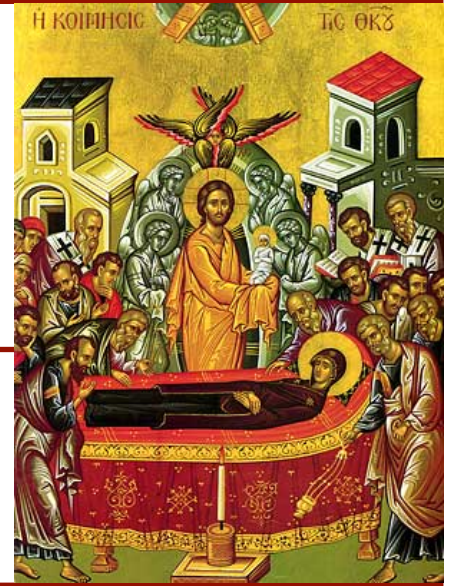


The Word

July/August 2023

“And the Word became flesh & dwelt among us, full of grace & truth.”

~John 1:14



Pentecost: A New Community and a New Way of Life

By Rev. Father Constantine Efstathiou

Following the celebration of Pascha, we enter a most joyous period of the liturgical year, the period of the Pentecostarion, extending from Easter Sunday to Pentecost which is celebrated fifty days after Pascha. Pentecost marks the birth of the Church, the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and first followers of Christ as described in the second chapter of the Book of Acts in the New Testament.

When Christ began His ministry, He was “full of the Holy Spirit.” He came to heal and to preach “in the power of the Holy Spirit.” His goal was to renew people, to make them whole, and to give them the Holy Spirit.

Jesus had charged His disciples not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father: “John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” It was by this power from heaven that they were to be

witnesses of Christ from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. On the day of Pentecost they were “filled with the Holy Spirit” and began to proclaim Jesus of Nazareth as Christ the Lord. The power that drove them to proclaim the message of the Risen Lord was the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

As Christians we have received the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Chrismation; and we receive His power anew, again and again, and it grows in us by our faithful response to Christ and the keeping of His commandments. The Holy Spirit is the power by which we know, experience, and rejoice in God personally. That is our calling and our goal as Christians. What an awesome prospect! “To believe in God is one thing, to know God another,” said St. Silouan. “Humble yourself, practice Christ's commandments, and fervently pray to God to give you of the wisdom, love, and joy of the Holy Spirit.”

The purpose of the Church as God's New Community of faith is to redeem, sanctify, and deify

its members, to make them truly members of the Body of Christ. “As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ,” we chant at every Baptism, quoting from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians. It is the sacrament of Baptism that initiates us into God's New Community, the Church, the mystical Body of Christ. We renounce Satan, and acknowledge Christ, the Founder and Savior of the New Community, and Redeemer of the world. We accept, and commit our life to Christ. We are incorporated into His Body and are nurtured and grow by participation in His divine grace.

As a New Community, the Church works within the world, renewing and sanctifying and teaching its members new ways to relate to the other members and to others around them. Jesus several times used the image of hunger and thirst, and their satisfaction, to convey God's precious gift to man: The forgiveness of sins and the grace of the Holy Spirit, which transfigures and nourishes our

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July/August Services and Readings

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

Date	Service	Time
Sunday, July 2	4th Sunday of Matthew	8:30 am
Sunday, July 9	5th Sunday of Matthew	8:30 am
Sunday, July, 16	Sunday of the Holy Fathers	8:30 am
Monday, July 17	St. Marina	8:30 am
Sunday, July 23	7th Sunday of Matthew	8:30 am
Wednesday, July 26	St. Paraskeve	8:30 am
Thursday, July 27	St. Panteleimon	8:30 am
Sunday, July 30	8th Sunday of Matthew	8:30 am
Tuesday, August 1	Paraklesis	9:30 am
Wednesday, August 2	Paraklesis	6:30 pm
Thursday, August 3	Paraklesis	9:30 am
Friday, August 4	Paraklesis	6:30 pm
Saturday, August 5	Great Vespers	6:00 pm
Sunday, August 6	The Transfiguration	8:30 am
Monday, August 7	Paraklesis	6:30 pm
Tuesday, August 8	Paraklesis	9:30 am
Wednesday, August 9	Paraklesis	6:30 pm
Thursday, August 10	Paraklesis	9:30 am
Friday, August 11	Paraklesis	6:30 pm
Saturday, August 12	Great Vespers	6:00 pm
Sunday, August 13	10th Sunday of Matthew	8:30 am
Monday, August 14	Great Vespers	6:30 pm
Tuesday, August 15	The Falling Asleep of the Theotokos	8:30 am
Sunday, August 20	11th Sunday of Matthew	8:30 am
Sunday, August 27	12th Sunday of Matthew	8:30 am
Tuesday, August 29	The Beheading of St. John the Baptist	8:30 am

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souls. Are you thirsty? Are you hungry? Learn to nourish yourself with Christ; learn to feed on the bread of His love. Believe in Him. Receive His words as the words of life. Honor and worship Him in spirit and truth. Seek His forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance (Confession). Receive Him in Holy Communion regularly. Abide in

Him through prayer; learn of Him through the reading of Holy Scripture. Whoever you are, wherever you are, and whatever you do, relate your life to Christ, carry out your tasks in His Name and for His honor, and the very work you do will be transformed into spiritual food for you because of Him.

Beyond 50

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On Wednesday, June 7, we participated in a Design Review Workshop at Novato City Hall. Members of the Novato Design Review Commission (DRC) were present (Mark Schatz, Michael Barber, and Joseph Farrell) in addition to members of the Novato Planning Division (Steve Marshall and Vivek Damodaran).

Fr. John spoke first, communicating to the DRC that Nativity has received tremendous support from the neighborhood. Christ Kamages then gave a presentation highlighting the goals and aspirations of our projects. Members of the DRC and attendees from Nativity (Ed Keller, Steve Rouman, Dina Stathis, and Spiro Stratigos) then gathered for a roundtable discussion on the projects.

There were five areas of suggestions & refinement by the DRC:

- Roof line. It was suggested to make the roofline of the Narthex addition one level the entire way.
- Updated Landscape Plan. It was desired to have a clear understanding of the type and composition of the trees that will be landscaped.
- Bathroom connection. It was suggested that both bathrooms in the Narthex addition should be accessed through the hallway.
- Retaining Wall. The retaining wall should be stucco like the existing building and not be a living wall.
- Lighting. The DRC wanted to ensure that there would be no obtrusive lighting. CJK offered to provide appropriate graphics for the next DRC meeting.

Apart from these suggestions, all members of the DRC were extremely impressed with the



project and overwhelmingly supported how this project:

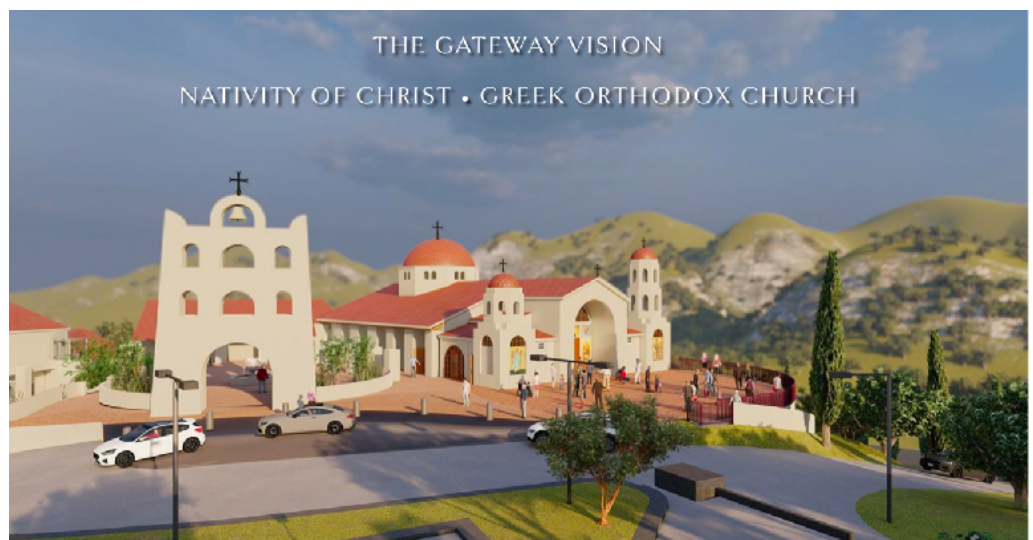
- Gives a welcoming front entrance.
- Creates a convenient drop off, particularly for seniors.
- Creates a physical presence through the increased size of the dome.
- Offers creative architectural features with the asymmetry of the front two bell towers

Additional comments from the DRC: "I'd vote yes on this today if I could." "It's a tremendous improvement and great use of the space." "It's an honor to be part of this project."

We are anticipating the public hearing for the official Design Review approval to be held on Wednesday, July 19 at Novato City Hall. After this approval, the plans will then need to be approved by the Novato Planning Commission and the Novato City Council.

We look forward to engaging with parishioners in the coming months through various workshops to involve the Parish community on this exciting progress. A special Parish Assembly will be held prior to submitting plans to the City of Novato for building permits.

Please refer to our website, nativityofchrist.org/strategic-planning-process to learn more about our progress and updates from the last several years.

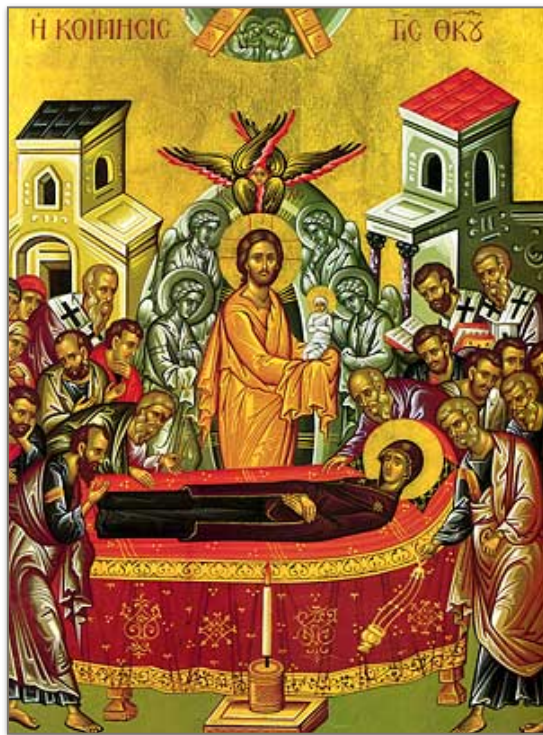


What is Stewardship?

A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen our faith in God.

Stewardship is the giving of our Time, Treasure, and Talents to Honor God and for the Service of God.

It is by offering our blessings back to Him that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healings, liberating, empowering, transfiguring, loving ministry through the Church for God. He has chosen to work through us to continue His saving work in the world today and we have been charged as the servants of Nativity of Christ Church and as such, are responsible for its care. As we enjoy these summer months, let us not forget to honor and maintain our beloved Church and community. Kalo Kalokairi! nativityofchrist.org/giving



The Dormition of the Theotokos

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and, in the Greek *kimisis*) or “falling-asleep” of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, “Woman, behold your son!” and to John, “Behold your mother!” (John 19:25-27). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home.

Along with the biblical reference in Acts 1:14 that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles.

Philoptochos

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is a board meeting on Tuesday, August 1. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and will be an online Zoom meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83158313960?pwd=V0xTM0xEV3RMaFNZbGJ3Qy9CbNFIQT09>

Meeting ID: 831 5831 3960 Passcode: phil

Upcoming Events

July 30: Prepare and serve dinner for Jonathan's place.



2023-2025 Philoptochos Board members

Installation of the 2023-2025 Philoptochos Board was held on June 18. Congratulations to all.

Philoptochos Scholarships

Congratulations to our four Scholarship winners. Alex El-Far, Alexis Kamages, Georgia Pineda, and James Starling. We wish them all the best for the fall semester.

Supporting our Community

Johnathan's Place is the only emergency shelter for adults in Marin County. The shelter has the capacity to house 40 people per night. Philoptochos provides dinner to the residents of Jonathan's Place on the 5th Sunday of any month that has five weeks. July 30 is the next opportunity for us to support this Homeward Bound program. If you would like to be involved in providing a meal or serving the meal, please contact Gigi Medan.

Fellowship Hour

Currently there are no groups assigned for hosting Fellowship Hour. During the summer months regular coffee and tea and light refreshments such as cookies and fruit are served. If you would like to participate in bringing an item and making the coffee during the summer that would be great. Please contact Irene Meehan imeehan715@gmail.com. Hosted Fellowship Hours will resume on September 3.

SAVE THE DATES

Fest-to-Go Weekend: September 16 & 17, 2023

Wild West Dance: September 23, 2023

Bay Area Youth Retreat: October 14, 2023

Holiday Bazaar: November 11, 2023

Religious Education

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2023-2024 Sunday School

The first day of Sunday School is August 20, 2023. It's time to register for the 2023-2024 Sunday School year. Here is the link to our online registration: <https://forms.gle/5Q8BvQb3RiuTrgfH9> or find the link on the Education page of the Nativity of Christ website. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that we have updated and accurate contact, health, and grade level information on file.

2023-2024 Sunday School Teachers

Preschool: Chryssa Zotalis

Kindergarten and 1: Presbyteria Stephanie Kocolas

2 - 5 grade: Stella Stenros

6 - 8 grade: Patrick Fuss and Christina Thomatos

9 - 12 grade: Michael and Marika Yakumithis

Sunday School Director: Sara Allen

Program Support: Kathy Marshall

Bible Study

August Tuesdays at 9 am. We are studying important aspects of the Bible via [Zoom](#). Email Fr. John for more information.



Journey to Fullness

Since we recently completed our video series, Fr. John will now be leading discussions regarding common questions that many Orthodox Christians may have. Join us as Fr. John gives both theological and historical explanations. Contact Fr. John if you have a question you'd like him to answer! Join us Wednesday, August 2, 16 and 30 at 7:30 pm via [Zoom](#). ALL ARE WELCOME!



PANAGIA PANIGIRI

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Join us for an afternoon of celebration and fellowship!
Lunch will cost \$15/person.

Sack Meals

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Thank You from St. Vincent de Paul

Hello to all the volunteers from Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church!

Can the dining room survive without the meals you volunteers provide? Yes, the hot meal service will continue. But many people who cannot conform to the serving hours will not get a meal at all. The sack meals are passed out before, after, and in between breakfast and lunch seven days a week. Our clientele includes many different kinds of vulnerable populations including working people and seniors.

Thank you for your donations. This project is possible only with your support. You can make a difference every day.

Much gratitude from Saint Vincent de Paul for your volunteer spirit!

Karen Peterson
SVDP Volunteer Coordinator



July Sack Meal Project Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 9 am to 11 am

To Volunteer, click SignUp Genius link below

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DAFA82AA6FA7-july1>

For more information, contact Cheryl Messner
(415) 450-1440 or clsimone123@gmail.com.

Sack Meals

Please help us prepare 150 sack meals for the needy in our community. We will need five sandwich makers, five helpers to assemble the sack meals, and two 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 toward the meals, please send a check to the Church Office with a note "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.

Volleyball

It was great to have our high school and college students for a night of volleyball!



Father's Day Celebrations

A small sample of the inspiring fathers of our parish community. Happy Father's Day!



Chian Society of California Agia Markella Annual Summer Picnic

Sunday, July 23 | after Divine Liturgy

Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church
1110 Highland Drive
Novato, CA 94947

\$25 Adults | \$15 kids (10 & under)

Music & Dancing!

For Tickets:

Nick Pries: (408) 398-7070

Antonia Fikaris: (510) 381-0723

Argyro Kozas: (510) 387-2057

Denna Tsatsaronis: hios85@hotmail.com

Minoan Dancers

The Minoan Dancers high school and adult dance groups have been invited to represent Greece at the Peninsula International Dance Festival (PIDF) at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center on Sunday, July 16, at the 3 pm show. Among the other nations represented will be Brazil, India, Mexico, Native American, China, Congo, Hawaiian, Spain and the Philippines. A trailer of the 2022 PIDF and tickets are available at <https://www.peninsulaballet.org/pidf>

The Minoans' 2023-2024 dance season will resume in September with rehearsals on Sundays and Wednesdays. Groups are by school grade, starting at kindergarten. No experience necessary. Annual performances include Nativity Crab Feed, the Metropolis Folk Dance Festival in February, and the Marin Greek Festival in May, plus other opportunities including the Gyro-Fest-to-Go Fundraiser September 16-17. Please contact Effie Fourakis for more information and a schedule at effiejf@me.com.

GYRO-FEST-TO-GO
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE NOC DANCE MINISTRY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

GYROS,
FRIES,
PASTRIES &
GREEK
SODA

NATIVITY OF CHRIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
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2023 Festival Volunteers Thank You Night

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Appreciation Night

On Thursday, June 1, we held a wonderful Appreciation Dinner to give thanks to all of our volunteers for another successful Marin Greek Festival while cheering on our fellow Orthodox Christian, Nikola Jokic!



Thank You from Sparkle

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June 06, 2023

Nativity of Christ Greek Church
1110 Highland Drive
Novato, CA 94949

Dear Nativity of Christ,

WOW!!!! Thank you for your 2023 contribution of gifts and goods to the Sparkle Foundation. No goods or services were provided by the organization in return for the contribution. Your donation of \$10,000.00 was incredibly generous, and we simply cannot thank you enough.

The mission of the Sparkle Foundation is to sponsor and support women and children in need with Gifts and Goods, Enrichment, and Resources. With your support the Sparkle Foundation can continue with our enrichment programs year-round, backpack gifting in August and Holiday Gift Drive in December. The Sparkle Foundation is a recognized 501c3 non-profit organization with the IRS. Our Tax ID is 81-1302543. Please keep this letter as your donation receipt for tax purposes. All donations are 100% deductible and EVERY dollar donated goes right back out to help women and children. Here at Sparkle we don't have any overhead, just a firm focus of giving back to the community.

Again, we thank you for your support, which will permit the Sparkle Foundation to continue sponsoring and supporting women and children in need with Gifts, Goods, Enrichment and Resources.

For the only way this works, is because of people like you!

Very Truly Yours,


Samantha Tradelius
Executive Director



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Graduates

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Anna-Maria Simos and Katerina Simos

Anna-Maria and Katerina Simos graduated from Pine Valley middle school, and will be attending California High School.



Alena Starling

Alena graduated from Petaluma Junior High School and will be attending Petaluma High School.

Graduates

We also congratulate the following graduates not pictured.

8th grade

**Peyton Lewis
Pelagia Kratsas**

12th grade

**Alex El-Far
Costa Foster
Alexander Grigorakis
Ian Grigorakis**



George Nickolas Kokalis

George graduated from Terra Linda High School. He plans on attending Santa Rosa Junior College, then transferring to UC to pursue a Bachelor's in Business.

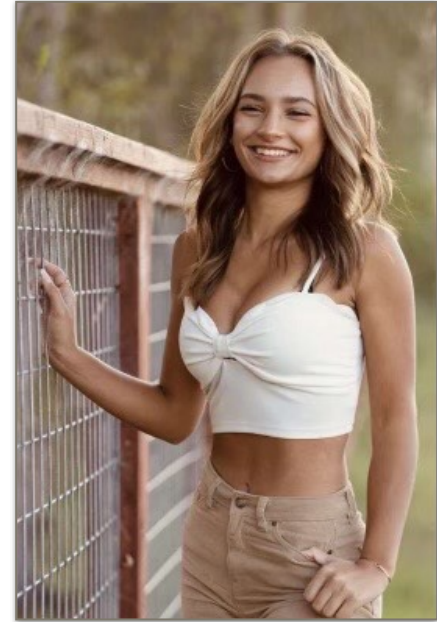
Graduates

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James Starling

James graduated from Petaluma High School. He plans on going to sheet metal trade school.



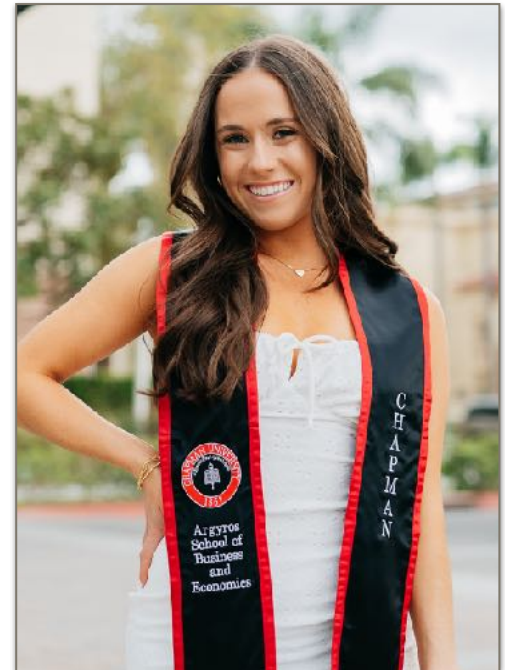
Valentina Scanagatta

Valentina graduated from St. Vincent De Paul High School. She plans to major in Business and Political Science at Dominican University.



Georgia Pineda

Georgia graduated from Redwood High School. She plans on studying Environmental Science at Emory University.



Emalia Katelanis

Emalia graduated from Chapman University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Marketing and a double Minor in Advertising and Leadership Studies.

July & August 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!



July 1: Sts. Cosmas and Damian

Angie Kozas

July 7: St. Kyriaki

Carrie Delfino

July 7: St. Odysseas

Odysseas Fourakis
Odysseus Tangelakis

July 10: St. Amalia

Amalia Haginicols
Delores Walters

July 11: St. Olga

Olga Avlonitis

July 13: St. Serapion

Sara Perivolaris

July 15: St. Vladimir

William Burrows

July 17: St. Marina

Marina Eggleston
Marina Kocolas
Marina Medan
Marina Papanikolaou
Marina Pelagia
Scanagatta

July 19: St. Macrina

Valentina Pajcini

July 20: St. Elijah

Elianna Castro

July 22: St. Markella

Marti Madias

July 24: St. Christina

Kristen Azar

Tristyn Bryan
Christina Decker
Christine England
Christina Foster
Christine Magoulas
Christine Mehas
Christina Misthos
Christina Rangoussis
Christina Thomatos
Chrissy Zotalis

July 24: St. Paraskevi

Paraskevi Catel
Payton Lewis

July 27: St.

Panteleimon

Alex Zaphiris

July 28: St. Irene

Lydia Erin Dellinger

July 31: St. Joseph

Kenn Cunningham

August 8: St.

Triantaphyllos

Rose Hunter

August 15: The

Dormition of the

Theotokos

Peter Angelonides
Maria Baird
Mary Jane Constantin
Peter Efstathiou
Peter Friedman
Maria Gavallos
Peter George

Debbie Georgeson
Diana Geron
Eileen Gordon
Maia Marie Haritoudis
Maria Hilakos Hanke
Marilyn Hundley
Mary Jorgensen
Peter Kamages
Debbie Kokalis
Despina Mancini
Michele Manos
Maria Mantalvanos
Cheryl Messner
Maria Mezinis
Peter Misthos
Pauline Oetzel
Despina Papageorge
Maria Pavlou
Thelma Petracopoulos
Maria Pezzuto
Beatrice Picras
Mila Rishwain
Maria Sotiras
Pete Sotiras
Mari Stainbrook
Maria Stainbrook
Pete Stathis
Mary Kay Stratigos
Peter Gabriel Thomatos
Maria Tsiplakos
Dessie Vartholomeos
Kendal Webber
Marika Yakumithis
Marian Zagorites

August 16: St. Stamatis

Stamatis Psaros

August 26: St. Adrian

Adriame Sklavos

August 30: St.

Alexander

Alexandra Aaron
Alexandra Bizani
Alexander Brahman
Alexis Captanian
Alexandra Edrich
Jolie Alexandra
England
Alexandra Fradelizio
Alexandra Franklin
Alexis Gasparini
Alexander Grigorakis
Lexi Hall
Alex Kamages
Alexis Kamages
Alexandros Kuvelis
Alexander Madias
Alexandria J Manesis
Alex Mantalvanos
Alexandra Orologas
Alexandra Pauletti
Alexandra Soeten
Alex Paul Starling
Alex Tarazi
Alexandra Wiepking
Ruairi Wiepking

2023 Stewardship Pledges (as of June 26, 2023)

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Presiding Priest Fr. John & Pres. Stephanie Kocolas	Flohr, Dave & Diane Fotinos, Vivian Fourakis, Vasilis & Effie Franklin, Alexandra Friedman, Peter & Katina Pantzes Fuss, Patrick Gagas, Charles & Claire Gavallos, Victor D. Gavallos, Victor & Brenda George, Pete & Ann Georgeson, George & Debbie Geron, Diana Gikkas, Pete & Vickie Hatos Gikkas, Stephanie Haginicols, Amalia Hajopoulos, Kathy Hall, Bryan & Paula Plessas-Hall Hamill, John & Athanasia Hanacek, Nick & Victoria Hanis, Jim & Stella Haralambopoulos, Costas & Ria Haris, George & Georgia Haris, Nico & Nicole Haritoudas, Stamatia Harris, Helen Harvey, Robert & Elaine Hontalas, Chris & Susan Hontalas, Frank & Eve Hundley, Courtney & Marilyn Hunter, John & Rose Iannios, Demetrios & Manulani Jorgensen, Eric & Mary Kakleas, Jon Kalabokes, Chris Kamages, Christ & Pat Kambur, JoAnne Kanas, Nick & Carolyn Karaszi, Noula Katelanis, Olympia Kavantjas, Diane Kavouklis, Chris & Tonia Birmpakou Keller, Ed & Karen Kelley, Stephen & Eleni Kokalis, George & Debbie Kosmas, Anthony & Anthonia Kozas, Anna Kozas, Tom & Angero Kozas, Nonda & Nicole Kouvelis, Dean & Denise Kouvelis, Xenia Lagios, Michael & Sheila Lendaris, Antonia Lendaris, George Li, Robert & Stephanie Pappas Livadas, Carl & Stacy Livanos, Nick & Patti Lourdes, Vasiliki Lucas, Matt & Fei Lynn, Tom & Lucy	Madias, Alexander & Robyn Madias, Constantine & Marti Madias, Evangelia Madias, Joanna Madias, Theodore Manesis, Alexandra Mantalvanos, Alex & Maria Manos, Michele Margaronis, Anastassios & Maya Marshall, Philip & Kathy Mavromihalis, Steven & Vickie Mayer, Paul & Diana Demetrulias Mavrantonis, Antoni & Maureen Maguire Medan, Dushan & Gigi Meehan, Nicole Meehan, Tom & Irene Meek, Gerald & Stamatina Meek, Jason Meas, Christine Meredith, Kent & Angela Koros Messner, Mark & Cheryl Metallinos, Sophia Misthos, Eileen Morales, Marlon & Andrea Morris, Susan Morrissey, Lloyd & Anastasia Pinoris O'Connor Wayne & Betty Zootis Oetzel, Bob & Pauline Orologas, Julie Orologas, Katerina Pajcini, Marlen & Valentina Papageorge, Christos & Despina Panagotacos, James & Diane Papanikolaou, George & Soula Papanikolaou, Marina Papado, 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 Stavrindes, Nicholas Stavrindes, Thalia Stenros, Stuart & Stella Stockton, John & Susan Stratigos, Spiro & Mary Kay Tacticals, George Tangalakis, Odysseus & Joanna Tarazi, Alex & Carla Thomatos, Dennis & Christina Touras, Antonios & Antonia Trapalis, Niovi Trevoledes, Patrice Tzafopoulos, Vasiliki Tzagarakis, Martina Vallas, James & Judith Vasilopoulos, Nick & Eileen Gordon Vassiliou, Maggie Vlahakos, Nick & Georgia Walters, Amalia Walters, Jennifer Walters, Scott & Karen Weeks, Dan & Stacey Weipking, Ruari & Alexandra Kremer Wildermuth, Anna Xenelis, Nicholas Yakumithis, Michael & Marika Yatrakis, Christopher & Eirini Karatzaferi Yioulos, Dean & Ann Zaferiou, Paul & Phyllis Zahariudakis, Dimitrios & Haroula
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July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <u>4th Sunday of Matthew</u> Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am	3	4 Office Closed	5	6	7	8
9 <u>5th Sunday of Matthew</u> Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am Crossroads Luncheon	10	11 Parish Council 7 pm	12 Fast Days	13	14 Fast Days	15 Sack Meals 9am-11 am
16 <u>Sunday of the Holy Fathers</u> Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am	17 Divine Services- 8:30 am St. Marina	18	19 Fast Days	20	21 Fast Days	22
23 <u>7th Sunday of Matthew</u> Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am Chian Picnic	24	25	26 Divine Services- 8:30 am St. Paraskevi Fast Days	27 Divine Services- 8:30 am St. Panteleimon Mailing Team 10:30 am	28 Fast Days	29
30 <u>8th Sunday of Matthew</u> Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am Johnathans's Place Dinner	31					

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Paraklesis 9:30 am Philoptochos 7 pm	2 Paraklesis 6:30 pm Journey to Fullness 7:30 pm	3 Paraklesis 9:30 am	4 Paraklesis 6:30 pm	5 Great Vespers 6 pm
6 The Transfiguration Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am	7 Paraklesis 6:30 pm	8 Paraklesis 9:30 am Parish Council 7 pm	9 Paraklesis 6:30 pm	10 Paraklesis 9:30 am	11 Paraklesis 6:30 pm	12 Great Vespers 6 pm
<i>Fast Days</i>						
13 10th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am	14 Great Vespers 6:30 pm	15 Office Closed Divine Services- 8:30 am Dormition of Theotokos	16 Journey to Fullness 7:30 pm	17 Sons of Nativity 7 pm	18	19
<i>Fast Days</i>						
20 11th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Panagia Panagiri Picnic</i>	21	22 9 am Bible Study	23 <i>Fast Days</i>	24	25 <i>Fast Days</i>	26
27 12th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i>	28	29 Divine Services- 8:30 am The Beheading of St. John the Baptist Mailing Team 10:30 am	30 Journey to Fullness 7:30 pm <i>Fast Days</i>	31	September 1	2



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