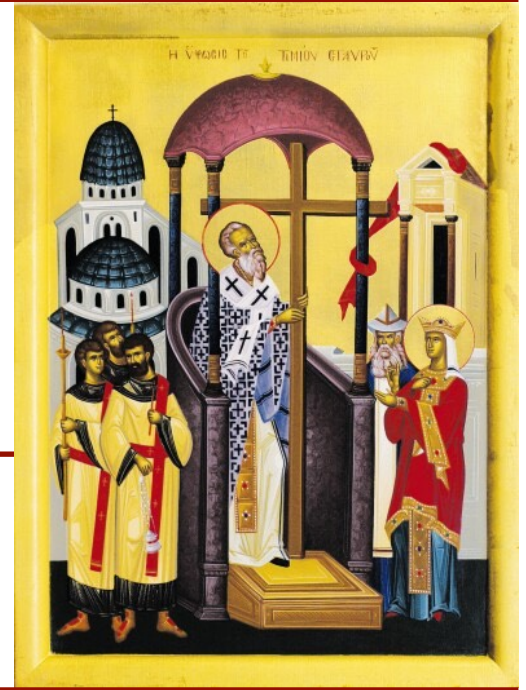


# The Word

September 2023

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



*"At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the Sabbath day. And he stood up to read..."* – Luke 4:16-18

As we commemorate the beginning of the New Ecclesiastical Year on September 1, the Church prescribes the above scriptural passage. At this moment, Christ entered the synagogue and enlightened the people through His reading and discussion of Holy Scripture. As a 12-year-old boy, Jesus was commonly found in the temple amongst the teachers (Luke 2:41). The educated men in the temple were astonished of His understanding **not through His knowledge, but through His questions**. It was through Jesus' questions that He was able to attain and reveal His comprehension and understanding of the scriptures. Yes, Christ, the son of mankind asked questions!

Regardless of age, we should all strive on a regular basis to

understand important scriptural, historical and theological concepts. Christ Himself gives us this example by studying and reading the scriptures to understand God's relationship to humankind while simultaneously grasping His own role in the salvation of the world. We must continually remind ourselves of the natural progression of Christ's learning and studying of Holy Scripture. He asked questions, He read and He discussed.

In addition to personal study, there are three ministries at Nativity of Christ that offer a forum for the community to come together and grow in faith this Ecclesiastical Year:

**Sunday School.** Every Sunday after the Divine Liturgy, all youth ranging from 4 to 18 years of age are invited to attend engaging lessons that focus on various topics of Orthodoxy. Every parent must also continue these conversations at home!

**Bible Study.** Every Tuesday

morning at 9 am in the Conference Room and through Zoom, different scriptural passages will be read and discussed that are pertinent to recent feast days, saints, and our daily lives. There is no reading that is more enriching than the reading of Scripture.

**The Chosen.** Every other Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room and through Zoom, we will be watching and discussing the popular video series, *The Chosen*. All ages are invited and encouraged to participate!

As we begin the new academic and Ecclesiastical Year, may we all be inspired by the example of our Lord to read, ask questions, and discuss our precious Orthodox Faith. By taking a conscious effort to learn, we allow ourselves the opportunity to educate our minds, hearts, and souls.

May it be a fruitful and spiritual edifying academic and Ecclesiastical Year for all of us!

# September Services and Readings

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Date	Service	Time
Sun., Sept. 3	13th Sunday of Matthew	8:30 am
Fri., Sept. 8	Nativity of the Theotokos	8:30 am
Sun., Sept. 10	Sunday before Holy Cross	8:30 am
Thurs., Sept. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	8:30 am
Sun., Sept. 17	Sunday after Holy Cross	8:30 am
Sun., Sept. 24	1st Sunday of Luke	8:30 am
Tues., Sept. 26	The Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian	8:30 am

All services will be streamed.

[Stream Services Here.](#)

## Presbytera Evelyn Adams

Pres. Evelyn Adams would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers and provide you with her updated contact information after her recent move.

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Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Home Phone: 707-787-9800



### His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos

We congratulate His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos on his recent election as Metropolitan of New Jersey. His Eminence served Nativity of Christ for a brief, yet very memorable six months, and he continues to hold a special place in the hearts of Nativity stewards. AXIOS!

### 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 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.*

## Stewardship

Christian Stewardship is learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ's Church.

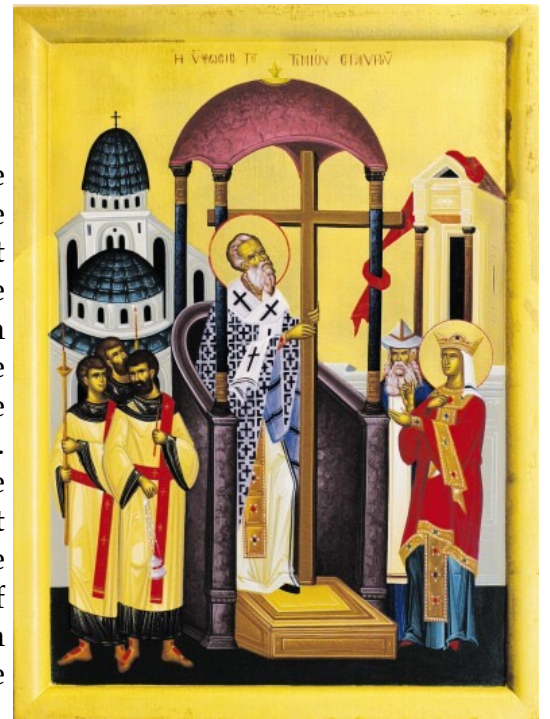
It is learning how to enjoy Church life for inside dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God and our active commitment to use our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind and in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love. It is by offering our blessings back to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, and loving ministry through the Church. For God, infinite as He may be, has chosen to work through us, through our gifts, to continue His saving work in the world. Stewardship calls on the faithful to offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed.



Please consider fulfilling your 2023 pledge if you haven't already. Stewardship forms are available online at [www.nativityofchrist.org](http://www.nativityofchrist.org) or in the Church Office.

## *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.

# Beyond 50

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## Beyond 50 Goal: Expand and Increase Service to the Poor and Needy

On Sunday, August 20, during our Panaghia's Picnic, we honored and thanked Cheryl Messner for all her efforts to serve the poor and needy. Inspired by the goals of our Beyond 50 Plan, Cheryl Messner initiated the efforts of the Sack Meal Project. Through the funding and efforts of our parishioners, Nativity has given nearly 7,000 meals to St. Vincent De Paul in San Rafael since 2020. We are grateful to Elaine Chyrklund and Mary Kay Stratigos who will now be leading the Sack Meal Project beginning Saturday, 23 from 9 - 11 am.

We were all also blessed to welcome Cheryl's husband, Mark, to the Orthodox faith as he was chrismated in February of 2020.

Their involvement in the community has been a blessing and we pray that God continues to bless them as they soon move to Orange County. Thank you Cheryl and Mark!



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## SEPTEMBER SACK MEAL PROJECT

**WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 from 9 am to 11 am**

**WHERE: NOC kitchen**

**SIGN UP LINK: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094AAA72FAAFF2-september>**

Please come help us prepare 150 sack meals for the needy in our community. We will need 5 sandwich makers, 5 helpers to assemble the sack meals, and 2 volunteers to deliver the meals to St. Vincent De Paul Free Dining Room in downtown San Rafael. If you are not able to volunteer, but would like to contribute towards the meals, please send a check to the Church Office with a note that the donation is for **Sack Meals**. Thank you for your support. May we continue to pay our blessings forward and give glory to God through our service to those who are in need.



## Beyond 50 Update

By now, most of us have likely noticed the sign at the bottom of our driveway that was erected in the beginning of the summer. The sign is an official notice to the public required by the City of Novato to inform our neighbors of our plans to make improvements to the property. The first public meeting took place on June 7th, when we participated in a Design Review Workshop at Novato City Hall and received tremendously enthusiastic feedback from the City's Design Review Commission (DRC).

With this feedback, we were anticipating official approval from the DRC at their August 2nd meeting. Unfortunately, the DRC did not have a quorum on August 2nd or on the following meeting date of August 16th. The next scheduled meeting with the DRC at City Hall is set for Wednesday, September 6th at 7 pm. If approved by the DRC, which we fully expect, the plans would then go to the Novato Planning Commission, and then finally to the City Council. Once approved by the City Council, Nativity will be able to submit its final plans for building permits.

Now that we are nearing the completion of the design review phase, it is our desire to receive final feedback from all of you! To that end, we



will be holding two parish-wide Design Review Workshops in the month of October. The first on Sunday, October 1st following Divine Liturgy (to be held in person) and the second on Thursday, October 5th (via Zoom). At each Workshop, members of the Beyond 50 Committee will be offering updates on our progress with the City of Novato, our projected total timeline, and presenting current designs on our large capital projects for parishioner feedback. After completion of the Workshops, our final step will be approval of the final plans at our Fall Parish Assembly, to be held on Sunday, October 15th.



With Parish support, we can submit our final plans for building permits, which will then allow us to more actively pursue contractors to receive bids and have a concrete understanding of pricing for fundraising purposes.

We look forward to hearing from our community at these Workshops so we can continue to pursue an exciting vision for the future of our Parish to connect, engage, and grow!

# Philoptochos

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## Next Meeting

Our next meeting is a board meeting on Tuesday, September 5. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and will be an online Zoom meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83158313960?pwd=V0xTM0xEV3RMaFNZbGJ3Qy9CbNFIQT09>

Meeting ID: 831 5831 3960

Passcode: phil



## Did you know...Philoptochos History

During WWII, Philoptochos embarked on what would become one of the projects closest to our heart. In 1944 Philoptochos purchased the former Rupert Estate on the cliffs of the Hudson. The estate, renamed Saint Basil's Academy, became a haven for children from war-torn Greece. Later it became the site of a respected Teachers college. Today, it is still a home away from home for children in need. Our annual Vasilopita commitment provides funds for the upkeep of the Academy.

## Fellowship Hour is back!

Groups have been assigned for hosting Fellowship Hour. Please contact Irene Meehan [imeehan715@gmail.com](mailto:imeehan715@gmail.com) if you would like to participate in hosting fellowship hour. Each group has 3 or more parishioners and is a fun and easy way to support our time together.

## Supporting our Community

October 29 is the next opportunity for us to support this Homeward Bound program. Johnathan's Place is the only emergency shelter for adults in Marin County. Philoptochos provides dinner for the residents of Jonathan's Place on the 5th Sunday of any month that has 5 Sundays. If you would like to be involved in providing a meal or serving the meal, please contact Gigi Medan.

## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, October 28:** Metropolis Gala at the Westin St Francis Hotel - Celebrating Ministries, Honoring Extraordinary Leadership – More to come.

**Sunday, October 29:** Prepare dinner for Jonathan's place.

## *The 50th Anniversary Albums Are Still Available!*

This 228-page, hardbound book beautifully conveys the rich history of our parish while honoring the countless individuals who have given their time, talent, and treasure to establish our blessed community. Nativity of Christ is a special parish that provides a spiritual home for all of us and for the generations to come!

These beautiful books are available for purchase for only \$40 at the Church Office during the week.



# Religious Education

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## 2023-2024 Sunday School

The first day of Sunday School was August 20, 2023. If you have not yet registered for the 2023-2024 Sunday School year, here is the link to our online registration: <https://forms.gle/5Q8BvQb3RiuTrgfH9> or find the link on the Education page of the Nativity of Christ website. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that we have updated and accurate contact, health, and grade level information on file.

## 2023-2024 Sunday School Teachers

Preschool: Chryssa Zotalis

Kindergarten and 1: Presbyteria Stephanie Kocolas and Kathy Marshall

2 - 5 grade: Stella Stenros

6 - 8 grade: Patrick Fuss and Christina Thomatos

9 - 12 grade: Michael and Marika Yakumithis

Sunday School Director: Sara Allen

Program Support: Kathy Marshall



## *Panaghia Picnic*

We thank Rose and John Hunter, Jenny Walters, Dina Stathis, Michael and Marika Yakumithis, Christo and Despina Papageorge, and Michelle Manos for organizing this year's Panaghia Picnic. It was an exciting day to begin Sunday School classes for our students as well. There was delicious food, festive music, and a jump house for our students.

We additionally thank the Hunter, Papageorge, Stathis, and Stratigos families for hosting the Parish through their generosity. Many years to all those who celebrate their feast and may we always have the intercessions of the Mother of God!



## *Greek Experience Ministry*

Greek Experience Ministry officially begins classes the Week of September 11. For any questions on tuition, enrollment and class schedule please email Chryssa Zotalis at [greekschool@nativityofchrist.org](mailto:greekschool@nativityofchrist.org). We offer classes for all ages, in-person and zoom. Greek School is also adding a 4-week Greek song program as a new method of learning the Greek language. For all Greek School students, we are offering access to books that you can check out from our new Greek book library for all ages. Looking forward to seeing everyone for the fall semester!

# VIP Gatherings

All seniors are invited for our monthly gathering  
after Divine Liturgy.

September 14 (Exaltation of Holy Cross)  
October 26 (St. Demetrios)  
November 9 (St. Nektarios)

Please contact Vasiliki Tzafopoulos or Erene Sotiras for more details.

## Watch and Study Group SEASON I

### The CHOSEN

August 30: Ep. 1 "I Have Called You By Name"  
September 14: Ep. 2 "Shabbat"  
September 27: Ep. 3 "Jesus Loves The Children"

Viewing: 6:30 pm  
Discussion: 7:30 pm

Join Fr. John in the Conference Room or through Zoom as we discuss the popular video series depicting the miracles and life of Jesus Christ.  
(All episodes available for free online at [www.angel.com](http://www.angel.com))



# Minoan Dancers

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## GYRO-FEST-TO-GO

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE NOC DANCE MINISTRY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

GYROS,  
FRIES,  
BAKLAVA &  
GREEK  
SODA



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## MINOAN DANCERS

Greek folk dance ministry of  
Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church



New dancers welcome!  
No experience needed!

Greek folk dance lessons resume in September  
for four age groups  
Kindergarten through college/adult



Contact Effie Fourakis for schedule and to sign up [effiejf@me.com](mailto:effiejf@me.com)

# Clergy Visits

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His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco,  
Fr. Dean Botsis, St. Haralambos, Chicago, IL



Fr. Simeon Corona,  
St. Gregory of Nyssa, El Cajon, CA



Fr. Jon Magoulias,  
Annunciation, Modesto, CA



Fr. Nicholas Mueller,  
Ascension in Oakland, CA



Fr. Athanasios Minetos,  
St. Basil, Chicago, IL



Participants of the Bay Area CrossRoad Program



Angelo Bruno, Hellenic College

# Get Connected

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## Beyond 50 Goal: Expand & Increase Support for Existing Parish Ministries

We have a numerous amount of ministries for every age and demographic of our community. Communicating information about these ministries is of upmost importance. Through the Flocknote platform, we are excited to embark on a new form of communication through text messaging! Now, parishioners will be able to receive direct and concise information about upcoming events, funded by the Beyond 50 Plan.

**Want to be in the know at Nativity?  
You're a text away!**



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**To Sign Up:**

**Text: NOCPARISH to 84576**

**or**

**Visit: [nativityofchristgoc.flocknote.com/](https://nativityofchristgoc.flocknote.com/)**

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Our Fall Parish Assembly  
is scheduled for Sunday,  
October 15 after Divine  
Liturgy.**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**8th ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR**



**NATIVITY OF CHRIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023**

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

# Sparkle Backpack Event

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## Sparkle

On August 3, Nativity of Christ had the honor to host the Sparkle Foundation Incorporated and many local fire and police departments as 5000 donated backpacks were dispersed to local schools. Wishing all our students a safe and successful school year!

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer over an open Bible. The Bible is lying flat on a rustic wooden table. The lighting is soft and focused on the hands and the Bible.

**BIBLE STUDY**

**Tuesdays 9 am**

# 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: Eccl. New Year

Sofia Georgeson

Sofia Kakleas

Athena Lowe

Sophia Metallinos

Sophia Montoya

Sophia Rizzuti

Sophia Simos

Sophia Stathis

Sophia Stathis

## Sept 1: St. Afroditi

Effie Fourakis

## Sept. 3: St. Phoebe

Phoebe Kalliopi Yatrakis

## Sept. 3: St. Aristeia

Aristeia Papageorge

## Sept. 4: St. Hermione

Mary Mellas

## Sept. 5: Sts. Zacharias and

Elizabeth

Lisa Adams

Elizabeth Farmer

Zachary Georgeson

Elisabeth Muntean

Elizabeth Xydas

## Sept 7: St. Kassiani

Kassiani Jouganatos

Jenny Walters

## Sept 9: Sts. Joachim and Anna

Annie Garver

Ann George

Ann Gigounas

Nancy Slenkin

Anna Smyrni

Anna Stratakis

Niamh Vasilopoulos

Anna Wildermuth

Ann Yioulos

## Sept 11: St. Evanthea

Evanthia Pappas

## Sept 14: Elevation of the Cross

Stavros Fourakis

Stella Dora Li

Stacy Livadas

Steve Rouman

## Sept 15: St. Nikitas

Brenda Gavallos

## Sept. 17: St. Sophia

Sophia Chester

Sophia Passaris

Sophia Eleni Stratigos

## Sept 18: St. Ariadne

Arianna Chyrklund

## Sept. 20: St. Eustathios

Joshua Dellinger

## Sept. 25: St. Euphrosyne

Floretta Burrows

## Sept 26: St. John the

Theologian

John Mellas

# SAVE THE DATES

Wild West Dance: October 14, 2023

Parish Assembly: October 15, 2023

Holiday Bazaar: November 11, 2023

# 2023 Stewardship Pledges (as of August 25, 2023)

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Presiding Priest Fr. John & Pres. Stephanie Kocolas	Zaphiris Flohr, Dave & Diane Fotinos, Vivian Fourakis, Vasilis & Effie Franklin, Alexandra Friedman, Peter & Katina Pantzes Fuss, Patrick Gagas, Charles & Claire Gavallos, Victor D. Gavallos, Victor & Brenda George, Pete & Ann Georgeson, George & Debbie Geron, Diana Gikkas, Pete & Vickie Hatos Gikkas, Stephanie Haginicols, Amalia Hajopoulos, Kathy Hall, Bryan & Paula Plessas-Hall Hamill, John & Athanasia Hanacek, Nick & Victoria Hanis, Jim & Stella Haralambopoulos, Costas & Ria Haris, George & Georgia Haris, Nico & Nicole Haritoudas, Stamatia Harris, Helen Harvey, Robert & Elaine Hontalas, Chris & Susan Hontalas, Frank & Eve Hundley, Courtney & Marilyn Hunter, John & Rose Iannios, Demetrios & Manulani Jorgensen, Eric & Mary Kakleas, Jon Kalabokes, Chris Kamages, Christ & Pat Kambur, JoAnne Kanas, Nick &Carolynn Karaszi, Noula Katelanis, Olympia Kavantjas, Diane Kavouklis, Chris & Tonia Birmpakou Keller, Ed & Karen Kelley, Stephen & Eleni Kokalis, George & Debbie Kosmas, Anthony & Anthonia Kozas, Anna Kozas, Tom & Angero Kozas, Nonda & Nicole Kuvelis, Dean & Denise Kuvelis, Xenia Lagios, Michael & Sheila Lendaris, Antonia Lendaris, George Li, Robert & Stephanie Pappas Livadas, Carl & Stacy Livanos, Nick & Patti Lourdes, Vasiliki Lucas, Matt & Fei Lynn, Tom & Lucy Madias, Alexander & Robyn	Madias, Constantine & Marti Madias, Evangelia Madias, Joanna Madias, Theodore Manesis, Alexandra Mantalvanos, Alex & Maria Manos, Michele Margaronis, Anastassios & Maya Marshall, Philip & Kathy Mavromihalis, Steven & Vickie Mayer, Paul & Diana Demetrulias Mavrantonis, Antoni & Maureen Maguire Medan, Dushan & Gigi Meehan, Nicole Meehan, Tom & Irene Meek, Gerald & Stamatina Meek, Jason Mehas, Christine Meredith, Kent & Angela Koros Messner, Mark & Cheryl Metallinos, Sophia Misthos, Eileen Morales, Marlon & Andrea Morris, Susan Morrissey, Lloyd & Anastasia Pinoris O'Connor Wayne & Betty Zootis Oetzel, Bob & Pauline Orologas, Julie Orologas, Katerina Pajcini, Marlen & Valentina Papageorge, Christos & Despina Panagotacos, James & Diane Papanikolaou, George & Soula Papanikolaou, Marina Papedo, Janice Passaris, Michael & Meredith Passaris, Theodore & Elaine Pauletti, Jeff & Alexandra Pederson, Daniela Perivolaris, Nick Perivolaris, Sara Petracopoulos, Thelma Petraakis, Steve Picras, Beatrice Pineda, Andy & Matina Seremetis Pogni, Dean & Georgena Porter, Bryan & Melina Powers, William & Kiki Taft Psaros, Stamatis & Helen Rishwain, Darron & Pamela Roland, George & Doris Ross, Sylvia Rouman, Steve & Liz Saldana, Mario & Jennifer Sandoval, Irene Sarantakis, George & Susan	Jensen Saris, Tony & Betty Scanagatta, Roman & Eleni Selmi, Catherine Selmi, Helen Sideris, Stassie Siefkas, Chris & Susan Simon, Kay Slenkin, Alex & Nancy Smith, Evdokia Smyrni, Anna Soeten, Alexandra Sotiras, Erene Sotiras, George Sotiras, Maria Sotiras, Fr. Pete & Angie Squires, Michael & Johanna Starling, Eric & Irene Stathis, Pete & Dina Stathis, Sophia Stathis, Sophia Ariana Stavrinides, Nicholas Stavrinides, Thalia Stenos, Stuart & Stella Stockton, John & Susan Stratigos, Spiro & Mary Kay Tacticos, George Tangalakis, Odysseus & Joanna Tarazi, Alex & Carla Thomatos, Dennis & Christina Touras, Antonios & Antonia Trapalis, Niovi Trevoledes, Patrice Tzafopoulos, Vasiliki Tzagarakis, Martina Vallas, James & Judith Vasilopoulos, Nick & Eileen Gordon Vassiliou, Maggie Vlahakos, Nick & Georgia Walters, Amalia Walters, Jennifer Walters, Scott & Karen Weeks, Dan & Stacey Weipking, Ruari & Alexandra Kremer Wildermuth, Anna Xenelis, Nicholas Yakumithis, Michael & Marika Yatrakis, Christopher & Eirini Karatzaferi Yioulos, Dean & Ann Zaferiou, Paul & Phyllis Zahariudakis, Dimitrios & Haroula
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# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> New Ecclesiastical Year New Year's Day FN						
Fast Days						
<b>3</b> <u>13th Sunday of Matthew</u> Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Labour Day</i> Office Closed	<b>5</b> Bible Study 9 am Philoptochos 7 pm	<b>6</b>   Fast Days	<b>7</b> Divine Services - 8:30 am Exaltation of the Holy Cross VII's after Liturgy GEM: 6:30 pm - Zoom The Chosen 6:30 pm	<b>8</b> Divine Services - 8:30 am Nativity of the Theotokos	<b>9</b>   GYRO-FEST-TO-GO
<b>10</b> <u>Sunday before Holy Cross</u> Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i>	<b>11</b> GEM: 4 pm - Zoom GEM: 5 pm - Zoom GEM: 6:30 pm - Zoom	<b>12</b> Bible Study 9 am Parish Council 7 pm	<b>13</b> Great Vespers in Belmont Exaltation of Holy Cross  Fast Days	<b>14</b> Divine Services - 8:30 am Exaltation of the Holy Cross VII's after Liturgy GEM: 6:30 pm - Zoom The Chosen 6:30 pm	<b>15</b>   Fast Days	<b>16</b>   GYRO-FEST-TO-GO
<b>17</b> <u>Sunday after Holy Cross</u> Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i> GEM: 12:15 at NOC GYRO-FEST-TO-GO	<b>18</b> GEM: 4 pm - Zoom GEM: 5 pm - Zoom GEM: 6:30 pm - Zoom	<b>19</b> Bible Study 9 am	<b>20</b> Minoans Dance Practices GEM: 7 pm - Zoom  Fast Days	<b>21</b> GEM: 6:30 pm - Zoom Sons of Nativity 7 pm	<b>22</b>   Fast Days	<b>23</b>   GYRO-FEST-TO-GO
<b>24</b> <u>1st Sunday of Luke</u> Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i> GEM: 12:15 at NOC Minoans Dance Practices	<b>25</b> GEM: 4 pm - Zoom GEM: 5 pm - Zoom GEM: 6:30 pm - Zoom	<b>26</b> Divine Services - 8:30 am The Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian	<b>27</b> Mailing Team 10 am Minoans Dance Practices The Chosen 6:30 pm GEM: 7 pm - Zoom  Fast Days	<b>28</b> GEM: 6:30 pm - Zoom	<b>29</b>   Fast Days	<b>30</b>   GYRO-FEST-TO-GO





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