



The 60th Tacoma Greek Festival



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Thank you parishioners and friends of St. Nicholas

For the 60th time, the St. Nicholas dancers will honor those before them by performing traditional Greek dances on the Festival stage. The youngest of them will stand in awe watching the older teens performing seemingly impossible feats. Soon, the youngest will carry the torch as alumni of a long tradition of being St. Nicholas Greek dancers. Be sure to cherish every dance.

This issue of Messenger contains ads from parishioners and others. Thank you for your support of the Festival.

To everyone, who volunteered for this Festival, whether hours baking baklava, working at the booths, or simply helping any way possible...

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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.

Fr. Anthony's Cell phone: 1-661-776-5237

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Sunday School

To be announced

Greek School

George Pirotis

Lazarus Group

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Pilgrimage

Zach Karanasos

Prosphora Baking

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Welcome

Gus Chamales

Parish Council

Next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday October 10, 2023

OCTOBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Oct 1 Ananias the Apostle Holy Protection of the Theotokos Romanus the Melodist 3 more	2 Hieromartyr Cyprian and the Virgin I 5:30pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)	3 Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagist 2pm 40 Days for Life 6pm Vespers 7pm Building Committee	4 Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens 6pm Paraklesis	5 Charitina the Martyr 6:30am Orthros 6pm Adult Greek Dance Rehearsal	6 Thomas the Apostle 8am Divine Liturgy (w/ Agiasmos) 6pm Small Compline (w/ Canon)	7 Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus 6pm Vespers & Small Compline (w/)
8 Venerable Pelagia 8:30am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 12pm Festival	9 Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus Patriarch Abraham Venerable Antronicus, and his wife / 5:30pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)	10 Ambrose of Optina Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia 2pm 40 Days for Life 2 more	11 Philip, One of the Seven Deacons Synaxis of the Holy Elders of Optina Theophanes the Branded, Bishop of 6pm Vespers	12 Martyrs Probus, Tarachus, and Andri Venerable Symeon, the New Theolog 6:30am Divine Liturgy	13 Hieromartyr Jacob of Hamatoura Martyrs Carpus, Pappylus, Agathodor 10am Bible Study (w/ 3rd Hour) 6pm Small Compline (w/ Canon)	14 Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protas Venerable Cosmas the Compose, Bi 6pm Vespers & Small Compline (w/)
15 Hieromartyr Lucian, Presbyter of the Savinos 8:30am Orthros 2 more	16 Martyr Longinus the Centurion 5:30pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)	17 St. Anthony's Monastery Pilgrimage Hosea the Prophet Venerable Martyr Andrew in Krisei 2pm 40 Days for Life	18 Luke the Apostle and Evangelist	19 Joel the Prophet Varus the Martyr	20 Great Martyr Artemius Venerable Gerasimus of Cephalonia 6pm Vespers & Small Compline (w/)	21 Translation of the relics of the Vener Venerable Hilarion the Great 6pm Vespers & Small Compline (w/)
22 Abercius the Wonderworker, Bishop 8:30am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 12pm Philoptochos Fall Food Drive	23 Apostle James the Brother of God, F 6:30am Divine Liturgy 5:30pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)	24 Great Martyr Arethas and those with 2pm 40 Days for Life 6pm Vespers	25 Martyrs Marcian and Martyrus the I Tabitha, raised by Peter 6pm Vespers (St D's in Seattle) 7pm Choir Practice	26 Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-si 8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy	27 Claudia, Wife of Pilate Nestor the Martyr 10am Bible Study (w/ 3rd Hour) 6pm Small Compline (w/ Canon)	28 Feast of the Holy Protection of the T Martyrs Terence and Neomilla, and ti OXI DAY 3 more
29 OXI DAY CELEBRATION Venerable Abramius Venerable Martyr Anastasia of Romi 4 more	30 Cleopas the Apostle Martyrs Zenobius and his sister Zen 5:30pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)	31 Epimachus the Martyr 2pm 40 Days for Life 6pm Vespers	Nov 1 Holy and wonder-working Unmercer Venerable David of Evia 6pm Paraklesis 7pm Choir Practice	2 Eric, Bishop of Slane in Ireland Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasus, Aphithi 6:30am Orthros	3 Martyrs Acepstimas, Joseph, and Ae Translation of the relics of Saint Gea Winnifred of Wales 2 more	4 Hieromartyrs Nicander and Hermias Venerable George Karsides the Con Venerable Joannicius the Great 6pm Vespers & Small Compline (w/)

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

OCTOBER 2023 DAILY CALENDAR

<p>Sunday, October 1 Ananias the Apostle Feast of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos Romanus the Melodist 8:30am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Festival Pizza Work Party</p>	<p>Monday, October 2 Hieromartyr Cyprian and the Virgin Martyr Justina 5:30pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 3 Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite 2:00pm 40 Days for Life 6:00pm Vespers 7:00pm Building Committee</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 4 Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens 6:00pm Paraklesis</p>
<p>Thursday, October 5 Charitina the Martyr 6:30am Orthros 6:00pm Adult Greek Dance Rehearsals</p>	<p>Friday, October 6 Thomas the Apostle 8:00am Divine Liturgy (and Agiasmos) 6:00pm Small Compline (w/ Canon)</p>
<p>Saturday, October 7 Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus 6:00pm Vespers & Small Compline (w/ PreCommunion Canon)</p>	<p>Sunday, October 8 Venerable Pelagia 8:30am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Festival</p>
<p>Monday, October 9 Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus Patriarch Abraham Venerable Andronicus, and his wife Athanasia 5:30pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 10 Ambrose of Optina Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia 2:00pm 40 Days for Life 6:00pm Vespers 7:00pm Parish Council</p>

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<p>Wednesday, October 11 Philip, One of the Seven Deacons Synaxis of the Holy Elders of Optina Theophanes the Branded, Bishop of Nicaea, Com- poser and Confessor 6:00pm Vespers</p>	<p>Thursday, October 12 Martyrs Probus, Tarachus, and Andronicus Venerable Symeon, the New Theologian 6:30am Divine Liturgy</p>
<p>Friday, October 13 Hieromartyr Jacob of Hamatoura Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus, Agathodorus, and Aga- thonica 10:00am Bible Study (w/ 3rd Hour) 6:00pm Small Compline (w/ Canon)</p>	<p>Saturday, October 14 Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius, and Celsus Venerable Cosmas the Composer, Bishop of Maïu- ma 6:00pm Vespers & Small Compline (w/ PreCommunion Canon)</p>
<p>Sunday, October 15 Hieromartyr Lucian, Presbyter of the Church of Anti- och Savinos 8:30am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Community Coffee Hour</p>	<p>Monday, October 16 Martyr Longinus the Centurion 5:30pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 17 St. Anthony's Monastery Pilgrimage Hosea the Prophet Venerable Martyr Andrew in Krisei 2:00pm 40 Days for Life</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 18 St. Anthony's Monastery Pilgrimage Luke the Apostle and Evangelist</p>
<p>Thursday, October 19 St. Anthony's Monastery Pilgrimage Joel the Prophet Varus the Martyr</p>	<p>Friday, October 20 St. Anthony's Monastery Pilgrimage Great Martyr Artemius Venerable Gerasimus of Cephalonia</p>



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<p>Saturday, October 21 St. Anthony's Monastery Pilgrimage Translation of the relics of the Venerable Christodoulos of Patmos Venerable Hilarion the Great 6:00pm Vespers & Small Compline (w/ PreCommunion Canon)</p>	<p>Sunday, October 22 Abercius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Hierapolis and Equal-to-the-Apostles 8:30am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Philoptochos Fall Food Drive</p>
<p>Monday, October 23 Apostle James the Brother of God, First Bishop of Jerusalem 6:30am Divine Liturgy 5:30pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 24 Great Martyr Arethas and those with him 2:00pm 40 Days for Life 6:00pm Vespers</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 25 Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries Tabitha, raised by Peter 6:00pm Vespers (St D's in Seattle) 7:00pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>Thursday, October 26 Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer 8:45am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy</p>
<p>Friday, October 27 Claudia, Wife of Pilate Nestor the Martyr 10:00am Bible Study (w/ 3rd Hour) 6:00pm Small Compline (w/ Canon)</p>	<p>Saturday, October 28 Feast of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos Martyrs Terence and Neonilla, and their children OXI DAY Venerable Stephen of Mar Sabbas Monastery 10:00am AHEPA & DoP Conference 6:00pm Vespers & Small Compline (w/ PreCommunion Canon)</p>



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<p>Sunday, October 29 OXI DAY CELEBRATION Venerable Abramius Venerable Martyr Anastasia of Rome 8:30am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Coffee Hour: Men's Team 12:15pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>Monday, October 30 Cleopas the Apostle Martyrs Zenobius and his sister Zenobia 5:30pm Modern Greek (ZOOM)</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 31 Apostles Stachys, Apelles, Amplias, Urban, Narcis- sus, and Aristobulus Epimachus the Martyr 2:00pm 40 Days for Life 6:00pm Vespers</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 OCTOBER:

- 10/01/2023 Festival Pizza Work Party
- 10/08/2023 Festival
- 10/15/2023 Community Coffee Hour*
- 10/22/2023 Philoptochos Fall Food Drive
- 10/29/2023 Men's Team

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 Maro Kouklis and Lisa Lauderback

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

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.

COUNCIL CORNER

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

- The Parish Council would like to thank all the parishioners who came to September's **General Assembly** and generously gave of their time to discuss important projects for our Church:
 - Approval to accept & spend donations for the **beautification of the Narthex**;
 - Approval & funds to transform the former priest's office into a **Chapel to St. Nikephoros**;
 - Approval & funds for a Chapel structure at the **Tacoma Cemetery**; and
 - Approval of new **Bylaws**.
- **Festival 2023** is almost here! The Council spent considerable time reviewing suggestions & updates from *Bill Samaras*, the Festival Chairman. We urge everyone to come together for the final push!
- The **Church Bulletin** has been reformatted for easier reading and email distribution. If you do not currently **receive the weekly bulletin via email** and would like to do so, please contact the Church Office at admin@stnicholastac.org.
- Are you interested in **learning more** about what is happening at St. Nicholas? The **Parish Council Meeting Minutes** are available in the Church Office. Please contact the Church Office at admin@stnicholastac.org to be placed on the mailing list.



FATHER ANTHONY'S PAGE(S)



Beloved St Nicholas family,

We often think of August as being the month of Panagia, our most holy Theotokos, however October is bookended with a celebration of her loving and holy protection, known as *Agia Skepi* in the Greek. My girls learned a beautiful para-liturgical song (that is to be sung outside of church services when working, etc.,) honoring this Holy Protection, and it goes as follows:

[Verse]

You descended with a multitude of saints, from heaven to our holy church.
Covering the people as they kneeled and prayed,
We humbly call to you and say...

[Chorus]

*Agia Skepi, protect us each day,
keep us under your cover.
Be with us every step of the way,
you are our holy mother.*

[Verse]

Just as you protected Christ when he was young,
protect us in this present life.
Shelter is from dangers coming towards our way,
again we call to you and say...

FATHER ANTHONY'S PAGE(S)

Chorus (2x)

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So what is this protection which we celebrate on the 1st of October as well is in our annual remembrance of Oxi Day at the end of the month?

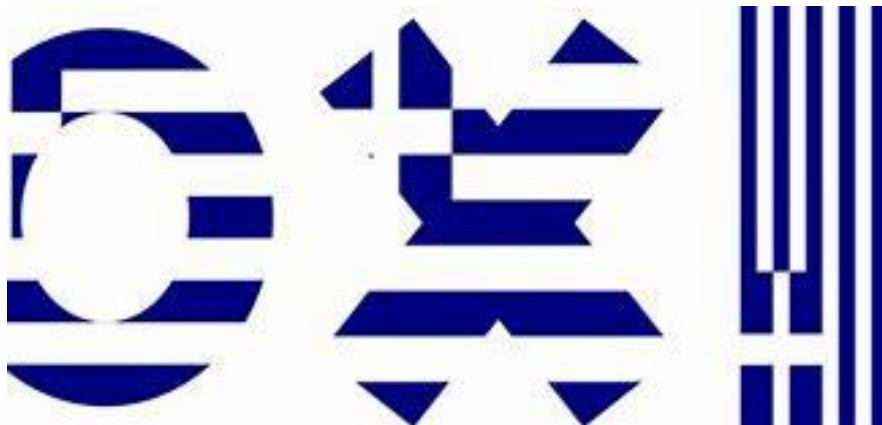
Once, during an all-night vigil that was being celebrated in the holy shrine in Blachernae, the blessed Andrew went there, as was his custom. Epiphanius was there also with one of his children. He would stand there, as was his custom was, because his fervor gave him strength, sometimes until midnight, sometimes until dawn. And so, when it was already about eleven o'clock at night, the blessed Andrew saw with his own eyes a most extraordinary vision coming in female form from the royal doors with a dread entourage, among which was the Honorable Forerunner and the Son of Thunder, holding her by the hand on either side, and many saints, robed in white, went before her; while others followed with hymns and spiritual songs. When she drew near the ambo, Andrew approached Epiphanius and said, "Do you see the Lady and Mistress of the world?" He replied, "Yes, my spiritual father."

And as they watched, she bowed her knees and prayed for a long time, shedding tears down her godlike and immaculate face. After her prayer, she advanced to the sanctuary, where she entreated for the people present. So when she had removed the mantle which she was wearing on her most-pure head and which had the appearance of lightning, she unrolled it and taking it with great reverence in her all-pure hands – it was large and awesome – spread it out above all the people who were standing there. The saints saw it stretched out over the people for a number of hours and blazing with the glory of the Lord like amber. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, it was visible also, but after she had departed, it was no longer to be seen. For while she indeed took it with her, she felt behind her grace for those who were there.

At the prayers of your most pure Mother, Christ God, have mercy and protect us from visible and invisible enemies and save our souls. Amen.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony Cornett
Proistamenos



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:

Αγιασμὸς (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-

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

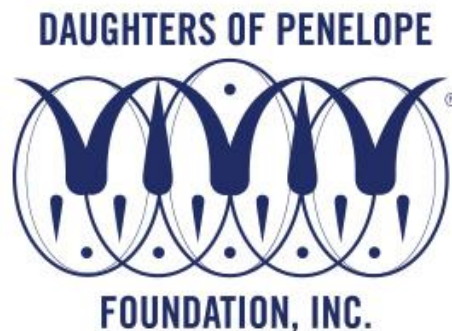
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Philoptochos News

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 by not only parishioners, but even by visitors to our parish. Each event has seen an increase in giving over the previous year, and 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:

Greek Night at the Movies - Our second Greek night at the movies, was held on Sunday, August 27, 2023, at the Grand Cinema in Tacoma. Approximately 35 were in attendance. Thanks to the members of our planning committee for donation of use of the cinema lobby, organizing the program, the silent auction and the refreshments. Free-will donations and proceeds from the silent auction brought in more than \$1,800. These very generous donations will enable Philoptochos to continue with our work in the community.

Special Tray Collection for Hellenic College/Holy Cross Scholarship Fund - Through the generosity of our parishioners, \$976.00 was collected for the Hellenic College/Holy Cross scholarship fund. This fund provides tuition scholarships to worthy and dedicated students, both men and women at Hellenic College and Seminarians at Holy Cross, to assist with tuition expenses.

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. The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 19th. 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

GREEK NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



In the lobby

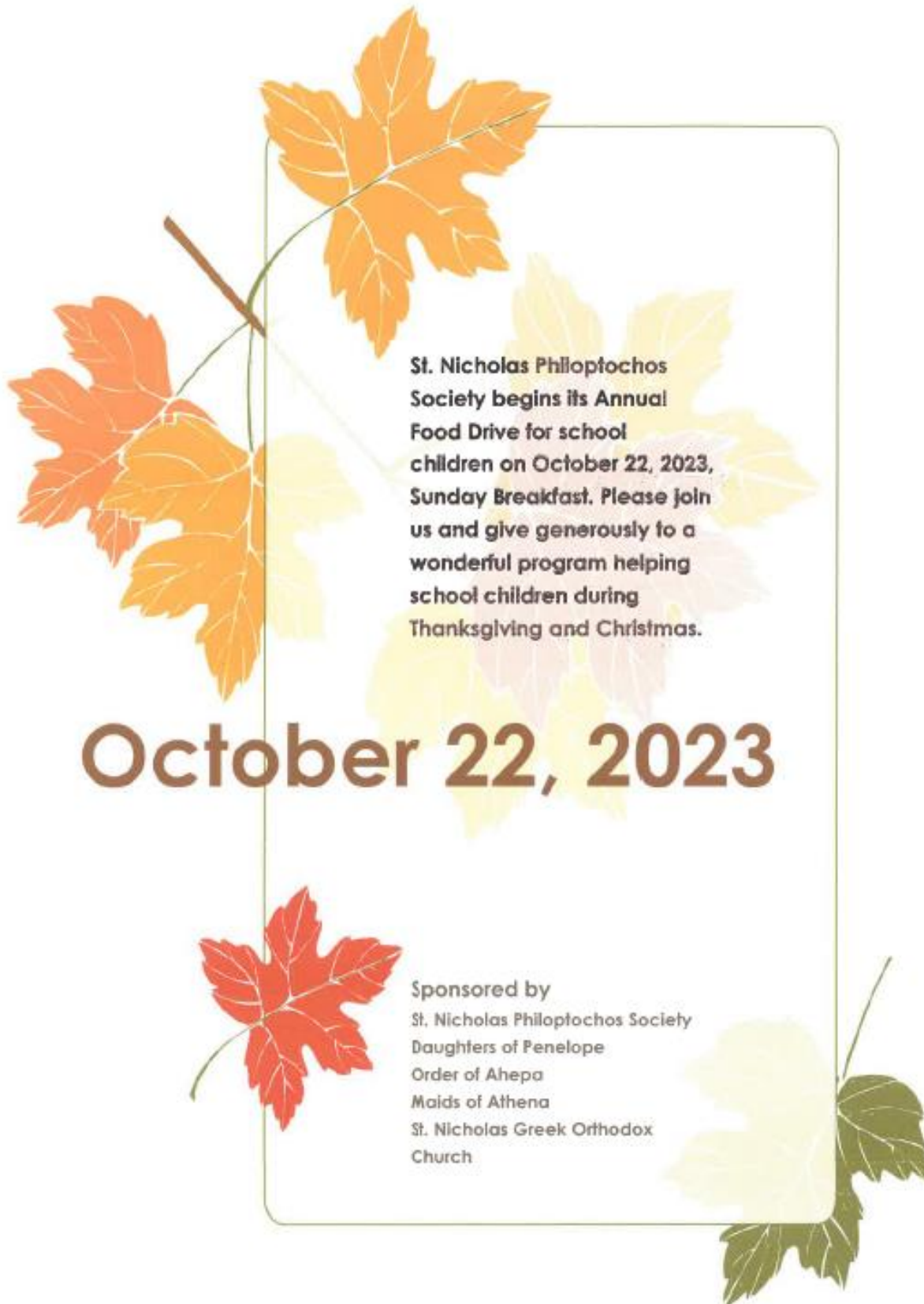


Jane Evancho, Susan Manthou, Hoddi Motz and
Merrilee Pangis



Bill Acker and Mary Sudar, Jane Evancho,
Father Anthony

Philoptochos News



St. Nicholas Philoptochos Society begins its Annual Food Drive for school children on October 22, 2023, Sunday Breakfast. Please join us and give generously to a wonderful program helping school children during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

October 22, 2023

Sponsored by
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Building Committee

OCTOBER BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

In previous Messengers, preliminary proposals that were presented for the Upper Hall and Lower Hall roofs provided permanent and enhanced fixes. The two main challenges for those proposals were the costs and the means of making the Upper Hall roof mesh with future long term church possibilities (which may take years to come to a consensus on). To date, four bids have been obtained from roofing contractors. These bids do not fully take into account some existing conditions and other costs that would provide a complete package, nor does it include other enhancements that were previously proposed; they are still realistic enough to consider with some scope modifications.

In September the General Assembly passed funding for up to \$240,000 to replace roofing over the Upper and Lower Hall areas. This was based on the roofing bids received, with budget allowances and contingencies added to cover other costs such as permitting, dry rot replacement, and other conditions not addressed in the proposals.

What was approved are new 20 year roofing assemblies. These do not have as many enhancements as 30 year roofs. Instead of a Lexus we are now seeking a Chevrolet, but at least a new one. This seems to be the most pragmatic approach given the urgency to stop the various roof leaks that have been occurring for decades.

The schedule remains as originally proposed, namely to start the roofing replacement work right after Pascha 2024. This will include BOTH the Upper Hall and Lower Hall roofs rather than just the Lower Hall. The field work should not take more than a few weeks to complete. The reasons for the tentative after Pascha 2024 start date are:

- 1) It provides ample time to work out and negotiate a full specific intended scope, cost and list of responsibilities with the bidders.
- 2) Final bids would tentatively be obtained during the first quarter of 2024, when contractor work loads tend to be less busy.
- 3) It would be best to be doing roofing tear-off and replacement work during the dryer time in early May rather than in the winter or through Great Lent.

To the right is a photo of the existing Upper Hall roof. Currently the roof deck is flat, which means rainwater tends to puddle before it drains. The roofing replacement work would provide tapered drainage slopes that will cover up the existing roof drain where most of the rainwater currently flows through. One of the desired enhanced roofing package items which the bidders did not include would be to enlarge undersized downspout drops at the north and south sides of the roof that currently get clogged with leaves, as with the new roofing slopes, they would be taking all of the roof drainage rather than just a portion of it.



Submitted by: Bill Acker

ST. NICHOLAS AKATHIST MINISTRY

Ministry of Akathist, Prayers for the Departed

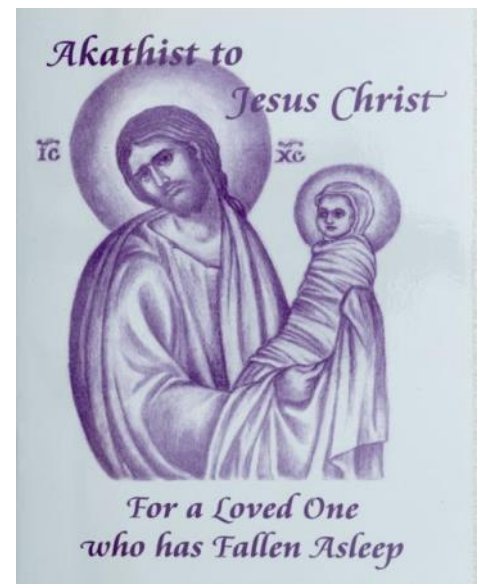


Thank you to all who are involved in this wonderful ministry at Saint Nicholas. In offering the gift of praying the Akathist to Jesus Christ for a Loved One who Has Fallen Asleep, it is a great comfort to family and friends of the departed ones.

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



CATECHUMENS

2023 CATECHUMENS & GODPARENTS



This fall, “Part One – The Doctrines of Christ” of Catechism class begins **Sunday, October 15, at 12:15 in the Nave of the Church and continues for each Sunday, thereafter, through Sunday, December 17.** At this time, we have four Catechumens enrolled and several inquirers. Please contact me, Genevieve, at stnicholaszoom@gmail.com if you wish to take the next step to becoming a Catechumen or just wish to receive more information.

Please take the next available opportunity to introduce yourself to our Catechumens and include them in your prayers.



Moses
(Ethan)



Christina
(Christine)



Isaac
(Jeffrey)

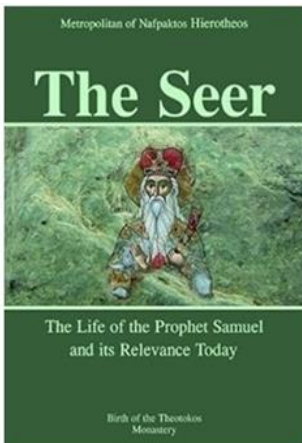


Ambrose
(Erik)

St. Nicholas Bible Study



Bible Study Picnic August 2023



Please join us every Friday morning from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. as we begin a new book in Bible Study.

We will be studying the Book of 1 Samuel (or 1 Kingdoms) and at the same time complete the book study Father Anthony started during Great Lent, “The Seer” – The Life of the Prophet Samuel.

Bible Study meets in person in the upper hall and also via Zoom. We record the studies and share the videos with our Bible Study members. If you wish to attend or just receive the recordings, please contact Genevieve at stnicholaszoom@gmail.com to add your name to our email list.

Submitted by: Genevieve

St. Nicholas Flower Ministry



Exaltation of the Cross – September 14



Nativity of the Theotokos – September 8

Thanks to Pres Anna and her team for the beautiful icon arrangements!

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.

Deborah Talbot brings the offering the second 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 Prospora bakers are needed.



Signed, Sealed, Delivered; I'm Yours!

The Saint Nicholas prosphora baking ministry has expanded. Presvytera Anna is now offering a training class for those wishing to learn this sacred art of offering. Prospora is the bread offered by the people for the Divine Liturgy which the Holy Spirit transforms a portion thereof into the Body of Christ. Each person or family enrolled in this training course will receive a prosphora starter kit.

The prosphora starter kit includes:

- (1) complete guide to preparing prosphora
- (1) hand-carved prosphora seal with an embroidered cloth storage bag
- (2) deep baking pans
- (1) bread thermometer
- (1) small embroidered cloth bag for storing dried antidoron at home for daily partaking on non-liturgy days.

There are still a few starter kits made available by the Saint Nicholas parish for those families interested in learning this sacred art. Please contact Presvytera Anna, if you are interested.

✿ Presvytera Anna Cornett

Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church
Tacoma, WA

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY



KEEP THE DATES
Tuesdays 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
October 3 – 31
Cedar River Clinic
1401 MLK Jr. Way, Tacoma, WA



Thanks to all our faithful St. Nicholas Pro-Life supporters over the years who have given their time to stand out on the streets of Tacoma to be witnesses to the truth and to join in our Orthodox Service of Supplication for the Victims of Abortion during the 40 Days for Life vigils. We also want to thank those who were unable to join us on the street but have prayed for the most innocent and vulnerable from their homes or work places.

The 40 Days for Life Fall 2023 campaign starts September 27 and runs through November 5. St. Nicholas Pro-Life Ministry has committed to sponsor each **Tuesday, starting October 3 through October 31, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. at the Cedar River Clinic, 1401 MLK Jr. Way, Tacoma, WA.**

All are welcome to join us – the more the merrier!! Please contact me, Genevieve, at stnicholaszoom@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

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.

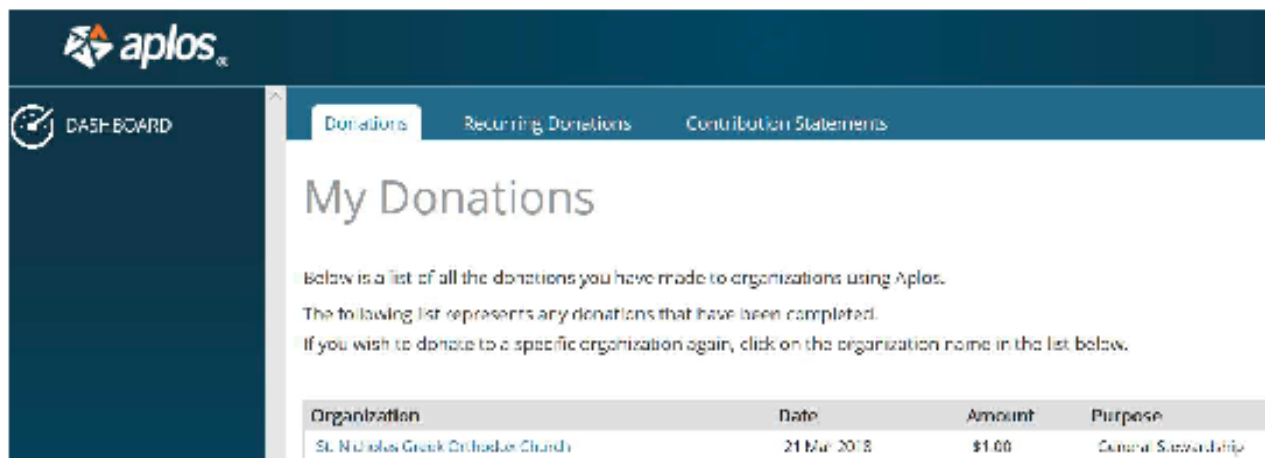
I want parishioners to enjoy greater flexibility in making Church donations and receiving an accounting of their annual to date contributions at any time of the year. Many of you have asked and inquired about the possibility of accounting for your donations automatically on-line. It is now a reality.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



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.

HOW TO RETURN THIS CARD

BY MAIL:

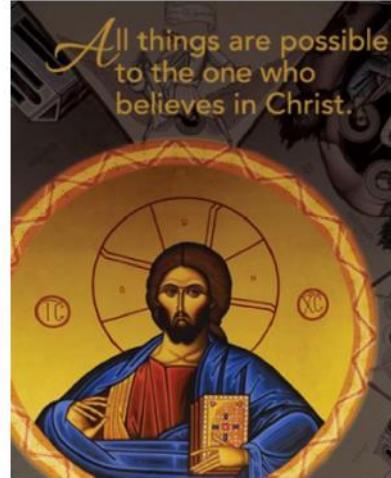
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
Attn: Church Treasurer
1523 S. Yakima Ave.
Tacoma, WA 98405

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

Please PRINT your information clearly

Name (F/M/L):
DOB (M/D/Y):
Email:
Telephone:
Spouse:
DOB (M/D/Y):
Email:
Telephone:

Household Information

Address
City/St/Zip

Dependent Children

Name (F/M/L)	DOB (m/d/y)	Orthodox
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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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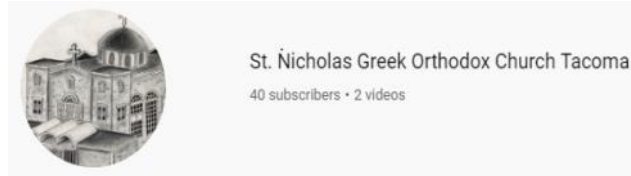
On Line Services

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*

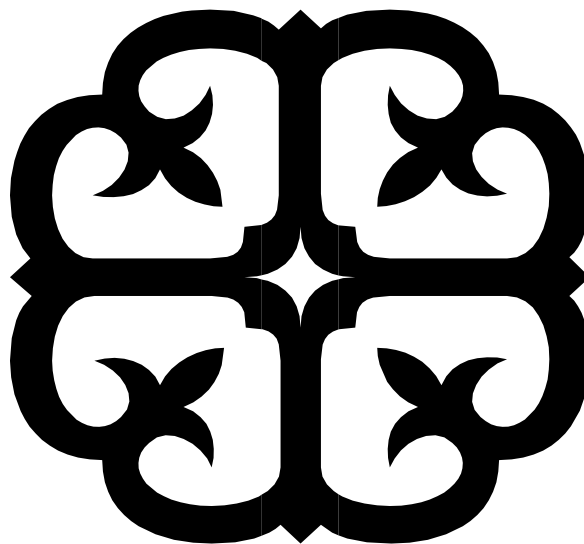
Click on this selection;



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.

Bill Samaras—



Saint Nicholas Messenger

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