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THE NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRIST



STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR ST. NICHOLAS ANN ARBOR:

— PART 1 —

A BIBLICAL CASE FOR PROPER VISION, MISSION, AND PLANNING.

Church? What lessons can we glean from this little girl trying to choose between these two mythical and metaphorical roads? What is the road that we must follow?

$$H = - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \cdot \log_2(p_i)$$

LAW OF THE UNIVERSE: ENTROPY

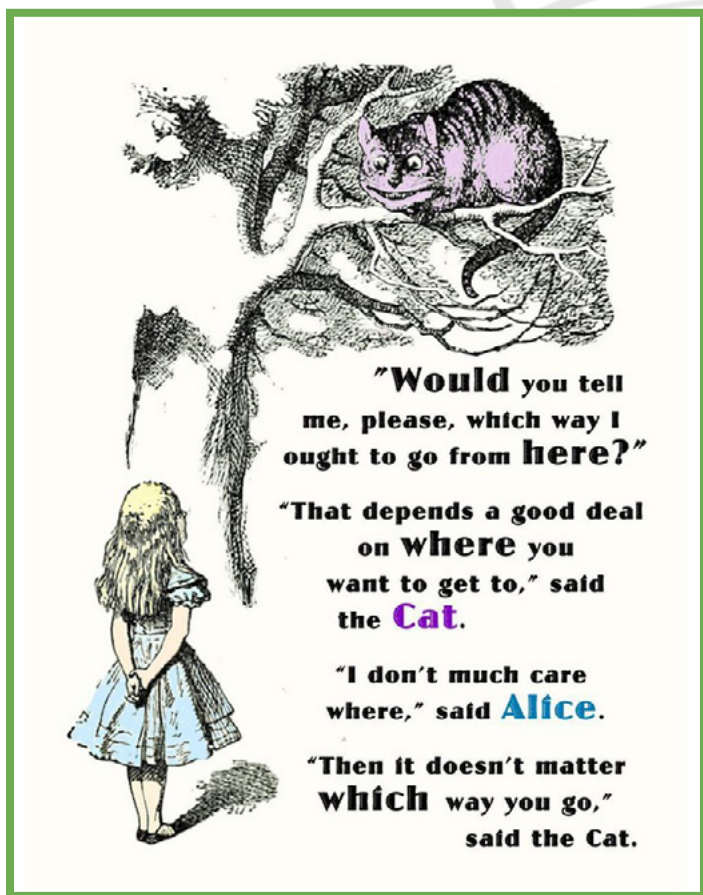
THE UNIVERSE MOVES FROM ORDER TO DISORDER; IF YOU DON'T MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES, YOU WILL GET NEGATIVE CHANGES.

The business world has systematized this lesson in what they call strategic planning (SP). SP scenarios are standard practice for small and large businesses. They are crucial to maintaining competitive edge and relevance in a quickly changing business environment. Who would have thought that iconic American businesses like Sears, Blockbuster, Kodak, and many others would go bankrupt because of their inability to plan appropriately for the changing future?

General Eric Shinseki of the US Army has said: "If you don't like change, you are going to like irrelevance even less". The preacher Rick Warren has sobering words for the parishes of today: "Leaders of a church will either be risk takers, care takers, or under takers". Combining these two packets of wisdom we can clearly establish the following relationship:

Risk = Change and Status-quo = Irrelevance.

It's as simple as that.



The above dialogue is from Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland. It is a genius fictional representation of the archetypical struggle of the choice between chaos and order, ascent and descent, of vision and no vision. But how can we use this fictional account in regards to the future planning of St. Nicholas Orthodox



What are the “Risks” facing our church today?

The Orthodox Church demographic is changing at a rapid rate. The church of our fathers and forefathers no longer represents the ethno demographic of our modern parishes. The typical “Greek immigrant” character of our church is and will continue to change. What we refer to as “cradle” orthodox, those born into the church by accident of birth, is diminishing. Over 80 percent of marriages in the Orthodox Church are mixed. Orthodox converts are quickly becoming the largest demographic substrate of our parishes. An effective strategic plan will have to take into account both of these demographics—those born into orthodoxy and those that have converted. Moreover, relevance of our orthodox parishes will continue to be challenged by aggressive attention of the technological and modern “West”. The shiny objects of our technological prowess and the post-modernist assaults on tradition and hierarchy will only continue to compete for the heart and soul of our holy and apostolic faith.

What does Strategic Planning have to do with me?

An effective church model is a combination of the individual and the institution striving for goals that are both personal and institutional. Together the individual and the church provide an effective worship model, institutional integrity, growth via stewardship, and engaged disciples. The personal and the institutional becomes a symbiosis where both benefit and

grow interdependently. Where one benefits, so does the other. A consequential prerequisite is engagement. Without true and sincere engagement this holy dyad will struggle to maintain its momentum and spiral into a decline. With Christ at the center, the model can be likened to a cross with the four corners each corner of the cross representing worship, vision, disciples, and stewardship. Like cylinders in a car, all four are necessary for the engine to run smoothly and not break down.

Dr. Michael Kasotakis
Parish President

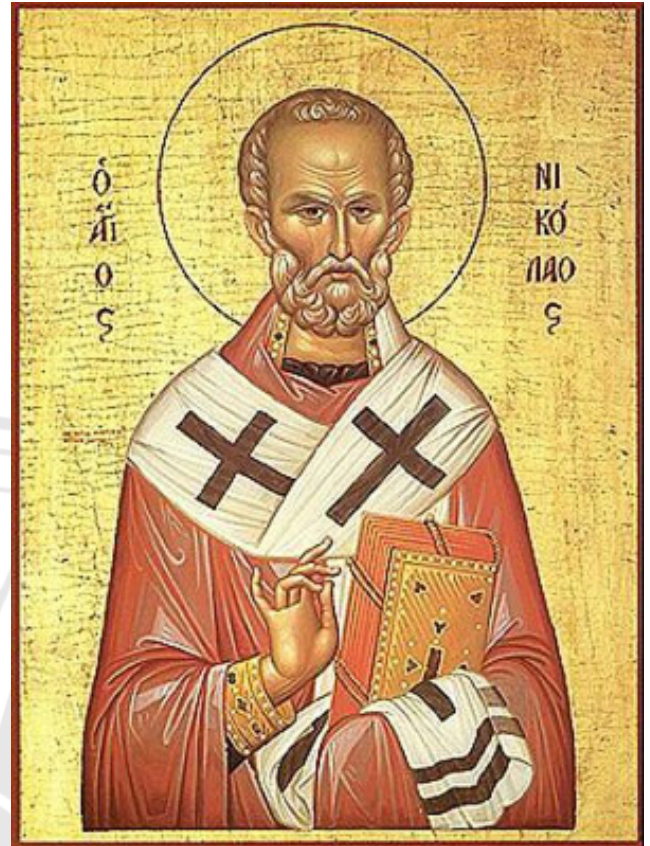
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SAINT NICHOLAS, THE WONDERWORKER *HONORING OUR PATRON SAINT IN PHASE IV ICONOGRAPHY*

Saint Nicholas, Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia is a great Saint pleasing to God. He was the only son of pious parents Theophanes and Nonna, who had vowed to dedicate him to God. As the fruit of the prayer of his childless parents, the infant Nicholas from the day of his birth revealed the light of his future glory as a wonderworker. From childhood Nicholas was pious and inclined to silence, was educated in theology and thrived on study of Divine Scripture. He showed his love of virtue and expressed a zeal for observing the ordinances of the Church from a young age. Vigil, fasting and prayer were virtues he excelled in. He prayed ceaselessly in Church during the day and read many pious books. He made himself a worthy dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Nicholas of Patara, the uncle of Nicholas, rejoiced at his nephew's deep piety and spiritual achievement. He ordained him a reader, elevated him to the priesthood and made him his assistant, entrusting him to instruct his flock. Nicholas was a young man with a fervent spirit and answered the questions of his flock as eloquently as an elder, inspiring wonder and respect of the believers. With kind-heartedness, Nicholas ministered to his flock. The afflicted came to him for help and as a thoughtful steward of his wealthy parents inheritance, he offered essential assistance to the poor. He



sowed the word of Truth, he uprooted heresy, nourished his flock with sound doctrine and also provided nourishment for their bodies.

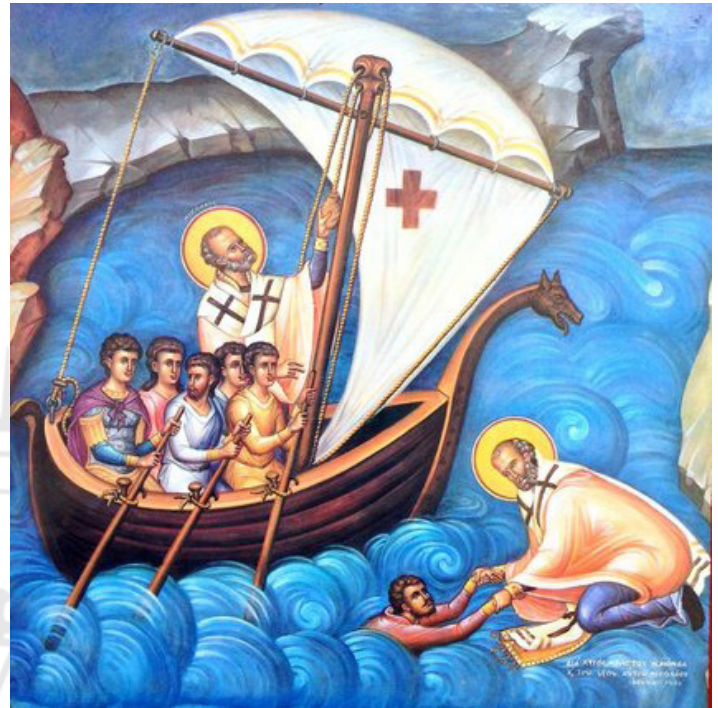
God rewarded Nicholas for his piety and generosity by bestowing upon him many gifts. Many times, the Saint's prayers were said to have saved those drowning in the sea, calming the waters, and delivering grateful sailors home. God heard Nicholas' fervent prayers as he performed life-saving miracles to children, restoring their health and also sharing his treasure with them. Prisoners who were unjustly condemned prayed for his intercession and were delivered free. The sick were healed. Famine was averted. The poor prayed to him and were provided for. Saint Nicholas was a zealot for the Lord and assailed the heretic Arius, pleasing God since he had acted not out of passion, but with his extreme love and piety.



Saint Nicholas, with God's Economy performed many miracles both during his lifetime and after his repose. Saint Nicholas' reputation was established as a "Thaumaturgos" (Wonderworker!) during his life. To this day the Saint's miracles are witnessed by the faithful.

Our Phase IV Iconography beautifully portray reflections of our Patron's life. On the South Window Wall, the first of six icons includes the Holy Saint's Ordination to the Episcopate. The depiction is of the Saint's uncle, Bishop Nicholas of Patara, holding his omophorion over the young Saint Nicholas as he bows in reverence during the Ordination Sacrament. The scene takes place in the Church with a Bishop holding the Holy Gospel.

The following icons of the life of Saint Nicholas include his wonderworking miracles and his God given love for his fellow man. At the top of the wall under the arch is an icon in two parts depicting Saint Nicholas Saving from Danger at Sea. Through his prayers to God, Saint Nicholas calms the sea and rescues a sailor out of the water as the beleaguered ship and crew are near



to land. Saint Nicholas is also depicted pulling up the mast downed by the storm of the ship allowing the boat to reach safety.

The next icon also in two parts, depicting the life of Saint Nicholas displays Sharing Wealth with the Poor. In these icons Saint Nicholas is shown humbly offering a poor man material assistance, which the man gratefully accepts with out-stretched hands.

The last of six icons depicts the Dormition of Saint Nicholas, with Angels, Bishops and lay people ministering to the Saint who has fallen asleep, dressed in his Bishops vestments.

Holy Saint Nicholas is our Wonderworking Patron Saint whose way of life inspires us as we venerate him in blessed iconography—Becoming What We Behold.

Panoraia Katsikas

*on behalf of the Iconography
Implementation Committee.*





You are all invited to
the annual Church School Pageant
Sunday, December 23, following the Divine Liturgy



The Unknown Wiseman

by Father Nicolaos H. Kotsis

*a play adapted from the story
"The Other Wiseman"
by Henry van Dyke, 1896*

Katherine Phan
Prof. Photios Ioannou
Church School Directors



Holiday Bake Sale—We would like to thank our parishioners who came and helped with the baklava. Thank you, too, to everyone who supported our bake sale. Everyone working together helps to brighten many lives in our county.

A special thanks to everyone helped with the spanakopita.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2018 & 2019

DEC 2	Christmas Greens Pickup 12PM to 3PM
DEC 5	St. Nicholas Vespers Coffee Hour
DEC 6	Feast Day of St. Nicholas
DEC 13	Annual Christmas Dinner at <i>Mediterrano</i> 6:30PM
DEC 16	Coffee Hour
JAN 26	Membership Tea 1PM to 3PM

Special thanks to the following event chairs:

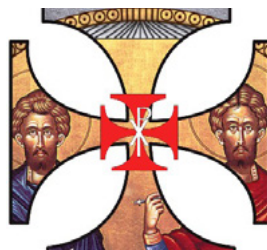
Margaret Yates and Demetra Mitropoulos-Rundus—Spaghetti Dinner

Carol Chaconas—St. Nicholas Vespers Coffee Hour

Susie Pagalos and Lynn Papalambros—Baklava Baking

Carolyn Roopas—Christmas Greens

*On behalf of Philoptochos, we wish everyone a
Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.
Many blessings from all of us.*





H.O.P.E. HELLENIC ORTHODOX PRIMARY EDUCATION

Our next meeting will be
Sunday, December 9, 12:30 PM–2:00 PM

HOPE met on November 11 and was attended by 12 children. The children enjoyed lunch then Fr. Nick came in to speak with them about the Entrance of our Lord to the temple. Fr. Nick explained to the children that Jesus was brought to the church 40 days after his birth and this tradition still occurs today with mother and baby receiving blessings 40 days after a baby's birth. We celebrate Jesus' presentation to the temple on February 2. In the temple, Mary and Joseph encountered Simeon and Anna who both knew that Jesus was the son of God. The prayers that were said by Simeon

are the same ones that a priest says today at the 40-day blessing. After the discussion with Fr. Nick, the children made a Thanksgiving turkey hat as their project.

We hope to see your children in pre-K to 2nd grade join us for our next meeting on December 9th when we will discuss Christ's Baptism. Please sign up to bring lunch at: <https://www.signup-genius.com/go/20f0a4fa4ab29ab9-hope1>

Remember, increasing exposure to the Church early in your child's life is an important step in the building and strengthening of their Orthodox Faith.

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PROGRAM CALENDAR 2018

DEC 18	Christ's Baptism
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PROGRAM CALENDAR 2019

JAN 13	The Transfiguration
FEB 10	Raising of Lazarus/Palm Sunday
MAR 10	Christ's Resurrection
APR 7	Christ's Ascension
MAY 5	Pentecost



J.O.Y JUNIOR ORTHODOX YOUTH

Our next meeting will be
Sunday, December 9, 12:30 PM–2:00 PM

Welcome! At our last meeting on November 11, Father Nicolaos and Father Alex spoke to the children about “Christ’s Entrance to the Temple.” Father Alex explained that we see in the icon the Virgin Mary giving the baby Jesus to St. Symeon, in the presence of the Virgin Mary and Joseph. At the moment St. Symeon held the baby Jesus, he declared:

“Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen Your Salvation“

We celebrate this feast on February 2nd every year, 40 days after the birth of Jesus. Our priests explained to the children that we still follow this custom today in our church.

We ended our meeting with a project about “Christ’s Entrance to the Temple.”

We look forward to seeing your children at our next meeting on Sunday, December 9th from 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm, where we will learn about “Christ’s Baptism.”

Thank you for bringing your children to JOY. Starting them out early is an important step in the nurturing of their Orthodox faith.

Shaza Bitar
JOY Adviser



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By the time you read this article, we will have celebrated Thanksgiving and would be into the Nativity fast season. So many activities have taken place from baptisms to funerals of loved ones, but life continues.

I have enclosed current Milestone activities as well as clips from the past.

The first is the Candy Cane House that our new pastor at the time, the late Rev. Fr. John Paul and Presvytera Eva, made and was on display in the exo-narthex of 414 N. Main St. There are many stories about it. Fr. John donated the proceeds from its raffle to the Sunday School.

Another Milestone moment was the St. Nicholas feastday dance of 1965 that, by the encouragement of the late Rev. Fr. John Kamelakis, my wife Helen and I chaired the dance and highlighted a Mykonos Wind Mill center piece.

For those who have never witnessed the baklava baking ritual, it is truly a sight to see. These pictures show the first production of some close to 150 trays the first day, whose total target of approximately 350 was completed the second day and a snapshot of the many volunteers laying the melted butter on the filo dough and spreading the nut mixture.

No easy task. And God Bless the Philoptochos for their humanitarian works of charity.

May you all have a blessed holiday season.

Yours in Christ,

Nicholas S. Stamos



CANDY CANE HOUSE MADE BY REV. FR. JOHN PAUL AND PRESBYTERA EVA



MYKONOS WIND MILL DISPLAY, 1965



BAKALAVA MAKING, NOVEMBER 2018



ZOE for Life!

Greetings all! This month we are announcing the formation of the official Board of Directors for Zoe for Life-Southeastern Michigan! In the past few months a steering committee met several times to work towards creating a board, creating bylaws, and discussing our collaboration with St. Vladimir's Russian Orthodox Church in Dexter, Michigan. The board is currently working to set up our chapter so that we can begin our outreach work in 2019. It has been a long journey, and we still have a long way to go, but we are grateful for all of the input and help you have all given along the way. From your participation at our retreat back in March, to receiving vital information from Paula Kappos at the main ZFL Ohio chapter, and with diligent work from our steering committee, we made it happen! We are excited to work together with members from St. Vladimir's Russian Orthodox Church and to grow our collaborative relationship in this journey.

ZOE for Life!™ is a support organization founded in 1977 in Cleveland Heights, Ohio to help women who need confidential, emotional, and spiritual support during crisis pregnancies, and to provide educational support and other resources needed for sustainable motherhood. This is a pan-Orthodox outreach of Orthodox Christians, helping all souls in need, regardless

of religious affiliation and is funded through private donations. In 2017, with Father Nick as the driving force, we decided to pursue a chapter in our area. We have received 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service and function as an independent non-profit organization. Our chapter is a collaboration with St. Vladimir's, and we hope someday all of the southeastern Michigan Orthodox churches can participate in this chapter.

We are currently working towards functional operations in 2019, being realistic in the services we can offer with our resources. You will see the following soon:

- A ZFL collection bassinette in the St. Nicholas coat room which will include a list of items we can receive
- An informative website
- A ZFL hotline number
- An outline of services we can provide or be a conduit to area services useful to a mother in need
- A request for patrons to join our efforts
- A first annual patron meeting

Keep an ear out for more announcements and updates regarding becoming a ZFL patron and our annual meeting. If you would like more information, contact Erica Foster either in person, or via email at elpetha@gmail.com.

Erica Foster

ZFL—Southeastern, Michigan President

BUDGET



2018 OPERATING FUND

BUDGET, CURRENT YEAR, PRIOR YEAR REVENUE AND EXPENSE
AS OF 10/4/2018 (PRELIMINARY 75.89%)

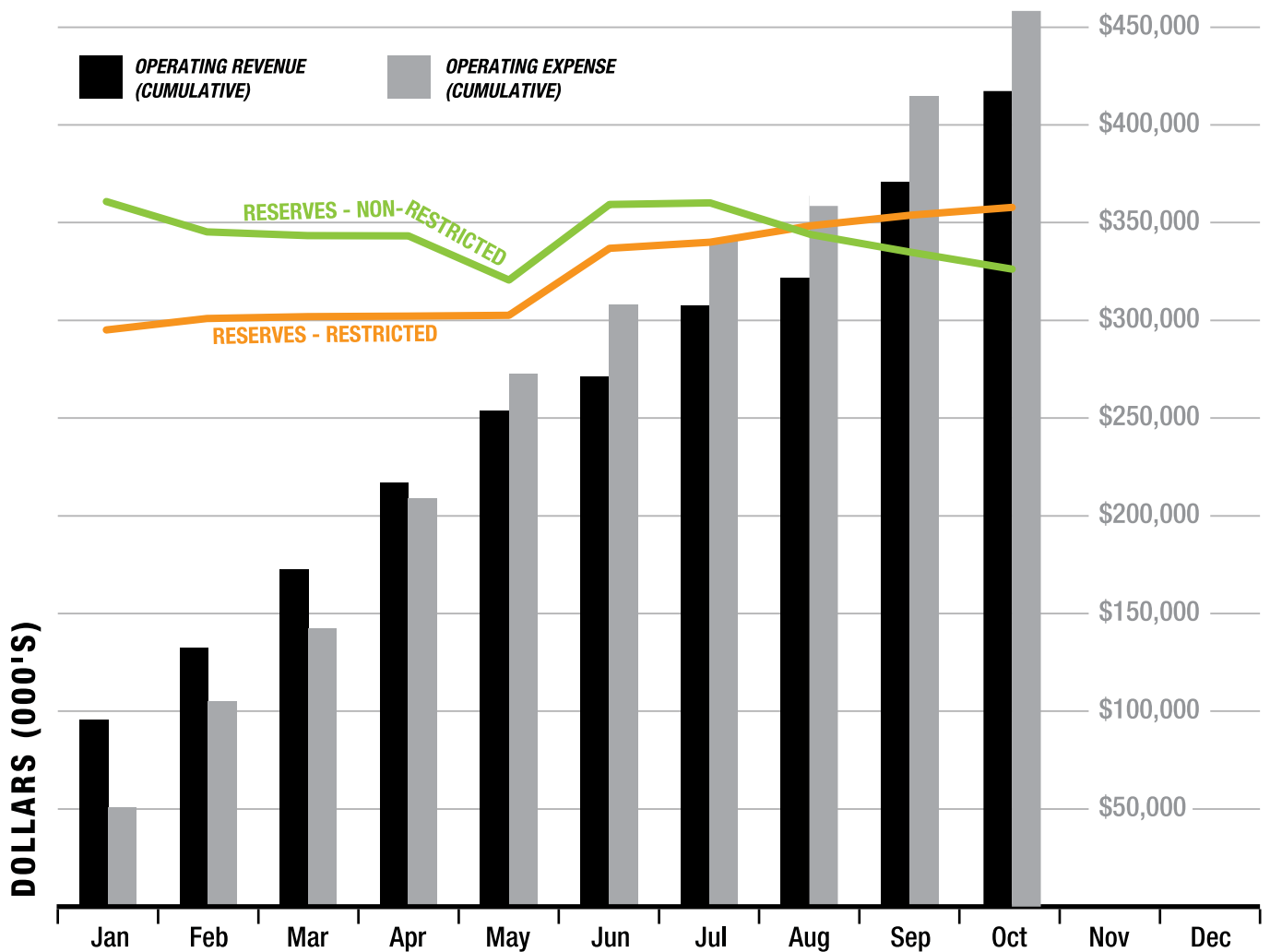
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET VARIANCE	PERCENT OF ACTUAL TO BUDGET	PRIOR YEAR	CHANGE
REVENUE						
STEWARDSHIP	509,408	343,181	166,227	67.37%	298,594	44,587
PANGARE AND TRAYS	55,000	42,422	12,578	77.13%	47,655	(5,234)
OTHER	31,300	29,504	1,796	94.26%	30,217	(713)
TOTAL REVENUE	595,708	415,106	180,602	69.68%	376,466	38,640
EXPENSES						
SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS	272,925	220,985	51,940	80.97%	151,339	69,646
OFFICE COSTS	24,800	18,939	5,861	76.37%	19,327	(387)
CHURCH RELATED COSTS	11,300	11,619	(319)	102.82%	7,942	3,677
YOUTH & EDUCATION EXPENSES	14,650	7,794	6,856	53.20%	11,558	(3,764)
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE COSTS	63,472	52,219	11,253	82.27%	37,857	14,362
UTILITIES	45,000	28,143	16,857	62.54%	31,089	(2,946)
ARCHDIOCESE RELATED COSTS						
ARCHDIOCESE FAIR SHARE	51,311	39,752	11,559	77.47%	43,098	(3,346)
CLERGY BENEFITS	76,000	56,498	19,502	74.34%	30,618	25,880
INSURANCE	16,000	13,822	2,178	86.39%	13,585	237
OTHER OUTLAYS	5,000	0	5,000	0.00%	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	15,250	10,429	4,821	68.39%	15,931	(5,502)
TOTAL EXPENSES	595,708	460,201	135,507	77.25%	362,344	97,857
OPERATIONAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR 2018 AS OF 10/4/2018	0	(45,094)	45,094	(0)	14,122	(59,217)

Note: This is current year operations only—it does not reflect prior years ending balances.

FINANCES



OPERATING P&L AND RESERVES AS OF 11/4/18



RESERVES - NON-RESTRICTED:
Funds with reserves of money that can be used for various purposes as needed on approval by the Parish Council

RESERVES - RESTRICTED:
Funds with reserves of money that can only be used for specific purposes.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT



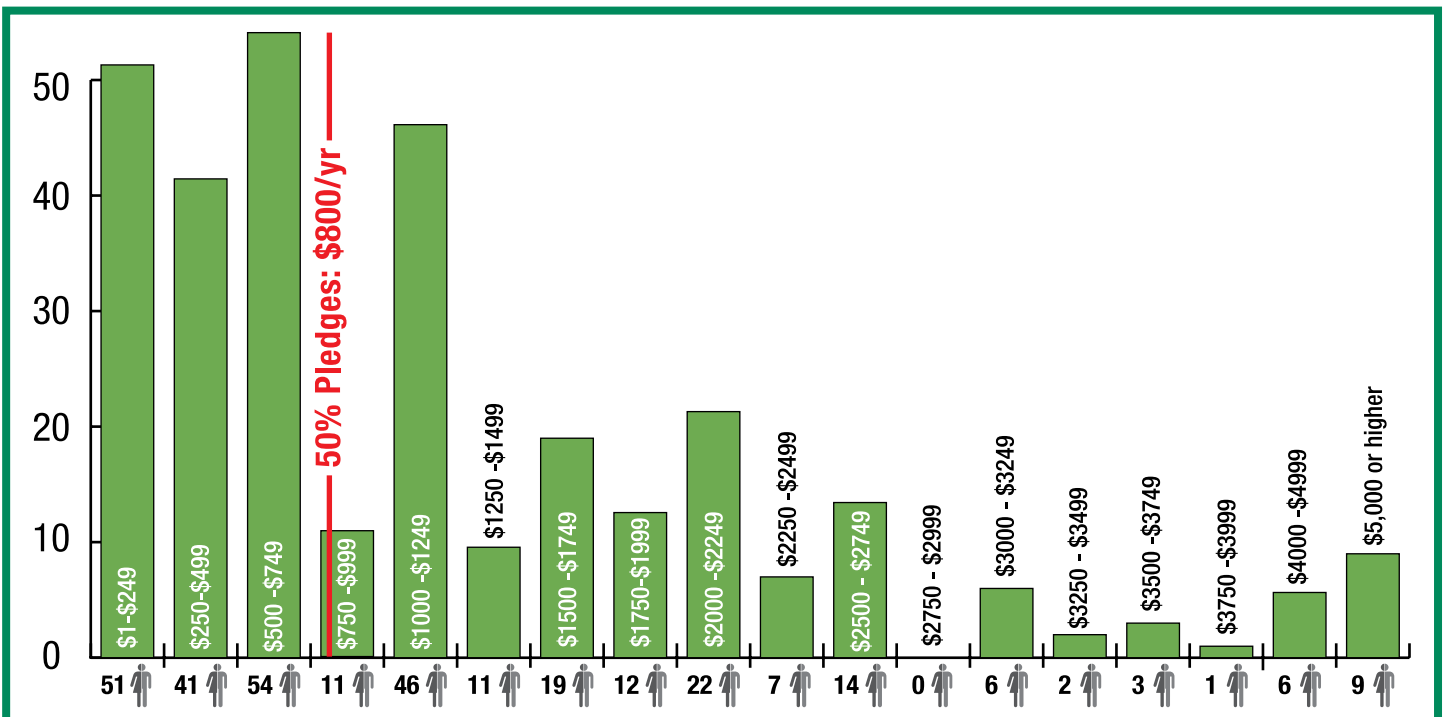
STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 2018

YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM IS CRITICAL TO OUR CONTINUED OPERATION AND MINISTRIES. WE APPRECIATE YOUR CARE AND CONCERN.

You can find the 2018 Stewardship card at <http://www.stnickaa.org/donate/stewardship/stewardship-2018> and pay online at: <http://www.stnickaa.org/donate/online-pledge>

	2018 TARGET	2018 ACTUAL	2017 ACTUAL	2016 ACTUAL
PLEGGED AMOUNT	\$504,408	\$400,313	\$382,181	\$321,123
NUMBER OF PLEDGES	350	315	312	304
AVERAGE PLEDGE AMOUNT	\$1,441	\$1,271	\$1,225	\$1,056
MEDIAN		\$800	\$900	\$750
MODE (PLEDGE AMT GIVEN THE MOST)		\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL PAID		\$336,019	\$373,636	\$312,793
NUMBER OF PLEDGES (FULL PAYMENT)		207	285	285
NUMBER OF PLEDGES (PARTIAL PAYMENT)		111	27	19
PLEDGE BALANCE DUE		\$64,294	\$8,545	\$8,330

2018 PLEDGE DISTRIBUTION



LIST OF STEWARDS



Abdallah, George and Alesandra
Agathocleous, Nicos and Cindy
Alex, Artemis
Alex, Perry and Deann
Anagnos-Hauck, John & Sylvia
Anastasiou, Demetra
Apone, Anthony & Violet
Apostoleris, Ted
Apostolou, Pete and Pat
Asad, Jamil and Shaza
Ashley - Rendziperis, Robert and Andrea
Bairactaris, Anna
Bairactaris, George and Elizabeth
Baldwin, James
Ballios, Annastacia
Ballios, John
Ballios, Peter and Theanne
Banos, Eleni G.
Bartz, Nicholas
Batianis, Gregory and Helen
Bekiaries, Christopher A. and Margarita
Bekiaries, Olga
Bekiaries, Penelope
Betzig, Ronald & Maria
Bilakos, Alana
Bilakos, Alexandra
Bilakos, Chris
Bilakos, Olga
Bokas, George and Carol-Anne
Booras, Nickolas and Margaret
Botchen, Helen
Boudrie, Cerene
Boutsikakis, Costas and Ioanna
Boutsikakis, George
Bushaw, William and Irene
Cai, Hong
Cazepis, Eric
Chaconas, Alethea
Chaconas, Carol
Chaconas, Nichole
Challis, Michael and Natalie
Chalogianis, Theo and Tammy
Chapekis Jr, Nicholas and Theresa
Chapekis, Bert
Chiatalas, Pericles
Chihade, Dietta
Chmeissani, Imad and Shadin
Cisneros, Eleni
Contis, George and Ellene
Cooley, Brion and Theresa
Cotitsas, Andrew and Vicky
Cotitsas, Faye
Courtney, Nicole
Curtis, James
Curtis, John
Curtis, Marion
Dallas, Andrew and Laure
Daniels, Tony and Anna Cleve
Daniels, Tony P.L.
Demergis, George
Dendrinis, George and Susan
Dernbach, David and Nancy
Douglas III, James
Douglas, James and Patricia
Douglas, Michael
Doumanian, Robert
Eleftheriou, Antonis and Despina
Evangelides, Helen
Evangelinos, Angela
Fernimos, Gus and Mary
Flanigan, Michael and Leah
Foster, Erica and Robert
Fry, Jack
Fugate, Medina
Garkinos, Helen
Garkinos, Steven
Garris, Helen
Garris, Michael
Garris, Steven and Stamatia
Geczi, Diane & Michael
Gibson-Kales, Helen
Goffas, Peter and Anastasia
Goffas, Tom and Catherine
Greenawalt, Ryan and Kana
Greenwalt, Darrin & Sarah
Grinias, Panagiotis and Angela
Guibert, Nellie
Gutierrez, Jarnis
Hadden, Donnelly and Helen
Hadjicharalambros, G. Marcos
Hall, Diane
Hatzistamou, Georgios & Ekaterini
Haug, Brendan
Hays, Mary
Herrmann, Anna
Hochendoner, Maria
Ioannou, Photios and Ioanna
Johnson, Catherine
Kahn, Andrea
Kales, Alex and Theadora
Kales, Anthony and Joyce
Karageorge, Elias and Evdokia
Karageorge, Inez
Karam, Abe and Elaine
Kasotakis, Michael J and Demaris
Katopodes, Nikolaos and Donna
Katsambouris, Dennis and Katerina
Katsikas, Christos and Panorea
Kent, Eric & Nicole
Kerry-Keyes, Christine
Kiningham, Vicki
Kitromelides, Christos and Gehan (gigi)
Kleanthous, Costas and Sylvia
Kokales, George J.
Kokinakes, Helen
Kokkales, Cynthia
Kokkales, Dean and Michelle
Kokkales, Laura
Kokkales, Paul
Kolias, John and Helen
Kolias, Ted
Kolokithas, Thomas and Evangeline
Kotsis, Emmanuel and Aubrey
Kotsis, Father Nick & Presvytera Sandra
Krikos, Alexandra
Kussurelis, Chris
Kussurelis, Peter and Zorene
Lagos, Basile and Lambrini
Lambrecht, Eleni
Lambropoulos, Vassilios and Artemis
Lardas, Betty
Letsos, Angie
Letter, Marla
Madias, Bessie
Maheras, Katherine
Manolakis, Betty
Manolakis, James
Marcu, Constantin and Elena

This list is from 11/16/18. Please contact Christos Philippou for any corrections or errors.

LIST OF STEWARDS




Marcu, Maria
Masters, Thano and Vicky
Mavrellis, Timotheos
McKenzie, Bud & Deborah
McRae, Andrea
Melzian, Stevan and Joy
Michajlenko, Oleg and Emilie
Michos, Eleni
Michos, George and Jenifer
Mihalopoulos, Antony and Cleopatra
Mikhail, Mounir and Yvette
Mitchell, Theodore & Kathy
Mitropoulos, Elizabeth
Mitropoulos-Rundus, Alexander
Mitropoulos-Rundus, Christopher
Mitropoulos-Rundus, David and Demetra
Nadra, Dani and Ioana
Necula, Gabriel & Rodica
Ney, Gina and Joshua
Ostrander & Hatzistamou, James & Marilena
Pagalos, Christina
Pagalos, Steven
Pagalos, Vious and Susan
Palazzolo, Lindsay
Panagoulia Triantafillopoulos, Christina
Panagoulia, Lana
Panagoulis, Nick and Vassiliki
Panos, Demos and Helen
Pantely, Eugenia (Gina)
Pantos, Lillian
Papadopoulos and Lee, George & Nguk Lee
Papadoulis, George and Maria
Papageorgiou, Dimitris and Athena
Papalambros, Panos and Lynn
Pappas, John G. and Persephone
Patrikakos, Antonia
Patselas, Christopher and Jennifer
Patzias, Evanthia
Paul, Presvytera Eva
Paulus, Yannis & Penelope
Peppes, John
Petropoulos, George and Dena
Petropoulos, Peter and Pamela
Petrou, Michael and Jennifer
Petrou, Petros and Maria
Petsis, Margaret
Phan, Katherine
Philippou, Christos and Ruth
Philippou, Kyriakos & Panayiota
Piniatoglou, Avraam and Voula
Pliakas, Cara
Pliakas, Fr Vasilios and Presvytera Kyriakoula
Politis, Demetrios
Polley Jr., Theodore and Janine
Polopolos, Holly
Porikos, Nicholas
Porikos, Perry and Georgia
Powell, Catherine
Presutti, Katena
Price, David and Mary
Price, Josh & Jeannie
Price, Leah
Prokos, Deno & Christa
Radulescu, Father Alex and Silvana
Radwanski, Kurt and Sophia
Raphael, Joan M.
Res, Vasilios
Res, Zannis and Athina
Rooks, Diana
Roopas, Nick and Carolyn
Roopas, Peter
Rouman, Mike and Cindy
Roumanis, George and Pat
Roumanis, John P. and Katerina
Roumanis, Tom and Sophia
Roumel-Altenburg, Nicholas and Gail
Rumman, Elaine J.
Saratsis, Toula
Savas, Sue Ann
Savvides, Rois & Nathalie
Shinn, Sophia
Sianis, Anastasia
Sinwell, Gail
Skinner, Pauline
Sotiropoulos, George and Teddy
Spiliopoulos, Elaine
Spilson, Vasiliki Maria
Stamatopoulos, Nickalaos and Stergiani
Stamos, Nicholas S. and Helen
Stathopoulos, Andreas
Steers, Gordon and Thelma
Stefanopoulou, Anna
Stokes, Jeffrey and Teresa
Tangalakis, Cerene
Tangalakis, Claudia
Templeman, Robert and Cynthia
Terziu, Loredana
Theodorou, Anna
Theros, Angelo and Stella
Theros, Craig and Hongyun
Theros, George and Martha
Theros, Michael
Theros, Milton and Pat
Tsbopoulos, Bob
Tsavalias, Vasili
Tzavaras, Dimitris and Pauline
Tzahanas, Tom and Doreen
Underwood, Theresa
Uritescu-Lombard, Ramona
Valtadoros, Tassos and Wendy
Vaughan, Tommy and Maria
Velis, James
Venious, John and Cheryl
Vile, Julia
Vintzel, Madeline
Vlahadamis and Grieger, Kosta and Anna
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Wardner, Jon and Niki
Warhurst, Kaliroy
Weaver, Michelle
Webber, Stasi
Wendt, Adam and Heather
Wiggins, Lindsey
Wixom, Stella
Yates, Marguerita
Yoanides, Evelyn
Yocum, Todd & Anastasia
Youssef, Frances M.
Youssef, Zakhour and Androulla
Ziegler, Bill and Connie

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FOR *unto you*
is BORN *this day*
in the CITY OF David
A SAVIOR *which is*
CHRIST the LORD

A white silhouette illustration of a nativity scene is located in the bottom right corner of the text area. It depicts the Virgin Mary kneeling, the infant Jesus in a manger, and a star above the stable.

LUKE 2:1

Christmas Eve, December 24
6PM VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY

Christmas Day, December 25
9AM ORTHROS
10AM DIVINE LITURGY

PARISH REGISTRY



DECEMBER 2018

BIRTHS

- FEB 22** Miranda, daughter of Rob Ashley and Andrea Rendziperis
- FEB 27** Brendan, son of J.P. and Nicole (Raphael) Courtney
- MAR 21** Argo Maximus, son of Yanni and Penelope Paulus
- MAY 6** Ellie Theadora, daughter of Jamie and Monica Kales
- MAY 25** Korinna, daughter of Dimitrios and Adda Athanasopoulos-Zekkos
- MAY 29** Zoe Marie, daughter of Fr. Alex and Presvytera Silvana Radulescu
- JUN 7** Anna Evangeline, daughter of Steve and Katie Kolokithas
- JUL 7** Nikolas, son of Lyle and Denise Johnson
- OCT 25** Nektaria, daughter of Dani and Ioana Nadra

BAPTISMS

- JAN 20** Maria, daughter of Tony and Cleo Mihalopoulos
Koumbara: Vasi Jankovich Vair
- FEB 3** Ayana, daughter of Andrew and Miyuki Curtis
Sponsor: Stephanie Garris
- FEB 4** Ron Evangelos Betzig
Koumbaroi: David and Demetra Mitropoulos-Rundus
- MAR 18** Joy (Baoxin Zhang) · Koumbara: Eleni Panagoulia
- APR 15** James Ostrander · Koumbaros: Athanasios Teknos
- MAY 12** Elizabeth (Ayla) Letter · Koumbara: Eva Mikhail
- JUL 1** Rhodes, son of Duane and Lauren Pitre · Koumbaroi: Lianna Cecil and Paul Vlachos
- JUL 21** Miranda, daughter of Rob Ashley and Andrea Rendziperis ·
Sponsors: Adrian and Delia Radbata
- JUL 29** Antonios (Ming Cai) · Koumbaroi: Christos and Panorea Katsikas
- AUG 5** Anna (Quan Tian Jing)
Koumbara: Elizabeth Mitropoulos
- SEP 23** Athan, son of Adam Johnson and Panayota Roumanis
Koumbaroi: Demitrios and Meagan Roumanis
- OCT 6** Zoe, daughter of Fr. Alex and Presvytera Silvana Radulescu:
Koumbara: Presvytera Sinziana Streza
- OCT 14** Anna Evangeline, daughter of Stephen and Katie Hardcastle:
Koumbara: Stacy Ballios
- OCT 20** Anna Olympias, daughter of Joshua and Gina Ney:
Koumbaroi: Cara and Nicholas Mossides
- OCT 27** Brendan Nicholas, son of James and Nicole Courtney:
Koumbara: Katherine Raphael
- NOV 24** Demetrius Georgiadis
Koumbaros: Nektarios Georgiadis

NOV 24 Hannah King: Koumbara: Sophia Georgiadis

NOV 24 Sophia, daughter of Demetrius and Hannah Georgiadis
Koumbara: Sophia Georgiadis

CHRISMATIONS

- JUN 24** Chloe Gasiciel · Sponsor: Gigi Kitromelides
- JUN 24** Monica Kales · Sponsor: Kelly O'Brien
- JUL 29** Nathalie Savvides · Sponsor: Presvytera Koula Pliakas

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

- FEB 25** Patricia Vangelatos:
(Funeral: 3-1-18: Bethlehem Cemetery)
- MAR 2** Tom (Athanasios) Letsos:
(Funeral: 3-8-18: Elmhurst, Illinois)
- MAR 5** George Voulelis:
(Funeral: 3-8-18: Bethlehem Cemetery)
- MAY 18** Panagiota Moniodis:
(Funeral: Greece)
- JUN 2** Nicholas Lardas:
(Funeral: 6-7-18: Bethlehem Cemetery)
- JUL 16** Theodore Chapekis:
(Funeral: 7-20-18: Bethlehem Cemetery)
- JUL 26** Georgeta Boiciuk:
(Funeral: 8-2-18: Vatra Cemetery)
- OCT 17** Byron Patrikakos:
(Funeral: 10-22-18: Bethlehem Cemetery)
- OCT 22** Eleni (Helen) Ioannou Andruskiewicz:
(Funeral: 10-27-18: Forest Hill Cemetery)
- OCT 30** Alexander Sgouzos:
(Memorial Prayer Service: 11-3-18: Nie Funeral Home)
- NOV 12** Penelope Demetris:
(Funeral: 11-20-18: Bethlehem Cemetery)

WEDDINGS

- JUL 20** James and Michelle Munk · Koumbara: Christina Munk
- JUL 29** Rob and Maria Betzig
Koumbaroi: David and Demetra Mitropoulos-Rundus
- AUG 18** Chris and Chloe Savvides · Koumbara: Cara Pliakas
- SEP 8** Jacob and Carly Vaughan · Koumbara: Michelle Anderson
- SEP 15** Aaron and Christina Letterly · Koumbara: Marina Monoyios
- NOV 17** Alex and Trisha Burris: Koumbara: Lindsey Harbut

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PARISH CALENDAR



DECEMBER 2018

SATURDAY

- DEC 1** > 2:00pm Wedding
> 6:00pm St. Nicholas Dinner Dance
> Begin Coin Collection for St. Basil

SUNDAY

- DEC 2** > 8:45am Prosforo: Vivi Roumanis
> 9:00am Orthros
> 10:00am Divine Liturgy
> 10:00am Memorial Service: Byron Patrikakos - 40 days
> 10:00am Memorial Service: Nick Lardas - 6 months
> 10:00am Memorial Service: Paul Contis - 2 years
> 11:30am Fellowship Hour: Nick and Helen Stamos
> 12pm Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant

MONDAY

- DEC 3** > 10:00am Bible Study
> 7:30pm Bible Study

TUESDAY

- DEC 4** > Feast day of St. Barbara
> 9:00am Orthros
> 10:00am Divine Liturgy
> 7:00pm Outreach & Evangelism
> 8:30pm OCF

WEDNESDAY

- DEC 5** > 7:00pm Great Vespers St. Nicholas Feast Day
> *7:00pm Rescheduled to Dec. 6 - Stewardship meeting*

THURSDAY

- DEC 6** > St. Nicholas Feast Day
> 9:00am Orthros
> 10:00am Divine Liturgy
> 7:00pm OCF
> 7:00pm Stewardship Meeting

SATURDAY

- DEC 8** > 10:00am Baptism

SUNDAY

- DEC 9** > 8:45am Prosforo: Papanastasopoulos family
> 9:00am Orthros
> 10:00am Divine Liturgy
> 10:00am Memorial Service: Eleni Papanastasopoulos - 3 years
> 10:00am Memorial Service: Elsa Smith - 4 years
> 10:00am Churching: Nektaria Nadra
> 11:30am Fellowship Hour: Papanastasopoulos family
> 12:15pm PTA Meeting
> 12:30pm GOYA: Meeting/Bible Study
> 12:30pm HOPE/JOY

MONDAY

- DEC 10** > Great Review
> 10:00am Bible Study
> 7:30pm Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

- DEC 12** > 8:30pm OCF
> St Spyridon the Wonderworker
> 9:00am Orthros
> 10:00am Divine Liturgy
> *6:30pm Rescheduled to December 13 - Philoptochos Dinner Meeting*
> 7:00pm AHEPA: Christmas party

THURSDAY

- DEC 13** > 7:00pm Choir rehearsal
> 6:30pm Philoptochos: Christmas dinner
> 7:00pm Parish Council

FRIDAY

- DEC 14** > 6:00pm GS-Christmas Party

SATURDAY

- DEC 15** > Eleutherios the Holy Martyr, Bishop Illyria and his mother Anthia
> 9:00am Orthros
> 10:00am Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY

- DEC 16** > 8:45am Prosforo: Betty Manolakis
> 9:00am Orthros
> 10:00am Divine Liturgy
> Churching: Lucas Price
> Trisagion: Penelope Demetris:40 days
> 11:30am Fellowship Hour: Philoptochos
> 12:00pm Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant
> 12:30pm GOYA: Christmas caroling

MONDAY

- DEC 17** > 10:00am Bible Study
> 7:30pm Bible Study

TUESDAY

- DEC 18** > *10:00am Cancelled - Philoptochos Bed Pads*
> *6:30pm Cancelled - AHEPA Meeting*
> *7:00pm Cancelled Daughters of Penelope meeting*
> *8:30pm Cancelled - OCF*

WEDNESDAY

- DEC 19** > 7:00pm Service of Holy Unction

FRIDAY

- DEC 21** > 7:00pm Paraklesis

SATURDAY

- DEC 22** > 10:00am Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant (students with roles only)

SUNDAY

- DEC 23** > Christmas Pageant
> 8:45am Prosforo: Panagioti Apostolou
> 9:00am Orthros
> 10:00am Divine Liturgy
> 11:30am Fellowship Hour: Church School

MONDAY

- DEC 24** > Christmas Eve
> GS-Christmas Vacation
> *10:00am Cancelled - Bible Study*
> 12:00pm Office closed
> 6:00pm Vespers Divine Liturgy
> *7:30pm Cancelled - Bible Study*

TUESDAY

- DEC 25** > 9:00am Orthros
> 10:00am Divine Liturgy
> Christmas - office closed

WEDNESDAY

- DEC 26** > Office Closed

FRIDAY

- DEC 28** > 2:00pm Baptism

SATURDAY

- DEC 29** > 9:00am Orthros
> 10:00am Divine Liturgy
> Feast day of the Holy Innocents

SUNDAY

- DEC 30** > GS-Christmas Vacation
> No Church School classes
> 8:45am Prosforo: Family of Anna Bairactaris and Liz Bairactaris
> 9:00am Orthros
> 10:00am Divine Liturgy
> 10:00am Fellowship Hour: Family of Anna Bairactaris and Liz Bairactaris

MONDAY

- DEC 31** > New Year's Eve
> *10:00am Cancelled - Bible Study*
> 12:00pm Office closed
> *10:00am Cancelled - Bible Study*

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