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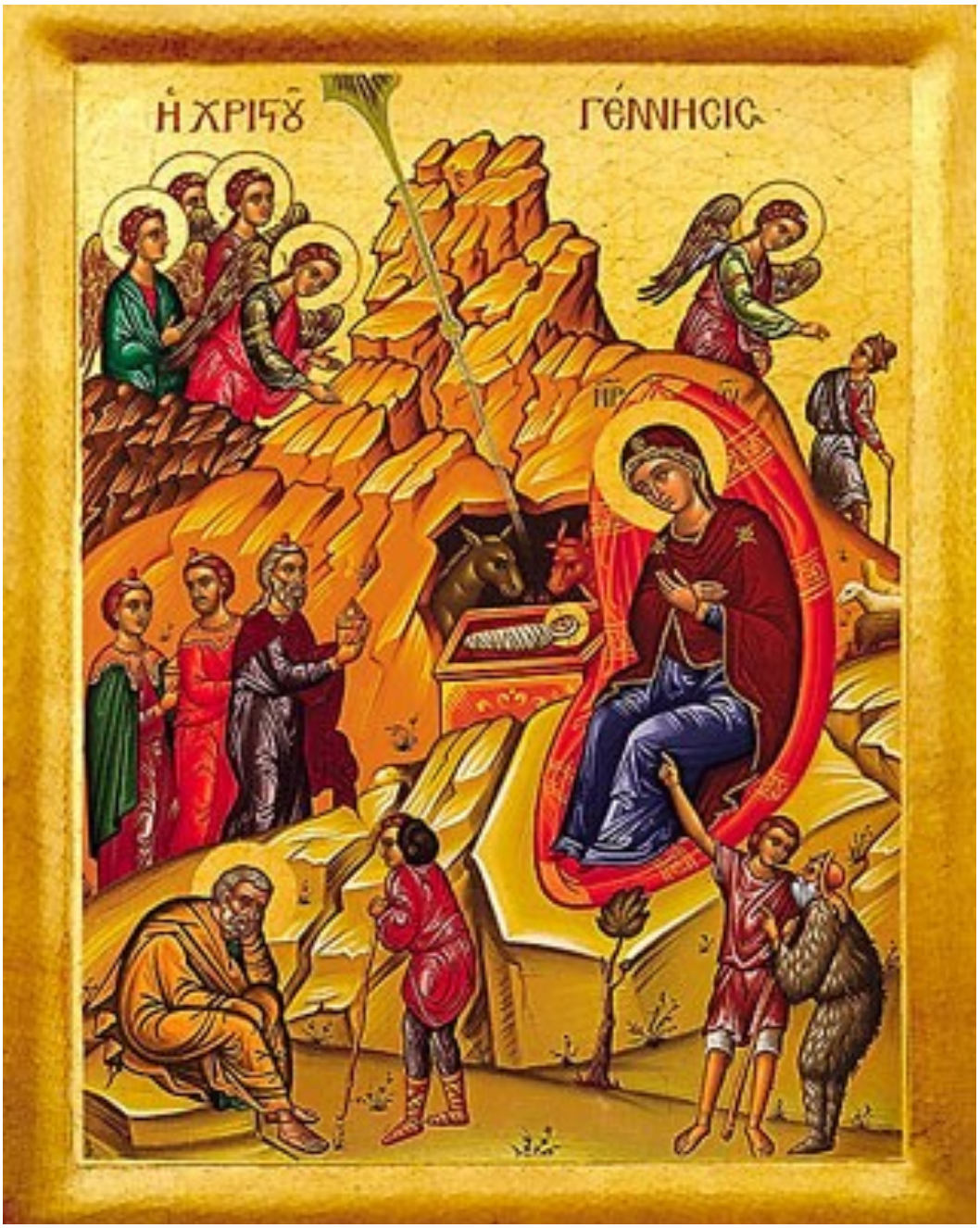

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Father's Message

Stewardship As Christian Identity

Within this understanding, we must begin with the acknowledgment that all of life is a sacrament, in that in every aspect of life we may experience and commune with God. This communion ranges from the most natural - like experiencing a beautiful sunset, to the most divine, communion with God in the eucharist. We must come to see that "all the earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world and those who dwell in it." (Psalm 24:1) As Fr. Schmemann challenges us, our human role is to offer back to God in thanksgiving, all that He has given to us. (For the Life of the World, SVS Press, Crestwood, NY, p. 24)

From this realization comes our understanding of Christian stewardship - managing the resources that God has given us, administering the elements of life. One of the best ways of thinking about stewardship is that it is the only truly appropriate human response to what God gives us. We experience all of life as a sacrament, and we steward all of life in response.

Consider for a minute the original usage of the term "steward." Our English word steward comes from the Greek word oikonomos, and literally means "house manager." Oikonomia, or stewardship, literally refers to the management of a household. Stewardship is a task, a responsibility bestowed on one person by another - usually by a master. Our Lord used the terms steward and servant frequently, as recorded in the Gospels. St. Paul uses them the same way in his epistles. In I Peter, every Christian is charged to "be a good steward of God's grace." (I Peter 4:10) St. Ignatius of Antioch told the faithful that they were "stewards in God's house, members of His household, and His servants." (Epistle to Polycarp, 99) He holds these three aspects of our way of life in dynamic tension: being stewards, being members of God's household, and being servants. St. Ignatius can encourage us to toil, suffer, run, and rest, because these important aspects constitute our way of life as Christians.

Stewardship does not mean being hit up for an annual pledge to the Church. It is not being enlisted in a financial campaign for the new building. It is not even tithing. Rather, it is a well-rounded view of life and an incarnation of that view based on theology and ecclesiology – the giving of time and talent and treasure. Thus stewardship is a state of being. It is based in service. The steward is in the employ of his master. Therefore the most important aspect of being a steward is serving.

President's Message

Greetings and welcome back! I pray your summer was enjoyable and relaxing.

Here we are, starting a new Ecclesiastical year and we hit the ground running. Great news after what we have all been through. This year promises to be a fantastic year.

We have 66 Children signed up for Sunday School, thank you to Presvitera Areti and Stacy Miltiades for co-chairing the Sunday School ministry and a thank you to this year's teachers. Great start! I want to also thank Antigone Lukowiak and Irene Bergman for their many years of teaching Sunday school. This year they decided, that after 40 years and 27 years, respectively, it was time to let other's share in the joy of teaching our Sunday school children. We presented them both with a plaque in church on Sunday September 19th as a small gift of our appreciation. Who knows, maybe someday they will miss it and want to come back and teach again.

Our Greek school has 65 children signed up, thank you to Rita Fitanidis, the teachers and of course the entire PTA for their tireless effort in making our Greek School the best in New Jersey!
Hope/Joy has approximately 10 children but we are looking for more. Please sign up your little ones so they can meet new friends.
GOYA is also well underway. There are 60 young adults signed up for GOYA. Basketball & Volleyball games have been scheduled and many of the GOYA games are being played at our gym. I encourage all to attend and support our GOYAN's. Thanks to our GOYA leaders for giving your time and talent to our GOYA!

On September 20th, the Clergy Laity was held at The Venetian. Ss. Nicholas, Constantine & Helen had 3 tables of attendees. His Eminence Archbishop of America Elpidophoros and His Grace Apostolos were in attendance. Some good things are happening at the Metropolis level and I personally am looking forward to the positive changes. Some of the changes that the Metropolis is focusing on is our youth and interfaith marriages. They realize, of course, that the youth is our future and that more attention needs to be given to the Greek Orthodox youth. As for interfaith marriages, statistic show that 85% of all weddings in the Greek church are of interfaith. 85%! I think this is very important to pay attention to and as times change the church must change if we want to survive.

Those honored at the Clergy Laity from our community were;

Chris Pilarinos, PTO Award
James Demetopoulos, Community Award
Dr Mark Adams, Essential Medical Worker Award
Vasiliki Tsigas-Fotini, Philoptochos Award
Kalliope Kantanas, GOYA Award

Congratulations to all of this year's honorees.

September is also the time of our festival. James Karchounes and Dean Spenzos co-chaired this year's event and it was a success. The weather was unbelievable and the crowds came out. After not having a festival last year, it was great to see everyone back enjoying themselves with friends and family. A big thank you goes out to the co-chairs and the many people, too many to mention here, volunteering throughout the 3 days and of course to those who helped prior to the festival, setting up, cleaning and preparing. Fun was had by all and it was a big step back to normalcy.

President's Message

I want to mention our GOYA. I personally, along with other Parish Council members, received so many compliments from so many people on how impressed they were to see our GOYAN's helping out. These praises were not only from our parishioners, but also from people from other churches. I am very proud of our GOYAN's and if anyone had any doubt of the future of our community, rest assured that our community is in good hands. Thank you GOYAN's!!!

We were asked during the festival why we did not send letters to our parishioners this year asking for donations. The Parish Council with the committee decided that this past year, our parishioners were very generous in helping us keep up with our obligations by donating during covid and we felt that it would be nice not to ask for donations this year. There's always next year.

On October 3rd we held our long-awaited mortgage burning with a great luncheon afterwards. Very fitting that 10 years after opening the doors to our beautiful church and facility, we were able to pay off the mortgage! This milestone speaks volumes to the generosity of our parishioners, especially during this past 18+ months. Even during the pandemic, we were able to meet all of our obligations, pay our bills and still pay off the mortgage. The Parish Council thanks each and every one of you, for it takes **everyone** to make a community successful and we have proved that it can be done. We should all be very proud. See Page 24.

I also want to thank the kitchen crew for cooking the day of the mortgage burning. Thank you to Nick Dourdoulakis, Nick & Jeannie Kontos, Jimmy Kaplanis and George Kostantakis. Even after working 3 days straight through the festival, you still came through one more time. Thank you all!!!

The next event is the Parish Assembly, scheduled for November 7th. I will attempt to recap what transpired on the Parish Council level since the beginning of the pandemic, but I believe we have kept everyone pretty much up to date as we went along, so there won't be any surprises.

A couple of weeks after the Parish Assembly is the Harvest Ball. After missing last year, it's time pick up where we left off. The Harvest Ball will be held, as every year, the evening after Thanksgiving, November 26th at the Hanover Manor. Watch your mail and church website for details.

One item I would like to mention is the issue about the multiple communion spoons. We hear both sides of the discussion and respect everyone's opinion. Originally, we were directed by the Archdiocese to use multiple spoons on a temporary basis, which we have been doing. It is the Parish Council's plan to go back to the single spoon as is our faith. The Parish Council, throughout the pandemic, has had 1 goal in mind, first and foremost is everyone's safety. I will let Father George address this issue in depth but I want everyone to think about the reason we receive communion. In my belief the reason is to receive Jesus Christ's body and blood, no matter how it is delivered. 1 spoon or multiple spoons to me is not the issue, but instead **receiving communion** is most important. Having said that, I too look forward to the day we all go back to normal 100%.

This year promises to be a very successful year as we get back to normal. Let's keep that energy level high and pick up where we left off.

Peter A. Vardakis
President-Parish Council

Church Services—November 2021

Monday,	November 1	Ss Cosmas & Damianos The Holy Unmercenaries	Orthros 9:00am- Lit.10:00 am
Δευτέρα,	1 Νοεμβρίου	Κοσμάς και Δαμιανός Ανάργυροι	Ορθρος 9:00 πμ – Λειτ. 10:00πμ
Sunday,	November 7,	7th Sunday of Luke	Orthros 8:30 am-Lit. 10:00 am
Κυριακή,	7 Νοεμβρίου,	7η Κυριακή Λουκά	Ορθρος 8:30 πμ–Λειτ. 10:00 πμ
Monday,	November 8,	Synaxis of the Archangels	Orthros 9:00 am – Lit. 10:00 am
Δευτέρα,	8 Νοεμβρίου,	Σύναξις Μιχαήλ και Γαβριήλ	Ορθρος 9:00πμ – Λειτ. 10:00πμ
Tuesday,	November 9,	St. Nektarios the Wonderworker	Orthros 9:00 am- Lit. 10:00 am
Τρίτη,	9 Νοεμβρίου,	Αγ. Νεκταρίου του Θαυματουργού	Ορθρος 9:00 πμ –Λειτ. 10:00 πμ
Saturday,	November 13,	St. John Chrysostom	Orthros 9:00 am-Lit. 10:00 am
Σαββάτο,	13 Νοεμβρίου,	Αγ. Ιωάννου Χρυσοστόμου	Ορθρος 9:00πμ-Λειτ. 10:00 πμ
Sunday,	November 14,	8th Sunday of Luke Philip the Apostle	Orthros 8:30am-Lit. 10:00 am
Κυριακή,	14 Νοεμβρίου,	8η Κυριακή Λουκά Φίλιππος ο Απόστολος	Ορθρος 8:30πμ-Λειτ. 10:00πμ
Monday,	November 15,	Nativity Fast Begins	
Δευτέρα,	15 Νοεμβρίου,	Αρχίζει η Νηστεία Χριστουγέννων	
Tuesday,	November 16,	St. Matthew the Apostle	Orthros 9:00 am- Lit. 10:00am
Τρίτη,	16 Νοεμβρίου,	Αγ. Ματθαίου Αποστόλου	Ορθρος 9::00 πμ-Λειτ.10:00 πμ
Sunday,	November 21,	Entrance of the Theotokos Into the Temple	Orthros 8:30 am – Lit. 10:00 am
Κυριακή	21 Νοεμβρίου,	Τά Εισόδια τής Θετόκου	Ορθρος 8:30 πμ-Λειτ. 10:00 πμ
Thursday,	November 25,	St. Katherine the Great Thanksgiving Day	Orthros 9:00 am-Lit. 10:00 am
Πέμπτη,	25 Νοεμβρίου,	Αγ. Αικατερίνης Μεγαλομάρτυρος Ημέρα Ευχαριστιών	Ορθρος 9:00 πμ-Λειτ. 10:00 πμ
Sunday,	November 28,	13th Sunday of Luke	Orthros 8:30 am-Lit. 10:00 am
Κυριακή,	28 Νοεμβρίου,	13η Κυριακή Λουκά	Ορθρος 8:30 πμ- Λειτ.10:00 πμ
Tuesday,	November 30,	St. Andrew	Orthros 9:00 am-Lit.10:00 am
Τρίτη,	30 Νοεμβρίου,	Αγίου Ανδρέα	Ορθρος 9:00 πμ-Λειτ.10:00πμ.

In observance of Thanksgiving, the Church Office hours will be as follows:

Wednesday, November 24th, the Church Office will close at 1:30 pm.

Thursday, November 25th, and Friday November 26th, the Church Office will be closed.

Church Services—December 2021

Saturday, Σαββάτο,	December 4, 4 Δεκεμβρίου,	St. Barbara the Great Martyr Αγ. Βαρβάρας Μεγαλομάρτυρς	Orthros 9am-Liturgy 10am Ορθρος 9πμ-Λειτουργία 10πμ
Sunday, Κυρικακή,	December 5, 5 Δεκεμβρίου,	10th Sunday of Luke Great Vespers of St. Nicholas 10η Κυριακή Λουκά Μέγας Εσπερινός Αγίου Νικολάου	Orthros 8:30 am-Liturgy 10 am 7:00 pm Ορθρος 8:30 πμ- Λειτ 10 πμ 7:00 μμ
Monday, Δευτέρα,	December 6, 6 Δεκεμβρίου,	St. Nicholas, of Myra, Αγίου Νικολάου Επισκόπου Μύρων	Orthros 9 am-Liturgy 10 am Ορθρος 9 πμ – Λειτ. 10 πμ
Sunday, Κκυριακή,	December 12, 12 Δεκεμβρίου,	St. Spyridon the Wonderworker Αγ. Σπυρίδωνος	Orthros 8:30am-Liturgy 10am Ορθρος 8:30πμ-Λειτ. 10πμ.
Sunday, Κυριακή.	December 19, 19 Δεκεμβρίου,	Sunday Before Nativity Κυριακή πρό Χριστουγέννων	Orthros 8:30 am-Lit. 10 am Ορθρος 8:30 πμ – Λειτ. 10 πμ
Wednesday, Τετάρτη,	December 22, 22 Δεκεμβρίου,	St. Anastasia the Great Martyr Αγ. Αναστασία Μεγαλομάρτυρος	Orthros 9 am-Lit.10 am Ορθρος 9 πμ-Λειτ. 10 πμ
Friday, Παρασκευή,	December 24, 24 Δεκεμβρίου,	Eve of the Nativity of our Lord Παραμονή Χριστουγέννων	7:00 pm Liturgy 7:00μμ Λειτουργία
Saturday, Σαββάτο,	December 25, 25 Δεκεμβρίου,	The Nativity of our Lord Η Κατά Σάρκα Γέννησις του Χριστού	Orthros 9.am- Liturgy 10 am Ορθρος 9.πμ-Λειτουργία 10.πμ
Sunday, Κυριακή,	December 26, 26 Δεκεβρτίου,	Sunday After Nativity Κυριακή Μετά Χριστουγέννων	Orthros 8:30 am – Lit. 10 am Ορθρος 8 :30 πμ- Λειτ. 10 πμ
Monday, Δευτέρα,	December 27, 27 Δεκεμβρίου,	St. Stephen the First Martyr Αγ. Στεφάνου Πρωτομάρτυρος	Orthros 9 am-Liturgy 10 am Ορθρος 9 πμ- Λειτ. 10 πμ.

In observance of Christmas and New Year's, the Church Office hours will be as follows:

Friday, December 24th, the Church Office will be closed.

Friday, December 31st, the Church Office will be closed.

Recent Sacraments/Funeral Services

Baptisms:

On September 9th, the daughter of Eleftherios and Panagiota Chritis was baptized and was named Kalliope Alexandra – Sponsor was Irene Caminis.

On September 18th, the son of Jose Rafael Lopez Fabian was baptized and was named Sabastian Panagiotis – Sponsor was Nikolina Nikolovska.

On September 26th, the son of Jonathan and Jessica Blew was baptized and was named John – Sponsor was Lillian Longo.

Chrismation:

On September 26th, Jessica Irene Moustakas was received into the Greek Orthodox Church by the Holy Sacrament of Chrismation and was named Lillian – Sponsor was Catherine Kotatis.

Deaths:

On September 3rd, Stella Palaos. She is survived by her two children Ann Lemon of St. Louis, MO and Michael John Papalos and his wife Michelle of Morristown; two grandchildren Evangelina and Alexandra. She is predeceased by her son Theodore in 1995.

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Mrs. Mary Theodos
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Asimou / Tolliver
Mr. John Topakas
Mr. & Mrs. Costas Triantafillides
Kostas Tsanakos
Virginia Tsaptsinos
Mr. & Mrs. Christos Tsetsekas
Mr. Eddie Tsetsekas
Mr. James Tsetsekas
Mr. and Mrs. Andreas Tsiattalos
Mr. & Mrs. Nikolaos Tsihlas
Mr. & Mrs. Gus Tsilikos
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Tsilionis
Zephy Tsilionis
Mr. & Mrs. Minas Tsoukas
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Turken
Mr. & Mrs. Elias Tzemos
Mr. Iraklis Vanikiotis
Mr. & Mrs. K. Vanikiotis
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Van Seggern
Helen Vardakis
Mrs. Helen Vardakis
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Vardakis
Mr. & Mrs. Leonidas Vasiliades
Ms. Maria Vasiliades
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Vasilopoulos
Christopher Vassallo
Mary Vastardis
Vasiliki Verdis
Angeliki Viris
Pavel Voddagin
Mr. & Mrs. Leonidas Vulgaris
Mrs. Teresa Wingate
Arthur Woolis
Ms. Georgina Xanthos
Spiro Xenophontos
Mr.& Mrs. Andreas Yanniotis
Mr & Mrs. Frank Yodice
Mr. & Mrs. Kostas Zaharopoulos
Mrs. Katina Zantopoulos
Mrs. Anne Zaros
Jamie Zisis
Ms. Anna Zorlas

Stewardship Report

Ss. Nicholas, Constantine & Helen
Stewardship Report
September 30, 2021

Total pledged by parishioners		$224,200
Total Stewardship Collected*		$190,733
Stewards donated but did not pledge		$60,106
Total stewardship collected		$250,839
Prior Year / Other Contributions		$14,240
		$265,079

*The total amount collected is an accurate amount. However, the pledged amount is not due to Pledge Cards not being submitted.

Our goal is to meet our 2021 budget and operate our church through Stewardship. The budget is $703,334 and as of September 30, 2021 we have received $265,079.This is from donations made by our generous stewards in 2021.

2021 Stewardship Cards

Ss Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church

80 Laurel Avenue • Roseland, New Jersey 07068
Tel. (973) 251-2920 Fax (973) 251-2921

2021 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD

An Orthodox Christian Steward is an active participant in the life of the church

A total amount of: ☐ $700 or $59/month ☐ $1000 or $85/month ☐ $1500 or $125/month
☐ $2000 or $167/month ☐ $2500 or $209/month ☐ Other $_____

Last Name_____ First Name _____ Spouse_____

Names of Dependents _____ _____ _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip_____

Home Telephone_____ Cell _____ *Email_____

Payment Method: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Paypal
If you wish to make payments by credit card, please call the church office. The church accepts Visa, MasterCard or online.

If you do not need a Stewardship envelope, please check here. ☐
Children over the age of 18 should consider submitting their own Stewardship Commitment card.

Our goal is to meet our budget through Stewardship.

*By giving us your email address you authorize us to add you to our Parish email list.

In addition to financial commitment, I/we would like to offer my/our time in the following areas:

☐ GreekFest ☐ Greek Language School
☐ Sunday School ☐ Youth Work
☐ Church Choir ☐ Finance/Legal
☐ The Cross Newsletter ☐ Construction
☐ Visitation of Elderly ☐ Cooking/Special Events
☐ Planned Giving (please think of your church in your Will)
Contact the Church Office for more information

The operating expenses of our Church facilities are estimated to be approximately $1500 per family

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Η ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑ ΜΟΥ ΣΤΗΝ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΓΙΑ ΤΟ 2021

Εις ενδειξιν ευγνωμωσυνης δια τα δωρα του Θεου και δια την εργασια της Εκκλησιας Του προσφερω δια το ετος 2021

Το ολικον ποσον: ☐ $700 or $59/month ☐ $1000 or $84/month ☐ $1500 or $125/month
☐ $2000 or $167/month ☐ $2500 or $209/month ☐ Αλλο Ποσον_____

Επιθετο_____ Του Συζυγου _____ Της Συζυγου_____

Εξαρτωμενα τεκνα: Ονομα_____ Ονομα_____Ονομα_____

Διευθυνση _____ Πολη _____ Πολιτεια _____ ΤΚ_____

Τηλεφωνο_____ *Ηλεκτρονικη Διευθυνση _____

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Philoptochos News

The Ladies Philoptochos welcomes all to join our chapter. We will begin our membership drive on **October 25th, the feast day of St Dorkas, our patron saint**. The Philoptochos will host coffee hour and have an information and membership signup table. JOIN US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Over the summer and in September, the ladies were hard at work making delicious Greek desserts for our festival; all the pastries sold out at this successful event. Thank you to all who made the pastry sales and festival a success. We also supported **SOFIA**, a local organization assisting battered women, by participating in their annual walk in September as well as supporting them with monetary donations.

The Chapter also attended the Clergy-Laity meeting on Sept 20. Vikki Glock and Vivian Pagoulatos attended the **Metropolis Philoptochos convention** as delegates with Helen Oliva attending the banquet. The award of our chapter honoree, Vasiliki Fotinis, was accepted by her son, Manolis Fotinis.

Upcoming Events: Philoptochos calendar (check church website for updates)

Oct 9 Community Planting Bulbs
Oct 10 Tray for Greece & Cyprus relief
Oct 25 St Dorkas Feastday/ Membership Coffee hour
Nov 1-28 Annual Food drive for Community FoodBank of NJ
Nov 7 General Meeting (Tray for Ecumenical Patriarchate)
Nov Christmas Bake Sale/Vasilopita preorders (due Nov 12)
Food Drive/Community FoodBank of NJ
Nov 15 & 17; 22 Baking for pastry sale; packaging
Dec 5,6 Vespers/St Nicholas Feast day
Dec 12, 19 Pastry/Vasilopita sale
Jan 2 St Basil/Vasilopita cutting; Philoptochos General meeting

Philoptochos Photo Collage Virtual Fundraiser – we are taking photos and donations now (contact Vivian Pagoulatos @ 908-672-3046 or vrpagoulatos @ gmail.com)

$20 to post 1 photo; $50 to post 5 photos ($10 each additional photo)

$100 post up to 20 photos+ to make the heart

(may combine with several family members combine for heart collage print)

Annual Food Drive November 1 – 28

Please make a monetary donation.
This year we are NOT collecting food (contactless)

$20 will feed a family of 4 for a school week

Annual Philoptochos Christmas Pastries & Vasilopita Sale

All Proceeds benefit Philoptochos Charities

Pre-Orders Only
Deadline: November 12, 2021

Pick up at church on **Sunday December 12th** & **Sunday December 19th** from **11am-2pm**

Questions?
Contact Vikki Glock at 862 452-8644

CLICK HERE TO ORDER!

Become a Philoptochos Member

Philanthropy * Fellowship * Faith in Action

Please support the

St. Dorkas Adelphotis Chapter

of Ss. Nicholas, Constantine & Helen with your

2022 Membership Offering

By becoming a member of Ladies Philoptochos Society you help a number of people and charities. An **annual membership offering of more than $30, $50, $75, $100** [$23 goes to the National and Metropolis for Charities, the rest ($7, 27, 52, $77 respectively) is for our local chapters outreach ministries] helps the chapter to financially support all the Philoptochos charities at the National, Metropolis and chapter level. So please support Philoptochos in numerous activities and philanthropic services. Recently, we have supported charities fighting hunger/domestic violence with contributions to: S.O.F.I.A., Toni's Kitchen, & to a town in remote West Virginia that was cut off from any assistance during this pandemic.

Vicki Glock — President, St. Dorkas Adelphotis Chapter

Pat Spenzos — Chair, Membership Committee

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2022 Annual MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - January to December

Make check payable to: *Philoptochos St. Dorkas Adelphotis* Mail check to: Ss Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Church ~ Philoptochos Society, Attn: Pat Spenzos (Membership Chair), 80 Laurel Ave., Roseland, NJ 07068

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: (Street) _____(City, State, Zip) _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell phone #_____(Text Yes or No)

E-mail address: _____

Philoptochos Annual Membership Offering: $_____Cash $_____or Check #_____

Associate Member Annual Dues: ___$30_____Cash_____or Check #_____

Associate Membership (a) An Associate Member shall enjoy all privileges of membership, except the right to vote or hold office. (b) The following persons shall be eligible for associate membership: (i) A non-Greek Orthodox woman, married to a Greek Orthodox man. (ii) Greek Orthodox
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Sunday School News

Dear Parishioners,

We are excited to inform you that we successfully started our in-person Sunday School on September 19th with **26** students in attendance. We are very pleased that we have **67** children registered for Sunday School. We look forward to teaching **67 children** in our Sunday School.

Our Sunday School Team is in compliance with the current CDC guideline and NJ state mandates relevant to in-person classroom teaching in our Church. Our Sunday School Teachers and Students are wearing masks to protect each other from the Covid -19 virus.

We are fortunate to have this wonderful Sunday School Team teaching our Orthodox faith to the young people in our Church.

Role/Grades	Name	Email
Spiritual Advisor	**Father George Khitiri**	**Frgeorge.khitiri@gmail.com**
Co-Director	**Pres. Areti Khitiri**	**areti.khitiri@gmail.com**
Co-Director	**Stacy Miltiades**	**stacy_miltiades@yahoo.com**
Prek & K	**Christina Fasanella**	**christinafasa1@gmail.com**
	Maria Antoniou	**mftmaria@gmail.com**
1st & 2nd	**Irene Dourdoulakis**	**idourdoulakis@aol.com**
	Maria Grillias	**Maria.grillias@gmail.com**
3rd & 4th	**Dede Portas**	**dportas@aol.com**
	Sofia Pomaco	**spomaco@gmail.com**
5th & 6th	**Nico C Nicolaou**	**maranathaministries11@gmail.com**
	Maria Tsevdos-Simos	**maria.tsevdos.simos@gmail.com**
7th & 8th	**Stacy Miltiades**	**stacy_miltiades@yahoo.com**
	Despina Palmeri	**debpalmeri@gmail.com**
9th thru 12th	**Efthymios Daniskas**	**daniskas@yahoo.com**
	Christine Giousios	**cjgiousios@optonline.net**
	Filitsa Karapatis	**Pkaras14@yahoo.com**

Our Sunday School Teachers follow the Curriculum from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Religious Education. The parents will have an opportunity to meet their children's Sunday School Teacher **on Sunday, October 24th, on our Open House.**

With Blessings in the Lord,

Presvytera Areti Khitiri and Stacy Miltiades

2021-2022 Sunday School Registration

Child's First Name: _____ Child's Last Name_____

Birth Date:_____ Grade (2021-2022)_____

Does your child have any medical conditions, food allergies, or special needs that we should be made aware of? If so, please explain: _____

_____

Father's or Guardian's Name:_____

Mother's or Guardian's Name_____

Street Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip Code:_____

Home Phone:_____ Cell Phone_____

Work Phone:_____

***For communication and activity participation; all children must have a registration form on file**.

***If you have a Facebook page, please like us @ Ss Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church Religious Education.**

Parent Opportunities to Be Involved! (Please check what you are interested in)

_____ Sunday School Teacher

_____ Substitute Teacher

_____ Christmas Pageant

_____ Christmas Party Brunch

_____ Lazarus Saturday

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date:_____

2021-2022 H.O.P.E. / J.O.Y. Registration

Please write clearly.

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: ___Grade: ____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____Cell: _____

Does your child have any medical conditions, food allergies, or special needs that we should be made aware of? If so, please explain:

_____

Parent/Guardian's Names: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone:_____Email:_____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date:_____

**See reverse for Waiver of Liability, Medical Release, and Photo Release.*

Please check one or more of the following areas in which you can help:

_____ Chaperone or assist at Events/Gatherings _____ Event Planning

_____Crafts _____Games/Activities

_____Food _____Phone calls/Emails/Promotions

Waiver of Liability

I give my child permission to participate in the HOPE/JOY Youth Group of Saints Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church. I waive the right to any legal action against the directors, the Church, and Youth Group for any injury sustained as a result of my child's participation in these programs. I understand that I am enrolling my child in a program that may involve physical activity (including but not limited to playgrounds, jumping on moon-bounce, and playing sports) and have agreed that my child is in good physical condition and do not suffer from any disability, including but not limited to any allergy, which would limit their participation in these programs.

Medical Release

I give permission for any and all emergency medical attention to be administered to my child in the event of an accident, injury or sickness as deemed appropriate until such time as I may be contacted. I also assume the responsibility of payment of any such treatment.

Photo Release

I give full rights to HOPE/JOY and its directors to use photos and video images of my child and me to use for promotional purposes. Photos and videos may be displayed in the church building or used in brochures, websites, social media, advertisements, and other promotional material created by the HOPE/JOY ministries.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE STATED WAIVER OF LIABILITY, MEDICAL RELEASE AND PHOTO RELEASE. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MUST BE A DESIGNATED RESPONSIBLE ADULT WITH EACH CHILD AT ALL HOPE/JOY MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES.

Parent's Signature: _____

Date:_____

Parent's Printed Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

2021-2022 G.O.Y.A. Registration

G.O.Y.A. is a wonderful organization that allows youths to participate in many events and activities most of all grow and expand our knowledge and relationship with God. If you have a child that is between the ages of 12 - 18, please encourage them to come to our meetings and events and see what we do as an organization within our church. We encourage you to join our G.O.Y.A. and give it a try. There are a variety of activities that GOYANs participate in from Bowling Tournaments, Basketball/Volleyball tournaments, Sights & Sounds, Olympics, Spiritual growth, community service and religious retreats.

G.O.Y.A. is about meeting other Orthodox youth and growing spiritually and about having Fun! We have a tight, knit, group of GOYANs and feel we are a family. For those who are willing to give G.O.Y.A. a try or need additional information, please contact the Advisors.

Registration Fee: $60 - 1st child / $50 - 2nd child / $40 - additional children

Advisors: Lena Kofos / Katherine Foley

GOYAN INFORMATION

GOYAN First Name: _____ GOYAN LAST NAME: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: (As of 9/7/21) _____

Name of School: _____ Location:_____ Grade:___

Shirt Size/Pant Size: _____

PARENT GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Mother's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Emergency Contact 1: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact 1: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Doctor Name: _____ Doctor Phone: _____

Dentist Name: _____ Dentist Phone: _____

Hospital Name:_____ Location: _____

List any prescription medication:

_____

_____

_____

List any medical conditions, drug or food allergies:

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Health Insurance Company: _____ Phone: _____

Group No: _____ Member ID No:_____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

By signing this form you are giving permission to Ss Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church and the G.O.Y.A. to use your child's image on the Church Website, Facebook page and other forms of electronic communication.

2021-2022 Greek School Registration

Greek School offers ten classes from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade (3 - 12 years old). Our mission is to provide an educational opportunity to develop knowledge of Greek language, history, mythology, geography, religion, and culture. Our experienced teachers are certified in Greek language instruction. Students participate in skits, plays, and monologues during celebrations for The Greek Letters Day, Independence Day, and Commencement Exercises. Greek School classes meet on Monday and Wednesday from 4:15 - 6:15, starting Monday September 13th, 2021.

Last name in English_____ First name in English_____

Last name in Greek _____ First name in Greek _____

Date of Birth _____ Age as of 9/16/2021_____

Father's or Guardian's Name _____

Mother's or Guardian's Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Allergies: _____

Are you a steward of Ss. Nicholas Constantine and Helen Church? **Yes** **No**

Please make your check payable to Ss Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church and indicate "Greek School" on the check's memo line. Payment must be received by the first day of class. Thank you!

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

By signing this form, you are giving permission to Ss Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Church and the Greek School to use your child's image on the Church Website, Facebook page and other forms of electronic communication.

Stewards		Non-Stewards	
One Student	$600	One Student	$875
Two Students	$825	Two Students	$1100
Three Students	$1,025	Three Students	$1275

Daughters of Penelope (by Dede Portas)

The DOP hopes that you and your families and loved ones are doing well and that your lives are getting back to normal. We gathered together with other members of our community for a most successful Greek Fest. Kudos to the co-chairs Dean Spenzos and Jim Karchounes and committee members and volunteers for a job well done.

SS NCH is Back! And so is the Daughters of Penelope. We had our fist successful meeting on September 8. Stay tuned for our next meeting date TBD. We are planning some activities in the future.

New members are always welcome.

Clergy-Laity Banquet

Congratulations to our honorees for this year's Clergy-Laity Banquet held on September 20, 2021.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our church and community!

Dr. Mark Adams – Health Care Worker

Dr. Vasiliki Tsigas-Fotinis – Philoptochos

Chrys Pilarinos – Greek School PTO

James Demetropoulos – Community

Kalliope Kantanas – GOYA

Congratulations to Vicky Amourgianos for being chosen by the Metropolis of New Jersey to sing the Greek National Anthem.

Mortgage Burning

Almost 15 years ago, there were 2 struggling communities. St Nicholas Newark & Ss. Constantine & Helen Orange. Both have been struggling for years as the number of parishioners dwindled with little or no sign of growth.

As fate would have it, the presidents from both communities, Mr. James Sumas & Mr. Gus Theodos, God rest their soles, realized that something had to be done. They contacted each other and proposed a plan. A plan to merge these 2 struggling communities into 1 strong community and combine the best of both worlds. There were many obstacles along the way but once they were resolved, Ss. Nicholas, Constantine & Helen was born.

The next phase was to decide on a new location, which is here in Roseland. Then the task of selling both churches, build a new church & ultimately move into a fresh new facility. Funds were gathered together from the sale of both churches, along with very generous donations from many parishioners.

Along with the generous donations, we had to still take out a small loan. Our facility is a $16-$17-million-dollar facility and the mortgage at the time was approximately $700,000, Less than 5% of the value. That right there says something about the generosity of our parishioners. Most church mortgages would have been in the millions.

That is a very short synopsis of how we arrived here today. So, the next phase was obvious, to pay off the mortgage. How were we going to do this?

From day one a plan was developed. The 2nd tray went towards the mortgage & slowly the mortgage was paid down. Then donations, unfortunately from memorials, started to come in specifically to pay down the mortgage. Again, this speaks volumes for the love people have for our community even after they are no longer with us.

While this was all happening, the future looked pretty good for us. During these past 18 months, we all know what happened with COVID. But during these 18 months, once again the generosity of our parishioners came through. We were able to meet our financial obligations because of you.

During these past 18 months, we collected, through various means, monies towards the mortgage. Then, Mrs. Palentios approached us, telling us that it was both Mr. Palentios and her wishes to donate very generously towards the mortgage. That gave us enough funds to pay off the church. Again, that is a testament to the generosity of our community.

The original loan was taken out on August 16, 2013 and was paid off July 13, 2020. It took us less than 7 years to pay off our mortgage. At this time, I would like to invite Mrs. Sumas and Mrs. Theodos, representing James and Gus, to join Father George and me for the prayer and to officially burn the mortgage.

I want to thank each and every one of you who helped make this historical event possible.

Now, please join us for a luncheon in Sumas Hall.

Roseland Community Veteran's Day Blood Drive

Thursday, November 11

1:00pm – 7:00pm

80 Laurel Avenue

Saints Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church Sumas Community Center

Schedule your appointment here

https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/286199

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED

Masks must be worn

Please remember to eat and drink plenty of fluids before donating.

Bring your donor card or ID with name and photo.

Donors 76 and over need a doctor's note unless one is already on file.

16-year-old need signed NJBS parental consent form available at nybc.org

Donors who have been vaccinated can donate without any wait period unless they are not feeling well.

New York Blood Center

1-800-933-BLOOD (2566)

Saints Nicholas, Constantine & Helen
Greek Orthodox Church

Cordially invites you to its

104th Annual

Harvest Ball

HONORING

Joseph M. Shook, Jr.
Vasiliki (Vikki) Glock
Tom Loucopolos
Kalliope Kantanas

An Evening of Dining and Dancing with
Power Station Entertainment
by Christos Lambropoulos

Friday, November 26, 2021
7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

The Hanover Manor
16 Eagle Rock Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey

Adults: $65 Students: $35
Children 5-12 $15 Children under 5: Free
For Reservations call the Church Office: 973-251-2920

Saints Nicholas, Constantine & Helen
Greek Orthodox Church

104th Annual

Harvest Ball

Friday, November 26, 2021

Dear Parishioners, Families and Friends,

On Friday November 26th, 2021, Ss Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church will hold our 104th Annual Harvest Ball. Traditionally, this is the event where we honor people for their many years of service to our church and community. Whether it is fundraising for one of our events or volunteering their time and talent, our honorees have one goal in mind, to help the Church prosper.

Selecting honorees is always very difficult because there are so many deserving people in our community. We never the less are delighted to honor this year, Joseph M. Shook, Jr., Vasiliki (Vikki) Glock, Tom Loucopolos and Kalliope Kantanas for their many years of service to our church and community. Each of this year's honorees have given back to the community in countless ways and we are very happy to honor them.

The Harvest Ball Committee would also like to thank our loyal friends who have placed ads and messages in the Souvenir Journal. With your help the Harvest Ball continues to be a major fundraising event for our Church.

Furthermore, we would like to also express our sincere gratitude to all our guests. Your continued support of this event is greatly appreciated.

Last but certainly not least we want to thank all of the volunteers who spend hours raising funds for the journal. This annual event would not be successful without the hard work put in by all. Please enjoy the evening in support of Ss Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

We hope to see you at the Harvest Ball.

Sincerely,
Georgette Mandarakas
Harvest Ball Chairperson

Committee Members:
Sophia Athanasiou
James Karchounes
Phyllis Karapatis
Angelo Kontogiannis

Saints Nicholas, Constantine & Helen
Greek Orthodox Church

104th Annual

Harvest Ball

Friday, November 26, 2021

Dinner Reservation Form

Seat #	Name: (Table Host)	Phone:	Check #
1			
2			
3			
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5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

Seating preferences/requests, if available: _____

SAINTS NICHOLAS, CONSTANTINE & HELEN
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

104th Annual

HARVEST BALL SOUVENIR JOURNAL CONTRACT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021

☐ Back Cover	$2,000. Contribution
☐ Inside Covers	$2,000. Contribution
☐ Solid Gold Page	$2,000. Contribution
☐ Gold Border Page	$1,000. Contribution
☐ Silver Border Page	$500. Contribution
☐ Bronze Border Page	$300. Contribution
☐ Full White Page	$150. Contribution
☐ Half White Page	$75. Contribution

Please TYPE/PRINT message as it will appear in ad or attach business card.
E-mail files (PDF prefered) are accepted to: harvestball@gcrmail.org
Each ad (hand written or emailed) must be accompanied by this contract form.

Please enclose a check made payable to: Ss Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Church
and mail to: 80 Laurel Avenue, Roseland, New Jersey 07068

DEADLINE: November 1, 2021

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Solicitor: _____

CHRISTMAS CARD 2021

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Celebrate the holidays with the 2021 Community Christmas Card! Christmas is almost here and soon we will be exchanging Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year, with family and friends.

To celebrate the joys of the season, Saints Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Church will once again sponsor its Annual Christmas Card. The beautiful card gives you a way to express your Christmas wishes to the members of our Community and make a meaningful contribution to the Church as well.

Please complete the form below and mail or bring it to the Church office along with a $20.00 donation for the listing. BE SURE TO PRINT YOUR NAME(S) ON THE FORM EXACTLY AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON THE CARD. For your added convenience, there will be a Christmas card basket on the table in the Narthex every Sunday following Church Services, starting Sunday, November 7th, until Sunday, December 5th.

Thank you for your continuous support and may you all have a
Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

2021 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD
SAINTS NICHOLAS, CONSTANTINE & HELEN CHURCH

Please print your names(s) exactly as you would like it to appear on the card.

NAME(S)_____

_____

DONATION_____

Please return to: Ss Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Church
80 Laurel Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 5, 2021

Across

2. Today the Virgin gives birth
3. The name for Father Christmas
7. Evil Christmas Spirits
8. Protective herb
11. Response to "Christ is Risen!"
12. Carols in Greek

Down

1. Christmas _____ are very popular in Greece
2. Merry Christmas in Greek
4. The real reason to celebrate Christmas
5. a sweet pastry made of filo pastry filled with chopped nuts and sweetened with syrup or honey
6. Celebrated on December 6
9. Greek children play triangles and _____ while caroling
10. Traditional Christmas Eve meal

Shook's
CEDAR GROVE
FUNERAL HOME, INC.

FARMER
Funeral Home

486 Pompton Ave. (Rt. 23)
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009
(973) 239-1489

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