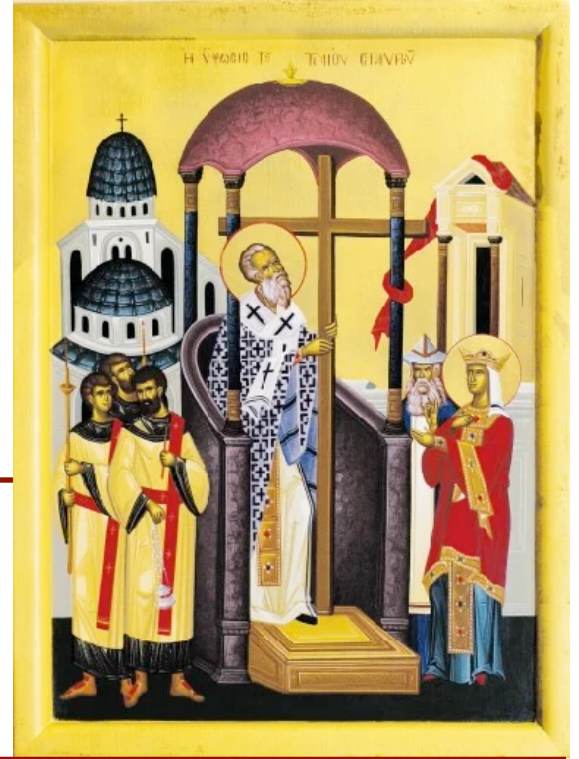


The Word

September 2025

*"And the Word became flesh & dwelt
among us, full of grace & truth."
~John 1:14*



Practicing Prayer by Fr. Paul Paris

Our youngest child is going into his freshman year in high school and is currently going through some intense football practices getting ready for the start of the football season. There is an emphasis on teamwork, discipline and personal responsibility. A great deal of effort is put into starting the new year strong.

As we begin the new ecclesiastical year, what is our focus? Are we getting ourselves ready? Will we just go through the motions of what is on the calendar for another year, or will we attempt to make this year special and meaningful?

We recently had the rich blessing of being away at our Holy Trinity Summer Camp at Camp Angelos on the Sandy River in Corbett, Oregon. The theme this year was "Always Say A Prayer." Getting away from the normal routine and into nature was very good for the soul. We had some great discussions about prayer and plenty of time to pray together. It was rejuvenating.

It was a wonderful reminder that as we start the new ecclesiastical year, we should emphasize the

practice of prayer. I had the youngest group of campers in my discussion group, and they had very deep and meaningful comments and questions regarding many aspects of our faith. I was also inspired when I asked about the practice of prayer in their homes. There were some beautiful ways that their families were practicing prayer together. They were offering traditional prayers of the church at various times during the day as a family and disciplined in practicing personal prayer as well.

September offers us a fresh start to make the most of the church calendar to take opportunities to participate in both corporate and personal prayer. I pray that we will all put some effort into starting the new ecclesiastical year off strong. May this year be one in which we all find spiritual renewal.

A great quote to remember as we embark on our journey is from St. Theophan the Recluse.

"Prayer is the test of everything; prayer is also the source of everything; prayer is the driving force of everything; prayer is also the director of everything. If prayer is right, everything is right. For prayer will not allow anything to go wrong."

September Services

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All services will be streamed.

[Stream Services Here](#)

September Services		
Date	Service	Time
Sept. 7	Sunday before the Holy Cross	8:30 am
Sept. 8	Nativity of the Theotokos	8:30 am
Sept. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	8:30 am
Sept. 17	St. Sophia and Her Three Daughters	8:30 am
Sept 21	Sunday after Holy Cross	8:30 am
Sept. 28	1st Sunday of Luke	8:30 am

The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross

Saint Helen, the mother of Saint Constantine the Great, when she was already advanced in years, undertook, in her great piety, the hardships of a journey to Jerusalem in search of the cross, about the year 325. A temple to Aphrodite had been raised up by the Emperor Hadrian upon Golgotha, to defile and cover with oblivion the place where the saving Passion had been suffered. The venerable Helen had the statue of Aphrodite destroyed, and the earth removed, revealing the Tomb of our Lord, and three crosses. Of these, it was believed, that one must be that of our Lord, the other two of the thieves crucified with Him; but Saint Helen was at a loss which one might be the Wood of our salvation. At the inspiration of Saint Macarius, Archbishop of Jerusalem, a lady of Jerusalem, who was already at the point of death from a certain disease, was brought to touch the crosses, and as soon as she came near to the Cross of our Lord, she was made perfectly whole. Consequently, the precious



Cross was lifted on high by Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem; as he stood on the ambo, and when the people beheld it, they cried out, "Lord have mercy." It should be noted that after its discovery, a portion of the venerable Cross was taken to Constantinople as a blessing. The rest was left in Jerusalem in the magnificent church built by Saint Helen, until the year 614. At that time, the Persians plundered Palestine and took the Cross to their own country. Late, in the year 628, Emperor Heraclius set out on a military campaign, retrieved the Cross, and after bringing it to Constantinople, himself escorted it back to Jerusalem, where he restored it to its place.

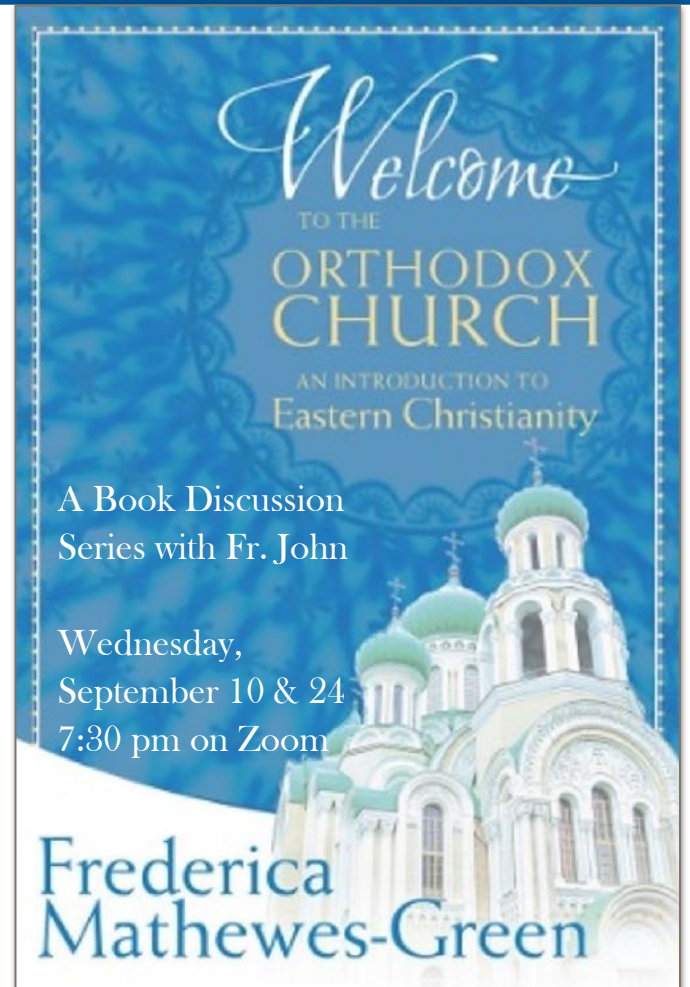
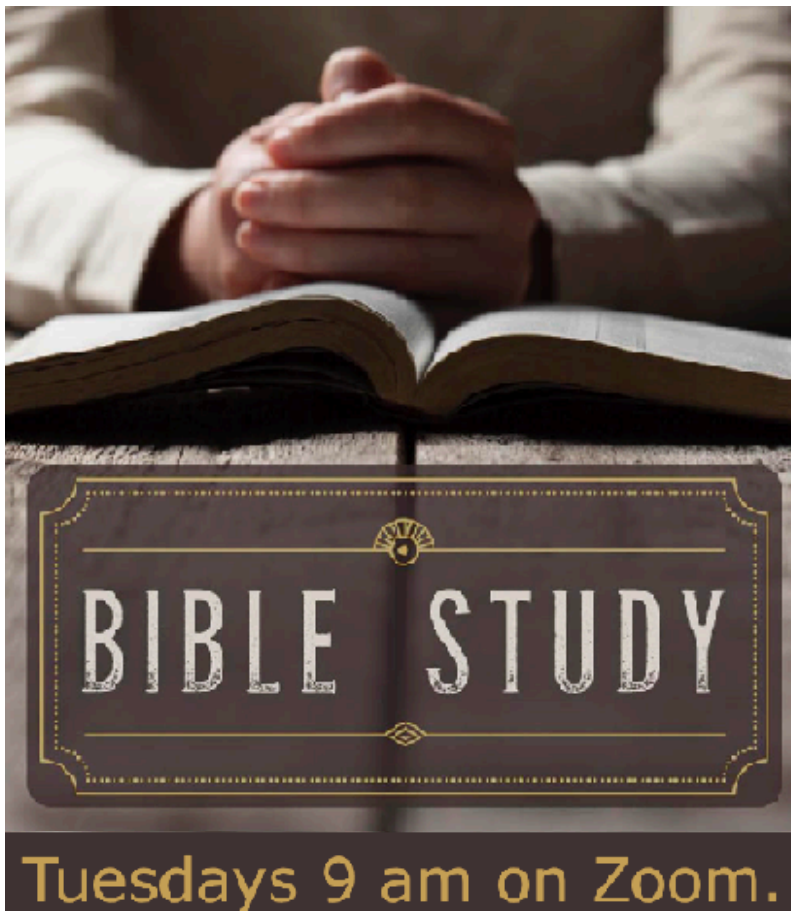
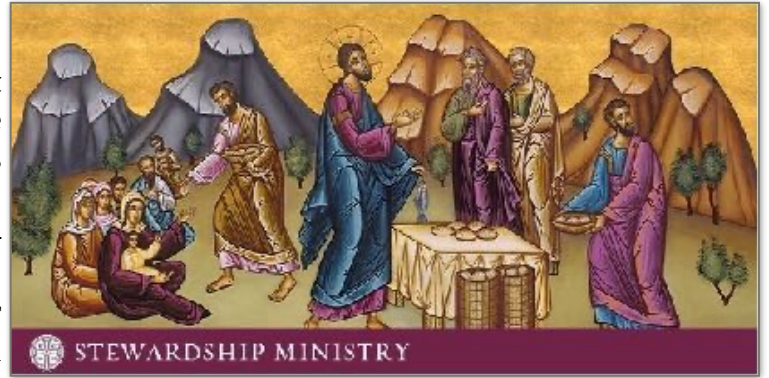
Stewardship and Gratitude

I recall the profound story of the ten lepers that Jesus healed, as recounted in Luke 17:11. In verse 15, it states, "One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan." In verse 17, Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"

This story serves as a sobering reminder to pause and express our gratitude. Gratitude towards a family member, a friend, and even to our Lord. Expressing gratitude is a powerful gesture that can transform our hearts and relationships.

It is especially appropriate to express our gratitude towards the faithful stewards of our parish. Stewardship and gratitude create a powerful ripple effect. Our collective effort builds a stronger, more resilient community that is better equipped to face the future.

Thank you to all the stewards, we are profoundly grateful for your contributions.



Beyond 50 Update

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New Beyond 50 Steering Committee – Serving the Community's Needs

As progress on our capital project plans move closer to realization, a more vibrant support structure is essential to provide direction for the finalization of designs and securing of appropriate funding and financing, while providing multiple avenues for community input. Three separate, yet codependent, committees will work as a team to engage the community in a transparent fashion. Should you have any questions or suggestions, please do not miss the opportunity to speak with members of this expanded committee.

The three tracks of this team are comprised of:

Planning, Design, Construction

Nick Eftimiou, Eileen Gordon, and the Building Committee

Communication

Dina Camamis and Kathy Marshall

Fundraising and Finance

Chris Kalabokes, Steve Rouman, Tony Saris, and Chris Seifkas

Sack Meals

10,000 sack meals for St. Vincent De Paul in San Rafael!

Beginning in February 2020, members of the community have been gathering monthly for this initiative and today marked a significant milestone. Thank you to all those who have volunteered and donated to this worthy endeavor of our Parish!

To the right is a photo from our first sack meal preparations day in 2020 and below are pictures from August 2025.



February 2020



August 2025



Community Roundtable Discussion

REENGAGING WITH
THE BEYOND 50 PLAN

Join us during
Fellowship Hour on
Sunday, September 7th
for a special
roundtable discussion.
This is your chance to
share your thoughts and
have your voice heard
as we prepare to pursue
our upcoming capital
projects.



Philoptochos

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Philoptochos Meeting

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, September 2 at 7 pm. All are welcome! The meeting will be held in the church conference room and will also be available on Zoom. Please join us as we plan upcoming events. Bring a friend! Get involved, get happy with even just one event for the year. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83158313960?pwd=V0xTM0xEV3RMaFNZbGJ3Qy9CbNfJQT09>
Meeting ID: 831 5831 3960 Passcode: phil



Cookbooks

Did you know we have a cookbook of all the wonderful recipes from many of our fellow parishioners and the recipes we use at the festival. If you would like to purchase a cookbook, please let Susan Stockton know at 22pies@att.net. The cost is \$20.

Philoptochos Membership

Another thank you to all who have joined this year. We are now at 88% of our goal. We will continue to have membership forms available during Fellowship Hour.

Fellowship Hour

Philoptochos would like to thank everyone who contributed to the summer fellowship hour. Our fellowship hour groups will start on September 7. If you are not in an assigned group and would like to be part of one, please contact Irene Meehan at imeehan715@gmail.com or 415-497-7674. Big shout out to all the coordinators for supporting this program. Without your support this program would not be successful.

Holy Cross Hellenic College Fellowship Hour

On September 14 we celebrate the Elevation of the Cross. To commemorate the day, Philoptochos is providing a light lunch at Fellowship Hour in support of Holy Cross Hellenic College. Donations to this worthy group of men and women who have dedicated themselves to the Orthodox faith will be gratefully accepted. It is a free will offering.

Jonathan's Place

Our next meal preparation and food service will be on **September 7**. Please contact Gigi Medan at gandd2@comcast.net, if you would like to participate in this very rewarding endeavor. Remember that Philoptochos means "Friend of the poor." What better way to show our love for our community.



Jonathan's Place VOLUNTEERS

JUNE 29TH, SEPTEMBER 7TH,
NOVEMBER 30TH

ANY # OF VOLUNTEERS WELCOME FOR FOOD PREP

✓ 2:30 pm, Church Kitchen, for meal preparation (~2 hours)

2-3 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SERVING

✓ 5:00 pm, Jonathan's Place, San Rafael, for meal serving (~1.5 - 2 hours)

CONTACT

Gigi Medan
gandd2@comcast.net

Sunday School

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Welcome to the 2025-26

Sunday School Program!

Please click on this [link](#) for the full year calendar for Sunday School.

Happy Ecclesiastical New Year!

September 1 marks the beginning of the Orthodox Church New Year. Why? This is the day that Jesus entered the synagogue to announce His mission for the world. (Luke 4:16-22).

September Class Days

September 7, 14, 21, 28

A Complement, Not a Replacement

Our Sunday Religious Education Classes are a complement to the Divine Liturgy and to what you are teaching your children at home about our faith as Orthodox Christians. Worship together before they take off to classes; chat with your children afterwards about what they learned. Keep the conversation about the faith and the modeling of the faith going all week. Here's a great video about how our Orthodox churches are set up and what we see and do in church.

[Be the Bee # 113 | Six Minute Church Tour](#)

What is the Feast of the Exaltation/Elevation of the Holy Cross? What's it all About?

It's one of the 12 Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church. We give a very high honor to the Cross,

THE FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL



because through Christ's death on the Cross and His Resurrection, we are saved and have eternal life. And the Cross, which during Roman times had been a torture device, through Christ became a symbol of victory! Think of the passage from St. John Chrysostom's sermon that we read every Pascha: "O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen." Here is the hymn of the Holy Cross chanted in several languages: [Troparion of the Holy Cross \(English, Arabic, Greek\)](#).

The Sign of the Cross is a Powerful Prayer!

When we cross ourselves, we recognize that through Christ, we have eternal life. Cross yourself when you wake up, before meals, before important tasks like a test or performance, when you're dealing with tough situations, when something wonderful happens, before you go to bed etc. When you cross yourself, you can say "Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us" or chant it! Check out [Melodia's Byzantine Choir](#) recording of this hymn.

August 17 Highlights

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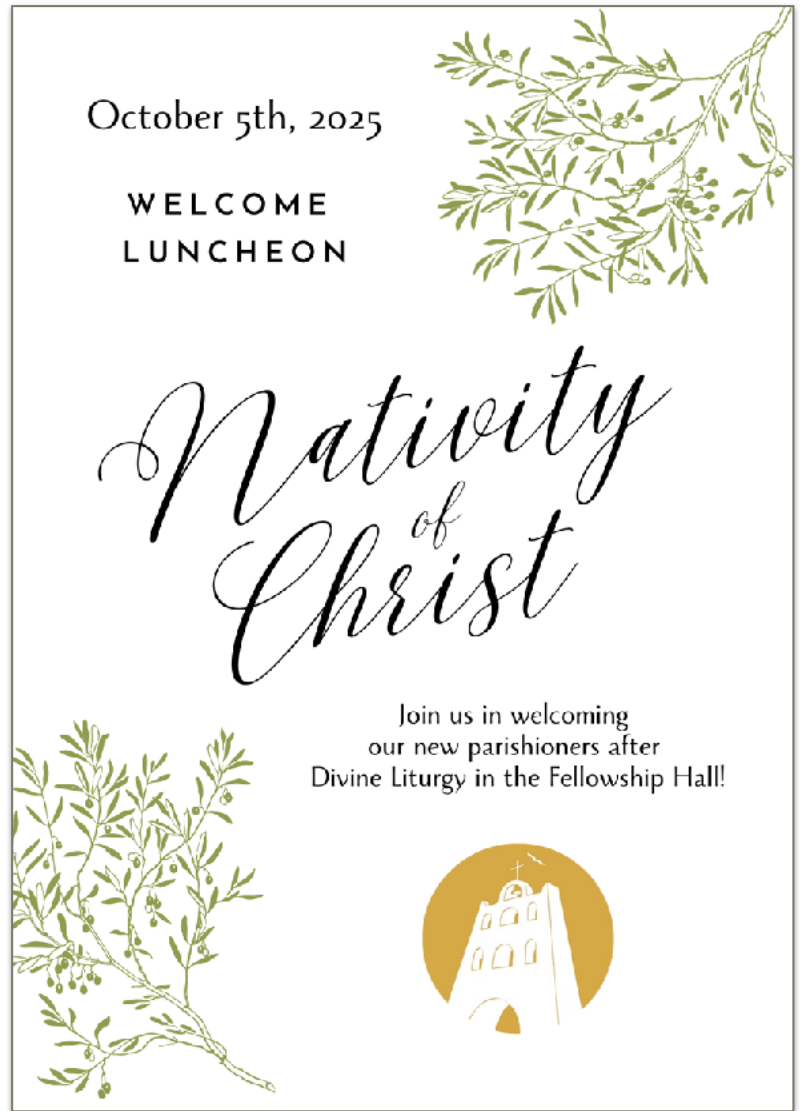
Panaghia Picnic

On Sunday, August 17, our annual Panaghia's Picnic celebrated the recent feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God. Simultaneously, we celebrated the beginning of Sunday School and held a Ministry's Fair. Organized by our Ministry's Director, Eleni Kelley, it was a wonderful day of fellowship, celebrating our students, and exploring the many ministries of our Parish. An additional thank you to Nick Eftimiou for cooking the delicious meal!



Upcoming

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Greek School Is Back — Join Us This Fall!

Greek School at **Nativity of Christ Church** returns with expanded options for all ages!

Youth Classes (In Person Only)

- Wednesdays, 4:15–5:45 PM + Greek Dance!
- Begins: Sept 17 | Location: Church Campus.
- Levels: Preschool, Beginner, Pre-Intermediate, Pre-Intermediate Plus.
- Teachers: Chrissy Zotalis & Eirini Karatzaferi.

Adult Zoom Classes (New!)

- Levels: Beginner, Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate.
- Led by our new instructor from Greece.
- Schedule coming soon!

Questions? Email: greekschool@nativityofchrist.org.



Minoans

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MINOAN DANCERS

Greek folk dance & choral ministry of Nativity of Christ



Scan for more info and to register

First rehearsal:
Wednesday
September 10th



1st grade through college/adult
Wednesday evenings, Sunday afternoons

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August Highlights

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August 13 Paraklesis

After Paraklesis with His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos and Bishop Ioannis, our college students enjoyed dinner and fellowship with our hierarchs. There was wonderful discussion about career choices and keeping Christ in our lives in all that we do...as well as celebrating Bishop Ioannis' birthday. Eis Polla Eti Despota!



SAVE THE DATES

October 4: Preschool Fair 9 am- Noon

October 26: Fall Parish Assembly after Divine Services

November 9: Harvest Luncheon after Divine Services

November 15: Annual Holiday Market & Yiayia's Attic 10 am- 4 pm

Sunday Funday Playground Picnic

Sunday, September 7th,

Following Divine Liturgy and Sunday School.

Join us at the newly renovated Josef Hoog Park!
Let the kids play and parents connect.



There will be snacks & sandwiches for all!

SACK MEAL

FOR THE ST. VINCENT DE
PAUL'S FREE DINING ROOM

PROJECT

WHEN

Wednesday
September 24

WHERE

9-11AM NOC
Kitchen

VOLUNTEERS

4 Volunteers for
Sandwich Making

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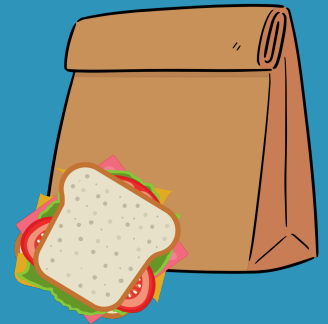
4 Volunteers for
the Assembly Line

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[https://tinyurl.com/
SEPTEMBER025](https://tinyurl.com/SEPTEMBER025)

CONTACT

Elaine Chyrklund at
elainechyrklund@gmail.com
or Mary Kay Stratigos at
mkstrato@gmail.com



*Help prepare 150 sack meals for the needy in our community.
If you are unable to volunteer, monetary donations are welcome.
Cash or check payable to Nativity of Christ Memo: Sack Meal*

NOC
LADIES

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6:00 PM

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Upcoming

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Junior Orthodox Youth (Joy) is a ministry that focuses our children to their Orthodox Faith



- Nurtures kids' relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church
- Equips our youth with the tools to navigate their faith journey
- Builds lifelong friendships

Kiddos Prek -
6th grade
Welcome!

Contact:
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nicole.l.haris@gmail.com

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Junior Orthodox Youth (JOY) is a ministry that focuses our children to their Orthodox Faith from ages PreK-6th Grade!



with

Sister Marie
from Holy Assumption Monastery

21
SEPTEMBER

In the Small Hall
After Divine Liturgy & Sunday School

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nicole.l.haris@gmail.com

Annual Holiday Market & Greek Cuisine

Saturday, November 15th
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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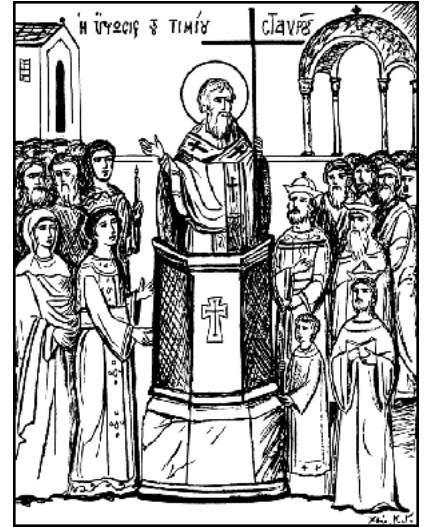
www.NativityOfChirst.org/Holiday-Market

September Name Days

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It is the practice of our Church to give the name of a Saint to a newborn child. By assuming the name of a Saint, we honor the Saint, and we also provide the new Christian with an example worthy of emulation. The Saint then becomes the patron of the child, and we pray that through the Saint's intercessions, God will guide and protect the child throughout the child's life. Each month, we will be acknowledging in our monthly bulletin those celebrating their name day.

If by chance we accidentally missed someone's name day, we ask that you please contact the Church Office so that we may correct our records. We extend our prayers to all those celebrating their name day this month and beseech our heavenly Father to grant them many years!



Sept. 1: St. Afroditi

Effie Fourakis

Sept. 1: Eccl. New Year

Sofia Georgeson

Sofia Kakleas

Athena Lowe

Sophia Metallinos

Sophia Montoya

Sophia Ariana Morgan

Sophia Rizzuti

Sophia Simos

Sophia Stathis

Sept. 3: St. Anthimos

Aristea Papageorge

Phoebe Kalliopi Yatrakis

Sept. 5: Sts. Zacharias &

Elizabeth

Lisa Adams

Elizabeth Farmer

Zachary Georgeson

Elisabeth Muntean

Elizabeth Xydas

Sept. 7: St. Kassiani

Jenny Walters

Sept. 9: Sts. Joachim & Anna

Annie Garver

Ann George

Ann Gigounas

Nancy Slenkin

Anna Smyrni

Anna Stratakis

Niamh Vasilopoulos

Ann Yioulos

Sept. 11: St. Evanthea

Evelyn Grace Morgan

Evanthia Pappas

Sept. 14: Elevation of the Cross

Ari Boosalis

Stavros Fourakis

Brenda Gavallos

Stella Dora Li

Stacy Livadas

Steve Rouman

Sept. 17: St. Sophia

Sophia Chester

Sophia Passaris

Sophia Eleni Stratigos

Sept. 18: St. Ariadne

Arianna Chyrklund

Sept. 20: St. Eustathios

Joshua Dellinger

Sept. 26: St. Euphrosyne

Floretta Burrows

How to donate to the Nativity of Christ from your IRA if you are over 72

Using a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** is a great way for folks over 72 with an IRA who need to withdraw funds to meet a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to contribute to Nativity's Beyond 50 campaign or Stewardship fund. The money you contribute to Nativity using a QCD is not included in your adjusted gross income on your tax return, which is a better option than listing the donation as a simple charitable contribution. According to the IRS:

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is generally a nontaxable distribution made directly by the trustee of your IRA (other than a SEP or SIMPLE IRA) to an organization eligible to receive tax deductible contributions. You must be at least age 72, when the distribution was made. Also, you must have the same type of acknowledgment of your contribution that you would need to claim a deduction for a charitable contribution.

A Lasting Gift for the Church – (Planned Giving)

A bequest or gift through your will is one of the simplest ways to make a lasting gift to the Church. Please consult your financial advisor for advice. A suggested wording: *I hereby bequeath the sum of \$_____ as a charitable bequest to the Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church of Novato (Tax ID23-7122395) to be used for charitable purposes of the Church.*

2025 Stewardship Pledges (as of August 26, 2025)

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Eggleston, Philp & Angela El-Far, Karim & Jasmin Fafoutis, Diane Farmer, Tim & Eleni Flohr, Dave & Diane Fotinos, Vivian			

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 31 12th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i>	1 Ecclesiastical New Year <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	2 Bible Study 9 am Paraklesis 11 am Philoptochos meeting 7 pm	3	4	5	6
			<i>Fast Days</i>		<i>Fast Days</i>	
7 Sunday before Holy Cross Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i> <i>Sunday Eunday</i> <i>Roundtable Discussion</i> <i>Jonathau's House</i>	8 Divine Services - 8:30 am Nativity of the Theotokos VIPs Luncheon	9 Bible Study 9 am Parish Council 7 pm	10 Minoans Dance Practice Book Discussion With Fr. John 7:30 pm	11	12 NOC Ladies Night 6 pm at Active Culture	13 Great Vespers in Belmont Exaltation of Holy Cross
14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i>	15	16 Bible Study 9 am	17 Divine Services - 8:30 am St. Sophia GEM Classes Minoans Dance Practice	18 GYRO-FEST-TO-GO Set Up	19 SON's Night 6:30 pm at Indian Valley Brewing GYRO-FEST-TO-GO Set Up	20 GYRO-FEST-TO-GO 11 am-7 pm
			<i>Fast Days</i>		<i>Fast Days</i>	
21 Sunday after Holy Cross Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i> <i>JOY gathering</i> GYRO-FEST-TO-GO 11 am-7 pm	22	23 Bible Study 9 am	24 Sack Meals 9 am GEM Classes Minoans Dance Practice Book Discussion With Fr. John 7:30 pm	25 Mailing Team 10:00 am	26	27 District 6 Cretan Dance Workshop
			<i>Fast Days</i>			
28 1st Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i>	29	30 Bible Study 9 am				



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