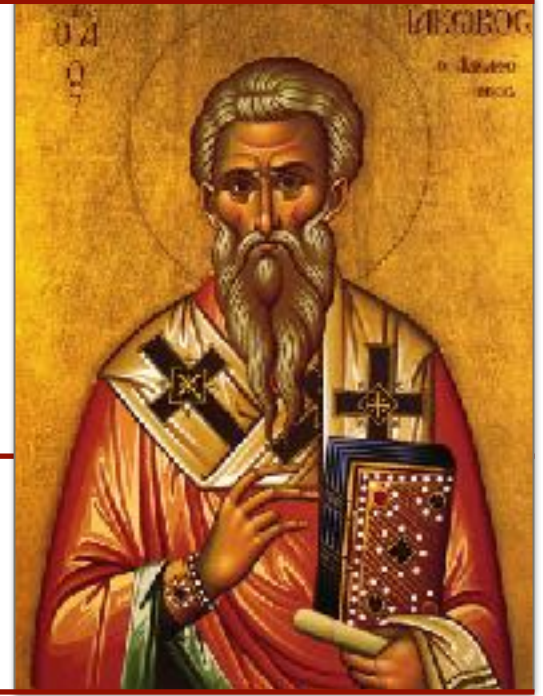


# The Word

October 2023

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



**“Want people to go to Church? Invite them. Want them to stay? Invite them into your life.”**  
*Excerpts from Stiven Peter’s article at mereorthodoxy.com*

One large group stopped attending church without initially intending to do so. Some moved to a new city with the intention of finding a church but never took that next step into a faith community. Many young professionals prioritized personal networks around their careers and, as a result, found themselves disconnected from a local church. Some families prioritized children's sports and other activities that increasingly happen on Sundays. Then there are those who stopped attending church during COVID-19. They developed new Sunday rhythms and now prefer those new activities over Sunday morning.

The Church’s task, then, is not to simply integrate itself with modern American life, marketing itself as one lifestyle choice among many. Nor is it to retreat from the world. The Church’s

call is to repair the remains of modern life. The U.S. is aching for a different way of life. Only the Church can offer that alternative. The Church must engage in a grand political project. She must reform a people accustomed to consumption. The Church must see itself as the source and center of cultural renewal. She must take responsibility for resolving the atomization we all experience because no one else will. Consequently, the Church should think of cultural engagement less through cognitive, propositional, and “winsome” terms, and more towards an approach that prioritizes making Church essential to communal life. The Church that hosts community fairs and car shows is doing cultural repair. The Church that models strong, healthy families, which encourage women to pour into each other, for men to sharpen one another, and for both to have more children than they can afford is waging a culture war. The Church that has

its families cheerfully open their homes cultivates commitment to one another through thick and thin is conducting a cultural insurgency.

Don’t start with a big program. Don’t suddenly think you can add to your church budget and begin. Start personally and start in your home. I dare you. I dare you in the name of Jesus Christ. Do what I am going to suggest. Begin by opening your home for the community.

The Church the U.S. needs is the Church willing to take Schaeffer’s dare. It’s the Church that sees, in all the division, an alienated people starving for a center to life. It’s the Church that opens its doors and says, “we don’t have much, but if you let us, we want to walk with you.” It’s the Church that is willing to do the hard, messy work of real love. Ultimately, it’s the Church that takes seriously Jesus’ words, “By this, all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:35)”

# October Services and Readings

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Date	Service	Time
Oct. 1	2nd Sunday of Luke	8:30 am
Oct. 8	3rd Sunday of Luke	8:30 am
Oct. 15	7th Ecumenical Council	8:30 am
Oct. 22	6th Sunday of Luke	8:30 am
Oct. 26	St. Demetrios	8:30 am
Oct. 29	7th Sunday of Luke	8:30 am

All services will be streamed.

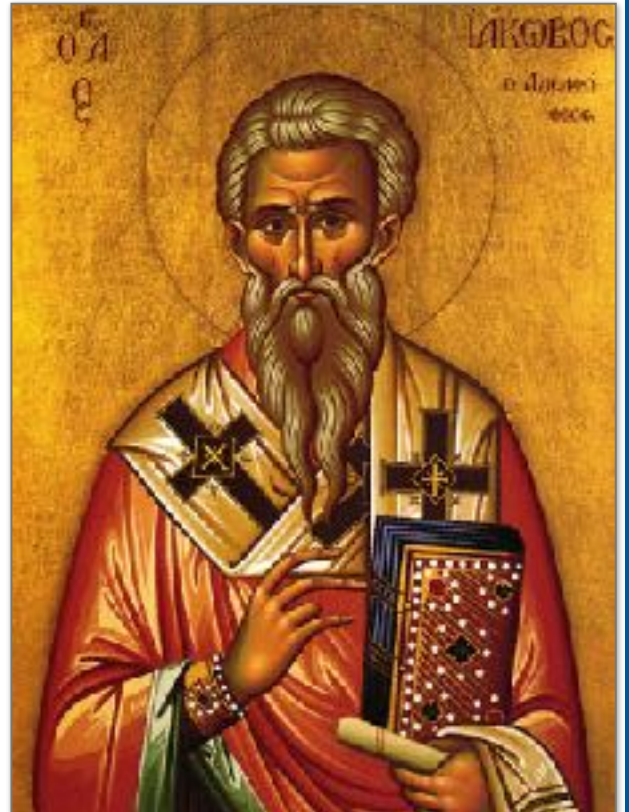
[Stream Services Here.](#)

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

## James the Apostle, brother of Our Lord

According to some, this Saint was a son of Joseph the Betrothed, born of the wife that the latter had before he was betrothed to the Ever-virgin. Hence he was the brother of the Lord, Who was also thought to be the son of Joseph (Matt. 13: 55). But some say that he was a nephew of Joseph, and the son of his brother Cleopas, who was also called Alphaeus and Mary his wife, who was the first cousin of the Theotokos. But even according to this genealogy, he was still called, according to the idiom of the Scriptures, the Lord's brother because of their kinship.

This Iakovos is called the Less (Mark 15:40) by the Evangelists to distinguish him from Iakovos, the son of Zebedee, who was called the Great. He became the first Bishop of Jerusalem, elevated to this episcopal rank by the Apostles, according to Eusebius (Eccl. Hist., Book II: 23), and was called Obliah, that is, the Just, because of his great holiness and righteousness. Having ascended the crest of the Temple on the day of the Passover at the prompting of all, he bore testimony from there concerning his belief in Jesus, and he proclaimed with a great voice that Jesus sits at the right hand of the great power of God and shall come again upon the clouds of heaven. On hearing this testimony, many of those present cried, "Hosanna to the Son of David." But the Scribes and Pharisees cried, "So, even the just one hath been led astray," and at the command of Ananias the high priest, the Apostle was cast down headlong from thence, then was stoned, and while he prayed for his slayers, his head was crushed by the wooden club wielded by a certain scribe. The first of the Catholic (General) Epistles written to the Jews in the Diaspora who believed in Christ was written by this Iakovos.







*“And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold” (Luke 8:8)*

We are a seed and our Church is our soil. A seed contains a miracle. When you look at it from the outside, or touch it, it appears hard, dry, perhaps even dead and incapable of producing anything. But place it in the ground, give it water and warmth, and life begins to stir. The outer shell dies but the inner kernel comes alive by the mysterious forces of growth. The inner powers of the kernel are released when the seed is in proper soil and receives adequate moisture. The kernel germinates and new life begins. As long as nourishment is provided, growth continues. From the seed comes a flower, a plant, or a tree, each of which was present only potentially in the seed.

Is the miracle of growth manifest in human beings, too? Yes, by all means. Not only our physical being but also our spiritual being has the potential of miraculous growth. Physical growth is practically spontaneous and automatic. Yet physical growth, too, requires adequate nourishment and suitable environment. Spiritual growth is neither spontaneous nor automatic. Spiritual growth requires the exercise of personal freedom through intellectual, moral and spiritual decisions, commitments and actions. But spiritual growth, too, surely needs a proper environment and constant nourishment to flourish.

In the Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:5-15), Jesus teaches that both seed and soil are necessary for growth. Both seed and soil need proper interaction to produce satisfying crop. The seed is likened to the word of God. The soil is the life and heart of each human being. The parable tells us that much seed is lost when falling into unreceptive soil. However, when seed and soil connect and interact properly, astonishing growth occurs. *“And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.”*

May our Church continue to help us flourish and grow both physically and spiritually.

Stewardship Committee

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# Beyond 50

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## City of Novato Approves Architectural Plans!

On Wednesday, September 6, 2023, the City of Novato had all five of its Design Review Committee members present and unanimously approved the architectural design submitted by Nativity of Christ. A condition of this approval is that the landscape plan and site lighting plan will be brought back to the Design Review Committee for final approval.

We thank Christ Kamages and John Hunter for representing our Parish at these series of meetings and all the work they and CJK Studios continue to offer as we strive to make these exciting dreams a reality.

So, what's next?

These plans will now 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.

As this process continues, 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 8, following the Divine Liturgy (to be held in person) and the second on Thursday, October 12 (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. This approval will not be at our Fall Parish Assembly as previously communicated but will take place once plans have been finalized.

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!



## OCTOBER, SACK MEAL PROJECT

**WHEN:** TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 9 am

**WHERE:** NOC kitchen

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.

Sign Up Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094AAAA72FAAFF2-44380727-october>

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.





# Philoptochos

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## Upcoming Events

**October 10:** Metropolis Fall Spiritual Conference (6:00 – 8:00 PM)

**October 28:** Metropolis Gala at the Westin St Francis Hotel

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

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting is a membership meeting on Tuesday, October 3. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and will be an online Zoom meeting.

[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 1949, Archbishop Michael succeeded Archbishop Athenagoras as Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America. Under his guidance, Philoptochos continued its mission of humanitarian service at home and abroad. One item of note for that year was Archbishop Michael and Philoptochos working together to establish the Greek Orthodox Youth of America, GOYA.

## Harvest Luncheon – NEW DATE!

Our annual Harvest Luncheon will be on **November 12**. We will be selling tickets at fellowship hour. Please contact **Irene Meehan** if you would like to bring a dessert or serve.

## 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 weeks. If you would like to be involved in providing a meal or serving the meal, please contact Gigi Medan.

## 2023 Community Christmas Card

*The time has come to prepare for the holidays.*

*Support the Retired Clergy Association Benevolence Fund and Holy Cross School of Theology.*

*Each year, Philoptochos raises funds and produces our beloved Community Christmas Card. This year the proceeds will be split between the two organizations to support those clergy whose service predated the Pension Fund and students studying for the priesthood. Please give generously.*

*Forward your donation along with this order form to the Church Office, by November 19, 2023. Attn.: Christmas Card Committee*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please write how your name should be listed on the card:*

\_\_\_\_\_

Donation amount: \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 (min.) \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Make checks payable to: Philoptochos or provide credit card info below:

CC# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Direct questions to Karen Keller (415) 250-4288 or Laurie Madias (415) 939-0027



# Upcoming

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



NATIVITY OF CHRIST  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
BEYOND 50

**To Sign Up:  
Text: NOCPARISH to 84576**

or

**Visit: [nativityofchristgoc.flocknote.com/](http://nativityofchristgoc.flocknote.com/)  
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## Greek Experience Ministry

It's not too late to join Greek School! Here's the schedule for adults and children. For more information contact Chrissy at [greekschool@nativityofchrist.org](mailto:greekschool@nativityofchrist.org).

Καλή σχολική χρονιά να έχουμε!

**Preschool/ Elementary** (Chrissy- Stella- Kaliopi)

Sunday (12:15 pm - 1:15 pm) - In Person

**Beginner 2 Kids** (Chrissy)

Monday (5 pm - 6 pm)- on ZOOM

**Pre-Intermediate Adults** (Chrissy)

Monday (6:30 pm - 7:30 pm)- on ZOOM

**Complete Beginner Adults** (Christina)

Thursday (7 pm - 8 pm) - on ZOOM

**Complete Beginner Kids** (Chrissy)

Thursday (6:30 pm - 7:30 pm)- ZOOM

**Intermediate** (Chrissy)

Thursday (7:30 pm - 8:30 pm) - ZOOM

**Extra Speaking Class** (Kaliopi)

Friday (6 pm -7 pm) - on ZOOM





# Upcoming

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Nativity of Christ Family

# PUMPKIN

*Patch Day*

FRIDAY OCT. 20TH  
4:00-5:30  
\$5 entry for kids 3-13

**GROSSI FAMILY FARM**  
3666 Novato Boulevard  
Novato 94947

HOT APPLE CIDER - FARM ANIMALS  
HAY MAZE - CORN PIT  
SPOOKY SNACKS & MORE!

RSVP @ <https://forms.gle/ynAacePjKLN639546>



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# TRUNK OR TREAT

2023

Join us for an afternoon of food and fun!

**Sunday, October 29th after Church**

Parents should decorate your Trunk after Church. Costume changes will take place after Sunday School for an afternoon of Trunk or Treating, food, music and games. Please bring candy to hand out and a treat to share with the adults. Fellowship and the Church will provide, pizza, salad, drinks and other savory foods.

Please attend liturgy and Sunday School before Trunk or Treat. No scary costumes (devils, witches, etc.) are allowed.

Questions? Contact Tiffany Hobson, [tiffanyhobson@nec.com](mailto:tiffanyhobson@nec.com).



ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER



OCTOBER IS  
**MISSION PRIEST**  
MONTH AT OCMC!

In over 20 countries throughout Africa, Orthodox faithful, like you, provide much needed financial support to 550 Orthodox priests through the Support a Mission Priest (SAMP) program. These funds help these mission clergy care for their families and communities as they take the faith to places where the Gospel may never have before been proclaimed.

Show your support for a mission priest with a gift to SAMP this October.

[ocmc.org/SAMP2023](https://ocmc.org/SAMP2023)



## VIP Gatherings

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

October 26 (St. Demetrios)

November 9 (St. Nektarios)

December 6 (St. Nicholas)

Please contact Vasiliki Tzafopoulos or Erene Sotiras for more details.

### September VIPs

After an uplifting Divine Liturgy celebrating the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, our Very Important Parishioners (VIPs) gathered for a delicious meal and a wonderful discussion about Hellenic College and Holy Cross. Through the faithful stewardship of our Parish, we continue to support our beloved seminary and on September 14, the school's Feast Day, Nativity of Christ donated \$5,000 to HCHC. The September birthdays were also celebrated.





# Gyro Fest to Go

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September

## Gyro Fest to Go

We thank our many volunteers for a successful fundraiser September 16 and 17. Many gyros were sold as we raised funds for our Minoan Dancers.



## MINOAN DANCERS

Greek folk dance ministry of  
Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church



New dancers welcome!  
No experience needed!

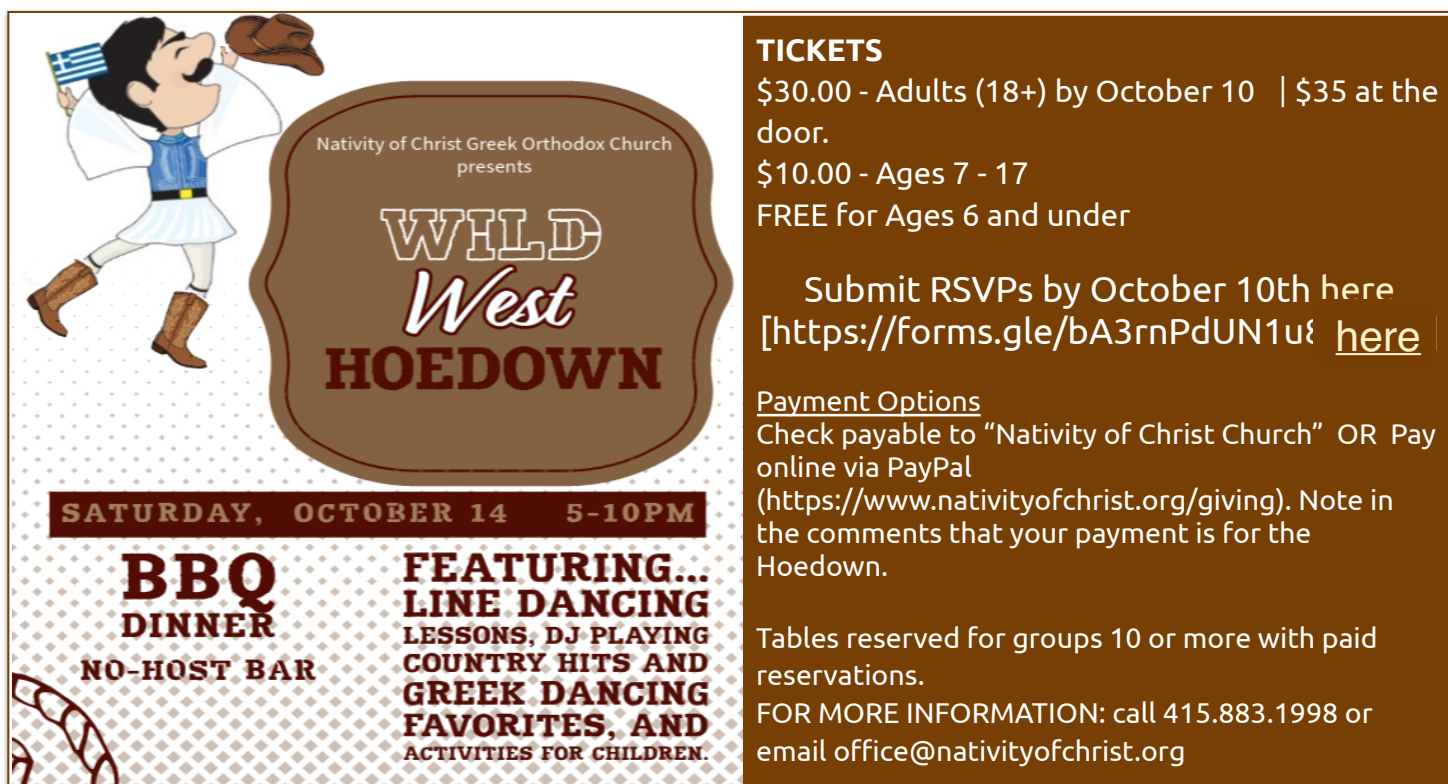
**Greek folk dance lessons resume in September  
for four age groups  
1st grade through college/adult**



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

# Upcoming Events

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Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church presents

## WILD West HOEDOWN

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 5-10PM**

**BBQ DINNER**  
NO-HOST BAR

**FEATURING...  
LINE DANCING  
LESSONS, DJ PLAYING  
COUNTRY HITS AND  
GREEK DANCING  
FAVORITES, AND  
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN.**

**TICKETS**  
\$30.00 - Adults (18+) by October 10 | \$35 at the door.  
\$10.00 - Ages 7 - 17  
FREE for Ages 6 and under

Submit RSVPs by October 10th here [<https://forms.gle/bA3rnPdUN1u8> [here](#)]

Payment Options  
Check payable to "Nativity of Christ Church" OR Pay online via PayPal (<https://www.nativityofchrist.org/giving>). Note in the comments that your payment is for the Hoedown.

Tables reserved for groups 10 or more with paid reservations.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: call 415.883.1998 or email [office@nativityofchrist.org](mailto:office@nativityofchrist.org)



*Join us for a Traditional Turkey Dinner*

# PHILOPTOCHOS HARVEST LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 12th

Immediately following Divine Services in the Fellowship Hall  
**ADULTS: \$20, STUDENTS 13-18: \$10, STUDENTS 6-12: \$5**  
Proceeds to benefit the charitable projects of Philoptochos  
To RSVP please email [cathyselmiemail.com](mailto:cathyselmiemail.com)



# Local Upcoming Events

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INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

## IOCC FOOD & WINE TOUR

HOSTED BY THE IOCC METROPOLITAN  
COMMITTEE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
AND THE GREEK ORTHODOX  
CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 ~ 4:00-7:00PM

Come experience a tasting menu  
& wine pours from around the world,  
plus a live performance from  
the Orthodox chanting group, Eikona.

Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross  
900 Alameda | Belmont, CA 94002



## Praying in Time

with Sister Vassa



**Friday, November 3, 2023**

6pm **Vespers**

7pm **Light Reception  
and Presentation**

Join us as **Dr. Sr. Vassa Larin**  
presents her book *Praying in Time*

### About Sister Vassa

Born to the family of a Russian Orthodox priest in Nyack, NY, Sr. Vassa left Bryn Mawr College to enter the Lesna Convent in France, at age 19. After a long spiritual and academic novitiate training, involving the study of Greek, Latin, German, Patristic Theology and Church History. Sr. Vassa furthered her education in Germany and received a Master's Degree in Orthodox Theology.

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church  
102 Ross Avenue  
San Anselmo, California



# Holiday Bazaar and YiaYia's Attic

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## HOLIDAY BAZAAR

8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

**NATIVITY OF CHRIST  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A UNIQUE  
SHOPPING EXPERIENCE FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!**

**VISIT OUR CAFÉ AND ENJOY GYRO  
PASTRIES, OTHER DELICACIES**

 [www.nativityofchrist.org](http://www.nativityofchrist.org) ♦ 1110 Highland Drive, Novato, CA ♦ 415-883-1998



treasures & trinkets

Shop for new and gently used items at bargain prices. Proceeds support Philoptochos and charitable partners.

**When:** Saturday, November 11, 2023

**Time:** 10:00am -3:00pm

**Where:** Outdoor Church Patio

Contact Kathy Marshall at 415-827-1235 if you are interested in volunteering.

## Donate to YiaYia's Attic Two Days

**When:** Sunday, Nov. 5 11:45am - 1:30pm

*Drop off after Liturgy*

Friday, Nov. 10 9:00am -12:00

**Where:** Outside Large Hall Entrance

***What do you store "in your attic" that is not used, but is still useful?***

Donate items that you would purchase if you were attending this event.

On these two donation days, volunteers will collect your new and gently used items and treasures that are in good to excellent condition and acceptable to sell.

**PLEASE DO NOT** randomly drop off items on any other day, or leave any items unattended on church grounds

For a complete list of desired donations, go to the church website:

[Events/Holiday Bazaar](#)

Contact: Kathy Marshall at 415-827-1235  
or Rose Hunter at 415-497-8300  
for questions about donations.



# Education Opportunities

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## Watch and Study Group SEASON I

### The CHOSEN

October 11: Ep. 4 "The Rock on Which it is Built"  
October 25: Ep. 5 "The Wedding Gift"  
November 8: Ep. 6 "Indescribable Compassion"

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))



Tuesdays 9 am

# October 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!



## Oct. 1: St. Romanos

Roman Scanagatta

## Oct. 6: St. Thomas

Enzo Thomas Hanacek

Tom Karas

Tom Lynn

Thomas Meehan

Thomas Orr

Tom Papageorge

Scott Walters

## Oct. 25: St. Chrysanthé

Chrysanthi Eleni Tsiplakos

## Oct. 6: St Demetrios

Demetri Botaitis

Taryn Bryan

Jim Cocoles

James Farmer

Demetrios Giannis

Demetria (Demi) Hall

Jim Hanis

Trenton James Hanis

Demetrios Iannios

Jim Kocolas

Dimitrios Kokalis

Jamie Lynn

James Panagotacos

Luka Dimitri Pauletti

Jim Selmi

Jim Thompson

Dimitri Tsiplakos

Demetrius Tzafopoulos

James Vallas

Demetra Vangelatos

Dimitrios Zahariudakis

## Oct. 27: St. Kyriakos

Domonik Mertens

## Oct. 29: St. Anastasia

Melina Porter

## Oct. 30: St. Apollonia

Asli Dellinger

## 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.*



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

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# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 2nd Sunday of Luke Orthodox 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am Sunday School GEM Minnoans Dinner Parties	<b>2</b> GEM: 5 pm - 7:30 pm	<b>3</b> Bible Study 9 am Philopoctus Zoom 7 pm	<b>4</b> Minnoans Dance  Fast Days	<b>5</b> GOVA Football Tournament 6:30 pm GEM: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>6</b> GEM: 6 pm  Fast Days	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 2nd Sunday of Luke Orthodox 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am Design Review Workshop Sunday School GEM Minnoans Dinner Parties	<b>9</b> GEM: 5 pm - 7:30 pm YAL Trivia Night at Hopknock 7 pm	<b>10</b> Bible Study 9 am Parish Council 7 pm	<b>11</b> Minnoans Dance The Chosen 6:30 pm  Fast Days	<b>12</b> GEM: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Design Review Workshop on Zoom	<b>13</b> GEM: 6 pm GEM: 6:30 pm at NOC  Fast Days	<b>14</b> Wild West Hoedown 5 pm-10 pm
<b>15</b> Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council Orthodox 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am Parish Assembly Sunday School GEM Minnoans Dinner Parties	<b>16</b> GEM: 5 pm - 7:30 pm	<b>17</b> Bible Study 9 am Minnoans Meeting 8 pm	<b>18</b> Minnoans Dance  Fast Days	<b>19</b> GEM: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>20</b> Pumpkin Patch 4 pm-5:30 pm at Concord Family Farm GEM: 6 pm  Fast Days	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 6th Sunday of Luke Orthodox 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am Sunday School New Member Luncheon GEM Minnoans Dinner Parties	<b>23</b> GEM: 5 pm - 7:30 pm	<b>24</b> Bible Study 9 am Morning Lesson 10 am	<b>25</b> Great Vespers in Concord Minnoans Dance The Chosen 6:30 pm  Fast Days	<b>26</b> Divine Services - 8:30 am St. Demetrios the Myrrid-Sufferer Vespers after Liturgy GEM: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>27</b> GEM: 6 pm  Fast Days	<b>28</b> Metropolis Gala
<b>29</b> 7th Sunday of Luke Orthodox 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am Sunday School GEM Minnoans Dinner Parties Trunk or Treat	<b>30</b> GEM: 5 pm - 7:30 pm	<b>31</b> Bible Study 9 am Snack Meals 9 am	<b>November 1</b> Minnoans Dance	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>





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# SAVE THE DATES

## December Events

Blanket Tying - December 2, 2023

Great Vespers at St. Nicholas in San Anselmo  
December 5, 2023

Nativity Program - December 17, 2023

Apodosis Great Vespers and Dinner  
December 30, 2023