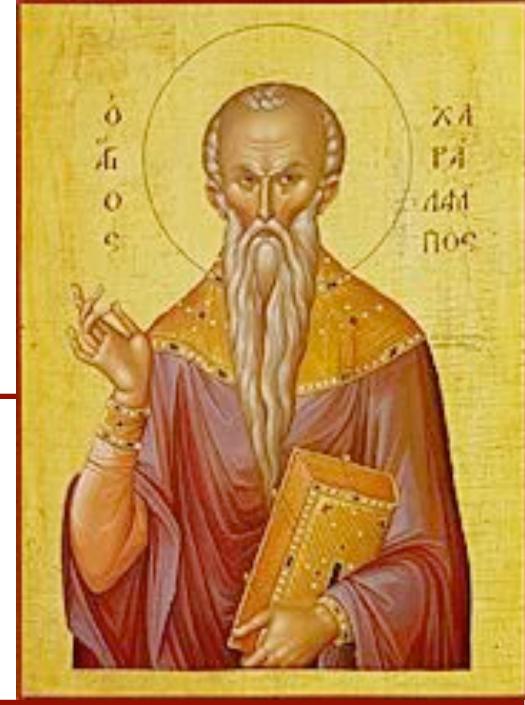


The Word

February 2026

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



Valentine's Day is a widely celebrated holiday, often marked by flowers, cards, and chocolates given to loved ones. What we may not always remember, however, is that St. Valentine himself was a martyr; persecuted and put to death for his Christian faith in the third century. The passion, faith, and sacrifice of a saint ultimately shaped a day that now calls us to remember and express love for one another.

The island of Crete has cultivated a lesser-known tradition of expressing passion and love through the life and witness of St. Yakinthus (Hyacinth). Born in Cappadocia, St. Yakinthus was raised as a devout Christian. When he refused to participate in ceremonial pagan sacrifices, Emperor Trajan ordered him to be imprisoned just seven miles south of Anogia, Crete. While in prison, Yakinthus refused to eat because the only food offered to him had been immersed in the blood of animals sacrificed to idols. After forty days of steadfast endurance, he reposed in the Lord at just twenty years of age.

In 1994, the Orthodox Church officially designated July 3 as the feast day of St. Yakinthus. In 1998, the village of Anogia established the non-profit organization “Agios Yakinthus.” With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Anthimos of Rethymnon and His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, a small church was built

on Mount Psiloritis in the form of a traditional Cretan shepherd's hut, or *mitato*.

Since the construction of this church, an annual gathering has developed to honor St. Yakinthus. Villagers and pilgrims alike remember their loved ones and reflect on both past blessings and future hopes. The Anogian composer and singer Loudovikos ton Anogion explains:

“When you go to Agios Yakinthus, light two candles, one to remembrance and one to expectation.

In this place of prayer I am bound, on the one hand, to remember a great love I have lost, but I can also, on the other hand, pray to be visited by the emotion again.

So Agios Yakinthus is not the Saint of Love, but the Saint of remembered and hoped-for emotions.”

The annual exchange of flowers, cards, and chocolates is a familiar gesture that can be quickly offered and just as quickly forgotten. Yet the unpopular, passionate, and sacrificial love of St. Valentine and St. Yakinthus for Christ has remained alive in the hearts of believers throughout the centuries. Whether on February 14 or July 3, may we too, be inspired to emulate their example: offering our own lives in passionate sacrifice and steadfast love for God and for one another, rooted in faith, hope, and love.

February Services

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All services will be streamed.

[Stream Services Here](#)



February Services

| Date | Service | Time |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Sunday, February 1 | The Publican and Pharisee | 8:30 am |
| Monday, February 2 | The Presentation of Our Lord | 8:30 am |
| Sunday, February 8 | The Prodigal Son | 8:30 am |
| Tuesday, February 10 | St. Haralambos | 8:30 am |
| Saturday, February 14 | Saturday of Souls | 8:30 am |
| Sunday, February 15 | Judgement Sunday | 8:30 am |
| Saturday, February 21 | Saturday of Souls | 8:30 am |
| Sunday, February 22 | Forgiveness Sunday | 8:30 am |
| Monday, February 23 | Great Compline | 6:30 pm |
| Tuesday, February 24 | Great Compline | 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday, February 25 | Presanctified Liturgy | 9:00 am |
| Thursday, February 26 | Great Compline | 6:30 pm |
| Friday, February 27 | 1st Salutations | 6:30 pm |
| Saturday, February 28 | Saturday of Souls | 8:30 am |
| Saturday, February 28 | Great Vespers | 5 pm |



CHRISTMAS DAY LITURGY 2025



2026 PARISH COUNCIL OATH OF OFFICE

Stewardship

February is a month often associated with love, hearts in every store, images of cupid, it is a time when one expresses his or her love to the special people in their life. According to the 2025 National Retail Federation survey, consumers were expected to spend a record \$27.5 billion on Valentine's Day. That is an extraordinary amount of money devoted to expressing love through gifts. When it comes to love, we are reminded in Matthew 22:37 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." We are called to love God with every part of our being. His Love alone satisfies our heart in a way that nothing else in this world can. Our love for Him inspires our stewardship and in turn our stewardship demonstrates our love for our Lord and His church. As we purchase gifts for our loved ones this Valentine's Day, let us also remember to offer our gifts of time, talents, and treasure in gratitude and devotion to Him. May this season of love be a reminder to honor God through joyful stewardship.



[2026 Stewardship Form](#)

**-2026 Festival-
Eggplant Saturday!**

**What better to celebrate
Valentine's Day
than preparing eggplant
for Moussaka!**

**Saturday, February 14
starting at 11am
(after Divine Liturgy)**

Many hands make light work!
Please stop by when you can - even an hour helps!

Contact Anna Kozas with questions:
(510) 387-2097
anna.kozas@gmail.com

**SACK MEAL
PROJECT**

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

| | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| WHEN | WHERE |
| Wednesday, February 18 | 9-11AM NOC Kitchen |
| VOLUNTEERS | NEEDED |
| 4 Volunteers for Sandwich Making | 4 Volunteers for the Assembly Line |
| SIGN UP HERE | |
| https://tinyurl.com/ SACKMEALSFEB26 | |
| CONTACT | |
| Elaine Chyrlund at elainechyrlund@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**

Building on Our Faith

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On Sunday, January 18, parishioners of Nativity of Christ toured the spaces envisioned for our proposed enhancements.

Experiencing these physical spaces—augmented by colorful rendered images—prompted thoughtful questions, sparked engaging conversation, and helped participants clearly see what they will become. The tour provided a deeper understanding of how these enhancements will truly be **Building on Our Faith**.



CURRENT



PROPOSED



Jerry Minetos' Visit



Our Orthodox capital campaign consultant, Jerry Minetos, made his first visit to Nativity of Christ from Thursday, January 22, through Sunday, January 25. During his time with us, he met individually with twenty parishioners as part of the Parish Council Planning Study, an effort designed to better understand personal perspectives, questions, and overall support for the goals of the *Building On Our Faith* initiative.

On Sunday, January 25, Jerry addressed the parish following the Divine Liturgy and enjoyed further conversation and engagement with parishioners during Fellowship Hour. He will return for a second visit from February 18–22 and hopes that as many parishioners as possible will take the opportunity to meet with him. A SignUpGenius link will be available in the coming weeks.

The Steering Committee and Parish Council are grateful for the continued support of our parishioners and look forward to moving our community ahead with a shared vision and unified purpose.

Jerry Minetos

About Jerry Minetos: A Proven Leader in Orthodox Fundraising

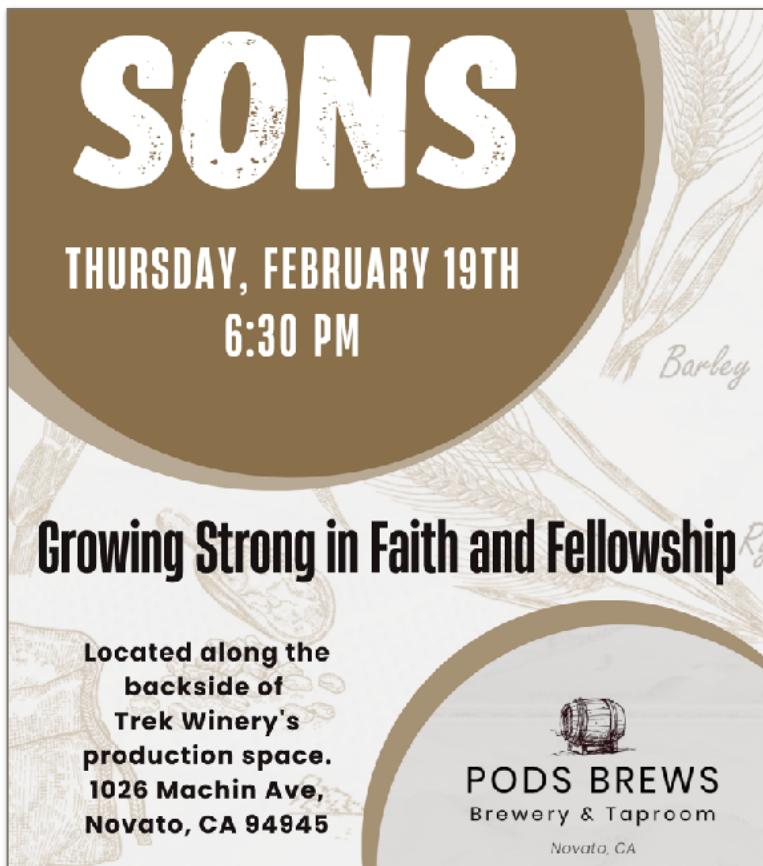
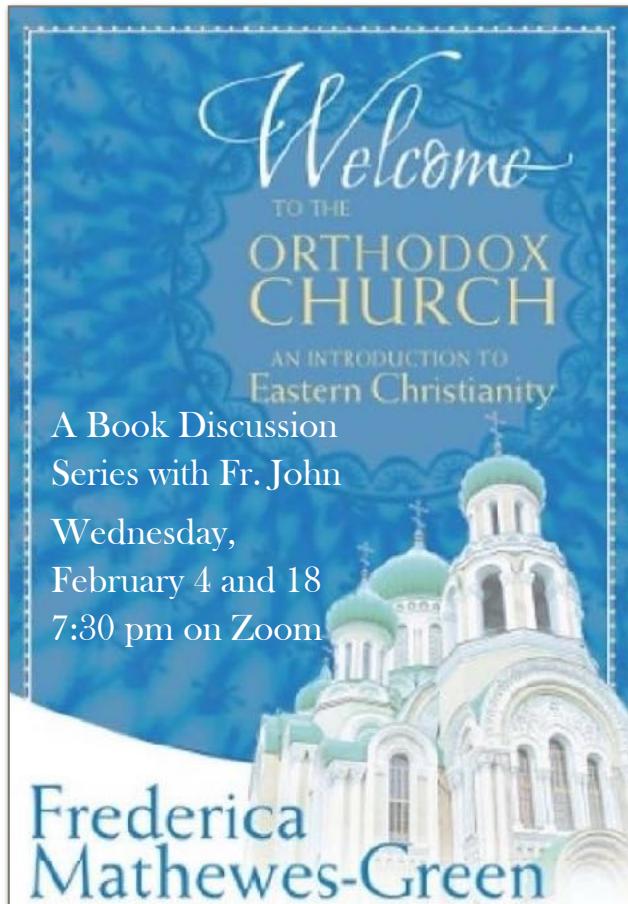
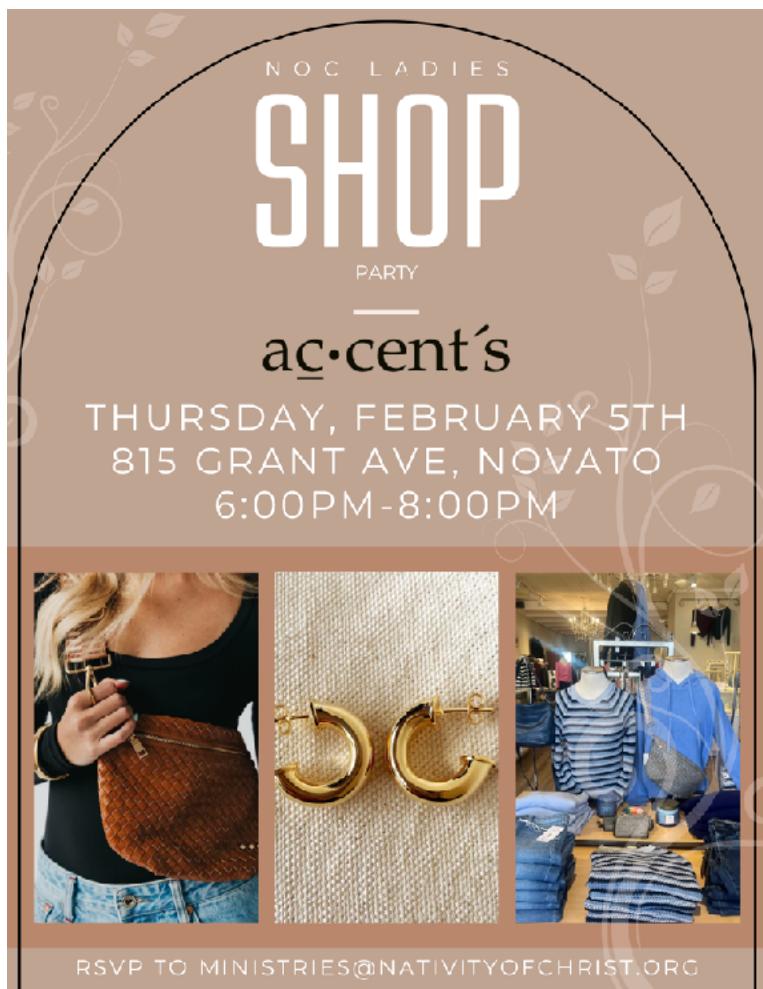
Jerry Minetos, raised in Chicago, holds an undergraduate degree in Accounting from Loyola University and is a Certified Public Accountant in Illinois. He is also fully certified in philanthropy, nonprofit management, and institutional advancement from the Fund-Raising School at Indiana University. Jerry, and with his wife Margaret, have three children and four grandchildren. One of their sons is a Greek Orthodox priest at St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago.

For over 25 years, Jerry has been at the forefront of helping Orthodox Christian communities across the country raise millions of dollars to support their missions. His expertise spans a range of areas, including capital campaigns, annual giving, planned giving, grant writing, and event fundraising—each of which has played a crucial role in sustaining ministries and advancing the work of the Church.



February Events

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February Events

February 8 – Go Red Sunday (learn how to keep your heart healthy)

February 22 – Cheese Fare Sunday (in anticipation of Great Lent)

Philoptochos Meeting

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, February 3 at 7pm. All are welcome! Due to the inclement weather and early darkness, the meeting will be held on **Zoom only**. Come be a part of it! It's fun and we'd love your opinions and ideas.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83158313960?pwd=V0xTM0xEV3RMaFNZbGJ3Qy9CbnFJOT09>
Meeting ID: 831 5831 3960 Passcode: phil

Vasilopita Cutting and Drawing January 4

Thank you to all who baked or contributed to our Vasilopita drawing and Youth Fund collection!

All proceeds went to St. Basil Academy and the National Philoptochos Youth Fund. We sent nearly \$900!

Fellowship Hours

Fellowship groups are going strong! Thanks to everyone who is a part of a group, you are the ones who make the Fellowship hours so welcoming. If you have not joined a group and would like to help, please contact Irene Meehan at imeehan715@gmail.com or 415 497-7674.

A big thank you to all who donated food to our December Food Bank collection!

Membership

It's that time of year to renew or join Philoptochos. We are only successful when you are involved with your time, treasure or talent. All Orthodox (or married to an Orthodox) women and men over 18 are welcome. Please join and support our many charities! Any questions, please call or text Susan Stockton at 707 365-8184.

January 4

On Sunday, January 4, Nativity of Christ cut our annual Vasilopita, along with our monthly Sunday Funday. Every ministry of the community received a piece of the Vasilopita and this year, Stelio and Vasiliki Mavromihalis received the coin on behalf of the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. May it be a year of blessings for each ministry of Nativity of Christ!



Sunday School

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February 1 officially marks the beginning of the Triodion, a sacred period in our Orthodox Church that prepares our hearts and minds for the greatest feast of our faith—Pascha. The word *Triodion* refers to the three-ode hymns used during this season and reminds us that we are beginning a spiritual journey of repentance, humility, and preparation as we draw closer to the Resurrection of our Lord.

February 2, we also celebrate the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, one of the Twelve Great/Major Feast Days of the Church. On this day, Christ is brought to the Temple by the Theotokos and Saint Joseph, where He is received by the righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna. This feast reminds us of Christ as the Light of the world and the fulfillment of God's promise.

Many of our Sunday School students will also be traveling to FDF this month. Sunday School would like to wish each of them the very best. While we hope they return with awards, our greatest wish is that they come back enriched by faith, friendship, and fellowship.

Minoans, Sunday School is rooting you on—good luck!

Sunday School Dates

February: 1, 8, 22 Note: Classes do not meet on February 15 due to FDF.

We hope to see as many of our Sunday School students as possible in class this month. Please remember that Divine Liturgy begins at 9:30 a.m. Let us all strive to be in attendance together, united as a Parish family.

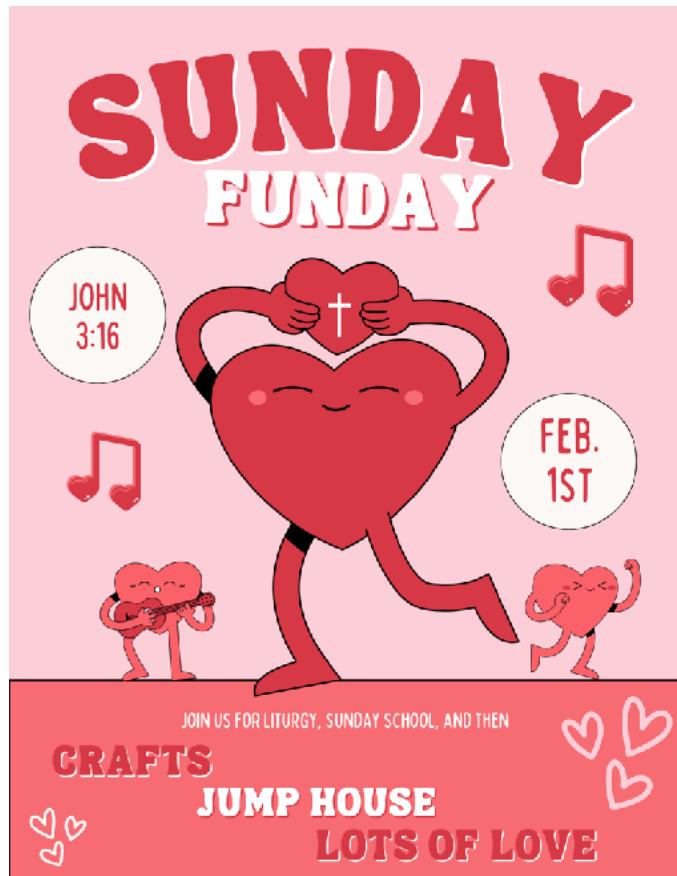
Sunday School will be teaching a variety of important and meaningful lessons this month:

- The Triodion
- The Presentation of Our Lord
- The Publican and the Pharisee
- The Prodigal Son
- Judgement Sunday
- Forgiveness Sunday

These lessons are essential as faith grows stronger through worship, learning, and the active presence of our children in the life of the Church.

God bless,

Your Sunday School Teachers



2026 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival



Begin preparing your speeches for our annual festival. Topics are on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://www.goarch.org/oratorical>

Journey to Pascha 2026

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OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2026

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

| SUNDAYS | THEMES / GOSPEL READING | HOW TO PARTICIPATE: |
|---|---|--|
| Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 1st | TRIODION WEEKS Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14 | Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week. |
| Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 8th | The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32 | Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week. |
| Meatfare FEBRUARY 15th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY | The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 | Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week. |
| Cheesefare FEBRUARY 22nd FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY | Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21 | Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed. |
| 1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 1st | GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51 | Bring an icon to church for a procession. |
| 2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 8th | ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12 | Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week. |
| 3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 15th | VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS HALF WAY TO PASCHA! Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 | Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow! |
| 4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 22nd | ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31 | Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross! |
| 5th Sunday of Lent MARCH 29th | ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45 | Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week. |
| FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 5th GREAT WEEK BEGINS | GREAT AND HOLY WEEK ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18 | Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car! |
| GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 10th | GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE | Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death. |
| FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 12th NO FASTING! | BRIGHT WEEK HOLY PASCHAI! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17 | Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight! |

Upcoming Opportunities

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2026 Marin Greek Festival Preparations Have Begun

Many hands make light work. Please reach out to any of our 2026 Festival Chairs to see how you can begin volunteering now to make the 2026 Marin Greek Festival the best one yet.

Bill Capetanos - 707-318-6585, bcapetanos@gmail.com

Nico Haris - 415-246-4189, nicolas.haris@yahoo.com

Rose Hunter - 415-497-8300,
kynegos@hotmail.com

Steve Rouman - 312-636-2893,
steverouman@gmail.com

George Sotiras - 415-717-4097,
gsotiras85@gmail.com

Michael Yakumithis - 419-819-0037,
meyakumithis@gmail.com



OCMC THIS MONTH

MARCH 1st



CHURCH FAMILIES MISSION AWARENESS
DONATION BOX DISTRIBUTION

MARCH 8TH



LEARN ABOUT ORTHODOX MISSIONS IN ARGENTINA WITH DR. KRISTINA MANTASAVILI

MARCH 15TH



BAY AREA WALK4MISSIONS

DID YOU KNOW?



LAST YEAR, WE RAISED NEARLY \$1,500, TO FULLY FUND & SUPPORT TWO PRIESTS ON THEIR MISSION WORK FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.

WITH GOD'S GRACE AND THE GENEROSITY OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST COMMUNITY, THIS MISSION CONTINUES. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO REMAIN COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING AND FUNDRAISING FOR THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER (OCMC), HELPING TO SHARE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST FAR BEYOND OUR PARISH.



ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
MISSION CENTER

Festival Baking

Volunteers Needed

Please stop by anytime. Even an hour helps!
No experience needed.

Contact Matina at 415-297-7501
or MatinaSeremetis@gmail.com

- Saturday, Jan. 24 - 9AM - Melamakarona
- Friday, Feb. 6 - 9AM - Galatobouriko
- Saturday, Feb. 7 - 9AM - Galatobouriko
- Friday, Feb. 27 - 9AM - Diples
- Friday, March 27 - 9AM - Baklava

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

 **ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER**
LEARN ABOUT ORTHODOX MISSIONS IN ARGENTINA



Save the Date
March 8, 2026

Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church
Presentation following Divine Liturgy

Dr. Kristina Mantasavili

Nativity of Christ Missions and Evangelism team invites you to a presentation by OCMC's newest missionary, Dr. Kristina Mantasavili. She will speak with us live from Argentina. Contact Floretta Burrows or Susan Siefkas for more information. Email: florettaburrows@live.com or ssiefkas@earthlink.net.

Marin Greek Festival Baking

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Marin Greek Festival Baking

In January, we began preparing our delicious food for the Marin Greek Festival. Please join us for our upcoming preparation days. See the flyer in this Word and keep your eyes on the weekly updates for more dates as they are announced.



Apodosis Vespers and Dinner

Our Parish again celebrated the Apodosis of the Nativity of Christ with Great Vespers presided by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos.

We were blessed with seminarians from Hellenic College and Holy Cross who spoke to the community about their studies.

A delicious meal was prepared by the Capetanos and Antonis family and traditional Kalanta were sung by all.

May the Nativity of our Lord continue to bring joy and love to our lives year around!



Word Mailing Team

Many thanks to the team in December who gathered to assemble our January Newsletter packets.

Join us this month as we fold and label the March Word newsletters. This month we are gathering February 25 at 10 am at Church.

Questions?

Email the Church Office. office@nativityofchrist.org



Highlights

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SONs

On January 15, the Sons gathered at Trailhead for their monthly event. Join us in February.



Blankets Delivery

We dropped off the blankets at UCSF on Monday, January 12, bringing the total donated since 2011 to over 1,100 blankets. Pictured with me and Vasilis are Beatrix Musil, Child Life Specialist that works with cardiac kids and helped Elektra through her open heart surgery in 2009 and all other hospitalizations after that, including the last one, and Tulip, the hospital therapy dog 🐾



JOY Koliva Workshop

In January, Marina & Gigi Medan lead a hands on Koliva workshop for JOY. The children made Koliva, and learned the traditions of remembering loved ones who have fallen asleep in the Lord. Father John lead a memorial service in church with the children and their Koliva. Following, the children snuggled up for a movie night and watched Coco, a Disney film about remembering loved ones.



February 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!



Feb. 10: St. Haralambos

Haralampos Bratsis
Harrison Geron
Robert Harvey
Edward Keller
Robert James Oetzel
Charoula Zahariudakis
Feb. 11: St. Theodora
Theodora Argue
Doris Roland

Theodora Tsiplakos

Theodora Zushi

Feb. 14: St. Valentina

Valentina Zoe Scanagatta

Feb. 16: St. Pamphilios

Chloe Kamages

Feb. 17: St. Theodore

Ted Captanian

Theodore Madias

Theodore Passaris

Ted Simos

Feb. 18: St. Leo

Mario Lionel Saldana

Feb. 26: St. Photini

Gia Rishwain

St. Haralambos the Holy Martyr

This Saint was a priest of the Christians in Magnesia, the foremost city of Thessaly, in the diocese having the same name. He contested during the reign of Alexander Severus (222-235), when Lucian was Proconsul of Magnesia. At the time of his martyrdom the Saint was 103 years of age.

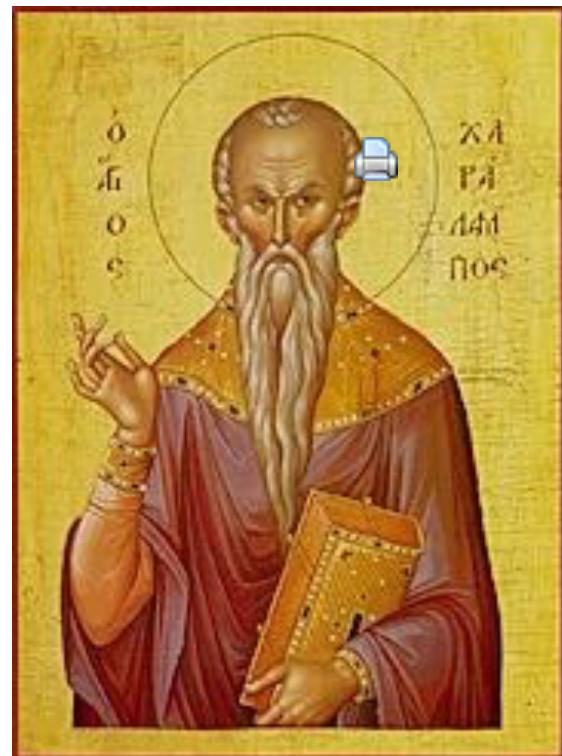
St. Haralambos is commemorated on February 10th, with the exception when this date falls on the Saturday of the Souls preceding Lent or on Clean Monday (the first day of Lent), in which case the feast is celebrated on February 9.

Apolytikion of Hieromartyr Haralambos

O wise Haralambos, you were proven an unshakable pillar of the Church of Christ; an ever-shining lamp of the universe. You shone in the world by your martyrdom. You delivered us from the moonless night of idolatry O blessed one. Wherefore, boldly intercede to Christ that we may be saved.

Kontakion of Hieromartyr Haralambos

O Priest-martyr, athlete, champion Haralambos, your relics are a priceless treasure of the Church. Wherefore she rejoices, glorifying the Creator.



2026 Stewardship Pledges (as of January 22, 2026)

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Presiding Priest | Giikas, Stephanie | Psaros, Stamatios & Eleni |
| Fr. John & Pres. Stephanie Kocolas | Haginicols, Amalia | Rodriguez, Ricardo & Demetra |
| Priest Emeritus | Hajopoulos, Kathy | Vangelatos |
| Fr. Constantine Efstathiou | Hamill, John & Athanasia | Roland, George & Doris |
| Pres. Evelyn Adams | Haris, Nicolas & Nicole | Rouman, Steve & Liz |
| Adams, Bill & Lisa | Haritoudis, Stamatia | Sandoval, Irene |
| Albanes, Joseph | Harvey, Robert & Elaine | Scanagatta, Marina |
| Alpogianis, Evangeline | Hawker, Nina | Scanagatta, Roman & Eleni |
| Antonis, Chris & Keri | Hontalas, Frank & Eve | Scanagatta, Valentina |
| Antonis, Eleni | Hontalas, George & Amy | Sideris, Stassie |
| Arango, Pat | Hundley, Courtney & Marilyn | Silverberg, Johnathan & Christina |
| Bechaka, Sonia | Hunter, John & Rose | Soeten, Alexandra |
| Bratsis, Haralampos & Stella | Iannios, Demetrios & Manu | Sotiras, Erene |
| Camamis, Dina | Jianas, Alex & Diana | Sotiras, George |
| Capetanos, Bill & Chrisoula | Kaliontzakis, Emmanuel & Bessie | Sotiras, Maria |
| Captanian, Alexis | Mitskaris | Spiliotis, Maria |
| Captanian, Ted & Connie | Kambur, Nick & Karyn | Starling, Eric & Irene |
| Catel, Paraskevi | Kanas, Nick & Carolynn | Starling, James |
| Constantin, Gus & Mary Jane | Keller, Edward & Karen | Stathis, Pete & Dina |
| Contos, Jeff | Keller, Gregg | Stathis, Sophia |
| Corcoran, Bruce & Fran | Klobucher, Alex & Maria Pavlou | Stenros, Stuart & Stella |
| Cordellos, Dennis | Kokalis, George & Debbie | Stratigos, Nikolas |
| Crowley, Joseph & Andriana | Kosmas, Anthony & Anthonia | Stratigos, Sophia |
| Cunningham, Kenn & Elaine | Kozas, Anna | Stratigos, Spiro & Mary Kay |
| Curelaru, Viorica | Kozas, Nonda & Nicole | Touras, Anthony & Antonia |
| Daifotis, Kimon & Cynthia | Kuvelis, Xenia | Triantafyllos, John & Laura |
| Degaitis, Julia | Lagios, Sheila | Tzafopoulos, Vasiliki |
| Delis, Nicholas & Stephanie | Li, Robert & Stephanie Pappas | Vasilopoulos, Nick & Eileen |
| DesJardin, Kenny & Katia | Livadas, Carl & Stacy Drakousis | Gordon |
| Efstathiou, Paul & Kristen | Livanos, Nick & Patti | Vlachos, Anthoula |
| Eftimiou, Nick & Jeanette | Manos, Michele | Vlachos, Spirodon & Argyro |
| Fafoutis, Diane | Marshall, Philip & Kathy | Petsakos-Vlachos |
| Fisher, Gary & Alex Zaphiris | Mavromihalis, Steve & Vickie | Vlachos, Yiannoula |
| Flohr, Dave & Diane | Mayer, Jordan | Vlahakos, Nick & Georgia |
| Fotinos, Vivian | Mayer, Paul & Diana Demetrulias | Walters, Scott & Karen |
| Fourakis, George & Sofia Nicklas | Medan, Dushan & Gigi | Wiepking, Ruairi, and Alexandra |
| Fourakis, Vasilis & Effie | Meehan, Tom & Irene | Kremer |
| Fradelizio, John & Georgia | Morrissey, Lloyd & Anastasia | Yakumithis, Michael & Marika |
| Fuss, Patrick | Pinoris | Zaccardelli, Dennis & Kathryn |
| Gagas, Charles & Claire | O'Connor, Wayne & Betty Zootis | Zachariou, Michael & Constantina |
| Gavallas, Victor & Brenda | Orologas, Julie | Zahariudakis, Dimitrios & |
| George, Ann | Panagotacos, James & Diane | Charoula |
| Georges, George & Deborah | Papanikolaou, George & Soula | |
| Geron, Diana | Papanikolaou, Marina | |
| Gikkas, Pete & Vickie Hatos | Petracopoulos, Thelma | |
| | Pineda, Andy & Matina Seremetis | |
| | Powers, Bill & Kiki Taft | |
| | Psaros, Nick & Angi | |

February 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| 1 The Publican and Pharisee Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i> <i>Sunday Family</i> Minoans Dance Practice | 2 Divine Services- 8:30 am The Presentation of Our Lord VIPs Luncheon | 3 Bible Study 9 am Philoptochos Meeting 7 pm | 4 GEM Classes Minoans Dance Practice Welcome to Orthodoxy 7:30 pm | 5 MGF: Galatoboureko 9 am Ladies at Accent in Novato 6 pm | 6 MGF: Galatoboureko 10:30 am Minoans Dance Practices | 7 MGF: Galatoboureko 9 am am Minoans Dance Practices |
| 8 The Prodigal Son Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i> Minoans Dress Rehearsal | 9 Minoans Dance Practice | 10 Divine Services- 8:30 am St. Iaralambos Parish Council 7 pm Minoans Dance Practice | 11 GEM Classes | 12 MGF: Moussaka 5 pm | 13 MGF: Moussaka 11 am | 14 Divine Services 8:30 am Saturday of Souls MGF: Moussaka |
| 15 Judgement Sunday Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Family Worship</i> MGF: Moussaka | 16 MGF: Moussaka 9 am President's Day <i>Office Closed</i> | 17 Bible Study 9 am Welcome to Orthodoxy 7:30 pm | 18 Sack Meals 9 am 7:30 pm | 19 SONs Event 6:30 pm | 20 MGF: Moussaka 9 am | 21 Divine Services 8:30 am Saturday of Souls |
| 22 Forgiveness Sunday Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am Parish Assembly | 23 Clean Monday | 24 Great Compline 6:30 pm Confession | 25 Bible Study 9 am Great Compline 6:30 pm Confession | 26 Presanctified Liturgy 9 am Mailing Team 10 am GEM Classes | 27 MGF: Diples 9 am 1 st Salutations 6:30 pm | 28 Divine Services 8:30 am Saturday of Souls |
| | | | | | | Great Vespers 5 pm |



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The poster features a vibrant illustration of a Greek island town at sunset. In the foreground, a white church with a bell tower and arched windows is silhouetted against the sky. Two figures are seen dancing in front of it. To the right, a traditional white building with a red roof is surrounded by greenery and a large bush of pink flowers. In the background, a bridge with lights spans a body of water under a warm, orange and yellow sky. The text 'MARIN GREEK FESTIVAL 2026' is at the top in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, 'MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND' is in a smaller, bold, blue font. The festival's schedule is listed: 'FRIDAY, MAY 22ND, 5PM TO 9PM', 'SATURDAY, MAY 23RD, 11AM TO 9PM', and '& SUNDAY, MAY 24TH, 11AM TO 8PM'. To the right, a circular logo with a Greek key pattern contains the text 'MARIN COUNTY TRADITION' around the top, 'OVER 50 YEARS' in the center, and 'SINCE 1972' at the bottom. On the left, a vertical list of festival highlights is presented in white text: 'GREEK CUISINE', 'CULTURE', 'MUSIC', 'DANCE', 'FAITH', 'FELLOWSHIP', and '& FUN'. At the bottom, a large, bold, white text box contains the words 'SAVE THE DATE'. To the right of the box is the website 'MARINGREEKFESTIVAL.ORG'.