



The Word

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

John 1:14

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Church: The Place of Celebration and Joy

October 2013

The North Star Ministry

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."

~ Matthew 2:10,11

As the Star guided the Wise Men to the infant Lord through an illumined path -- the life of every Orthodox Christian parish is called to illumine the pathway that leads to the experience of Jesus Christ!

Join your parish family on Sunday, October 27th, following the Divine Liturgy, where in the community hall we will present and discuss the Nativity of Christ parish as a North Star that leads to salvation!

The Outside Deck Area

WOW! Have you noticed the outside deck area, at the future location of our small hall? Thanks to the stewardship of George Kokalis and Spiro Stratigos, this area has been refinished and made safe again! The area was in need of extreme maintenance and had become very slick to walk on!

What is Your Orthodox IQ?

Questions:

- 1) Who is the head of the Orthodox Church?
- 2) How many Gospels are there?
- 3) When is our parish feast day?
- 4) How many major orders of clergy exist?
- 5) What year was the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America established?

Answers on page 11

The life of the Church is filled with celebration and rejoicing!

As Christians we rejoice in the resurrected Lord, Who has opened the Kingdom of God to sinners -- trust in this Biblical truth motivates our joy and propels us on the pilgrimage of Christian living. On the pilgrimage of faith we often fall, failing to live according to the teachings of Jesus Christ, yet as a compassionate God, He has provided us with a Spiritual Hospital to heal our souls and maintain our pilgrimage on the pathway of His Gospel message. Through the door of this Hospital, we encounter the awesome and intimate experience of God. The joy of this encounter is felt and witnessed through the life of the Church (Hospital).

In Christian experience, worship is to be uplifting, not in the form of entertainment, but in the reality of God's embrace. The community, through its natural personality, is to embrace and celebrate with all those present (including the saints and angels), through their shared recognition of God's love.

Complementing and edifying the worship itself, the Orthodox Church has maintained the experience of beauty and joy through commitment to the tradition of sacred space -- the commitment to make the Church space beautiful and interactive in honor of its sacred nature.

Celebratory experience is core to the Orthodox experience of Church, through the worship, the sacred space and the context of each joyous gathering.

- Joy in the Divine Liturgy because the Eucharist cleanses our souls!
- Joy in Baptisms because another has been joined to the Body of Christ!
- Joy in Chrismations because the Gifts of the Holy Spirit have been received!
- Joy in Ordinations because another clergyman has been added to the Body of Christ!
- Joy in Holy Unction because of the healing of soul and body!
- Joy in Weddings because God has joined two souls together for eternity!
- Joy in Confession because sins are forgiven and remitted!

Celebration even comes in the form of joyful-sorrow as we experience in the Funeral and Memorial Services, when in a time of loss we are comforted by the reality and hope in the Resurrection.

As Orthodox Christians we celebrate everything because in everything we are called to see the connection to Christ who is the Light, the Life and the Way.

Whatever experiences of sadness or despair with which you may currently struggle -- expel them from your life through a committed life in the Church. God is waiting for you, and so is His community at Nativity of Christ.

Fr. Luke

October Services & Readings

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Oct 6 9:30 am	3rd Sunday of Luke	II Corinth. 4:6-15	Luke 7:11-16
Oct 13 9:30 am	4th Sunday of Luke	Titus 3:8-15	Luke 8:5-15
Oct 18 9:30 am	St. Luke, the Evangelist	Col. 4:5-11; 14-18	Luke 10:16-21
Oct 20 9:30 am	6th Sunday of Luke	II Corinth. 6:16-7:1	Luke 8:26-39
Oct 23 9:30 am	St. James, Brother of Our Lord	Galatians 1:11-19	Matthew 13:54-58
Oct 26 9:30 am	St. Demetrios, The Great Martyr	2 Timothy 2:1-10	John 15:17-16:2
Oct 27 9:30 am	7th Sunday of Luke	II Corinth. 9:6-11	Luke 8:41-56

October Acolyte Schedule

All acolytes are asked to serve in October.

October Candle Duty Schedule

Oct 6	Chris Siefkas, Rose Hunter and Nick Livanos
Oct 13	Bruce Corcoran, Pete Gikkas and George Kokalis
Oct 20	Peter Eliades, George Georgeson and Scott Walters
Oct 29	Alex Slenkin, George Sotiras and Tony Kosmas

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Pastor**

October 2013



Mark Your Calendars!

Fall Parish Assembly

**Sunday,
November 24, 2013**

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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Parish Activities & Ministries

Philoptochos

Coffee Hour is in Need of Your Support

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.**

Gyro Luncheon

Once again because of your support, the Gyro Luncheon was a **huge success.**



Big thanks to Theo and Alex Madias for the cooking and Debbie Kokalis and Karen Keller for organizing the event and to the many hands that made for light work. The funds will be used for the charitable projects of Philoptochos.

Holy Cross Luncheon

We will have our yearly light luncheon to benefit the students of Holy Cross/Hellenic College on October 13. Please see Nancy Slenkin during coffee hour 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. Philoptochos will host a coffee hour on Nov. 3rd to pass out further information.

Harvest Luncheon

Our annual Harvest Luncheon fundraiser will be held on November 17 after Divine Liturgy. The traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served. The proceeds will be used to help serve our local charities and help with our Metropolis and National Philoptochos obligations. Please see the flyer on page 10 for more information.

Turkey Bomb Week

Last year Father Luke's "turkey bomb" week was so successful that we think it's a great idea to do it again. We were able to donate over 60 turkeys to the Food Bank in Novato. This year, during the week of November 10 through November 17, please stop by your local market and purchase a turkey, bring it to church any time during the week and on Monday, November 18, we will have the Food Bank stop by and pick them up. Last year they were ecstatic when they saw the freezer full of turkeys. In the spirit of giving during the season of the birth of our Lord, please help to make this a more joyous time of year by helping those in need.

October Birthdays

The following members have birthdays in October: Floretta Burrows 10/6; Susan Stockton 10/7; Carol Economy 10/8; Nonie Giusti 10/10; Connie Grey 10/11; George Georgeson 10/22; and Karen Walters 10/22.

Dates to Remember

- Oct 3 General meeting 6:30 pm
- Oct 13 Holy Cross Luncheon
- Nov 3 Breast Cancer Awareness Coffee Hour
- Nov 17 Harvest Luncheon



Religious Education News

Adult Education Ministry

During the month of October we will explore the Feast Days of the Church, each Wednesday evening at 6 pm and Thursday morning at 10 am.

In Bible Study, each Tuesday morning at 10 am, we will continue our exploration of the Gospel account of Saint Mark.

Join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we strive to grow in our faith! Please bring a friend!

Youth Education Ministry

After a full summer of activities for our church families, it was wonderfully inspiring to see our students back in classrooms last month. Our youth education program began on Sunday, September 15, and many students found themselves in new classrooms in new locations. Very special thanks to Father Luke and Spiro Stratigos, who moved and adjusted tables, and Susan Siefkas, Katerina Seifkas, Gregory Seifkas, Ali Eliades, Jenny and Jessie Walters who moved chairs. The classrooms for our youngest students are now downstairs - close to restrooms with access to the outdoors for their activities. We are all so grateful for your support of this project!!

We are delighted to report that all of our teachers from last year are continuing in the same grade levels this year - but with a new curriculum. The teaching staff is working together to provide the children in our Parish with a consistent and meaningful message of what it means to be an Orthodox Christian. As Father Luke described to all who attended the September 8th Religious Education Fellowship Meeting - this message is delivered through the three cores that are central to Orthodox Christianity - Scripture - Services - Saints.

Our wonderful teaching staff includes:

- PreK/Kindergarten Kristen Efstathiou
- Grades 1/2 Zana Howard
- Grades 3/4 Christina Thomatos
Floretta Burrows
- Grades 5/6 Susan Siefkas
- Grades 7/8 Karen Walters
- Grades 9-12 Steve & Vickie Mavromihalis

Mark Your Calendars:

October 6 & November 7 - These first Youth Activity Sundays will take place for students following communion. Students will participate in activities in a combined fellowship across grade levels that align with the core teachings in class. We are seeking parent participation on these Sundays. Please contact Christina Thomatos if you can help on October 6 or November 7.

October 13 - Open House for Parents (Pre-k/K; Grade 1/2; Grade 3/4) Plan to visit your child's classroom to learn more about their program this year. Parents are invited to participate in the Sunday lessons with their students. The Open House for all other grades will take place on November 17th.

2013 Stewardship

What is Stewardship anyway?

Have you ever found yourself wondering that exact question?

Is it fundraising? ...No.
Is it the business of the church? ...No.
Is it for 'those other people' to deal with? ...No.

The answer to the question, *What is Stewardship*, is simple yet often misrepresented and misunderstood. Stewardship is the holistic term referring to the commitment that is necessary for one to live life as a Christian.

Have you committed to come to Church on Sundays?
Each time you follow through on that commitment, that is stewardship!

Have you committed to live your life in accordance to the Word of God?
Each time you follow through on that commitment, that is stewardship!

Have you committed to offer back to God a portion of what He has given to you?
Each time you follow through on that commitment, that is stewardship!

Christian stewardship can not be limited to an example or two, or even an isolated arena of our life, because authentic stewardship is offered in every moment of our life when we establish and honor commitments on the pilgrimage of our Christian faith. What commitments have you made to God, and how do you follow through on them?

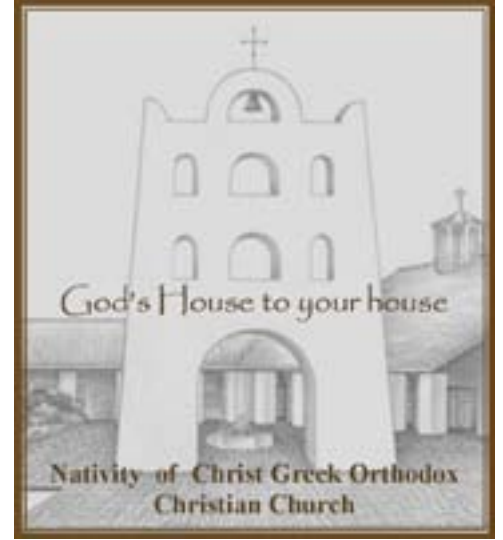
Within the life of the Nativity parish is the opportunity for you to establish and follow through on commitments that propel you forward on the Christian path toward salvation. There are endless opportunities to commit yourself to God through an active life at Nativity -- let us be thankful for these opportunities, as they lead to our own salvation.

Be a good steward! Be a committed Orthodox Christian at Nativity of Christ!

If you have not yet completed a 2013 Stewardship Commitment Card, do so today and take an articulated step forward to the Kingdom of God!

2013 Stewardship Update September 20, 2013

Number of Commitments Received	257
Total Amount Committed	\$182,415
2013 Stewardship Budget	\$225,000



Stewardship Commitments Received as of 9/23/13

Adams, Fr. James & Pres. Evelyn
Adams, Bill & Lisa
Afendikov, Mikhail & Lilia
Anderson, Frances
Angelonides, Peter & Arlene
Angelopoulos, Angelo & Mercy
Antonis, Chris & Keri
Arango, Pat
Argyres, Andreas & Joanne
Baird, Maria
Balopoulos, Michael & Anna
Banks, Charles & Catherine
Batbie, Donald & Barbara
Bauer, Michael & Naki
Bechaka, Sonia
Bekris, Fr. Niko & Stella
Berry, John & Paula
Bertolina, Ron & Elaine
Bizani, Pano & Barbara
Blasingame, Dave & Katina
Booras, Pauline
Brandy, Kathryn
Bryan, Keith & Karry
Brzycki, Jeff & Tracy Langley
Burrows, Bill & Floretta

Camamis, Constantine & Mary
Camamis, Dina
Capetanos, John & Aglaia
Captanian, Ted & Connie
Castro, Jeff & Joanna
Catel, George & Paraskevi
Christon, Dorothea
Chyrklund, Chris & Elaine
Commick, Ann
Corcoran, Bruce & Fran
Cordellos, Dennis & Anna
Cunningham, Elaine
Daifotis, Kim & Cindy
Degaitis, Pete & Julia
Delis, Nicholas & Stephanie
Della Cella, Joseph & Kathryn
Demakas, George
Demiris, George & Ray Ann
Demopoulos, Nick
Destein, Pat
Diamantopoulos, George & Anna
Diamantopoulos, Lucy
Diamantopoulos, Stelios
Dutloff, Dimitri
Economy, Carol

Edrich, Alexandra
Efstathiou, Fr. Constantine & Pres. Kay
Efstathiou, Paul & Kristen
Elenz-Martin, Sean & Nicole
Eliades, Peter & Marie
Eliopoulos, Paul & Sophia
Erdmann, Eileen
Fafoutis, Aris & Diane
Ferber, John & Pamela
Foster, Margarete
Fotinos, George & Vivian
Fourakis, Andreas & Argyro
Fourakis, Vasilis & Effie
Gagas, Charles & Claire
Gavallos, Dennis & Heloisa
Gavallos, Victor & Tina
George, Pete & Ann
Georgeson, George & Debbie
Giannis, Demetrios & Rose
Gigounas, Ann
Gigounas, George & Laura
Gikkas, Peter & Vickie
Giusti, Nonie
Grigorakis, Kostas & Wray
Haginicolis, Charles & Amalia

Hajopoulos, Kathy
Hanis, Stella
Hanke, Maria
Haralambopoulos, Costas & Ria
Harris, Helen
Hontalas, Chris & Susan
Hontalas, Frank & Evie
Hundley, Courtney & Marilyn
Hunter, Hugh
Hunter, John & Rose
Iannios, Demetrios & Manu
Jouganatos, Spiros & Connie
Kakleas, Jon & Michelle
Kalabokes, Chris & Vicki
Kamages, Alex & Sherry
Kamages, Christ & Pat
Kamages, Lula
Kambur, James & JoAnne
Kambur, Nick & Karyn
Kanas, Nick & Carolynn
Karas, Tom & Eleni
Karavolos, Michael
Karavolos, Steve & Paraskevi
Katelanis, Olympia
Katsaros, Eleni

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Stewardship Commitments

Received as of 9/23/13

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Katselis, Anthony & Karin	Mertens, Freddie & Theothosia	Prokopakis, Melina	Stenros, Stuart & Stella
Kavantjas, Diane	Messner, Mark & Cheryl	Protos, Dora	Stockton, John & Susan
Keller, Ed & Karen	Mestakidis, Soteria	Prouty, Vicki	Stratigos, George
Keratzides, Elaine	Morales, Marlon & Andrea	Psaros, Stamatias & Eleni	Stratigos, Spiro & Mary Kay
Kokalis, George & Debbie	Morphew, Forrest & Ephimia	Rehn, Diane & Allen Williams	Tacticos, George
Kosmas, Anthony & Anthonia	Morris, Susan	Rey, Patricia	Taft, Kiki
Kosturos, John & Dolly	Mouzakis, Robert	Roland, George & Doris	Tangalakis, Odysseus & Joanna
Kozas, Anna	Natsios, Isidore & Joanna	Rossi, Patricia	Tar, Michael & Natalie
Kozas, Tom & Angie	Nichols, Toulia	Rouman, Steve & Liz	Terplan, Egon & Christina
Kuvelis, Dean & Denise	Niemcewicz, Roland & Bess	Russell, Chuck & Daphne	Thomatos, Dennis & Christina
Lagios, Michael & Sheila	Oetzal, Bob & Pauline	Rust, Matthew & Athina	Tocmakidis, Peter & Pinelopy
Lamerdin, Christopher & Vicki	Orologas, Mike & Katerina	Saddik, Neveen	Touras, Tony & Antonia
Lekas, Louis & Betty	Orologas-Roland, Nickie	Sandoval, Irene	Trapalis, Arthur & Niovi
Leones, Kay	Orr, Tom & Beverly	Sarantakis, George & Susan	Triantafyllos, John & Laura
Livanos, Nick & Patti	Ortner, Rob	Sarganis, Peri	Trimble, Paul
Lourdis, Vasiliki	Palumbis, Fr. Luke & Presb. Eleni	Saris, Tony & Betty	Tsiplakos, George & Maria
Lynn, Tom & Lucy	Panagotacos, James & Diane	Scafidas, Anastasia	Tzafopoulos, John & Erica
MacKechnie, Mike & Kathleen	Panas, Michael & Erin Miwa	Scanagatta, Roman & Eleni	Tzafopoulos, Nick & Vasiliki
Madias, Alexander	Pantazes, Christos & Jacqueline	Scott, Anthony & Renee	Valakitsis, John & Eugenia
Madias, Dino & Marti	Pantazes, Katherine	Selmi, Cathy	Vallas, James & Judith
Madias, Evangelia	Pantazes, Katina	Selmi, Helen	Vangelatos, Demetra
Madias, Michael & Laurie	Papadopoulos, John & Stella	Seremetis, Matina & Andres Pineda	Vassiliou, Maggie
Madias, Theo	Papanikolaou, George & Soula	Sideris, Milton & Stassie	Vellis, George & Dimitra
Mainaris, Theo	Papanikolaou, Marina	Siefkas, Chris & Susan	Walters, Charles & Amalia
Manesis, Alexandra	Pappas, Angelo & Maria	Simon, Kay	Walters, Scott & Karen
Manesis, Stephan & Sandi	Pappas, Arthur	Sklavos, Vasiliki	Weeks, Daniel & Stacey
Mantalvanos, Alex & Maria	Pasadis, Dennis & Maryann	Slenkin, Alex & Nancy	White, Sonja
Mardakis, John & Helen	Passaris, Michael & Meredith	Smernes, Kalliope	Whitmore, Sophia
Margaronis, Anastasi & Maya	Passaris, Ted & Elaine	Smyrni, Steve & Ann	Wildermuth, Anna
Marsala, Joan	Patrinellis, Poppy	Soeten, Alexandra	Xydas, Stylianos
Marshall, Philip & Kathy	Perivolaris, Nick & Ellen	Soldatos, Vasiliios & Helen	Yatrakis, Christopher & Eirini
Martigopoulos, Harry & Connie	Perivolaris, Sharon	Soter, Kathryn	Yiakis, Joseph & Margaret
Martin, James & Mairobi	Peterson, Katie	Soter, Samuel & Stella	Yioulos, Dean & Ann
Martin, Jason & Mia	Petrakis, Steve & Martha	Sotiras, Giorgis	Zaferiou, Paul & Phyllis
Mavrantonis, Antoni	Pezzuto, Maria	Sotiras, Maria	Zagorites, Marian
Mavromihalis, Steve & Vickie	Picras, Beatrice	Sotiras, Paraskevas & Erene	Zahariudakis, Dimitrios
Medan, Dushan & Gigi	Preovolos, Ted	Spyridis, Maryanne	Zootis, Mary
Meehan, Nicole		Stathis, Gus & Sophia	
Meehan, Thomas & Irene		Stathis, Pete & Dina	
Mehas, Christine		Stavrindes, Thalia	

Dear Parish Family of the Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church,

**Thank you for serving with me in Moldova!
We helped strengthen the youth ministry at the national
and local levels of the Church.**

**I am grateful to have the opportunity to
visit and share on the Moldovan ministry
field on Sunday, October 13, 2013.**

**In Christ,
Christina Semon
OCMC Missionary**

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










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OCTOBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29  2nd Sunday of Luke Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Youth Education follows	30 Protection of the Theotokos Feast Day Divine Liturgy at Protection/ St. Seraphim in Santa Rosa 9:30 am Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	1 Greek School 4:15-5:45 pm Folk Dance Practice Akathist Hymn to the Nativity of Christ 5:30 Adult Ed 6:00 pm	2 Greek School 4:15-5:45 pm Folk Dance Practice Akathist Hymn to the Nativity of Christ 5:30 Adult Ed 6:00 pm	3 Adult Ed - Topic: Feast Days 10:00 am Philoptochos General Meeting 6:30 pm	4	5
6  3rd Sunday of Luke Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Youth Education follows	8 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Parish Council 7:30 pm	9 Greek School 4:15-5:45 pm Folk Dance Practice Akathist Hymn to the Nativity of Christ 5:30 Adult Ed 6:00 pm	10 Adult Ed - Topic: Feast Days 10:00 am	11	12	
13 4th Sunday of Luke Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Youth Education follows Open House Grades Pre-K through 4 Christina Semon OCMC Presentation Philoptochos Holy Cross Luncheon	15 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	16 Greek School 4:15-5:45 pm Folk Dance Practice Akathist Hymn to the Nativity of Christ 5:30 Adult Ed 6:00 pm	17  St. Luke, The Evangelist Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Adult Ed - Topic: Feast Days following Divine Liturgy	18	19 *United by the Cross* Weekend Events to benefit Hellenic College/Holy Cross Vespers & Dinner Oct 19 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Reception Oct 20 Holy Cross - Belmont	
20  6th Sunday of Luke Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Youth Education follows Baptism 12:00 noon	22 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	23  St. James, the Apostle Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Greek School 4:15-5:45 pm Folk Dance Practice Akathist Hymn to the Nativity of Christ 5:30 Adult Ed 6:00 pm	24 Adult Ed - Topic: Feast Days 10:00 am	25	26 St. Demetrios the Great Martyr Divine Liturgy 9:30am 	
27  7th Sunday of Luke Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Youth Education follows Northstar Ministry Parish Presentation	29 Fr. Luke will be attending the National Clergy Retreat in Florida October 29-31 Greek School 4:15-5:45 pm Folk Dance Practice	30	31	NOV. 1 Sts Cosmas and Damien Divine Liturgy 9:30 am 	2 Daylight Savings Time Ends Saturday night, 11/2. Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour 	



Want to plan Plan a Glendi for New Year's Eve?

**If you are interested and would like to be
on the planning committee for such an
event, we will have a meeting after
Church on Sunday, October 13, 2013.**

**The Glendi would benefit the Nativity of Christ
Ecclesiastical Fund (for Church Beautification).**

Live Greek Band, Food & Fun

**Call Maryanne Spyridis at (707)541-6552 or
email her at maryannespyridis@hotmail.com**



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Includes - Half page color program ad, acknowledgement in program & at event.
- Event Passport Benefactor - \$100 and above*
Includes - Acknowledgement in program & at event.

Program Book Ad:

- \$300 Full color page - (5-1/2 x 8-1/2)
- \$175 Half color page - (5-1/2 x 4-1/4)
- \$90 Quarter color page - (5-1/2 x 2-1/8)

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Message :



Philoptochos Harvest Luncheon

Sunday November 17th

Fellowship Hall

(Immediately Following Divine Liturgy)

*Traditional Turkey Dinner
With All the Trimmings!*

Adults \$15.00

Students 13-18 \$10.00

Students 5-12 \$5.00

*Proceeds to benefit the
charitable projects of
Philoptochos*

Sacraments and Rites

Baptisms

September 21 **Oliver Zachary Peter**, son of Tobias & Eva Smith. Sponsors were Maya & Alexander DiNapoli.

Avery Marie, daughter of Sean & Nicole Elenz-Martin. Sponsors were Kyria Hontalas Petusky and Nick Elenz-Martin.

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



Weddings

September 5 **Brittany Fetzer** and **Alex Georgiou**. Koumbaro was Nikolaos Doulas.

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



Funeral

September 3 **Kathryn Brandy**, who reposed on August 27. May our gracious Lord bless Kathryn's family.

"May her memory be eternal."

Memorial

September 15 **Mary Xanthippi Camamis**.

"May her memory be eternal."

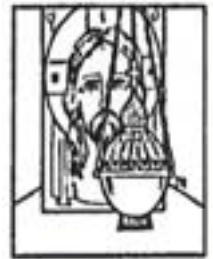
Condolences

To Constantine Camamis and his family on the recent repose of his wife, **Mary Xanthippi Camamis**, in San Anselmo.

To Maria Pezzuto and Elen Ivantcho and their families on the recent repose of their brother, **John Ivantcho**.

May our gracious Lord bless them and their families.

"May their memory be eternal."



Some Recommended Websites

www.nativityofchrist.org
www.patriarchate.org
www.goarch.org
www.sf.goarch.org
www.hchc.edu
www.iocc.org
www.ocmc.org
www.ematins.org
www.myocn.net
www.ancientfaith.com

What is Your Orthodox IQ?

Answers:

- 1) Jesus Christ
- 2) One Gospel - the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Four accounts of that one Gospel are in the Bible: Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- 3) December 25, the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- 4) Three Major Orders of Clergy: Bishop, Priest, Deacon.
- 5) 1921

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

- Fr. James Adams
- James Kolyvas
- Elaine Cunningham
- Alexandra Edrich
- Fr. Constantine Efstathiou
- Fr. Haralambos Fox
- Connie Martigopoulos

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 church office.**





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*Great Martyr Demetrios,
The Myrrh-flowing and
Wonderworking Saint*

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.