, Archbishop of Alexandria Venerable Matrona of Moscow 9:00am Vespereal Liturgy (Mystical Supper) 6:00pm Orthros (12 Gospels)</p>
<p>Friday, May 3 Great & Holy Week GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY Martyrs Timothy and Maura 8:00am Great Hours 3:00pm Great Vespers</p>	<p>Saturday, May 4 Great & Holy Week GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY Ven Beuno of Clynnog Fawr in Wales Venerable Martyr Pelagia 9:00am Vespereal Liturgy 11:00pm Pannychis (Pre-Resurrection)</p>
<p>Sunday, May 5 GREAT & HOLY PASCHA Great Martyr Irene Venerable Martyr Ephraim of Nea Makri 12:00am Orthros & Divine Liturgy (Pascha) 12:00pm Agape Vespers</p>	<p>Monday, May 6 Holy and Righteous Job, the Much-contested RENEWAL MONDAY: St George Venerable Seraphim of Mount Domvu 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy 6:00pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 7 Alexis the Confessor, Defender of Orthodoxy in America Commemoration of the appearance of the Sign of the Precious Cross in the skies of Jerusalem RENEWAL TUESDAY 6:00pm Vespers 7:00pm Building Committee</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 8 John the Theologian, Apostle and Evangelist RENEWAL WEDNESDAY Venerable Arsenios the Great 6:30am Divine Liturgy</p>

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<p>Thursday, May 9 Christopher the Martyr Hieronymus of Simonopetra Isaiah the Prophet RENEWAL THURSDAY</p>	<p>Friday, May 10 Apostle Simon the Zealot RENEWAL FRIDAY : Life-giving Spring 6:00pm Small Compline (w/ Canon)</p>
<p>Saturday, May 11 Cyril and Methodius of Thessaloniki, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Enlighteners of the Slavs Mocius the Hieromartyr RENEWAL SATURDAY 6:00pm Vespers & Small Compline (w/ PreCommunion Canon)</p>	<p>Sunday, May 12 Epiphanius, Bishop of Constantia (Salamis) in Cyprus Germanus, Archbishop of Constantinople THOMAS SUNDAY 8:30am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Coffee Hour: Men's Team 12:15pm Choir Practice (Divine Liturgy Group)</p>
<p>Monday, May 13 Glyceria the Martyr 5:00pm Beginner's Greek (ZOOM) 6:00pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 14 Martyr Isidore of Chios Therapon the Hieromartyr 6:00pm Vespers 7:00pm Parish Council</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 15 Matushka Theodosia the Paralyzed +2011 Venerable Pachomius the Great 6:00pm Paraklesis</p>	<p>Thursday, May 16 Brendan the Navigator Venerable Theodore the Sanctified 6:30am Orthros</p>
<p>Friday, May 17 Apostles Andronicus and Junia 10:00am Bible Study (w/ 3rd Hour) 6:00pm Small Compline (w/ Canon)</p>	<p>Saturday, May 18 Martyrs Peter, Dionysius, Christina the Virgin and those with them 6:00pm Vespers & Small Compline (w/ PreCommunion Canon)</p>



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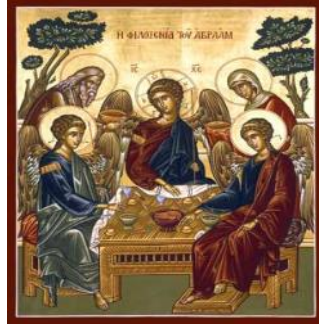
<p>Sunday, May 19 Hieromartyr Patrick, Bishop of Prusa, and those with him 8:30am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Coffee Hour: Community 12:15pm Choir Practice (Divine Liturgy Group)</p>	<p>Monday, May 20 Thalelaeus the Martyr 6:00pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 21 The Great God-crowned Sovereigns and Equal-to-the-Apostles Constantine and Helen 6:30am Divine Liturgy 6:00pm Vespers</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 22 Basiliscus the Martyr 6:00pm Paraklesis</p>
<p>Thursday, May 23 Evgeny of Chechnya Venerable Eumenios the Cretan Venerable Michael the Confessor, Bishop of Synada 6:30am Orthros</p>	<p>Friday, May 24 Venerable Symeon of the Wondrous Mountain 10:00am Bible Study (w/ 3rd Hour) 6:00pm Small Compline (w/ Canon)</p>
<p>Saturday, May 25 3rd finding of the precious head of the Forerunner and Baptist John 6:00pm Vespers & Small Compline (w/ PreCommunion Canon)</p>	<p>Sunday, May 26 Carpus the Apostle 8:30am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Coffee Hour: Memorial Day Luncheon</p>
<p>Monday, May 27 Helladius the Hieromartyr Venerable John the Russian 5:00pm Beginner's Greek (ZOOM) 6:00pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 28 Andrew, the Fool for Christ Hieromartyr Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene 6:00pm Vespers</p>

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<p>Wednesday, May 29 MID-PENTECOST Theodosia the Martyr 6:30am Divine Liturgy 6:00pm Paraklesis</p>	<p>Thursday, May 30 Venerable Isaac the Confessor, Abbot of the Dalmatian Monastery 6:30am Orthros</p>
<p>Friday, May 31 Hermias the Martyr 10:00am Bible Study (w/ 3rd Hour) 6:00pm Small Compline (w/ Canon)</p>	



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 May:

5/5/2024	Pascha Luncheon
5/12/2024	Men's Team
5/19/2024	Community Coffee Hour*
5/26/2024	Memorial Day Luncheon

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

TEAMS:

Team Karanasos: Daphne Karanasos, Leader; Anna Wilson, Christina Gretty, Zach Karanasos, Ann Koopman, Pres Maria Armatas and Lisa Faithful

Team Charitou: Yanni & Sophia Charitou, Leaders; Fenia Mavromichali, Sandra Ciarochi, Yvonne Brandvold, Dino Basil, Maro Kouklis and Lisa Lauderback

Team Chamales: Dr Ingrid Chamales, Leader; Karen Samaras, Sally Hallis, Rikky Kapes, Kathy Johnson, Sharon Kennedy and Tim & Kathie Harvey

Team Cedeno: Klauda Cedeno, Leader; Evy Kontos, Irene Misiewicz, Gloria Brown, John (Alan) Means, Scott & Rachael Parnell and Angela Montoya

Men's Team: Ed Winskill, Leader; Dr Fred Ehret, Bill Samaras, John Cook, Hugh Winskill, and Moses (Robert) Sullivan

Philoptochos Annual Tea Party



St. Nicholas

Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society

Cordially invites you to the

Annual Women's Tea and Luncheon

Saturday at 11:30 am, May 18, 2024

For more information, please contact

Heddi Motz (253-205-9018) or Jane Ewancho (253- 213-5869)

Tickets will be \$30.00 per person.

A Luncheon and Dessert Buffet will be served.

Our Famous Raffle still \$1.00 per ticket

Camp Agape Northwest



Camp Agape Northwest (a summer camp for kids with cancer and their families since 1997) is accepting applications for volunteers. If you are 16 and older, we encourage you to join this extraordinary group of volunteers. For any questions about volunteering, please contact Presvytera Pat Tsagalakis (206) 380-1862 or Kalitsa Xitco (to help out in the kitchen) (253) 312-6312. Applications are due April 15th. Camp takes place at All Saints Camp (Gig Harbor) July 20-27. St. Nicholas volunteers are encouraged to join in this outreach opportunity.

The Agape 5k run/walk will be May 19, 2024. Please visit <https://www.campagapenw.org/run-for-agape-5k> for more information and to register!

FESTIVAL NEWS

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers that have committed time to bake during Saturdays and weekdays.

There is no baking during the month of May. Baking will resume weekdays and Saturdays in June.

Outreach

The Festival donates part of profits to worthy local non-profit organizations. The nomination and selection of non-profit organization(s) is bestowed onto our parishioners. Here's how the process works :

- Any parishioner can nominate a local non-profit of their choice. How?
 - Send an email to our church Administrator, Carol at admin@stnicholastac.org
 - Call the church at 253-272-0466 and give Carol your nomination verbally (Tues-Fri)
 - **Nominations close May 26, 2024.** All nominations are vetted by Fr. Anthony before voting.
- Voting of nominations occurs on Sunday June 2.
- Recent Festival profitability have made the Outreach contribution a significant financial donation to the community. Please take a moment and think of what organization could most benefit from financial assistance from the St. Nicholas Festival.

Other Festival news:

- Corporate Sponsorship solicitation begins in June
- Volunteers are needed for summer baking and some booth duties. We'd like to revive a full Deli and we're looking for a leader.



The poster features a cartoon illustration of a man in traditional Greek attire (white kilt, blue vest, white shawl) holding a Greek flag and a red and white striped scarf. The background is light blue with a decorative Greek key border at the top and bottom.

BITE OF GREECE

MAY 31 - JUNE 2, 2024

FRIDAY - NOON TO 9 PM • SATURDAY - 11AM TO 9 PM
SUNDAY - NOON TO 6 PM

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
1804 13TH AVE SEATTLE, WA 98122
3 MINUTE WALK FROM THE CAPITOL HILL LIGHT RAIL

GREEK FOOD - MUSIC - MARKETPLACE

Festival

FREE ADMISSION  AUTHENTIC GREEK CUISINE

The 61st
**TACOMA
 GREEK
 FESTIVAL**

 October 4, 5, 6
 2024
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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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 STNICHOLASTACOMA.ORG/GREEKFESTIVAL  (253) 272-0466

FRIDAY & SATURDAY: 11AM-9PM, SUNDAY: 11AM-6PM

facebook.com/GreekFestivalTacoma
 instagram.com/TacomaGreekFestival  

Modern Greek Language School



2024 Modern Greek Language School / Classes: *Monday, Modern Greek 5:30 to 7:00pm (ZOOM)*

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:

Αγίασμας (Blessing) of the class at the beginning of the School year.

Sunday, October 27th, 2024 - OXI Day Celebration.

Sunday, March 24th, 2024 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-

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE



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The Daughters of Penelope is a sisterhood of dedicated women who want to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family and Individual Excellence. We are starting our new fiscal year, and are inviting women of our parish to join our sisterhood.

If you are interested please contact one of our officers.

President – Maria (Mary) Koumantaros

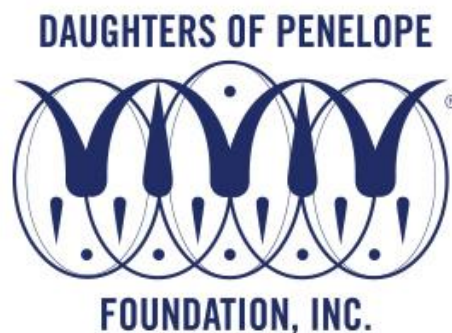
Vice-President – Dr. Olympia Tachopoulos Stafford

Recording Secretary – Debby Lord

Corresponding Secretary – Iphigenia (Fenia) Mavromichali

Treasurer – Evy Kontos

Maids of Athena Advisors – Ingrid Chamales and Virginia McClure.



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! 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. Our events have consistently seen an increase in giving over the previous years. 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:

Palm Sunday Dinner - Philoptochos hosted the Palm Sunday dinner on April 28th serving cod, baked potatoes, coleslaw and pineapple Lenten cake. The parish council will cover the cost of this event. In addition, \$1,000 will be sent to Hellenic College/Holy Cross Lenten Event fund, which goes to the operating expenses of the school.

Ladies Spring Lunch and Raffle - Philoptochos annual fun event with lovely tables, exciting raffle items and a huge dessert buffet will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024. Please contact Hoddi Motz or Jane Evancho for further information. For more information, look for the '*Philoptochos Annual Tea Party*' flyer in this bulletin.

Recent activities to further our mission of helping those less fortunate and to promote participation in the Philoptochos Society:

Graduate Coffee Hour - Philoptochos honors our parish high school and college graduates in June. If you know of High School or College graduate within the parish, please contact the parish office, Jane Evancho or Merrilee Pangis so that graduate can be recognized.

Donations to Community - The St. Nicholas Chapter again received a large donation specifically designated for local charities. A committee of interested members and the executive board will recommend local charities to receive funds.

Membership - Our year starts in January and runs through December. We currently have 55 members, for the 2024 year. There are 8 new members and 3 new associate members. 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. We welcome you all to our group. There is a lot of satisfaction in doing things for the common good, helping our church and the less fortunate among us...

Thank you so much for your support!

--Jane--

Building Committee

MAY BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Roofing tear-off and replacement work started in April. At this time, both the Lower Hall and Upper Hall roofs are completely "in the dry". This means new roofing membranes are installed and in place. At this point, the new roof should be able to withstand the nastiest of rainstorms without the worry of a leak occurring.

There are still odds and ends that need to be completed; most noticeably, the installation of new top perimeter sheet metal flashings. The rest of the work: making up a punch list, a final walk-through, getting the building permit signed off, and taking care of other administrative obligations will likely carry into May. This should not intrude on or interfere with the upcoming Holy Week and Pascha.

A preliminary estimate was presented to the Building Committee last month to upgrade the flooring and floor structure in the Nave. This includes filling in the recessed pew areas with either vinyl plank or porcelain tile flooring, providing seismic improvements, and beefing up the floor structure which would increase its load bearing capacity and eliminate the "bounce" when walking across the space. It was decided to further fine-tune and clarify the estimate scope before presenting to the Parish Council. This will be done in the upcoming month after being further reviewed by the Building Committee.



The two upper photos show the removal of existing roofing at the Lower Hall and Upper Hall roofs respectively. Surprisingly the existing plywood sheathing underneath was in much better shape than anticipated, with very little dry rot discovered despite several of roof leaks experienced over the years. The lower left photo shows a tapered drainage cricket that was installed where a north corner of the Narthex area roof meets the Upper Hall roof.

Submitted by: Bill Acker...

ST. NICHOLAS AKATHIST MINISTRY

Ministry of Akathist, Prayers for the Departed

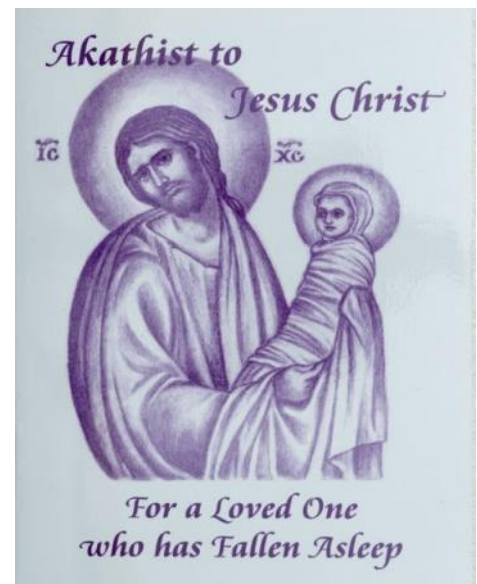


Thank you to all who are involved in this wonderful ministry at Saint Nicholas. In offering the gift of praying the Akathist to Jesus Christ for a Loved One who Has Fallen Asleep, it is a great comfort to family and friends of the departed ones.

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

Bible Study will resume after Pascha and Bright Week on Friday, May 17, at 10:00 a.m. in the upper hall of the Church. We will be starting with a 3rd Hour Prayer Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Nave and about 10:15 a.m. we will be starting Bible Study. Please contact Genevieve, stnicholaszoom@gmail.com for more information and to be added to our email list.

Join us in person
or on ZOOM!

BIBLE STUDY

- **Samuel (1st & 2nd Kingdoms)**
- Accompanying text: *The Seer*
- Meeting for **3rd Hour Prayer** in Church followed by study in Upper Hall

Fridays 10am-12pm

Metropolitan of Nafpaktos Hierotheos

The Seer



The Life of the Prophet Samuel
and its Relevance Today

Birth of the Theotokos
Monastery

INTERESTED IN JOINING?

Please contact Genevieve
at stnicholaszoom@gmail.com
to add your name to our email list.

Submitted by: Genevieve

ST. NICHOLAS FLOWER MINISTRY

The Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross



Submitted by: Genevieve

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.

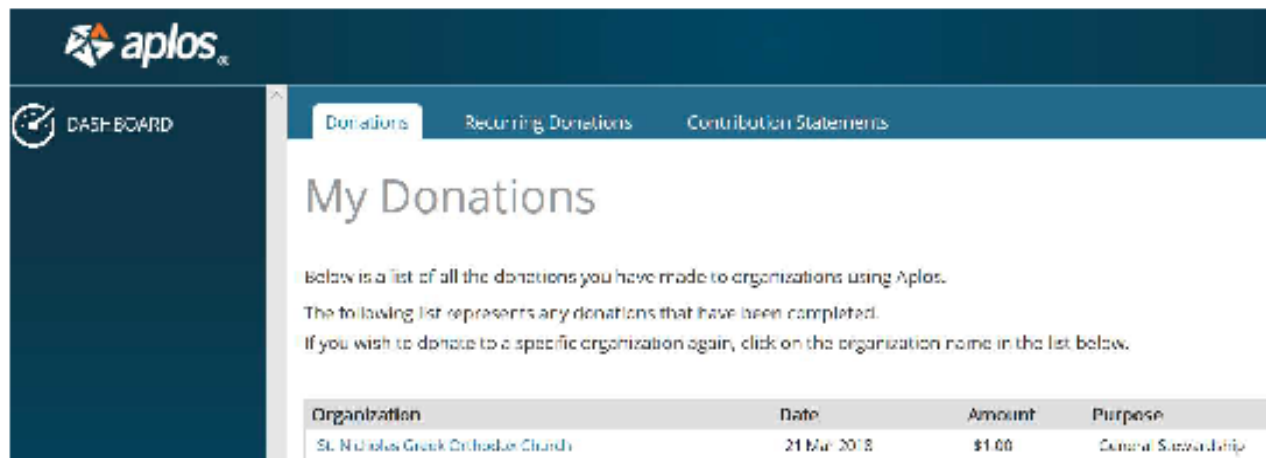
I want parishioners to enjoy greater flexibility in making Church donations and receiving an accounting of their annual to date contributions at any time of the year. Many of you have asked and inquired about the possibility of accounting for your donations automatically on-line. It is now a reality.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



Organization	Date	Amount	Purpose
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church	21 Mar 2018	\$1.00	General Stewardship

Donations and Pledges

2024 SAINT NICHOLAS (TACOMA, WA) STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

JAN-DEC 2024

Please print clearly in all applicable fields.

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ SPOUSE* _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____ CELL () _____ EMAIL(S) _____

PROFESSION (Optional) _____ ANNIVERSARY ____ / ____ / ____ BIRTHDAY ____ / ____ / ____

NEW STEWARD ACTIVE STEWARD *SPOUSE BIRTHDAY ____ / ____ / ____ *SPOUSE IS ORTHODOX? YES NO

Dependent Children

NAME _____ D.O.B. _____ ORTHODOX? YES NO

NAME _____ D.O.B. _____ ORTHODOX? YES NO

NAME _____ D.O.B. _____ ORTHODOX? YES NO

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES <<< PLEDGE CARD MUST BE COMPLETED ANNUALLY

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PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED CARD BY DECEMBER 17, 2023 USING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:



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

CHURCH
Drop your completed card for the
2024 Stewardship Pledge 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.

A contribution of \$2000/yr per family allows for coverage of operational costs.

As a steward in gratitude for God's blessings, I/we commit to support the work of His church by offering the following PLEDGE of \$_____ /month or \$_____ /annually

SIGNATURE _____ SIGNATURE _____

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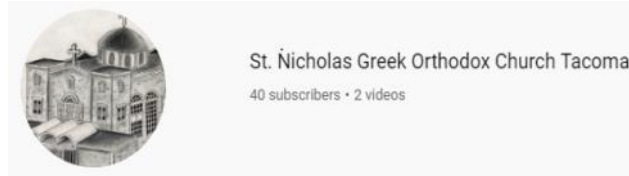
On Line Services

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*

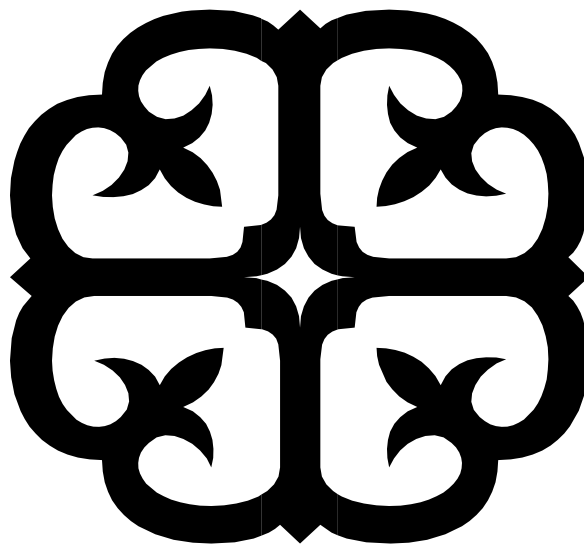
Click on this selection;



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.

Bill Samaras—



Saint Nicholas Messenger

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

1523 S Yakima Ave

Tacoma, WA 98405

Address Service Requested

