



The Word

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth."

John 1:14

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What Direction is Your Compass Pointed?

October 2012

Thirty-seven years ago my father was reading the book *Dear & Glorious Physician*, a novel dedicated to the life of Saint Luke the Evangelist & Apostle – it only seemed natural that when I was born, I was named Luke!

Saint Luke, as all saints are, is an amazing example of one who dedicated his life to God. The multiple talents that our Lord gifted to Saint Luke were cultivated, and then offered back to Him through applications that befitted the Gospel message: an educated man, who used his intellectual ability to write and speak the Gospel, an artist, who wrote the first icons, and a physician who worked as an instrument of divine healing. He was truly an icon of Christian pilgrimage and stewardship!

As an educated man, trained professionally as a doctor and an artist, Saint Luke could have chosen multiple life-paths. He chose the path that glorified God.

The life path that glorifies God can take many different forms but will always point in the same direction. Are you a doctor? Are you an artist? Are you a writer? Whatever talents God has gifted to your life, and to what extent that you have chosen to develop them, will construct the appearance of your life-path, but the direction that it is pointed will dictate whether or not it glorifies God.

Life-paths can point in numerous directions: the mirror, the bank, the wrong side of the track, pure professionalism, consumerism, relativism, etc. What then differentiates a life that is pointed in a direction that glorifies our Father in Heaven?

When we have consciously recognized the source of all that we have

as God, we automatically assume a responsibility to do something with those gifts. If we choose to develop those gifts (our life, together with the tangible and intangible components) for application, and our application is intended to be in line with the Gospel message, then we align the compass of our life-path toward God and begin to progress in the path of the saints.

Even when we attempt to responsibly align the compass of our life in the right direction, it may at times move off track. Through the blessings of an active life in Christ's Church, the spiritual maintenance of direction will consistently be shepherded back to the correct direction. God does not ask that we be perfect, but He does expect that we strive to be!

This October, a month where so many universally known saints are commemorated, let us draw strength from the life-path and saintly example of Saint Luke the Apostle & Evangelist, who is commemorated on October 18th. We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy in the evening of October 17th at 6 pm so that those who work during the weekday may have the opportunity to attend.

As a disciple of the Word of God, with Paul you illuminated all the earth and dispelled the gloom in writing Christ's divine Gospel.

Kontakion of Saint Luke

Fr. Luke

See Page 9 for photos of the new arrival!

Religious Education Notes from Fr. Luke

Youth Education

Our youth education program has begun, and we joyfully serve our youth in the experience of educating and inviting them to a committed Orthodox Christian life. Please stay strong in your commitment as families to maintain your children consistently in the program, as consistency will serve to solidify the foundation of God in our young people's lives. Thank you again to our director and dedicated staff of teachers. If you are interested in teaching in the youth religious education program, please contact the church office to be put in touch with Kathy Marshall about opportunities as a substitute teacher.

Adult Education

Did you know that **we learn from the moment of our conception until the moment of our death?** With what substance will you fill your 'learning life?' *Nativity Bible Study* continues Tuesday mornings at 10 am, and continuing education continues each Wednesday evening at 6 pm during *Orthodoxy 101*.

We look forward to the further development of the *Nativity Adult Education Experience!* Your insight is needed.

Would you commit to:

- Hosting an in-house Bible Study or Class?
- An early morning Bible Study or Class? On-site or off-site?
- Locational Bible Study in Sonoma County?

Please contact the church office with your input so that together we may responsibly extend the substance of Christ to fill your 'learning



October Services & Readings

Date/Time	Service	Epistle	Gospel
Oct 7 9:30 am	3rd Sunday of Luke	II Corinth. 6:6-11	Luke 7:11-16
Oct 14 9:30 am	4th Sunday of Luke	Titus 3:8-15	Luke 8:5-15
Oct 17 6:00 pm	St. Luke, the Evangelist	Col. 4:5-11; 14-18	Luke 10:16-21
Oct 21 9:30 am	6th Sunday of Luke	Galatians 1:11-19	Luke 8:26-39
Oct 23 9:30 am	St. James, Brother of Our Lord	Galatians 1:11-1	Matthew 13:54-58
Oct 25 6:00 pm	St. Demetrios, The Great Martyr	2 Timothy 2:1-10	John 15:17-16:2
Oct 28 9:30 am	7th Sunday of Luke	Galatians 2:16-20	Luke 8:41-56

October Acolyte Schedule

All acolytes are asked to serve in October.

October Candle Duty Schedule

Oct 7	Chris Siefkas and Nick Livanos
Oct 14	Bruce Corcoran, Pete Gikkas and George Kokalis
Oct 21	Peter Eliades, George Georgeson and Scott Walters
Oct 28	Alex Slenkin, George Sotiras and Tony Kosmas

Mark Your Calendars!

Fall Parish Assembly

**Sunday,
November 18, 2012**

Following Liturgy

Fellowship Hall

**If you would like to suggest
an agenda item, please speak
with a Parish Council member
or call the church office.**

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October 2012



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Parish Activities & Ministries

Philoptochos

Coffee Hour

A new coffee hour schedule is now posted on the bulletin board in the hall entrance. So far we have one sign up for September 30. Hosting a fellowship hour is the perfect way to celebrate birthdays, name days, special milestones in the life of a family member, memorials and much more. Coffee, juice and table setting will all be done for you. All you need to do is bring in some goodies to share, plate them on the table and have fun greeting your fellow parishioners as they thankfully help themselves to your food items. If you are unable to host a coffee hour, Philoptochos is always appreciative of any donations you can drop by the kitchen.

Membership

We would like to welcome the newest member of Philoptochos, **Christina Thomatos**.

Holy Cross Luncheon

On **October 7**, we will have our yearly light luncheon to benefit the students of Holy Cross/Hellenic College. Please see Nancy Slenkin during coffee hour if you would like to sign up to bring something.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

At the 2012 Clergy-Laity Conference in Phoenix, Arizona a Philoptochos resolution was passed proclaiming October as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month." Nearly one out of eight women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. If you have been neglecting to schedule your mammogram, please promise yourself that October will be the month you make the appointment. If you are a mother, grandmother, daughter, aunt, sister or a friend, you owe it to yourself and your loved ones to do the best you can to take care of yourself so they will have you in their lives for as long as possible. Life is already short; let's not neglect our health so it becomes shorter.

Outings and Special Events

Our next outing will be on **October 18** to the Conservatory of Flowers in San Francisco to attend the Plantosaurus Rex Prehistoric Plant Exhibit. On exhibition is a prehistoric paradise of plants from the time of the dinosaurs

dating back from 250-65 million years ago. After the exhibit we will go out for lunch to a nearby café. The exhibit opens at 10 am so we will probably leave Marin around 9:30 am. If you would like to join us, please contact Debbie Kokalis, 415-367-5252.

Dates to Remember

Oct 6 General meeting 5:00 pm
Oct 7 Holy Cross Luncheon
Oct 18 Conservatory of Flowers

Religious Education News

Welcome Back Picnic

The Barbeque Picnic, held on the outdoor patio, was a joyful opportunity for our church family to enjoy an afternoon together to celebrate the "kick-off" of the 2012-13 Youth Education Programs. The picnic was a chance to meet, greet, and visit with new and returning families in our parish. The sisters from Holy Assumption Monastery provided an outdoor story-time experience as children gathered in a circle to listen to **Mother Melania** and **Sister Mary**. Of course, there was the "Jumpy House" that was enjoyed by the many children who attended. Special thanks to **Phil Marshall** for his pick up, set-up, and preparation of the food for the barbeque; to **Debbie Kokalis** and **Carol Economy** for their remarkable guidance and support in the preparation of the food on Sunday morning; and to **Steve and Vicki Mavromihalis** for their contribution of all of the drinks for Sunday's event. Thank you also to **Spiros Stratigos** and **Steve Rouman** for manning the barbeques, to **Father Luke** for picking up the barbeques, to **Effie Fourakis** and **Matina Seremetis** for their assistance in set-up, and to **Karen Walters, Eirini Karatzaferi** and **Bonnie Alexander** for organizing the registration of students for Sunday mornings and Greek School.

Youth Education Sundays

This year, Sunday morning education takes place each Sunday. Students will attend classes after receiving communion with their families. Classes will convene for one hour. Father Luke has selected a specific Sunday each month when students will not attend classes, but will remain in Liturgy with their

families for their educational lessons. Please refer to the posted schedule located on the wall by the primary grade classrooms for the complete schedule for the year.

October

Oct 7 Attend Sunday Classes
Oct 14 Attend Sunday Classes
Oct 21 Attend Liturgy with Family
Oct 28 Attend Sunday Classes

November

Nov 4 Attend Sunday Classes
Nov 11 Attend Sunday Classes
Open House for Parents
Nov 18 Attend Sunday Classes
Nov 25 Attend Liturgy with Family

Registrations are open and ongoing! We look forward to seeing everyone each Sunday!

Hope/Joy

Book Drive for Kids in Need!

Books are needed for children of all ages, newborn through high school (board books, chapter books, picture books, novels).

During the month of October, our Nativity HOPE and JOY youth groups are collecting new, unwrapped books to benefit children's programs at the Committee on the Shelterless' Mary Isak Center, a family homeless shelter, in Petaluma.

All our Nativity of Christ children and all our parishioners are asked/encouraged to participate in this worthwhile service project.

During the month of October, please bring a book (NEW or very gently used and in good condition...no torn pages or damaged covers).

There will be a donation box in the narthex at church and in the 3rd/4th grade Sunday School classroom and in the church office workroom.

Thank you for taking time to participate in our first service project of the new school year!

For more questions on this project or if you have a suggestion for an outing/activity, a talent to share with our group, or want to help with one of our upcoming gatherings in November or December, please talk with HOPE and JOY advisors, Dennis and Christina Thomatos (cthomatos@yahoo.com or 415-895-1375).

Parish Activities & Ministries

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Folk Dance Group

Greek folk dance lessons are offered for children and adults interested in learning a variety of folk dances and in performing in costume. Lessons begin on Tuesday, October 9 for college/adults and on Wednesday, October 10 for elementary and high school students according to this schedule:

- 1st through 5th grade students rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:45 pm
- 6th through 12th grade students rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm
- The Minoan Dancers I (adult/advanced group) rehearse on Tuesday evenings

Please see page 5 for more information or contact Effie Fourakis for more information (415/823-9433) or effiejf@me.com.

Community News and Events

Bazaar at St. Nicholas

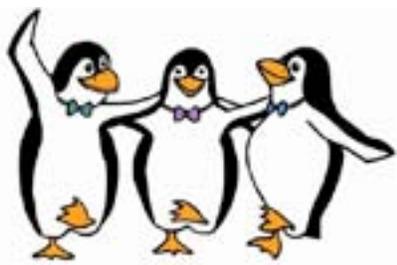
St. Nicholas Church in San Anselmo will host their Annual Bazaar on **Saturday, October 6, from 10:30 am - 3:00 pm**. The day will feature traditional Slavic foods, live music, handmade crafts, a silent auction and a rummage sale. The church choir will perform at 1:00 pm. St. Nicholas Church is located at 102 Ross Avenue in San Anselmo. The phone number is 415-454-0982, and their web address is stnicholasmarin.org.

St. Nectarios Pilgrimage

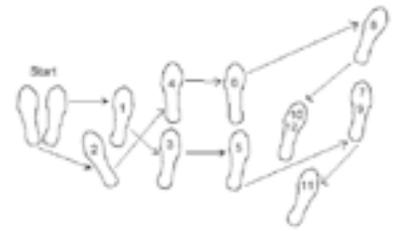
JT Travel, owned by Fr. James Adams, is conducting a pilgrimage by bus to St. Nectarios Church in Covina November 8-10. The cost is \$250.00 per person (double occupancy) or \$375 (single occupancy) and includes transportation and two nights at the Radisson Hotel including full breakfast. Contact Fr. James for more information at 415-382-1812.

Another Cleaning!

This time the cleaning project is the downstairs storage room off the library. There is so much "stuff" in there, and it's unclear which ministry of the church this stuff belong to. We are asking those of you who have items stored in that closet to go down and pick out the things you wish to save and remove them from the closet into another safe storage space, or take them home for the time being. If you could dispose of your other unwanted items, that would be great! On November 1st, there will be a committee that will be deciding what to do with the remaining items, but more than likely they will be disposed of. So please make sure you check the closet for anything that may belong to you personally, or to your particular church ministry. Father is working on some plans for this area and it must be cleaned out. He is also working on an alternate storage area for the items that must remain in church storage.



GREEK DANCE FAQs



Q: Why Greek dance?

A: Greek dancing is great exercise! Since most dances are done in a line, dancers of all different ages, abilities and experience learn to work together. And when they master a dance, they know they did it as a team.

Q: Do you have to be Greek to Greek dance?

A: Not at all! A desire to learn and a commitment to rehearse is all that's needed.

Q: I've never danced before, what if I can't get it?

A: That's why we rehearse every week and review, review, review.

Q: What's so great about performing anyway?

A: Performing on stage in costume swells self-confidence and it's easy because you're in a group and everyone relies on each other.

Q: I've heard it's really expensive to be in the dance group.

A: Tuition is \$100/year for one dancer in a family and \$150 if there are more dancers in the family.

Q: What about costumes?

A: The group provides costumes for all the dancers for \$50 per year rental fee.

Q: Do I have to attend the Folk Dance Festival?

A: No, it's not a requirement to attend. Many dancers practice all year and choose to perform locally.

Q: What is that Folk Dance Festival all about anyway?

A: FDF is a ministry of our Metropolis. It's held every February at a different location. It's a competition, but mostly it's an opportunity for faith, fellowship, family, friends and fun.

Q: What about fundraising?

A: Everyone's help is needed at the Gyros booth at the Marin County Fair in July.

Q: How do I sign up?

A: Check the schedule below and come to your first rehearsal!



FYI

- The Minoan dance ministry fundraises to cover program expenses and provide scholarships
- Some benefits of joining the Minoan dance ministry:
 - Exercise
 - Increased coordination
 - Fellowship & friends
 - Greek culture instruction



Greek dance lessons start in October

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Hellenic Orthodox Primary Education (HOPE) and **Junior Orthodox Youth (JOY)** are part of our church youth programs and for children ages pre-k through 6th grade and their families/siblings.

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OCTOBER

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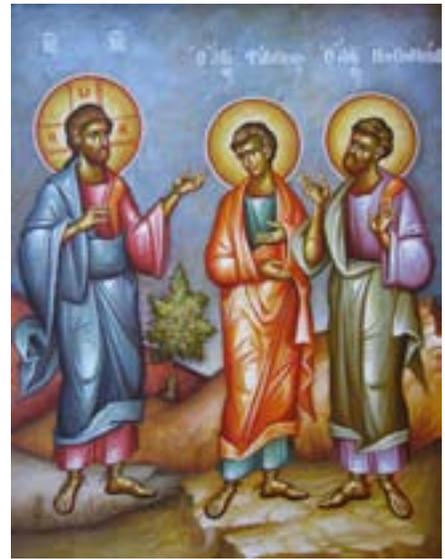
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 2nd Sunday of Luke Divine Liturgy 9:30 am • Sunday School follows	1 Protection of the Theotokos Feast Day Divine Liturgy at Protection/ St. Seraphim in Santa Rosa 9:30 am	2 • Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	3 • Greek School 4:00-5:45 pm • Orthodoxy 101 6:00 pm	4	5	6 • Philoptochos General Meeting 5:00 pm • Parish Social 6:00 pm
7 3rd Sunday of Luke Divine Liturgy 9:30 am • Sunday School follows Philoptochos Holy Cross Luncheon Youth Religious Education Teachers Meeting 11:30-12:30 • Baptism 2:00 pm	8 • Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	9 • Bible Study 10:00 a.m. • Parish Council 7:30 pm	10 • Greek School 4:00-5:45 pm • Folk Dance Practice • Orthodoxy 101 6:00 pm	11	12	13 • Baptism 12:00 noon
14 4th Sunday of Luke Divine Liturgy 9:30 am • Sunday School follows	15 • Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	16 • Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	17 • Greek School 4:00-5:45 pm • Folk Dance Practice The Evangelist Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm	18	19	20 Fr. Luke will be out of town attending the IDCC Executive Board Meeting October 18-20
21 6th Sunday of Luke Divine Liturgy 9:30 am • Sunday School follows	22	23 St. James, the Apostle Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	24 • Greek School 4:00-5:45 pm • Folk Dance Practice • Orthodoxy 101 6:00 pm	25 St. Demetrios the Myrrhbearer & Great Martyr Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm	26	27
28 7th Sunday of Luke Divine Liturgy 9:30 am • Sunday School follows • Baptism 2:00 pm	29	30 • Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	31 • Folk Dance Practice • Orthodoxy 101 6:00 pm	NOV 1	2	3 • Daylight Savings Time Ends Saturday night, 11/3. Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour Parish Development Weekend Retreat Nov. 2-4



2012 Stewardship Campaign

2012 Stewardship Update September 24, 2012

Number of Commitments	
Received	249
Total Amount	
Committed	\$183,908
2011 Stewardship	
Budget	\$225,000



At the completion of the year's third quarter, we are encouraged to look forward to responsibly plan for the coming year, and look backward at the responsibility we have exhibited to date in the current year. There is no more responsible experience than to consciously choose to be aligned with God.

We are all encouraged to look backward and then forward to the conscious commitment that we have made to our Christian life!

As a tangible manifestation of our committed journey, we are all given the opportunity to become responsible financial stewards of our local parish – the Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church. Please begin the process of considering your 2013 Stewardship Pledge to Nativity and reconsider what you have offered in 2012. It is not too late to become a 2012 Steward (simply contact the church office for details), and it is not too early to begin prayerfully considering your offering in 2013.

Gather My People to My Home "Come and See"



St. Luke
the
Evangelist

October 18

Stewardship Commitments Received as of 9/24/12

Aaron, Steven & Eva	Clark, Carrie	George, Pete & Ann	Karas, Tom & Eleni
Adams, Fr. James & Presbyteria Evelyn	Commick, Ann	Georgeson, George & Debbie	Karavolos, Michael
Adams, William & Lisa	Corcoran, Bruce & Fran	Giannis, Demetrios & Rose	Karavolos, Steve & Paraskeve
Afendikov, Mikhail & Lilia	Cordellos, Dennis & Anna	Gigounas, Ann	Katelanis, Olympia
Anderson, Frances	Cunningham, Elaine	Gigounas, George & Laura	Katsanos, George & Georgia
Angelonides, Peter & Arlene	Daifotis, Kim & Cindy	Gikkas, Peter & Vickie	Katselis, Anthony & Karin
Antonis, Chris & Keri	Degaitis, Pete & Julia	Giusti, Nonie	Kavantjas, Diane
Arango, Pat	Delis, Nicholas & Stephanie	Gregory, Helen	Keller, Ed & Karen
Argyres, Andreas & Joanne	Della Cella, Joseph & Kathryn	Grigorakis, Kostas & Wray	Keratzides, Elaine
Baird, Maria	Demakas, George	Gryfakis, Stephanie	Kokalis, George & Debbie
Balopoulos, Michael & Anna	Demiris, George & Ray Ann	Haginicols, Charles & Amalia	Kokalis, Nick & Lena
Banks, Charles & Catherine	Destein, Pat	Haginicols, Leo & Tiffany	Kosmas, Anthony
Batbie, Donald & Barbara	Diamantopoulos, George & Anna	Hanis, James & Stella	Kosturos, John & Dolly
Bechaka, Sonia	Dutoff, Dimitri	Hanke, Maria Hilakos & Michael Watts	Kozas, Anna
Berry, John & Paula	Economy, Carol	Haralambopoulos, Costas & Ria	Kuvelis, Dean & Denise
Bertolina, Ron & Elaine	Edrich, Alexandra	Harris, Helen	Lagios, Michael & Sheila
Bizani, Pano & Barbara	Efstathiou, Fr. Constantine & Presbyteria Kay	Hontalas, Chris & Susan	Lardas, Michael
Blasingame, David & Katina	Efstathiou, Paul & Kristen	Hontalas, Frank & Eve	Lekas, Louis & Betty
Booras, Pauline	Eliades, Peter & Marie	Hundley, Courtney & Marilyn	Lendaris, George & Nia
Boosalis, Gus & Kari	Eliopoulos, Paul & Sophia	Hunter, Hugh	Leones, Kay
Brahman, Alexander	Fafoutis, Aris & Diane	Hunter, John & Rose	Livanos, Nick & Patti
Brandy, Kathryn	Farmer, Tim & Helen	Iannios, Demetrios & Manu	Lynn, Tom & Lucy
Bryan, Keith & Karry	Ferber, John & Pamela	Jouganatos, Spiros & Connie	Mackechnie, Michael & Kathleen
Burrows, Angela	Fotinos, George & Vivian	Kakleas, Jon & Michelle	Madias, Alexander
Burrows, Bill & Floretta	Fourakis, Andreas & Argyro	Kalabokes, Chris & Vicki	Madias, Dino & Marti
Camamis, Constantine & Mary	Fourakis, Vasilis & Effie	Kamages, Alex & Sherry	Madias, Evangelia
Capetanios, John & Aglaia	Gagas, Charles & Claire	Kamages, Christ & Pat	Madias, Mike & Laurie
Captanian, Ted & Connie	Garton, Neal & Elena	Kamages, Lula	Madias, Theo & Alex
Castro, Jeff & Joanna	Gavallos, Dennis & Heloisa	Kambur, James & JoAnne	Manesis, Alexandra
Catel, George & Paraskevi	Gavallos, Victor & Tina	Kanas, Nick &Carolynn	Manesis, Stephan & Sandi
Christon, Dorothea			

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Stewardship Commitments

Received as of 9/24/12

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| Mantalvanos, Alex & Maria | Papafilis, George & Agatha | Selmi, Catherine | Tar, Michael & Natalie |
| Mardakis, John & Helen | Papanikolaou, George & Soula | Selmi, Helen | Thomatos, Dennis & Christina |
| Marsala, Joan | Papanikolaou, Marina | Serafimescu, Constantin & Livia | Tocmakidis, Peter & Pinelopy |
| Marshall, Philip & Kathy | Pappas, Angelo & Maria | Seremetis, Matina & Andres Pineda | Touras, Antonis & Antonia |
| Martigopoulos, Harry & Connie | Pappas, Arthur | Sideris, Milton & Stassie | Trapalis, Arthur & Niovi |
| Martin, Jason & Mia | Pasadis, Dennis & Maryann | Siefkas, Chris & Susan | Triantafyllos, John & Laura |
| Mavrantonis, Antoni | Passaris, Michael & Meredith | Simon, Kay | Trimble, Paul |
| Medan, Dushan & Gigi | Passaris, Peter | Sklavos, Vasiliki | Truebenbach, Jan |
| Meehan, Tom & Irene | Passaris, Theodore & Elaine | Slenkin, Alex & Nancy | Tsiplakos, George & Maria |
| Mehas, Christine | Patrakis, Peter & Hope | Smernes, Kalliope | Tzafopoulos, John & Erica |
| Mertens, Freddie & Theo | Patrinnellis, Charles & Poppy | Smith, Lawrence & Dina | Tzafopoulos, Nick & Vasiliki |
| Mestakidis, Soteria | Perivolaris, George & Sharon | Smith, Robert & Evdokia | Valakitsis, Yiannis & Eugenia |
| Morales, Marlon & Andrea | Peterson, Katie | Smyrni, Ann | Vallas, James & Judith |
| Morearty, Michael & Margaret | Petrakis, Steve & Martha | Soeten, Alexandra | Vallianos, Antonia |
| Morphew, Forrest & Ephimia | Pezzuto, Maria | Soldatos, Vasilis & Helen | Vassiliou, Maggie |
| Morris, Susan | Picras, Beatrice | Soter, Kathryn | Vellis, George & Dimitra |
| Mouzakis, Robert | Protos, Dora | Soter, Samuel & Stella | Walters, Charles & Amalia |
| Natsios, Isidore & Joanna | Prouty, Vickie | Sotiras, Giorgis | Walters, Scott & Karen |
| Nichols, Toulia | Psaros, Eleni & Stamatis | Sotiras, Maria | Weeks, Daniel & Stacey |
| Niemcewicz, Roland & Bess | Pulis, George & Katerina | Sotiras, Paraskevas & Erene | White, Sonja |
| Oetzel, Bob & Pauline | Rehn, Diane | Spyridis, Maryanne | Whitmore, Sophia |
| Orologas, Mike & Katerina | Rigisich, Steve & Lisa | Starling, Eric & Irene | Wildermuth, Anna |
| Orologas-Roland, Nickie | Roland, George & Doris | Stathis, Gus & Sophia | Xenelis, Nicholas |
| Orr, Thomas & Beverly | Rossi, Patricia | Stathis, Peter & Dina | Yatrakis, Christopher & Eirini |
| Ortner, Rob | Rouman, Steve & Liz | Stavrinnides, Thalia | Yiakis, Joseph & Margaret |
| Palumbis, Fr. Luke & Presbyteria Eleni | Russell, Chuck & Daphne | Stenros, Stuart & Stella | Yioulos, Dean & Ann |
| Panagatacos, James & Diane | Saddik, Neveen | Stewart, Artemis | Zaferiou, Paul & Phyllis |
| Panas, Michael & Erin Miwa | Sandoval, Oscar & Irene | Stockton, John & Susan | Zagorites, Marian |
| Pantazes, Christos & Jacqueline | Sarantakis, Chris & Tina | Stratigos, Spiro & Mary Kay | Zahariudakis, Dimitrios |
| Pantazes, Katherine | Sarantakis, George & Susan | Tacticos, George | Zootis, Mary |
| Pantazes, Katina | Sarganis, Peri | Taft, Kiki | |
| Papadopoulos, John & Stella | Saris, Tony & Betty | Tangalakis, Odysseus & Joanna | |
| | Scafidas, Anastasia | | |
| | Scanagatta, Roman & Eleni | | |

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please use this list to pray for members of our parish and others who are sick or in need of God's care.



- Mary Camamis
- Alexandra Edrich
- Fr. Haralambos Fox
- Heloisa Gavallos
- Lula Kamages
- James Kolyvas

From time to time, we may remove names that have been on the list for awhile. If you feel a name should remain on the list, or if you would like a new name placed on the list, **please contact the office.**



Welcome to the world, Vasilios Palumbis, born September 24, weighing 9 lb. 3 oz. and measuring 21" long.

Congratulations to the entire Palumbis family!

IT'S NATIVITY OF CHRIST PARISH SOCIAL TIME!



JOIN US ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AT 6 PM!

Bring your family and bring your friends! Give your kitchen a night off and come enjoy fellowship with your church family.

DINNER WILL BE SERVED; PLEASE BRING A BOTTLE OF WINE OR OTHER BEVERAGE TO SHARE.

\$5 PER PERSON; NO CHARGE FOR KIDS 8 AND UNDER.

Philoptochos members: Please arrive one hour early, at 5 pm, for the October, general meeting.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Sacraments and Rites

40-Day Blessing

September 2 **Katerina**, daughter of Freddie & Theodosia Mertens.

Baptism

July 14 **Thalia Emma**, daughter of Marlon & Andrea Morales. Sponsors were Mike & Kathy Casotti.

"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."



Weddings

August 30 **Erin Miwa** and **Michail-Angelos Panas** Koumbaroi were Georgios Tsianfos and Chris Liakopoulos.

"You have set on their heads crowns of precious stones."

Funeral

September 21 **Gloria Stath** who reposed on September 17 in Novato. May our gracious Lord bless Gloria's family.

"May her memory be eternal."

Memorial

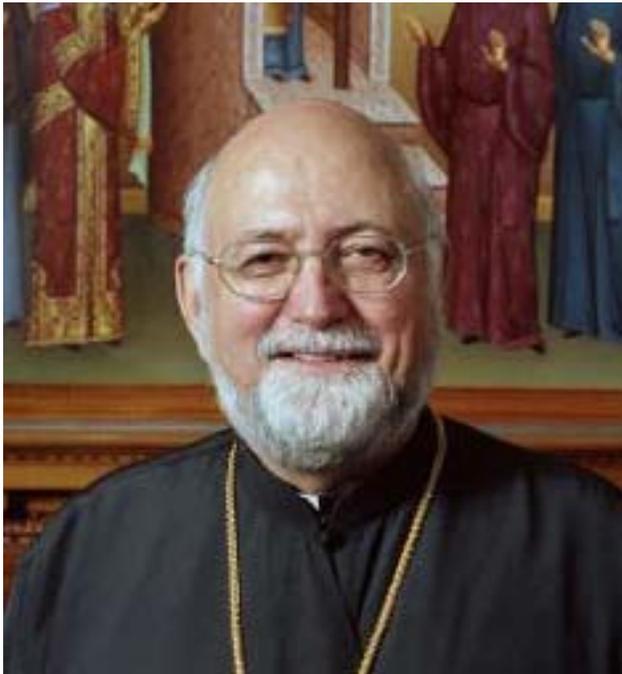
September 9 **John Gigounas**

"May his memory be eternal."

Condolences

To Paul & Kristen Efstathiou and their family on the recent repose of Kristen's grandmother, **Ruth Klann**, in Murpheys. We express our deepest condolence.

"May her memory be eternal."



Retreat Master

Reverend Father Nicholas Triantafilou,
President,
Hellenic College & Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

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October 26

O victorious Demetrios, you were given to the world as a powerful protector against dangers and an invincible soldier of Christ against pagans. As you inspired Nestor to overcome the pride of Lycaeos, O great Martyr, so intercede with Christ our God that He may bestow upon us His great mercy.