The Word

March 2026

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

Fr. John's Pastor's Report at the 2026 Spring Parish Assembly

The 2026 New Year has begun with so much phenomenal activity at Nativity of Christ. Our Orthodox Consultant is here to help us achieve our ambitious aspirations for the parish. A few weeks ago, we had a sold-out Crab Feed with over 320 attendees. Last weekend, Nativity families attended our Metropolis Folk Dance Festival, experiencing fellowship and growing closer to our culture. We also continue to offer sack meals, and various other philanthropic endeavors during Lent.

In addition to all of these recent activities, at the end of today's Parish Assembly we will hear from our ministry leaders about the vibrant and active ministries that continue to involve so many stewards at Nativity of Christ. But as we soon embark on our Lenten journey, do all of these ministries make us the Church?

If we were to focus solely on building an elevator, a Small Hall, a narthex, and enlarging the dome, we would simply be a construction site. If we were to focus solely on the Crab Feed, Holiday Market, and Marin Greek Festival, we would be the equivalent of an event company. If we just focused on dance, we would be a dance studio. And if we focused only on helping others in need, we would just be another philanthropic nonprofit in Marin County.

What makes us the Church, is gathering to worship our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. When we attend services and pray together as a community in God's holy house, this is what makes us the Church. When we prepare through prayer and fasting to receive the precious sacraments of Confession and Holy Eucharist, we are no longer event planners, dancers, or philanthropists—we are the Body of Christ.

Nevertheless, Great Lent is a time to increase our philanthropic giving, and because of the timing of our Festival, there are many preparations we must make for Memorial Day weekend in these coming weeks. However my prayer for our community is that we never lose sight of what truly makes us Orthodox Christians: coming to worship to pray for God's love and abundant mercy.

As today is Forgiveness Sunday, I ask your forgiveness. I'm aware that I may offend you at times, knowingly, and unknowingly. I also ask for your participation and involvement in the Lenten services, in Confession, and in the humble reception of Holy Communion, so that together we may truly build up the Body of Christ. May this be a spiritually uplifting and illuminating season of Great Lent, so that we may joyfully celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord as a community and family. Amen.

March Services

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All services will be streamed.

Stream Services Here

March Services

Date	Service	Time	Date	Service	Time
Sunday, March 1	Sunday of Orthodoxy	8:30 am	Monday, March 16	Great Compline	6:30 pm
Monday, March 2	Great Compline	6:30 pm	Wednesday, March 18	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 4	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00 pm	Friday, March 20	4th Salutations	6:30 pm
Friday, March 6	2nd Salutations	6:30 pm	Saturday, March 21	Great Vespers	5:00 pm
Saturday, March 7	Great Vespers	5:00 pm	Sunday, March 22	St. John of Climacus	8:30 am
Sunday, March 8	St. Gregory of Palamas	8:30 am	Monday, March 23	Great Compline	6:30 pm
Monday, March 9	Great Compline	6:30 pm	Wednesday, March 25	The Annunciation of the Theotokos	8:30 am
Wednesday, March 11	Presanctified Liturgy	9:00 am	Friday, March 27	Akathist Hymn	6:30 pm
Friday, March 13	3rd Salutations	6:30 pm	Saturday, March 28	Great Vespers	5:00 pm
Saturday, March 14	Great Vespers	5:00 pm	Sunday, March 29	St. Mary of Egypt	8:30 am
Sunday, March 15	Sunday of Holy Cross	8:30 am	Monday, March 30	Great Compline	6:30 pm

The Annunciation of the Theotokos

Six months after John the Forerunner's conception, the Archangel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth, a town of Galilee, unto Mary the Virgin, who had come forth from the Temple a mature maiden. According to the tradition handed down by the Fathers, she had been betrothed to Joseph four months. On coming to Joseph's house, the Archangel declared: "Rejoice, thou Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." After some consideration, and turmoil of soul, and fear because of this greeting, the Virgin, when she had finally obtained full assurance concerning God's unsearchable condescension and the ineffable dispensation that was to take place through her, and believing that all things are possible to the Most High, answered in humility: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." And at this, the Holy Spirit came upon her, and the power of the Most High overshadowed her all-blameless womb, and the Son and Word of God, Who existed before the ages, was conceived past speech and understanding, and became flesh in her immaculate body (Luke 1:26-38).

Bearing in her womb the Uncontainable One, the blessed Virgin went from Nazareth to the hill country of Judea, where Zacharias had his dwelling; for she desired to find Elizabeth her kinswoman and rejoice together with her, because, as she had learned from the Archangel, Elizabeth had conceived in her old age. Furthermore, she wished to tell her of the great things that the Mighty One had been well-pleased to bring to pass in her, and she greeted Elizabeth and drew nigh to her. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, she felt her six-month-old babe, Saint John the Baptist, prophesied of the dawning of the spiritual Sun. Immediately, the aged Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and recognized her as the Mother of her Lord, and with a great voice blessed her and the Fruit that she held within herself. The Virgin also, moved by a supernatural rejoicing in the spirit, glorified her God and Savior, saying: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior," and the rest, as the divine Luke hath recorded (Luke 1:39-55)

"RISE UP AND BUILD"

In the Old Testament we read about Nehemiah. After seeing the crumbling walls of Jerusalem, he called the people to "Rise up and build." Nehemiah doesn't do it alone. He inspires the people, sharing his vision. And the response of the people? "Let us rise up and build."

This is our call today. We are called to be like Nehemiah in our own lives and in our parish.

We can rise up and build the walls of prayer by dedicating time each day to personal prayer, Scripture reading, and participation in the liturgical life of the Church.

We can rise up and build the walls of worship by being present in Divine Liturgy, offering our time, our worship and our gratitude for His blessings. We offer our whole being to God in worship, and we receive the presence of Jesus Christ within us.

We can rise up and build the wall of generosity. Stewardship is not just about money, though it is vital for our Church's mission. Stewardship is offering our time, serving in ministries, and being ready to help, wherever we are needed. It is about offering our talents and our unique skills – whether in music, administration, hospitality, or technology – for the glory of God. It is about offering our treasure, giving a proportional and sacrificial portion of our income, recognizing that all we have comes from God.

We can rise up and build the wall of Christian love, seeing Christ in all people, forgiving with patience, and showing compassion. In Christian love, we serve those in need, both within and outside our parish family, in our neighborhood, and around the world.

To rise up requires effort, dedication, and perseverance. Building and rebuilding is not easy. But when we commit ourselves fully and sacrificially, God will bless our efforts.

The story of Nehemiah reminds us that stewardship is not only a financial obligation; it is a response of gratitude and love to God for His blessings. It is about actively participating in the ongoing work of building up the Kingdom of God, starting with the walls of our own souls and extending to the life of our parish and the world around us.

Catechumens

On Sunday, February 22, Fr. John prayed upon and welcomed the Catechumens who are preparing themselves to enter the Orthodox Church. God bless then all to their personal spiritual journey!

Word Mailing Team

Join us this month as we fold and label the April Word newsletters. This month we are gathering Thursday, March 26, at 10 am at Church.

Questions? Email the Church Office:
office@nativityofchrist.org

Building on Our Faith Initiative

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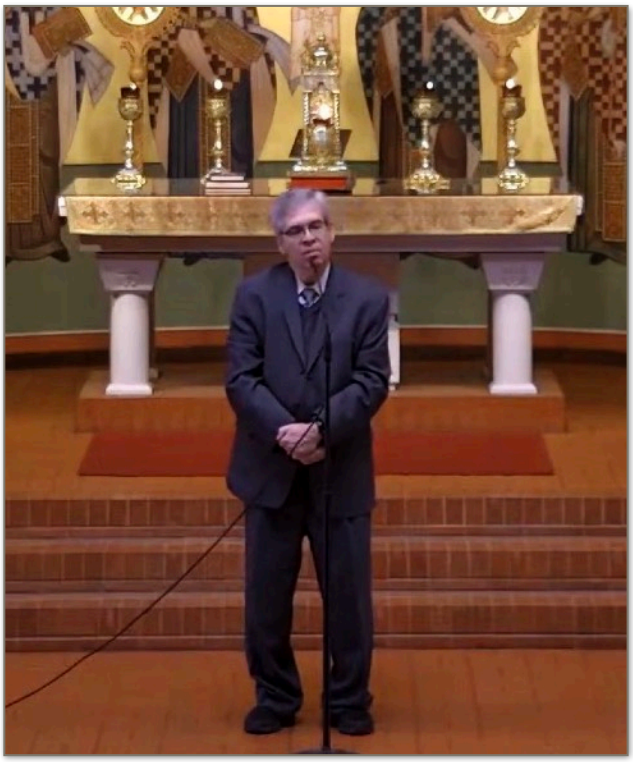

Jerry Minetos' Visit

Our Orthodox capital campaign consultant, Jerry Minetos, made his second visit to Nativity of Christ February 19-22. During his time with us, he met individually with an additional 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.

Jerry addressed the parish following the Divine Liturgy and enjoyed further conversation and engagement with parishioners during Fellowship Hour. He will continue to meet with as many parishioners as possible via Zoom. All parishioners are encouraged to meet with Jerry in the coming weeks so a comprehensive Planning Study can be presented to the parish after Pascha.

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.

Philoptochos

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Philoptochos Meeting

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, March 3, at 7pm** in the church conference room**. All are welcome!** If you can, meet us at 5:30 pm at Panera, Vintage Oaks, for a pre-meeting dinner. Come be a part of it! It's fun and we'd love to hear your opinions and ideas.

For those of you who cannot attend in person, here is the Zoom link to the meeting:

Zoom link: https:// us02web.zoom.us/j/83158313960pwd=V0xTM0xEV3RMaFNZbGJ3Qy9CbnFJQT09 Meeting ID: 831 5831 3960

Passcode: phil

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 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.

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.

Jonathan's Place March 29

Grab an apron and come cook for those who need a good, healthy, hardy meal! We also need volunteers to help serve the meal, too. Please see the flyer below for more information. For information regarding the March 29 cooking and serving, please contact Marina Medan at 707-254-5503.

Sunday School

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March 1*: Sunday of Orthodoxy: Students - Bring your icon to church today!
March 15: Annunciation Performance Practice
March 22: Annunciation - Greek Independence Day Performance by Greek School

Sunday Class Meetings Dates
March: 1*, 8, 15, 22, 29

Did you know in March we celebrate two important Church feasts?

Sunday of Orthodoxy

- The Sunday of Orthodoxy is celebrated on the First Sunday of Great Lent and holds a profound significance in the life of our Orthodox faith.
- Even though it is not one of the 12 major Feast days of our Faith, it is very important.
- The Sunday of Orthodoxy celebrates the triumph of the Orthodox faith over iconoclasm in the year 843, thus celebrating the restoration of the holy icons back into our lives.

Come and witness our Sunday School students and youth holding their icons high with pride, in this beautiful celebration of living our faith, which has been passed down through Holy Tradition.

Annunciation

•"Behold the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."

•March 25, every year we celebrate the Annunciation of our Panagia/Theotokos/Virgin Mary.

•On this day, the Church commemorates the moment when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary and announced that she would conceive and bear the Son of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Annunciation Hymns to Chant with Your Child

Simeron Tis Sotirias - English phonetic

Simeron tis sotirias imon to kefaleon
kai tou apeonos Mistiriou ee fanerosis
o Yios tou Theou
Yios tis Partheou ginete
kai gavreel tin harin evangelizete
Dio kai eemees seen afto
ti Theotoko voisomen
Haire keharitomeni
o Kyrios meta sou

Mighty Defender

Mighty Defender and Commander, I your city sing hymns of thanksgiving for the victory ascribed to you from all terrors have you rescued me Theotokos I entreat you for your power is invincible From all dangers that may threaten me deliver me THAT I MAY CRY TO YOU: REJOICE O EVER-VIRGIN BRIDE!

Upcoming Opportunities

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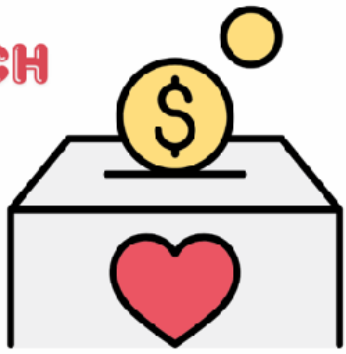
MARCH 1ST



CHURCH FAMILIES MISSION AWARENESS DONATION BOX DISTRIBUTION

THE GREAT COMISSION
And Jesus come and said to them,
' All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ,baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28: 18- 20

Christ commands us to "make disciples of all nations"

The donations you collect with this Coin Box will help grow OCMC Ministries and transform the lives of people around the world by welcoming them into the Body of Christ .

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 Mantasasvili

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.

Cemetery Saturday

Saturday, March 21

Join Fr. John as he offers a memorial service at the following cemeteries for all those who have fallen asleep

Mount Olivet Cemetery in San Rafael: 8:45 am
Valley Memorial Park in Novato: 9:30 am
Pleasant Hills Memorial Park in Sebastopol: 10:30 am

ONE memorial service will be offered at each cemetery and all submitted names will be read.

If you would like to prepare koliva, please contact Fr. John.

Eternal be their memories!

March Events

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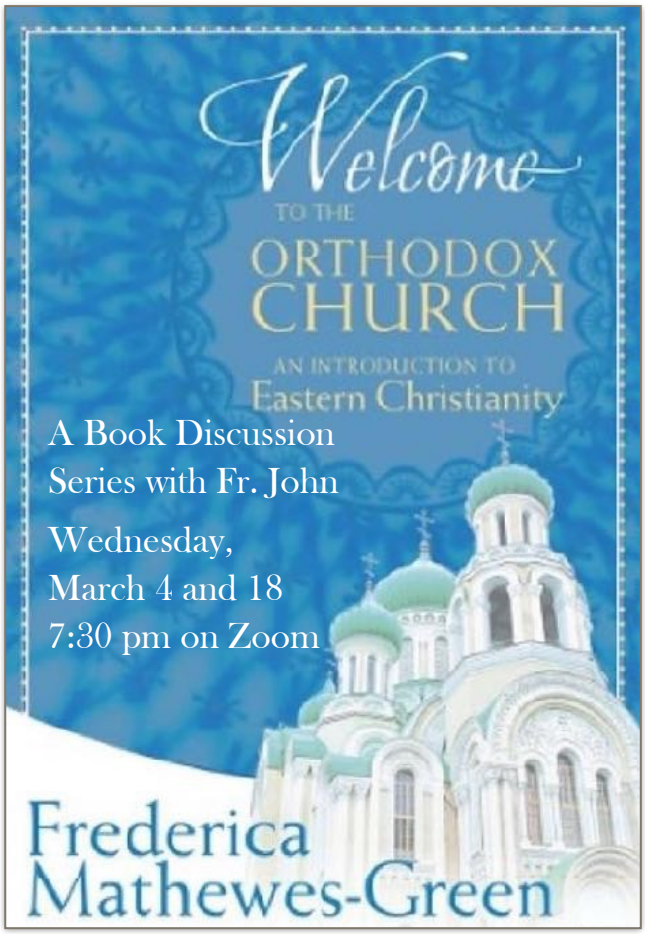
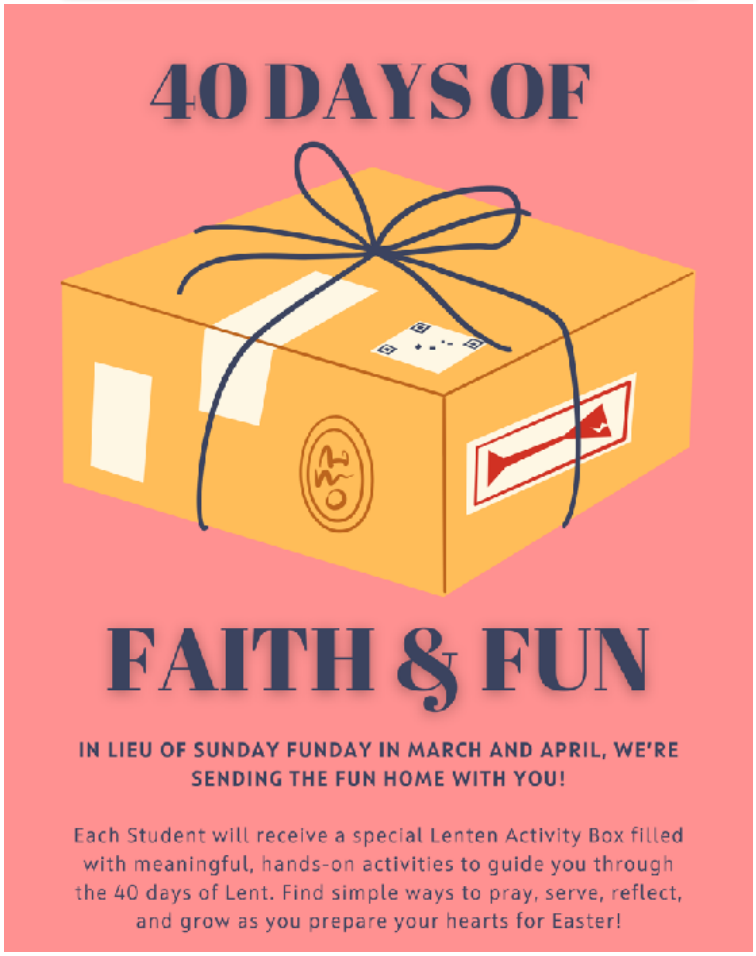

Welcome
TO THE
ORTHODOX
CHURCH
AN INTRODUCTION TO
Eastern Christianity
A Book Discussion
Series with Fr. John
Wednesday,
March 4 and 18
7:30 pm on Zoom
Frederica
Mathewes-Green

NOC JOY Ministry Presents
JOY
MOVIE
NIGHT
Featuring:
KING OF KINGS
Saturday March 14th
5pm Dinner, 6pm movie
BYOS (bring your own sleeping bag & get comfy)
Elementary School Age children Welcome
(PreK - 6th grade)
Movie is rated PG for thematic material, violence, and scary moments; parental guidance advised.


40 DAYS OF
FAITH & FUN
IN LIEU OF SUNDAY FUNDAY IN MARCH AND APRIL, WE'RE SENDING THE FUN HOME WITH YOU!
Each Student will receive a special Lenten Activity Box filled with meaningful, hands-on activities to guide you through the 40 days of Lent. Find simple ways to pray, serve, reflect, and grow as you prepare your hearts for Easter!

TIROPITES
MARCH
28TH
Calling All Volunteers!!!
Saturday, March 28th at 9:00 AM
Contact Gigi Pappas Medan for Questions

Marin Greek Festival

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Marin Greek Festival

The 2026 Marin Greek Festival opens its doors on Friday, May 22. Thank you to all who have stepped up to be booth/activity coordinators. There will be a listing of the 2026 coordinators in the Fellowship Hall, with contact information for each. Please reach out to them for volunteer opportunities.

2026 Charity Partner

Giving back to the community has always been a priority of the Marin Greek Festival. Each year we make a donation from the Festival's net proceeds to a Marin or Sonoma County non-profit organization. The Festival Committee has chosen SF/MARIN FOOD BANK as the 2026 recipient of this donation. With food prices rising and devastating cuts to food programs and social safety nets, more families are turning to the SF/MARIN Food Bank to fill the gap.

Band

We are pleased to announce that the Kymata Band will return to entertain us this year.

Currently coordinators are working on underwriting, advertising, vendors and speakers.

Please check the cooking/baking schedule and join us.

It Takes A Village!

Sack Meals

On February 18, we gathered again to prepare sack meals for St. Vincent de Paul's meal program. Join us Thursday, March 5, for our next meal-making morning.

SACK MEAL PROJECT

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

WHEN

Thursday, March 5th

WHERE

9-11AM NOC Kitchen

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

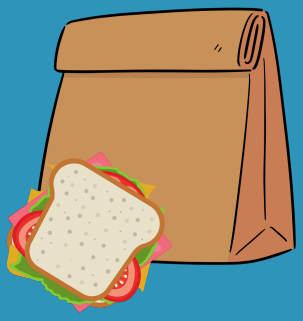
4 Volunteers for Sandwich Making

4 Volunteers for the Assembly Line

SIGN UP HERE

CONTACT

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



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

Minoan Dancers- 49th Folk Dance & Choral Festival

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The theme of the 49th annual FDF was **SHINE**, reflecting the light within us and the way we are called to live each day. We **shine** through our faith, as a community of Orthodox Christians, united and **shining** together.

Planning and preparations for FDF started last summer with ideas for new dances, costumes and songs. Dancers and directors collaborated for months, and along the way many new talents began to **SHINE**:

- Sophia Stratigos designed the new team logo.
- Moms and dancers sewed new costume pieces.
- Roula Athineos designed new Naxos costumes for the adult men dancers, which she sewed together with Alexandra Franklin, Alyssa and Stephanie Gikkas.
- Lexi Hall learned to embroider to make her own Thracian mandili.
- Katia, Dareia, Lexi, Anna-Maria, Katerina and Alena learned songs in Thracian dialect, under the direction of Daphne Cummings.

Thirty-seven Minoan Dancers, along with friends and family, participated in FDF this year: three dance groups and one choral group. Dancers attended Opening Ceremonies and an Agiasmos Service officiated by HE Archbishop Elpidophoros and HE Metropolitan Gerasimos.

The youngest group, Minoans 3, participated for the first time in the Primary Category, presenting dances from the island of Crete. Live music was by Manolis Bobolakis (violin) and Vaggelis Bagourakis (laouto) from Crete.

The high school girls of Minoans 2 (Adv. Intermediate category) presented dances of Metaxades, Thrace and the Klidonas tradition from Crete. The adult dancers (Adv. Senior) presented the Kordelatos tradition from the village of Kinidaros, Naxos and dances from Crete in which volunteers from the village of Deliana have a final gathering and prayer before heading off to defend the faith and fellow Greeks in Metsovo, northern Greece, at the start of the first Balkan War in 1912. Father John joined the group on stage for Syrtos and the prayer.

In addition to **shining** on stage, friendships and camaraderie were **shining** throughout the weekend in the Kids Zone, the pool, meals, cheering for each other and at each evening's Glendi. The final night was the Awards Ceremony and Minoans 2 received the Adv. Intermediate Choral Award for their Thracian songs.

The most inspiring moment was when Katia Antonis received the $5,000 Roumeliotes-Costouros Family Scholarship for her academic excellence. **SHINE**-on Katia and all the Minoans!

Pastries for the MGF

A huge thank you to the parishioners and friends whose joyful spirit, laughter, and dedication came together. With such a great turnout, we finished over 800 melomakaria on January 24, and rolled more than 2,000 pieces of galaktoboureko on February 7. Truly many hands make light work.

VIPs

On February 2, we gathered celebrating the Presentation of our Lord and February birthdays while we ate delicious food.

Sunday Funday

On February 1, we had our monthly Sunday Funday where we had fun with crafts.

Crab Feed Highlights

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We had another spectacular Community Crab feed as a joint effort from the Cretan Chapter of Marin and Sonoma County and the Nativity of Christ Parish. Over 300 people enjoyed delicious crab, a silent auction, raffle prizes, and lively entertainment from the Minoan dancers. Cretan Chapter Vice President Michelle Manos and District 6 Governor Maria Hallis both presented Eleni Antonis with an academic scholarship. Congratulations to Cretan Chapter President Rose Hunter, the entire board, and all the community members for working tirelessly for such a successful event!

Ladies

On February 5, the NOC ladies gathered at Accent in Novato.

SONs

On February 19, the NOC men gathered at Pods Brews in Novato.

March 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!

March 1: St. Eudokia
Evdokia Smith
March 2: St. Efthalia
Thalia Morales
March 17: St. Patrick
Pat Arango
Patricia Bonderud
Pat Destein
Patrick Fuss
Patti Livanos
Patrick Michael
March 19: Sts. Chrysanthos & Daria
Jeffrey Contos
Dareia Helena Cummings
March 25: Annunciation of the Theotokos
Eva Aaron
Angelo Angelopulos
Angela Eggleston
Angela Farmer
Bryan Hall
Eve Hontalas
Evangelia Madias
Evan Meehan
Angie Sotiras

2026 Stewardship Pledges (as of February 27, 2026)

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Presiding Priest
Fr. John & Pres. Stephanie Kocolas

Priest Emeritus
Fr. Constantine Efstathiu

Pres. Evelyn Adams

Adams, Bill & Lisa
Albanes, Joseph
Alpogianis, Evangeline
Antonis, Chris & Keri
Antonis, Eleni
Appling, Sam & Meghan
Arango, Pat
Barry, Stephen & Mary Barry-Samios
Bertolina, Ronald & Elaine
Bratsis, Haralampos & Stella
Burrows, Bill & Floretta
Camamis, Dina
Capetanos, Bill & Chrisoula
Captanian, Alexis
Captanian, Ted & Connie
Catel, Paraskevi
Cerecedes, Frank & Dawne
Constantin, Gus & Mary Jane
Contos, Jeff
Corcoran, Bruce & Fran
Cordellos, Dennis
Crowley, Joseph & Andriana
Cunningham, Kenn & Elaine
Curelaru, Viorica
Daifotis, Kimon & Cynthia
Degaitis, Julia
Delis, Nicholas & Stephanie
DesJardin, Kenny & Katia
Diamond, Jason & Vickie
Domencicelli, Daniel & Konstantina
Doers, Guy
Efstathiu, Paul & Kristen
Eftimiou, Nick & Jeanette
E-Far, Karim & Jasmin
Fafoutis, Diane
Fisher, Gary & Alex Zaphiris
Flohr, Dave & Diane
Foster, Joaanne
Fotinos, Vivian
Fourakis, George & Sofia Nicklas
Fourakis, Vasilis & Effie
Fradelizio, John & Georgia
Friedman, Peter & Katina Pantazes
Fuss, Patrick
Gagas, Charles & Claire
Gavallas, Victor & Brenda
George, Ann
Georgeson, George & Deborah
Geron, Diana
Gikkas, Pete & Vickie Hatos
Gikkas, Stephanie
Haginicols, Amalia
Hajopoulos, Kathy
Hall, Bryan & Paula Plessas-Hall
Hamill, John & Athanasia
Haralambopoulos, Costas & Ria
Haris, Nicolas & Nicole
Haritoudis, Stamatia
Harris, Helen
Harvey, Robert & Elaine
Hawker, Nina
Hontalas, Chris & Susan
Hontalas, Frank & Eve
Hontalas, George & Amy
Hundley, Courtney & Marilyn
Hunter, John & Rose
Iannios, Demetrios & Manu
Jianas, Alex & Diana
Kaliontzakis, Emmanuel & Bessie Mitskaris
Kamages, Christ & Patricia
Kambur, Nick & Karyn
Kanas, Nick & Carolynn
Keller, Edward & Karen
Keller, Gregg
Klobucher, Alex & Maria Pavlou
Kokalis, George & Debbie
Kosmas, Anthony & Anthonia
Kozas, Anna
Kozas, Nonda & Nicole
Kuvelis, Xenia
Lagios, Sheila
Li, Robert & Stephanie Pappas
Livadas, Carl & Stacy Drakousis
Livanos, Nick & Patti
Lynn, Tom & Lucille Picras-Lynn
Madias, Michael & Laurie
Manesis, Alexandria
Manos, Michele
Marshall, Philip & Kathy
Mavromihalis, Steve & Vickie
Mayer, Jordan
Mayer, Paul & Diana Demetrulias
Medan, Dushan & Gigi
Meehan, Nicole
Meehan, Tom & Irene
Mehas, Christine
Morris, Susan
Morrisssey, Lloyd & Anastasia Pinoris
O'Connor, Wayne & Betty Zootis
Orologas, Julie
Orologas, Katerina
Panagotacos, James & Diane
Papanikolaou, George & Soula
Papanikolaou, Marina
Pappas, Evanthia
Passaris, Michael & Meredith
Pauletti, Jeff & Alexandra
Pederson, Daniela
Perivolaris, Sara
Petracopoulos, Thelma
Pineda, Andy & Matina Seremetis
Powers, Bill & Kiki Taft
Psaros, Nick & Angi
Psaros, Stamatis & Eleni
Rodriguez, Ricardo & Demetra Vangelatos
Roland, George & Doris
Rouman, Steve & Liz
Sandoval, Irene
Scanagatta, Marina
Scanagatta, Roman & Eleni
Scanagatta, Valentina
Selmi, Cathy
Selmi, Helen
Sideris, Stassie
Siefkas, Chris & Susan
Silverberg, Johnathan & Christina
Smyrni, Anna
Soeten, Alexandra
Sotiras, Erene
Sotiras, George
Sotiras, Maria
Spiliotis, Maria
Starling, Eric & Irene
Starling, James
Stathis, Pete & Dina
Stathis, Sophia
Stavrinides, Nicholas
Stavrinides, Thalia
Stenros, Stuart & Stella
Stockton, John & Susan
Stratigos, Nikolas
Stratigos, Sophia
Stratigos, Spiro & Mary Kay
Tacticos, George
Tarazi, Alex & Carla
Touras, Anthony & Antonia
Triantafyllos, John & Laura
Tzafopoulos, Vasiliki
Vasilopoulos, Nick & Eileen Gordon
Vlachos, Anthoula
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March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **Sunday of Orthodoxy** Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am *Sunday School* *Sunday Funday* *Annunciation Practice*	2 Great Compline 6:30 pm Confession	3 Bible Study 9 am Philoptochos Meeting 7:30 pm	4 GEM Classes Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm Welcome to Orthodoxy 7:30 pm	5 Sack Meals 10 am	6 2nd Salutations 6:30 pm	7 GOYA Lenten Retreat Prayer Walk at 10 am Great Vespers 5 pm Confession
	Fast Days					
8 **St. Gregory of Palamas** Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am *Procession of the Icons* *Sunday School* *Annunciation Practice* *Missions Presentation*	9 Great Compline 6:30 pm Confession	10 Bible Study 9 am Parish Council 7 pm	11 GEM Classes Presanctified Liturgy 9 am	12	13 3rd Salutations 6:30 pm Followed with a Ladies dinner at Boca	14 St. John SF Lenten Retreat 11:30 am Great Vespers 5 pm JOY event 5:30 pm
	Fast Days					
15 **Sunday of the Holy Cross** Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am *Sunday School* *Annunciation Practice*	16 Great Compline 6:30 pm Confession	17 Bible Study 9 am	18 Presanctified Liturgy6 pm GEM Classes Welcome to Orthodoxy 7:30 pm	19	20 4th Salutations 6:30 pm Followed with a SONs dinner at Boca	21 Cemetery Saturday Great Vespers 5 pm Confession
	Fast Days					
22 **St. John of Climacus** Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am *Sunday School* *March 25 Program*	23 Great Compline 6:30 pm Confession	24 Bible Study 9 am Great Vespers at Annunciation SF 6 pm	25 **Divine Services 8:30** The Annunciation of the Theotokos VIPs Luncheon GEM Classes Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm	26 Mailing Team 10 am	27 MGF baking: Baklava 9 am Akathist Hymn 6:30 pm	28 Narthex Clean Up Day MGF baking: Tiropita 9 am Great Vespers 5 pm Confession
	Fast Days					
29 **St. Mary of Egypt** Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am *Sunday School* *St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival* *Johnathan's Place Dinner*	30 Great Compline 6:30 pm Confession	31 Bible Study 9 am				
	Fast Days					

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