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St. Romanos the Melodist

Celebrated October 1st



St. Romanos was born in Syria in the fifth century. His parents were neither rich nor famous but they were good Christians and loving parents. Romanos grew up with love for God in his heart. When he grew old enough, he became an altar boy and then a singer and reader in church - at first in his home town of Beirut and later in Constantinople. Romanos wanted to serve God to the best of his ability. He prayed a great deal and was the first to come to Church and the last to leave. He lit the vigil lights with great reverence for he loved the saints before whose images they burned. Most of all he liked the church choir and was always happy when he was allowed to sing. In those days the service of Matins, celebrated on feast days was very different from what it is now. During the service, psalms and verses from the Old Testament were chanted and then a singer stepped out into the middle of the church and sang a hymn called a "kontakion" which was much longer than the "kontakia" we sing today and explained the meaning of the event celebrated by the feast. Very often these singers improvised, that is to say, they thought up the words as they sang them and the faithful in the church would chant the response. Of course good singers were very much appreciated, for they had to be good musicians, as well as talented and

well educated to be able to improvise such hymns. It was an honored position. The Bishop of Constantinople became very fond of the new young singer Romanos. He saw his good life and how devoted he was to his service in church. Very soon he made Romanos one of the official readers and singers of the greatest church in Constantinople - Hagia Sophia (Church of the Holy Wisdom). The other singers did not like this at all. They were very proud of their voices and of their ability to compose hymns and they resented that an inexperienced newcomer like Romanos was singing like them.

Christmas was drawing near and the great church of Hagia Sophia opened her doors to crowds of worshipers. On Christmas Eve, especially, Vespers were celebrated very solemnly, for the Emperor and his court were in church. The Patriarch himself officiated. When the time came for a singer to come out and sing his Christmas hymn, the jealous readers suddenly pushed Romanos to the center of the Cathedral. "If you are good enough to be an official singer," they said teasingly, "Go out now and do as we do - sing an appropriate hymn."

Romanos felt paralyzed. Everyone was looking at him and waiting. His mouth went dry. Not a single thought came to his mind, not a sound to his lips. In the silence the people waited smiling and whispering. At last, his eyes full of tears, Romanos escaped trying to hide behind the crowd of singers. When the service had ended, Romanos remained alone for a long time in the dark and echoing cathedral. The fragrance of incense still filled the air and the vigil lights continued to glimmer in front of the icons. Romanos' eyes were drawn to the image of the Mother of our Lord. "Oh, gentle Mother," he prayed "help me, help me. My mind is empty, my lips are silent. How shall I glorify your new-born Son?" Late that night Romanos returned home comforted by his long prayer and went to bed. While he slept, he had a vision.

The Mother of our Lord entered his room. She held in her hand a small scroll of paper and coming nearer to Romanos said very gently, "Open your lips." She then placed the paper in his mouth and ordered Romanos to swallow it. Romanos obeyed and immediately woke up. The room was empty, but his heart was full of great happiness and excitement while his mind was full of beautiful and sacred words. It was Christmas morning and Romanos hurried to the Cathedral to attend Matins. As the

moment came for a singer to step out and improvise a hymn, Romanos, without any hesitation, went forward. He was not afraid today; he did not hesitate to think. A beautiful melody burst from his lips and words that he had never heard before arranged themselves into sentences:

*"Today the Virgin gives birth to the transcendent One,
And the earth offers a cave to the unapproachable One;
Angels with shepherds glorify Him!
The wise men journey with the star,
Since, for our sake the eternal God was born as a little child!"*

No one had ever heard the prayer before, but it was so beautiful that the choir and entire congregation of the faithful took up the last words: *"Since, for our sake the eternal God was born as a little child!"*

As soon as the service was over, the Patriarch hurried over to Romanos and asked him who had taught him this wonderful hymn. Humbly, the young singer told of the miraculous vision and the gift he received. Saint Romanos used his gift gratefully the rest of his life. He developed his God-given talent composing many beautiful hymns, and as you attend church services on major Holy Days, you may be sure that some of the prayers you hear were written by Saint Romanos.

Youth Ministries

By Mr. Nick Tzetzis

Greetings in Christ!

What a month it's been for Ivey and I! It's been so nice to meet everyone here at Holy Trinity – St. Nicholas, and we've loved exploring the Cincinnati area.

The year's gotten off to a quick start here at the church. **HOPE & JOY** had their first evening activity on September 7. After playing some games together, we started building our prayer routine, learned about Joachim and Anna and the birth of the Theotokos, and then had a wonderful craft provided by the team. An email went out shortly before this event, and I know it caught some off-guard, so we'll make sure to send an earlier email reminder out for our next event on **October 5**.

I got a chance to meet a number of our **GOY**ans at the church picnic while playing a game of Kubb together. It's been good to talk to the advisors and to the GOYans about what they would like out of their year, and I'm looking forward to working closely with the program. They'll be having a fellowship event on **Tuesday, October 17** and they'll be going to Niederman Family Farm on **Saturday, October 28**.

YAL had a great start to the year with a picnic up at Ault Park. The weather was absolutely fantastic, and that park is a real gem. You'll want to keep an eye out for more young adult events coming soon!

All in all, it's wonderful to see how much the community has going on with youth and young adult ministry. I'm really looking forward to working with Fr. Mark and all of our incredible volunteers and advisors on these programs.

Please feel free to email me at assistant@tzetzis.com or send me a text at (513) 508-0386 to introduce yourself.

In Christ,
Mr. Nick

Parish Announcements

Congratulations to **Gus and Jo Ann Perdikakis** who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sept 3rd, 2017. We have so much to celebrate - love, family and togetherness for 5 decades! You continue to inspire us and thank you for being wonderful parents to Lynn, Mandie and George, and grandparents to Gus C, William Milo and Henry Apollo.

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Fall General Assembly Sunday, October 15, 2017

A Fall General Assembly will be convened on Sunday, October 15th, 2017 following the Divine Liturgy. Parishioners should have received the agenda through the mail. The 2018 proposed budget was mailed with the agenda. The minutes from the Spring General Assembly have been posted on the bulletin board and on our website at <http://www.holytrinity.oh.goarch.org/>.

Our Parish By-Laws require the following for eligibility to participate and vote at this meeting:

A parishioner who wishes to **PARTICIPATE IN THE FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY** or any **SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES** after June 30th must have paid his/her stewardship financial obligation of the previous year and also 75% of the stewardship financial obligation for the current year (P3, C3, Art. 31, Section 3).

If you have any questions about eligibility to participate in the General Assembly, please contact the Church Office at 513-591-0030.

Parish Council President's Message



Dear Parish Family,

This past year seemed to just fly by. Already enjoying that fall feeling. Cooler evenings, shorter daylight hours and the fall foliage doing its thing. Which means it is time for our Fall General Assembly meeting. This meeting is very important to our Parish family, we review and approve the 2018 budget, and we choose who will be the next Parish Council team members. We have seven positions to fill this year. These meetings are so important to the governance of the Parish. As a church family, we make it very easy to attend a meeting; we provide food, drink and great company. Please find time following the Divine Liturgy to attend October 15th at 12:00 pm.

I would also like to remind everyone we will be kicking off our 2018 Stewardship Campaign. Please take the time to fill out a pledge card and tell us what Time, Talents and Treasures you can offer to help further the Church’s mission and ministries. Thank you to those who continually support our Parish family and thank God for our continued prosperity.

Sincerely,
Nick L. Sarakatsannis

Pastoral Post - Its

Fall General Assembly and Parish Council Nominations

We will have our regular Fall Parish Assembly on Sunday, October 15th. At this Assembly, the parish will consider the 2018 Parish Budget, as well as nominate candidates for Parish Council Elections to be held on November 19th. See this newsletter for information concerning candidacy for the Parish Council.

Candidacy for the Parish Council

Serving on the Council is an honor and a trusted position that includes taking on some responsibilities. Parish Council members attend monthly meetings to conduct church business and are assigned to various committees to help facilitate church operations, events and ministries. Council members are elected by the parish membership for a two-year term. Nominations are ratified by the Fall General Assembly.

To be eligible, candidates for the Parish Council must be Parishioners in Good Standing of the Holy Trinity – St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Parish according to the Regulations of the Archdiocese and Parish By-Laws.

If you are interested in becoming a candidate for the Parish Council or even just thinking about it and want more information, contact Fr. Mark or the Governance Committee of the Parish Council- Nektarios Papasavvas, Stacey Loukoumidis, and George Haralamos.

Campus Connection - College Student Information Request

We are requesting contact information on our parish's college/university students. This is a great way for your student to stay connected to his/her home church while at school. Whether they attend an institution of higher learning locally or outside of the Greater Cincinnati Area, we want to stay connected to our students.

Please forward the following information to our Pastoral Assistant, Mr. Nick, at assistant@tzetzi.com

Name of Student
College/University Attending
US Mail Address
Email Address
Phone Contact

Thank You!

Transitions

40 Day Blessings:

AnnaMarie (Herrmann) Vollhardt and daughter

August 27, 2017

Kara (Kalomeres) Gardner and daughter

August 27, 2017

Baptism:

Neophyte: Zoe Evangeline

Father: Triffon Callos

Mother: Stacey (Leon) Callos

Sponsor: Adrian Karas

September 16, 2017

Funerals:

†Asimina "Mina" Demakes , age 76, August 29, 2017

†Maria Kritikos, age 62, August 31, 2017

†Betsy Pascal, age 83, September 1, 2017

†Dimitra Stroplos, age 87, September 11, 2017

†Gus Kurlas, age 93, September 22, 2017



Parish Ministries and Organizations

OVER FIFTY CLUB...Ann Jonson

We would like to welcome Nick and Ivey Tzetis. Mr. Nick has been assigned to our Parish and will serve as the Pastoral Assistant until his ordination.

Our sympathy to the family of Mina Demakes, i.e., Father Mark and Presvytera Ginny, and Paul and Nick Kessis. Mina was a member for many years. We lit a candle in her memory. Memory eternal!

Our sympathy to Mary Lou (Paul) Edgington, Jim Pascal, Anastasia (Dennis) Hermann and to all grandchildren on the passing of their mother and great grandmother, Betsy Pascal. We lit a candle in her memory. Memory eternal!

The next luncheon will be at Buca di Beppo on October 21.

PHILOPTOCHOS...Carrie Petrou

We held our Philoptochos/Daughters/Ahepa Pot Luck Dinner & Movie on September 24th. If you were unable to attend this one....you'll have another chance of attending the next one in February. It's a great way of spending a few short hours with our church friends and family.

On October 7th we take part in our annual "Walk to End Alzheimer's". It's a wonderful tribute to honor our church family members who have been touched by this terrible disease. Sign up and be a part of our Greek Team!! It's great exercise and we are able to donate our monies to a worthy cause.

On October 8th is our next Philoptochos meeting. We are presently working on a program to incorporate "Breast Awareness Month". We hear/learn new things, share ideas, and come together as one to make a difference. You are always welcome to be part of an organization whose mission is "serving others".

On October 10th will be our very worthwhile service @ City Gospel Mission. If you would like to be a part of serving a hot and delicious meal to those in need...please call Diane Kevin at 513-314-9149. Those "repeat" diners say they just LOVE the meals from Holy Trinity St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church!!

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE...Vera Manolakas

An exciting new year has begun for us. We received two awards at the District convention; one for the most charitable and the other for most new members. Congratulations to Irene Zigoris who received the prestigious Penelope of the Year award.

Our first meeting was hosted by the new officers and board of governors. We decided to have a Greek night by featuring Greek appetizers and desserts. Mathew Neuendorf was our featured speaker with a presentation on the history of the cross.

October begins our preparations for our baklava baking. Since we began offering baklava for Thanksgiving, it has become a tradition in many homes along with the turkey. Contact Vera at 513-247-0011 or Tina at 513-451-8855 or online at daughters.penelope13@gmail.com for information and to place an order. Our prices are the same as in the past. Beginning October 8, we will also have a table in the large hall where you may place your order. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Have a safe Halloween!

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL...Peggy Kehayes

SCS announcement: on Sundays October 22nd and 29th, we will have Open House. Parents, grandparents, guardians and Godparents are all welcome to join their child/Godchild in Sunday Church School on either day! This should make it easier for families with multiple children in different classes. We look forward to you all coming and observing class time!

MOTHERS CLUB...Amanda Kontopos

Thank you to all of the families who attended our Mothers Club picnic this summer. We had a smorgasbord of delicious food and enjoyed the time to socialize and let the kiddos play. Mothers Club is gearing up for a busy fall. We had an informal coffee and donuts meeting on September 17th after church. Our annual bake sale will be held on Sunday, October 1st after church. Be ready for some yummy fall goodies! We also have a mom's night out on October 11th and of course, our yearly Halloween party on Friday, October 27th. We are so excited to have a core group of moms who have enjoyed a fun year of fellowship together. We are excited for the opportunity to continue to grow together and to welcome new mothers to our community as well.

Memorial Service Requirements at Holy Trinity – St. Nicholas Church in Cincinnati, OH

A Memorial Service is typically conducted for a departed Orthodox Christian on the 40th day, 6 month, 1 year and 3-year anniversary from the date of death. The Church conducts 4 Saturday of Souls Memorial services throughout the year to commemorate all departed.

If you would like to schedule a Memorial Service, you must contact the church office **at least TWO (2) weeks** in advance of the desired date. Please note that there are certain days when Memorial Services are not offered.

REQUIRED *Koliva (boiled wheat mixed with various ingredients such as walnuts, raisins, sesame, spices and powdered sugar). The koliva is made for the departed and to remind us of Jesus' words in John 12:24 -- *"Truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain."* The image of the grain of wheat dying in order to bear fruit signifies that Christ's death will give life to the world. This affirms God's promise that those who have died in Christ will rise again to life.

We have several parishioners that prepare Koliva for a Memorial Service. Please call the church office (513.591.0030) for contact information.

OPTIONAL:

*Altar Flowers may be ordered through the church office in memory of the departed. Check to be payable to "HTSN GOC". The donation for Altar Flowers is \$30.

*Sponsorship of Fellowship Coffee Hour may be arranged through the church office in memory of the departed, subject to availability. The donation to sponsor a Fellowship Coffee Hour is \$50. Check to be payable to "HTSN GOC".

*Please Note:

-Photographs of the departed are NOT permitted on the table with the Koliva during the Memorial Service. You may place a photograph of the departed in the hall if you sponsor the Fellowship Coffee Hour. There are no exceptions.

-Additional flowers (arrangements of any kind) are NOT permitted on or around the table with the Koliva during the Memorial Service. If you desire flowers in memory of the departed, contact the church to donate Altar Flowers for that day. There are no exceptions.

DAYS WHEN MEMORIAL SERVICES ARE NOT OFFERED

September

8th Nativity of the Virgin Mary 14th The Universal Elevation of the Holy Cross
9th – 13th If any of these dates fall on Sunday - First day of Sunday Church School

November

21st Entrance of the Virgin Mary into the Temple

December

25th Christmas

January

6th Epiphany

February

2nd Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

March

25th Annunciation

August

6th Transfiguration 15th Dormition of the Theotokos

The following days vary from year to year:

The Sunday immediately following a Saturday of Souls (40 Day Memorial is permitted)

The 1st Sun. of Lent (Sun. of Orthodoxy)

The 3rd Sun. of Lent (Veneration of the Holy Cross)

From the Saturday of Lazarus through, and including the Sunday of Thomas

Ascension Thursday

The Sunday of Pentecost

The Last Day of Sunday Church School (May)

Stewardship Message - It's That Time of the Year

By Peter Rodish

The smell of autumn and football is in the air. The nation gets ready for football whether its college or professional. We recently attended the UC – Michigan game in Ann Arbor. We parked in the lot across the street at the golf course. As I wandered around the 111,000 people I noticed something very interesting. Everyone was taking care of their tailgate area. They took pride in the setup, the display and the hospitality they would show to others. Of course, numerous times, if not constantly, I heard this is “Our House” the “Big House”! Respect for the Big House at Michigan Stadium! So in essence, these fans are stewards of their team and their house! A bunch of money to park, a bunch of money to go in to the game, food, drink, tailgate supplies, trailers with TV’s, refrigerators, grills, stereos and more. One area more pristine than the other. These are clearly stewards. I am sure if you tailgate at Bengals or UC games you may do the same.

So how do we react to the call of stewardship? Are we stewards, not of the Big House, but of OUR House? How do we maintain our Church, our property, and our house of worship? Think about the Panegyri for a minute. If you work or run a booth, how do you treat that booth? I know, like your own house, you are proud and meticulous. But that is a weekend, just like football. Maintaining our stewardship to God is a year round project. We should meticulously maintain the building, the property, the area of worship and the people within and all around it. We must take care of each other for each other are how we celebrate the wins, and comfort each other during the losses. You have heard us say many times, its all about time, talent and treasure. So how do you help? Is it with your treasure, or do you have a talent that can help us maintain and grow? Do you have the same time to give that we give on the weekends during football season? Can you help us by a few hours of your time, the same time you may be setting up your tailgate? How do you vision your team, how do you vision your church and its future?

Its time to celebrate together, just like they do in the stadium during a game. Feel the energy and the message when we come to church and what we take away. Don't be a bystander, but be a fan. A fan of what your Parish is doing to grow and spread its mission to help and serve others. Celebrate with each other in church, say hi to others like you would on Saturday or Sunday. Invest in yourself and others by being involved no matter what the limit. Accept this as a formal invitation to celebrate with us on the weekend. We need you here!

2017 Stewardship List Through 9-20-17

Aamodt, Peter & Karen
 Adinamis, George & Robyn
 Akroush, Mike & Kathy
 Anastasiou, Demetra
 Andreadis, Paul
 Andreadis, Sophie S.
 Andrews, Evan & Terry
 Apalodimas, Maria
 Apostolides, Vasso A.
 Argeros, Aristeia
 Arvanetes, Gregory & Sandra
 Ashcraft, Nick & Anne
 Assaley, Lewis & Patricia
 Bakiri, Ketil & Andrew Murray
 Baloglou, Janet
 Bates, Justin
 Batsakes, George P.
 Batsakes, Stephanie
 Batsakis, Chris & Lydia
 Beish, Andrew
 Beish, Karen
 Belitsos, George P. & Peter Q. Wolfe
 Beltsos, Paul & Jeanna
 Bender, Christina E.
 Bender, Robert & Kathy
 Berling, Ben & Jennifer
 Bertok, Christina
 Betas, Dimitrios
 Betas, Jim K. & Stephanie
 Betas, Maria
 Bikas, George M. & Anna

Bikas, Michael & Anna
 Bilionis, Angela
 Borcoman, Tate & Nicole
 Borod, Gregory & Gloria
 Bottomley, Stephen & Stephanie
 Bouras, Anna
 Boumis, Peter & Kimberly
 Brown, Mary
 Brown, William & George-Ann†
 Bugitzedes, Marian
 Bujnoch, Digger & Lindsay
 Caddell, Chris & Eleni
 Callos, Thomas & Patricia
 Callos, Triffon & Stacey
 Campbell, Corey & Stacy
 Caneris, Adonis & Ana Maria
 Caneris, Anthony & Antoinette
 Caneris, Dr. Onassis A.
 Caneris, Thomas & Joanna
 Cantrell, Katerina
 Cardullias, Dr. Peter & Elaine
 Carumpalos, Constantine
 Cassis, Eli & Christine
 Chachoff, Nada
 Chantilas, James & Dr. Lydia
 Chapas, Lefty
 Charnas, Terry & Koula
 Christman, Carl & Becky
 Christofield, Angeliki
 Christoforou, Mario & Venetia
 Christon, Angelos & Deanna

Christopher, Spiro & Olga
 Christopoulos, Vassiliki
 Christos, Mary J.
 Chrysovergis, Chris & Cara
 Cimarosti, Helen
 Claffie, Sean & Angela
 Colak, Tony & Joan
 Colyer, Jeff & Laura
 Colyer, Keith & Diane
 Condorodis, Anestis J. & Janeen D.
 Condorodis, Dr. Constandinos J. & Carolyn
 Cook, Barbara
 Cook, Karen
 Crawford, Jonathan & Sharon
 Dalambakis, Chris & Judy
 Dargis, Melody & David
 Denas, George & Eugenia
 Denas, Theodota
 Diaz, Chris & Stephanie
 Donohue, James & Eli
 Doukas, Alexander
 Dunlap, Andrew
 Economacos, Demetrios & Christine
 Economacos, Eleni
 Economacos, Tom & Jennifer
 Economakis, Tina
 Edgington, Paul & Mary Lou
 Elias, Nick

Elias, Tom & Tina
 Emroll, Fr. Mark & Presvytera Ginny
 Ernst, James H. & Sue
 Favatella, Nathan & Allison
 Fawcett, Tracy & Jessica
 Fekkos, Haralambos & Loella Ann
 Fielden, Brad & Tricia
 Fillios, Alexandra
 Fillios, Elias & Mary
 Fillios, Nicholas & Amy
 Fillios, Philip & Sherry
 Firman, Nancy & Jerry
 Fotopoulos, Christine
 Francis, Dean & Kathy
 Frangowlakis, Thomas
 Frankenstein, George & Christine
 Franklin, Gari
 Freeman, Maria
 Fritz, Christine
 Furkas, Lisa
 Furkas, Rebecca
 Gaier, Dean
 Gaier, Jeff & Chris Anne
 Galanes, George
 Gallagher, Sean & Marina
 Gardner, Michael & Kara
 Gaskins, Mark & Kristin
 Gaz, Georgianne
 Gelis, Anna
 Gelis, James & Kathy
 Georgakopoulos, Konstantinos & Angeliki
 Georges, Peter & Anna
 Georgetown, Bill & Mary Jane
 Georgetown, Chris P. & Barbara
 Georgetown, John C. & Ann
 Georgetown, John P. & Kimberly
 Georgetown, Peter C.
 Georgetown, Peter T. & Nancy
 Georgiou, Dean
 Georgiou, George & Maria
 Georigton, Nick & Kristy
 Georgostathis, Gus & Connie
 Georgostathis, Gus & Eleni
 Georgostathis, James & Lillian
 Georgostathis, Maria
 Georgoulakis, Athanasios & Sofia
 Geromes, Alexander
 Gerros, Mary
 Ghiz, Leslie
 Ghizas, John†
 Gionnette, Lena & Mike
 Glaser, Brian & Stella
 Grammas, James & Tasia
 Grammas, Mary
 Grammas, Nick & Katherine
 Grammas, Pam
 Grammas, Paul & Denise
 Greene, David & Maria
 Greene, Suellen
 Gregory, Dean & Hedy
 Gregory, Matula
 Gregory, Thomas & Pamela
 Gregory, Victoria
 Hackman, Daniel & Kelly
 Hadzivrettas, George M. & Sultana
 Haralamos, George & Eleni
 Haralamos, Mike G. & Akriki
 Harner, Ryan and Melissa Pennell
 Hayden, Jason & Rebecca
 Herrmann, Stacy & Dennis

Hill, Ann "Tasha"
 Hodges, Nick & Millie
 Hodson, Thomas
 Hollister, Carl & Cynthia
 Humbert, DeDe & Randy
 Humbert, Stephen
 Iatrides, Steve & Christina Kutsubu
 Iliopoulos, Ilias & Vasilia
 Ioannides, Tasos & Anna
 Johnson, John & Antigone
 Jones, Demus J. & Betty
 Jones, James A. & Jo Ann
 Jonson, Alexander & Ann
 Jonson, Chris C. & Loy
 Jonson, George N. & Sophia
 Jonson, James G. & Thelma
 Jonson, Patricia J.
 Kahle, John & Nickie
 Kalemanis, Gary & Maria
 Kalemanis, George & Nikki
 Kalomeres, Carol
 Kalomeres, George C.
 Kambelos, John P. & Erato
 Kambelos, Dr. Peter J.
 Kanaris, Christos
 Kanaris, Kostantinos & Katy
 Kanelopoulos, Bill
 Kanelos, Dino & Julie
 Kaniaris, Eleni
 Kaniaris, John & Idalia
 Kappas, James P.
 Karageorge, Dimitri & Athena
 Karakatsani, Marianthi
 Karampas, George & Diane
 Karas, Adrian
 Karas, Bill J. & Lynn
 Karas, Ted & Dixie
 Karras, Giorgio & Erene
 Kasidonis, John & Tina
 Katsanis, Claire C.
 Katsanis, James & Diane
 Katsaounis, Nick & Fay
 Kavouras, George & Fran
 Kehayes, Peggy
 Kehayes, William & Melissa
 Kellaris, Dr. James & Janice
 Kelley, Michael & Pauline
 Kereiakes, James† & Helen
 Kessis, Nick
 Kessis, Paul
 Kevin, Patrick & Diane
 Kindle, Jeffrey & Belinda
 Kissopoulos, Nick & Effy
 Kladakis, John & Teddi
 Kontopos, Pete & Katerina
 Kontopos, Vagelis & Amanda
 Kontsis, George & Melissa
 Koros, Kostas & Dina
 Korvessis, Anthony & Georgia Lydia
 Kostopoulos, Christos & Erin
 Kostopoulos, Dina
 Kostopoulos, Katherine
 Kostopoulos, Nikolaos & Dana
 Kougiou, Michael & Alice
 Koutsogiannis, Gus & Cathy
 Kouranias, George & Litsa
 Kranias, Stratos & Amanda
 Kritikos, Maria†
 Kunkemoeller, Thomas & Janice
 Kurlas, Louise T.

Kurlas, Peter & Lori
 Kyrios, Irini
 Kyrios, Lillian
 Kyrios, Tassos & Maria
 Lagos, Tom & Matina
 Lambrinides, Nicholas & Diane
 Lambrinides, Ted & Kim
 Lambrinides, Thomas J. & Mary Ann
 Landando, James & Yvonne
 Landers, Lauren
 Lazares, Gus J.
 Lazares, John K. & Patricia
 Leon, Gus A. & Kathryn
 LesChander, Scott & Alexandra
 Leslie, Wayne & Peggy
 Levenderis, Bill & Jill
 Liston, Robert & Eleni
 Loukoumidis, George & Stacey
 Lustig, Elaine & Lowell
 Lysko, Bob & Stacy
 Makris, Thomas & Ellen
 Makrozahopoulos, Dimitrios & Joanna
 Maleas, Pete C. & Pearl
 Mangopoulos, Debra & Nicholas
 Manolakas, Alexander & Vera
 Marinakis, Bill D. & Evonne
 Marinakis, George D. & Eleni
 Marinakis, Panagiota
 Maris, George & Tricia
 Masella, Ron & Christine
 Mavridoglou, Anthony & Janette
 Mavridoglou, George & Penny
 Mavridoglou, Konstantinos
 Mavridoglou, Michael & Laura
 Mavridoglou, Nicholas & Jessica
 McCullough, Ryan & Kathryn
 McGlason, Sophia
 McHugh, Dustin & Alicia
 McKay, Betty Jo
 McKay, Phil & Chris
 McLeish, David & Kiki
 McNulty, Robin & Melanie
 Megois, Lee S. & Stephanie
 Menkhaus, Alex & Jenja
 Menkhaus, David & Natalie
 Merianos, Andy & Lesley
 Merianos, Ted
 Meyer, Andy & Maria
 Mikesell, Marco & Aphrodite
 Mirkopoulos, Nicholas
 Mirkos, Marilyn
 Mirkos, Steve & Edyta
 Misali, A. J. "Ike"
 Misali, John P. & Deborah
 Misali, Mary Jean
 Misali, Paul J. & Christina
 Mohler, David & Angel
 Mokas, Mary
 Morgan, Paul & Mary
 Morris, John & Christinet†
 Mortensen, Danny & Cheryl
 Moulas, Dean & Catherine
 Moyer, Gabe & Maria
 Muennich, Sam & Melissa
 Murray-Nikias, Stella P.
 Nakos, Eva Bruhn
 Nakos, Theofanis
 Naser, Jacoub & Dina
 Neuendorf, David & Patricia

Neuendorf, Matthew
 Nicholas, Eugene & Cindy
 Nicholas, George & Eugenia
 Nicholas, Nick & Helen
 Nicholas, Zachary & Nikolia
 Nichols, Ron & Philanthy
 Nikias, Charles P. & Vicki
 Nikias, Vasilia
 Nitsis, Dimitrius & Leisa
 Nourtsis, Sam & Alexandra
 Nyktas, George W.
 O'Neill, Brian & Stephanie
 Orphanos, Peter & Angela
 Pagdadis, Sotiris & Stephanie
 Palassis, Nick & Maria
 Paliobagis, Vasiliki
 Paliouras, George
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Capital Improvement Campaign

For the last couple of months, we inserted an update on our Capital Improvement Campaign into *The Sunday Voice*. Our hopes were to create more awareness for the **urgent** need to fund this completed project. Our campaign to raise funds for this project has stalled. Less than 25% of our Parish households have made a commitment to this beautiful improvement of our Community Center. In order to retire the debt for this project, we still must raise more than **\$250,000**.

We thank everyone who has made a commitment to this project. The goal of the Building Committee and Parish Council is to pay off the loan in 2 years or less. By paying off the loan early, the Parish will save thousands of dollars in interest. In order to achieve this goal we need participation from all of our parishioners. If you have not yet made a commitment, please consider doing so. Information concerning donations can be found at the entrance to the Bishop's Walk or online at <http://www.holytrinity.oh.goarch.org/renovation-project>.

October 2017

For the most updated Calendar, visit www.holytrinity.oh.goarch.org

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Mothers Club Bake Sale | 2 | 3 7:00 pm DOP Mtg. | 4 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal A.R.E.– Orthodoxy 101 | 5 6:30 pm JOY/HOPE Mtg. | 6 | 7 8:00 am Philoptochos Walk to End Alzheimer's |
| 8 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Philoptochos Mtg. | 9 | 10 6:00 pm AHEPA Mtg. | 11 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal A.R.E.– Orthodoxy 101 Mothers Club Mtg. | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Fall General Assembly Greek School Photo Day | 16 | 17 5:30 pm GOYA Fellowship Gathering | 18 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal A.R.E.– Orthodoxy 101 | 19 6:00 pm Parish Council Dinner & Mtg. | 20 | 21 12:00 pm Over Fifty Lunch |
| 22 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy SCS Open House | 23 | 24 | 25 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal A.R.E.– Orthodoxy 101 | 26 St. Demetrios the Great-martyr 8:30 a.m. Matins and Divine Liturgy | 27 7:00 pm Mothers Club Halloween Party | 28 GOYA Outing Niederman Farm |
| 29 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy SCS Open House Greek School OXI Day Celebration | 30 | 31 | | | | |

Clergy

Presiding Priest: Rev. Father Mark Emroll

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Pastoral Assistant: Mr. Nick Tzetzis

Parish Administrator: Eugene Nicholas

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Sunday Church School: Religious Education Team, Peter Aamodt, Chairman

Greek School: Alexandros Laftsidis, Director

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PANEGYRI: Eugene Nicholas, Chris Chryssovergis

Parish Bookstore: Christina Polychroniou

Office Hours: Weekdays 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Worship Schedule: Matins, 8:15 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

Other Services as scheduled.



Our Mission

THE VOICE is the official monthly newsletter of Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Our Parish was founded in 1907 and serves Orthodox Christians throughout the tri-state area. Our mission is to reach out to all members of the Community by providing relevant information on the religious, spiritual and cultural life of the Parish; news on the accomplishments of Parish members and organizations, and editorial points of view.

The next deadline for submitting news to the "Voice" is October 8, 2017

Submissions can be dropped off or mailed to the Church Office or e-mailed to

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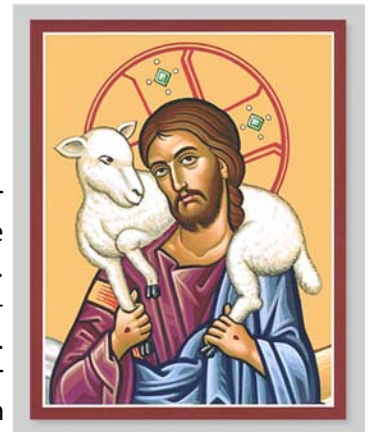
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Holiday Outreach Programs

As we approach the holiday season, we are once again planning to offer assistance to our neighbors. For **Thanksgiving**, we will distribute frozen turkeys to all families who sign up. We anticipate 350-400 turkeys needed. As we did last year, we will not distribute a meal package. Our goal for this Ministry is to ensure that anyone who comes in and signs up prior to distribution will receive a turkey. We are asking for parishioners to bring in 14-16 lb frozen turkeys. We can start receiving donations now. Our goal is to have at least 350 turkeys in our freezer by **Friday, November 17th**. Distribution will be on Monday, November 20th. Help is needed on distribution day. If you can assist, please contact the Church Office at 513-591-0030.



For **Christmas**, we will distribute meal packages consisting of the following: ham (8-10 lbs.) – cooked, preferred; boxed mashed potatoes (15 oz.); canned turkey or chicken gravy (15 oz.); cranberry sauce (15 oz.); canned mixed fruit or fruit cocktail (15 oz.); canned vegetables (15 oz.); boxes of corn bread or other types of bread; and frozen fruit pies – pre-baked, preferred. We will publish more details about the Christmas Outreach Ministry in the November ***Voice***.

Thank you in advance for supporting these vital Outreach Ministries!