

The Word

December 2023

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



As we have celebrated Thanksgiving and now approach Christmas, we find ourselves in the “the Holiday Season.” Shopping, gift giving, Christmas tree decorating and hot apple cider are commonly associated to this time of the year. Many cherish this period for these reasons but do we remember the reason we joyfully celebrate this time of year? Love and joy are the real reasons for this holiday season and as Orthodox Christians we must strive to not let all the other themes of this winter season overcome the true source of love and joy: the birth of our Lord. Let us stop to reflect about what this means:

Before Christ’s birth, God in the Old Testament is often times a voice or a presence in the clouds. The prophets describe revelations of God but they never experienced God as man. They communicated with God through conversation and prayer but never knew God in the flesh. Through the Nativity however, God has put on flesh and through the most Holy Panaghia, became man. For thousands of years before the Nativity of Christ, the world could only comprehend God’s presence as a voice or sound but now, we experience Him as a person.

When we celebrate the Divine Liturgy we must remember that only through Christ’s incarnation and birth can the Holy Spirit now come down and change the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. Only through His birth can God be depicted as a man in the icons that adorn our Church. Only through His birth could He die on the Cross, trample upon death by death and give life to those in the tombs. And only through realizing the significance of His birth can we truly celebrate this special and holy time of the year.

During this season we will certainly decorate our Christmas trees, exchange gifts with loved ones and drink hot apple cider. But let us not forget the reason our homes are filled with such blessings and love. God has not only granted us these blessings and given us the ability to love, but has also sent His Son into the world out of His love for us. As we gather with family, friends and loved ones during this Holiday Season, I pray that as Orthodox Christians we do not forget the most important aspect of this season: God taking on flesh through the birth of our Lord God and Savior.

May our incarnated Lord continue to bring health and happiness to you all!

December Services and Readings

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All services will be streamed.
[Stream Services Here.](#)

Date	Service	Time
Sat., Dec. 2	St. Porphyrios	8:30 am
Sun., Dec. 3	10th Sunday of Luke	8:30 am
Wed., Dec 6	St. Nicholas	8:30 am
Sun., Dec. 10	11th Sunday of Luke	8:30 am
Tues. Dec 12	St. Spyridon	8:30 am
Sun., Dec. 17	Sunday before Nativity	8:30 am
Wed., Dec. 20	St. Ignatius	8:30 am
Fri., Dec 22	Royal Hours	8:30 am
Sun., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Liturgy	8:30 am
Mon., Dec. 25	Holy Nativity	8:30 am
Wed., Dec. 27	St. Stephen	8:30 am
Sat., Dec 30	Great Vespers	6 pm
Sun., Dec. 31	Sunday before Theophany	8:30 am

Flower Donations

As we celebrate our Lord's Birth and Parish feast day, we are blessed to decorate our Nativity icon on the iconostasion and processional icon for our Apodosis feast day. If you would like to make a donation for these decorations please contact the Church Office or Fr. John. Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Parish Council Elections

Parish Council elections will be held Sunday, December 3, 2023, after Divine Liturgy in our Fellowship Hall. There will be four vacancies on the Parish Council for 2024. Two applications for Parish Council were received for this 2024 three-year term:

Michael Yakumithis

Bill Adams

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Visit: nativityofchristgoc.flocknote.com/

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Beyond 50 Workshop

On Sunday, November 5, a video presentation was given to update parishioners on the progress of the Beyond 50 Plan and particularly the three remaining capitol projects: the Narthex Gateway, Small Hall, and Accessibility. There was a fruitful and productive session of questions and discussion and we thank all of the parishioners for vocalizing their questions, concerns, and support for these projects. The Beyond 50 Workshop Video Presentation is also available on the church's website.



Nativity of Christ Preschool



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PRESCHOOL

Opening a preschool was part of the original goals of the Beyond 50 Plan and through the efforts of our Ministries Director, Eleni Kelley, we continue to pursue opening in the Fall of 2024. To this date we have:

- Purchased and installed furniture for the classrooms and exterior fencing to establish the outside play area.
- Completed and submitted documentation to become a license child care facility.
- Received preliminary inspection from the local fire department to insure our space is safe for future preschool use.

All of this is possible through stewardship and donations to our Beyond 50 Plan. We are grateful to all those who have supported this effort and greatly look forward to welcoming children on our campus in the Fall of 2024!



Missions and Evangelism

We thank Susan Seifkas and Floretta Burrows for setting up a table at the Holiday Bazaar to speak about our Orthodox faith to all of our guests; a wonderful example for each of us to feel comfortable freely speaking about our faith in Christ.



2024 Stewardship

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Stewardship and the Season of Giving

What shall we offer you, O Christ? Who for our sake appeared on earth as a human? Every creature made by you offers you thanksgiving. The angels offer you hymn, the heavens, a star, the magi, gifts, the shepherds, their wonder, the earth, its cave, the wilderness, a manger, and we offer to you, a Virgin Mother, (Hymn of Vespers).

The simplicity of the story of Christ's birth reveals a depth of God's love and the mystery of His actions in our life. As we celebrate Christmas anew this year, once again Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and wise men, the angels and animals direct our attention to the Lord Jesus. He who is truly the "way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6), who reveals Himself in the humble circumstances of a cave in Bethlehem. All of time is centered upon his coming. All of creation surrounds Him who fashioned the creation.

The story of the birth of Christ is a vivid reminder of the depth of God's love for us. He loves us so much that He has entered into life in this world in the person of Christ. The infinite God mysteriously accepted the limitations of our humanity. To express his boundless love for us, the Living God appeared among us in the person of Christ Our Lord. Christ has come to teach us, to heal us, and to lead us back to the Father. As Saint John the Evangelist says, "God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son so that all who believe in Him will not be lost but will have eternal life."

As we gather with our family and friends this season, let us remember that the coming of Christ is truly at the heart of the Christmas celebrations.

A friendly reminder that as we kick off our 2024 Stewardship Campaign, there is still time to fulfill your 2023 pledge if you haven't already. www.nativityofchrist.org/giving

Metropolis Gala

On October 28, many parishioners represented Nativity of Christ at the San Francisco Metropolis Gala.



2024 NATIVITY OF CHRIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

Orthodox Christian Stewardship is our active commitment to use all our time and talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love. Christian Stewardship is your relationship to God and God's church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work, for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God.

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____ **EMAIL** _____
(Name Day: _____) May we add you to our parish email list?
 yes / no / I/We are already on it

HOME PHONE _____ **ADDRESS** _____

SPOUSE _____ **PHONE** _____ **EMAIL** _____
(Name Day: _____)

May we include your contact information in the parish directory (If yes, please indicate any information you would like excluded) yes no

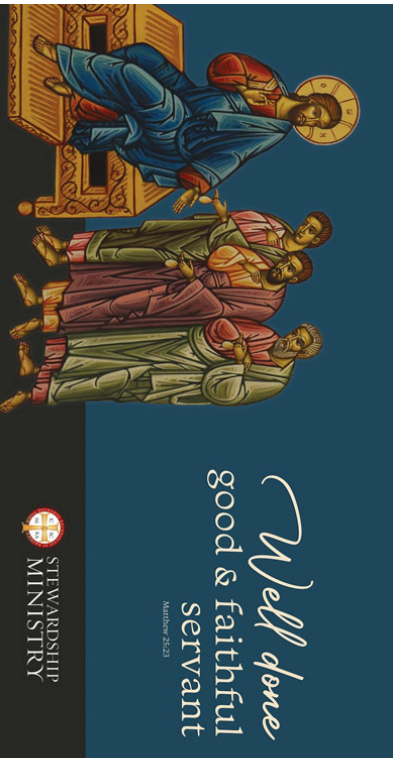
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TREASURE In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We Pledge to contribute for Christ's work at Nativity of Christ for the year 2024 the following amount: \$ _____

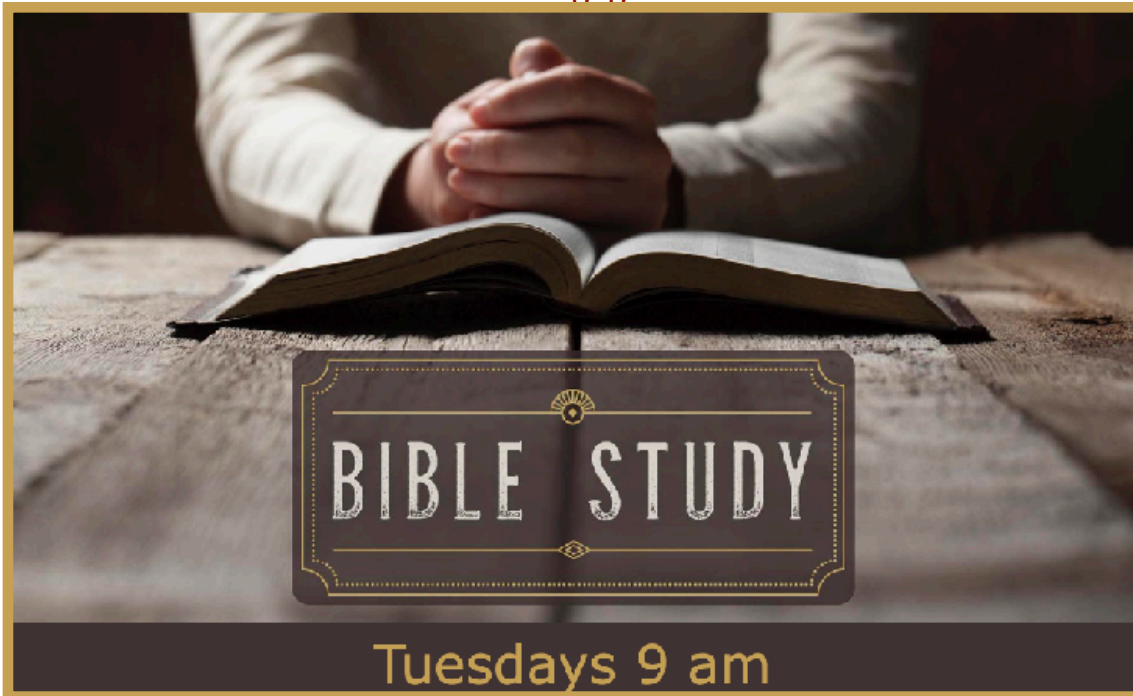
TIME AND TALENT MINISTRY INTERESTS
 Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check (✓). Families should mark "H" for husband, "W" for wife or "C" for children.



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Feed the Hungry | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden & Landscape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Narthex Greeters | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation – Shut-ins | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOYA (Youth) | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults | <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing Prep Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Leader | <small>(YAL)</small> | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Mgr/Review | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior/Exterior Repairs |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies' Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Reader | <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Clean-up | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sons of Nativity | <input type="checkbox"/> Baking Prosfora | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Fellowship | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Bookstore | | |

Religious Education

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Watch and Study Group

The CHOSEN

December 6: Season 2 Episodes 5 & 6
December 20: Season 2 Episodes 7 & 8
January 3: Season 3 Episodes 1 & 2

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)

More Upcoming Dates to Save

Friday, January 5: First Fridays Family Night

Sunday, January 7: Vasilopita Luncheon

Saturday, February 3: Community Crab Feed

Philoptochos

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Upcoming Events

December 2: Blanket tying
December 5: Great Vespers – St. Nicholas, San Anselmo
December 17: Nativity Christmas Program
December 31: New Year's Eve celebration
January 7: Vasilopita sale and Celebration Brunch

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is a board meeting on Tuesday, December 5. The hybrid meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Join us at church or online with Zoom.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83158313960?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83158313960?pwd=V0xTM0xEV3RMaFNZbGJ3Qy9CbNFIQT09)

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Meeting ID: 831 5831 3960

Passcode: phil



Did you know...Philoptochos History

In the 1960s, Philoptochos rejected Timothy Leary's admonition to, "Turn On and Tune out." Instead we joined the Beatles proclamation that "All you need is Love." During this tempestuous decade Archbishop Iakovos marched side by side with Martin Luther King, Jr. for civil rights in Selma Alabama, Philoptochos discovered the strength of combined spirit. Stay tuned for more about the 60's in the next Word.

Yiayia's Attic

Thank you to all who donated to our Attic. It was a great success, and the funds will be used to continue to support the goals of our Philoptochos.

Harvest Luncheon

Approximately 80 parishioners enjoyed our Harvest Luncheon. Thanks to all who helped donate, make and serve the delicious food.

Vasilopita day and Brunch

January 7 is set for the brunch. This year in addition to selling Vasilopita loaves, we will be providing a wonderful brunch to all who join our community gathering after Liturgy.



Annual Vasilopita Sale

Sunday

January 7, 2024

All proceeds benefit the children of St. Basil Academy

Minimum donation \$18.00 each

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Loaves: _____ @ \$18.00 Each

I have enclosed my donation of: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **Philoptochos**, memo "St. Basil"

Mail or take order form to the Church Office

Pre-Order Deadline: **January 2, 2024**

Highlights of Recent Events

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SONs Monday Night Football at the Rouman home.



Trunk or Treat Family Day



1st Friday Family Night: Pizza, Paint, and Pie



Ladies Night at Mantra Winery.



VIPs

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2024 Directory

We will be including a printed 2024 Parish Directory in the January Calendar mailing. If you have any changed contact information that you have not provided to the Church Office, please email us at office@nativityofchrist.org or call us at 415-883-1998 to update your information prior to December 15.

VIP Gatherings

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

December 6 (St. Nicholas)
January 18 (Sts. Athanasios & Cyril)
February 2 (The Presentation of our Lord)

Please contact Vasiliki Tzafopoulos or Erene Sotiras for more details.



Parishioners gathered for the Sack Meals Project on October 31.



November 9th VIPs luncheon

December Sack Meals Project

WHEN: Tuesday, December 5th, 2023, 9 am

WHERE: NOC kitchen

Please come help us prepare 100 sack meals for the needy in our community. We will need 4 sandwich makers, 4 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 the **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.

Sign Up Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094AAAA72FAAFF2-45395323-november>

Upcoming Events

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Blankets
donated in
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12TH ANNUAL

Dinner
will
be
provided

FAMILY BLANKET TYING NIGHT

Saturday December 2nd
Vespers at 5 pm followed by
blankets & dinner

Since 2011, we have tied and donated over 800 blankets to the Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital and the Center for Domestic Peace

Monetary and labor donations are needed to make this happen once again

BRING YOUR FAMILY, TIE BLANKETS, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Upcoming Events

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Ladies Wreath Making Class

Marmalade Sky Florist,
Kentucky St., Petaluma

12.08.2023

6:00PM \$85

Please RSVP to
ekelley@nativityofchrist.org
by November 26th

Christmas Koulourakia Cooking Class

FRIDAY | 12.01.23 | 5-7PM

\$20 for adults \$15 for Kids 10 & Under



please RSVP to ekelley@nativityofchrist.org by Nov. 26th

[RSVP to Wreath Making Event Here](#)

[RSVP to Koulourakia Cooking Class Here](#)

Sons Of Nativity

12 - 15 - 2023

Holiday Get Together at
HenHouse Brewing Co.

Grant Ave. Novato

7:00 pm

HenHouse
BREWING CO.

FEATURED FOOD TRUCK



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Chocolate gifting for friends & family

Hello friends! We're raising money for our dancers [selling delicious See's Candies online](#)

Every purchase supports our program, so your holiday shopping will be extra meaningful.

★ Let's make this season brighter together! ★

Need more info?
Call/text
Effie 415-823-9433
Sophia 925-998-2698

Angel Tree

Nativity of Christ will be participating again this year in donating new, unwrapped gifts for seniors and children through the Salvation Army's Angel



Tree program. Please take a tag (or two!) which are on the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall. Please return your gift (unwrapped in a bag with the tag securely attached) to the hall no later than Sunday, December 17, 2023. The gifts will be picked up and distributed to those in need. If you have any questions, please email Elaine Chyrklund (elainechyrklund@gmail.com). Thank you!

Elaine Chyrklund and Christina Tzagarakis-Foster

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.*

Community Opportunities

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Nativity of Christ Great Vespers and Apodosis Dinner

Come celebrate our Name Day as a community!

Saturday, December 30

Great Vespers at 6:00 pm followed by Apodosis Dinner



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NATIVITY CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 17th - Promptly After Our Pageant

Join us as we set out to bring

Holiday Cheer to our Elderly Parishioners

e-mail ekelley@nativityofchrist.org for questions



December 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!



Dec. 4: St. Barbara

Barbara Batbie
Barbara Owens

Dec. 6: St. Nicholas

Nick Grgich
Nicole Captanian
Nikolas Chester
Nick Daifotis
Nicholas Delis
Nicole Efstathiou
Niko Eggleston
Nicholas Enriquez
Nicole Frangos
Nicole Gavallos
Nicholas Hanacek
Nicolas Haris
Nicole Haris
Nikolaos Hawes
Nick Hillman
Nicholas Jacoby
Nicholas Kambur
Nick Kanas
Nick Kokalis
Nicole Kozas
Nikos Kuvelis
Nick Livanos
Nicholas Lynn
Nicole Mavromihalis
Nicole Meehan
Nicholas Messner
Nicole Papageorge
Nicolette Payea

Nicholas Perivolaris
Nick Psaros
Darron Rishwain
Nicole Rizzuti
Nicholas Sexauer
Nicholas Stavrinides
Nikolas Spiro Stratigos
Nick Vlahakos
Nicholas Xenelis

Dec. 9: St. Hannah

Hannah Messner

Dec. 9: St. Anna

Anna Kozas
Meredith Passaris
Anna-Maria Simos
Emre Aaron Dellinger

Dec. 12: St. Spyridon

Rocco Spiro Hanacek
Spiro Stratigos

Dec. 15: St. Eleutherios

Ria Haralambopoulos
Ellie Haris

Dec. 15: St. Susannah

Sylvia Haritakis
Sylvia Ross
Susan Stockton

Dec. 17: St. Dionysios

Dennis Cordellos
Dennis Thomatos

Dec. 22: St. Anastasia

Pamela Barksdale

Dec. 24: St. Eugenia

Evelyn Adams
Eugenia Dracopoulos

Dec. 25: Nativity of Christ

Chris Antonis
Christian Castro
Rustam Gagas
Chris Kalabokes
Christ Kamages
Christos Kavouklis
Christos Pantazes
Christos Papageorge
Chris Siefkas

Dec. 26: St. Euthemios

Emmanuel Kaliontzakis

Dec. 26: St. Joseph

Donald Batbie

Dec. 27: St. Stephen

Steven Aaron
Stephanie Anagnostou
Jeffrey Castro
Stephanie Delis
Stephanie Lynn Gikkas
Stephen Kelley
Stephanie Kocolas
Steve Liveditis
Steven Mavromihalis
Steve Petrakis
Steve Rangoussis
Stephen Alexander Vlahakos
Phyllis Zaferiou

2023 Stewardship Pledges (as of November 27, 2023)

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Presiding Priest Fr. John & Pres. Stephanie Kocolas	Farmer, Timothy & Helen Fisher, Gary & Alex 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 Kaliontzakis, Emmanuel & Bessie Mitskaris Kamages, Christ & Pat Kambur, JoAnne Kanas, Nick &Carolynn Karasz, 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, Mike & Laurie Madias, Theodore Manesis, Alexandra Mantalvanos, Alex & Maria Manos, Michele Margaronis, Anastassios & Maya Marshall, Philip & Kathy Mavromihalis, Steven & Vickie Mayer, Paul & Diana Demetruilas 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 Pantazes, Christos & Jackie Papanikolaou, George & Soula Papanikolaou, Marina Papedo, Janice Passaris, Michael & Meredith Passaris, Theodore & Elaine Pauletti, Jeff & Alexandra Pederson, Daniela Perivolaris, Nick Perivolaris, Sara Petracopoulos, Thelma Petrakis, 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 Stenros, 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 Trevoleades, Patrice Tzafopoulos, Demetrius & Cynthia 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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December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Family First Friday Koulourakia Cooking Class 5 pm	2 Divine Services - 8:30 am St. Porphyrios Great Vespers 5 pm Blanket Tying 6 pm FN
			<i>Fast Days</i>			
3 10th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> PC Elections GEM and Dance Practice	4 GEM Zoom	5 Sack Meals 9 am Great Vespers at St. Nicholas San Anselmo Philoptochos General Meeting 7 pm	6 Divine Services - 8:30 am St. Nicholas VIPs after Liturgy Minoans Dance Practices The Chosen 6:30 pm GEM Zoom	7 GEM Zoom	8 GEM at NOC Ladies Night Wreath Making 6 pm	9 Sparkle Gift Drive Great Vespers 5 pm
10 11th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am GEM and Dance Practice	11 GEM Zoom	12 Divine Services - 8:30 am St. Spyridon Parish Council 7 pm	13 Minoans Dance Practices GEM Zoom	14 GEM Zoom	15 Sons of Nativity at Henhouse Brewing 7 pm	16 Great Vespers 5 pm
			<i>Fast Days</i>			
17 Sunday before Nativity Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am Nativity Program Angel Tree Gifts Due Christmas Caroling	18 GEM Zoom	19	20 Divine Services - 8:30 am St. Ignatius the God-Bearer Minoans Dance Practices The Chosen 6:30 pm GEM Zoom	21 GEM Zoom	22 Royal Hours 8:30 am	23
			<i>Fast Days</i>			
24 Christmas Eve Liturgy Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am Family Worship	25 Divine Services - 8:30 am Holy Nativity of Our Lord 	26	27 Divine Services - 8:30 am St. Stephen Mailing Team 10:30 am GEM Zoom	28 GEM Zoom	29	30 Apodosis Great Vespers 6pm Dinner to Follow
<i>Fast Day</i>						
<i>Fast Free Days</i>						



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FEBRUARY 3TH, 2024**

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