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# THE ECHO

September 2021

Beloved Parishioners,

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1:18).

Have you ever meditated on the Cross of Christ? If you are like most Orthodox Christians, you think of the cross a most beautiful thing. Perhaps you adorn your home with crosses or see them where other people see only abstract designs, in pots and pillows, in sheets and shower curtains, in Persian carpets and Parisian silks. But have you ever meditated on what it is about the cross that you find so beautiful?



The cross on which our Savior died was probably an ugly thing to look at. It was made of discarded wood, according to tradition, wood the people of that time believed was cursed. Perhaps it was gnarled and slivered, its hard to know exactly, but it was ugly in another sense, it was an instrument designed by Roman “civilization” to bring about a tortured death in a condemned man. Generally speaking, it took days for a person to die by crucifixion. The human body was purposefully taken to the limits of its endurance to inflict as much anguish as possible.

And yet the Church from its very beginning, from its infancy (as we see it now), held the cross to be a thing of beauty. From our earliest formation we hear the Church forming hymns and sermons, adorning churches and inventing signs to keep the Cross of Christ always at hand, always in the mind, as the most precious treasure of the Church.

The rites of our faith often contain the most ancient elements of our ritual since those rites are most slow to change, most impervious to innovation. Think for a moment of the baptismal rite, it begins with the blowing on the faces and chest and body of the soon to be baptized, by the priest, in the sign of the Cross. A cross made with human breath as a beginning to the Christian initiation! What a profound image we have before us! Before we had stone crosses, and metal crosses, before we had painted crosses and jeweled crosses, we had the cross of the breath! And let’s not forget the cross made with the hand of which the oldest form seems to be that with which the priest signs the congregation. St. Paul said: I preach one thing, Jesus Christ and he crucified (1 Cor. 1:23) and it seems likely that he would often sign his hearers with that glorious sign.

What is it hidden in the Cross that made it such an image of power, of beauty to the early church and then to us? First, it is an image of love. We could paraphrase the dismayed words of the temple guards when first sent to arrest Jesus. They came back empty handed, reporting to their overlords: “no man ever spoke as this man” (Jn 7:46). Our paraphrase would be, “no man ever loved as this man!” The Son of God knew from before the incarnation that he would die for humanity. He knew that he would be rejected, he knew he would be sold, he knew he would be mocked, he knew he would be tortured, he knew he would die, murdered by his own people. But he came to save us anyway! He came for one reason only because he loved us. He didn’t want us to live in a world governed by hate, where the powerful always win, where the richest are most favored, where justice can be bought. He wanted us to live in a world where love has the last word and to do that, he had to show the power of hatred and evil to be powerless. He had to do it by dying at the hands of hate...

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# PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE



**Virtual Clergy-Laity Conference:** The annual Metropolis Clergy-Laity conference for this year is scheduled for Sep 23-25. Two of our Council members plan to attend and will take notes and have a report available to be shared in the Fall with the community. The conference is expected to draw around 160 delegates.

**Facilities Update:** Repairs of the classrooms are going well following the Spring water damage. We are on track to finish under budget and to be complete in time for Sunday School which begins on Sep 12. The contractor will also double-check all other drain pipe joints throughout the facility, as a collapsed joint over the North Pod was the cause of the original damage. In other news, front parking lot quotes are coming in so that we can select a source and take care of some areas now. A full parking lot replacement is a future topic.

**Parish Picnic:** The picnic is scheduled for Sep 12 after Divine Liturgy. This date will also be the first day of Sunday School. Since there remain some pandemic restrictions, the usual plan to ask parishioners to bring either a salad or a dessert will instead be replaced by the Council picnic team purchasing these items.

**General Assembly:** Our next General Assembly will be scheduled this Fall. Please watch your mail and please plan to attend. Participation is important as we close 2021 and look toward 2022.

## ARGONAUTS

The Saint Nicholas Argonauts hope you are Healthy and Safe. We are happy to have COVID-19 restrictions rescinded, and slowly plan on getting back to normal events.

We can pray together in Church, and Join you for coffee hour.

We plan on starting our monthly luncheons the second Thursday of each month. Our next luncheon will be on Thursday, September 9, 12:00 noon, at Saint Nicholas. Please call Lela Filias on 248 221 7065, if you plan to attend. Notices will also be mailed to Argonauts members.

You are welcome to join the Argonauts, and help us to meet our objectives. Please remember, that our seniors often need assistance, and you do not need to be a senior to join. Wishing you the best, please let us know, if you need assistance..

Sincerely,  
The Officers of Saint Nicholas Argonauts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

### D.O.P



The Daughters of Penelope, Chapter #66 would like to welcome any interested members to join our organization! Our next meeting is Thursday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Troy. We look forward to continued promotion of philanthropy, Hellenism, education, and family!

“Heart of the matter, power of we.”

### Y.A.L

St. Nicholas Y.A.L had a great time playing yard games and enjoying each other’s fellowship at the summer cookout. Thank you to all who attended! We also had a phenomenal turnout for our first Orthodoxy on Tap event at Pumachug! We’re already looking forward to our next Orthodoxy on Tap on August 26! If you or someone you know might be interested in joining Y.A.L, please reach out to [YAL@stnicholastroy.org](mailto:YAL@stnicholastroy.org).



## Funerals

John H. Trickovic +May 6, 2021  
Angelo H. Gaggos +July 13, 2021  
Marie J. Thomopoulos  
+July 22, 2021

## Weddings

*May 12, 2021*  
Michael Barkley & Michelle Evans  
Koumbara is Cassandra Malis

*May 22, 2021*  
Patrick Hamilton & Alexis Shandler  
Koumbaro is Zachary Shandler

*May 30, 2021*  
Bruno Manarelli Neto &  
Leah Stefanou  
Koumbara is Amalia Stefanou

*June 13, 2021*  
Zachery Scott Geragosian &  
Eleni Katherine Zotos  
Koumbara is Paula Terenzi

*July 31, 2021*  
Matthew Kirschner &  
Athena Ciraulo  
Koumbara is Christina Irene &  
Kirschner Christofidis

*Congratulations!*



## Baptisms

*May 15, 2021*  
Franco Antonio Agrusa  
Godparents are Angela Seaborn  
& George Costopoulos

*May 16, 2021*  
Maximilian Anton  
Godparents are Steven &  
Nicole Souphis

*May 23, 2021*  
Morgan Cameron Anderson  
Godparent is Dimitra Boulos

*May 28, 2021*  
Bruno Manarelli Neto  
Gosparent is Jason Martinovch

*June 6, 2021*  
Demetrius Chris Konstandas  
Godparent is Presvytera  
Kyriaki Manos

*June 13, 2021*  
Alaina Nicole Orlando  
Godparent is Kallie Hernandez

*July 24, 2021*  
Skarlet Alyce ReBant  
Godparent is Sarah Wood

*July 31, 2021*  
James Paul Tazar  
Godparent is Sara German

*July 31, 2021*  
Gabriel Alejandro Malis  
Godparent is Cassandra Malis

## SACRAMENTS

...and then rising again!

And the Cross is beautiful to us because we can see in it our own victory! What evil do we face? Is it the demons of our own passions? Our lust? Our gluttony? Our drunkenness? Or is it the evil that we endure from others of jealousy, anger, vindictiveness? Or some other evil we haven't named? Is there hope for us? Now, we come to the reason for the Cross's deepest beauty for us, it is beautiful because we see in its Christ's POWER over ALL evil, not only at the moment of his own terrible crucifixion but over ALL evil EVERYWHERE! There is nothing more to fear! Christ has shown the most powerful instrument of torture and death to have no power over Him! His love conquered hatred and death! And it will conquer it for us!

Keep that cross close to you always! Not as a charm or a magical talisman, but as the evidence of a love that has conquered EVERY EVIL and will conquer it still!

May the all-beautiful feast of the Finding and Exaltation of the Precious Cross of Christ on 14 September bless you and inspire you to be brave through every difficulty. God is with us!

With great love for you at the beginning of this New Ecclesiastical Year,

Fr. Paul A Patitsas, Proistamenos and Your Servant in Christ.

## We are back!!!

### Catechism is back!!

In person classes will begin on September 12, 2021. We are looking forward to welcoming our children back as we have missed them for the past 18 + months.

**To Register please visit our website at: [stnicholastroy.org](http://stnicholastroy.org) under Catechism. The new start time for classes will be 9:30 a.m.**

With the children first attending church and then proceeding to their classes.

We would like to congratulate all our students who received an Award pin and to our graduates from Catechism, High School & Universities. We plan to present our students who have achieved their Award pins and present gifts to the graduates on Sunday, September 19 in Church.

Please check your emails for additional information. As in the past all correspondence will be via email. Please make sure our Catechism office has your correct email address.

We hope to return to having our Trunk & Treat, Bake Sale, Community Service projects and some new fun events. We are working on our calendar and hope to have the schedule completed by the end of August.

***We are looking forward to all the children return to our Catechism classes in September.***



## GREEK KITCHEN

### Ingredients:

eggplants 2 large or 3 smaller, sliced  
olive oil  
potatoes 4, peeled and sliced  
onion 1 large, finely chopped  
garlic 2 cloves, crushed  
minced lamb 750g  
cinnamon 2 tsp  
red wine a glass  
passata 1 x 600ml bottle  
butter 75g  
flour 75g  
milk 600ml  
eggs 2

# Mousaka



**STEP 1** Heat the oven to 190C/fan 170C/gas 5. Brush the eggplant slices with olive oil and season, put them in a single layer on non-stick baking sheets (you'll probably need 2 large ones). Cook for 30-40 minutes, turning once, until the eggplant are tender and golden.

**STEP 2** Cook the potatoes in boiling salted water until just tender, then drain well.

**STEP 3** Fry the onion in a little oil until soft, then add the garlic. After a minute, add the mince and brown it, breaking up any lumps. Add the cinnamon, wine and passata, season and simmer for about 30 minutes, then bubble off any excess liquid.

**STEP 4** Heat the butter in a pan, stir in the flour and cook for a few minutes. Gradually add the milk, stirring until you have a smooth sauce. Season.

**STEP 5** Turn the oven down to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4. Layer the lamb, eggplant and potato in an ovenproof dish. Whisk the eggs into the white sauce and spoon it over the top. Bake for 30-40 minutes until the top is puffed and dark golden brown. Leave to sit for 10 minutes before cutting into large squares to serve.

***Enjoy!***

# GREEK SCHOOL

With the end of the school year 2020-2021, the teachers of the Saint Nicholas Greek School proudly want to congratulate our wonderful students for a successful school year! We especially want to send our heartfelt wishes to our graduates this year: Nicholas Dilis, Katerina Liasi, Ioanna Partalis, Erik Perakis and Yianni Thanasas, who successfully completed the seventh grade curriculum and will participate in the examinations for the Certificate in Attainment in Modern Greek next October.

Our students and graduates are enthusiastic, responsible, and highly achieving young individuals. After many years of diligent study and hard work, they are able to understand verbal and written Greek with a high degree of accuracy. They can understand the principles of our Greek Orthodox Faith and have a good foundation in Greek History, Mythology, Literature, and Culture. Moreover, they have developed strong bonds and relationships with their teachers, classmates, and members of our community. As they mature into young adults, their concern for the people around them has fostered a very a friendly and supportive climate in our classrooms.

We also wish to thank our students' parents for their assistance and strong support along with our fellow parishioners and friends of our Greek School for their commitment to providing the best education possible to the children of our Greek American community.

Our Dear students: Congratulations for a job well done. You have surpassed our highest expectations. We are proud of you and wish you the best going forward.

## GOYA

Hello Parishioners of St. Nicholas and welcome back Goyans, We are so thrilled to be back in action for this upcoming calendar year! The newly elected board members met on Monday, August 16 to discuss future events and how to bring our youth back together again! Please welcome our newly elected members for the 2021 and 2022 are as follows:

**President- Kali Gaggos**

**Vice President-Nina Bologna**

**Recording Secretary- Maria Papp**

**Corresponding Secretary- George Perakis**

**Treasurer- Eleni Stavropoulos**

We will be having our first meeting on Sunday, September 12 to go over future events and what the board has decided to do for the upcoming year. Please mark your calendar for our first fundraiser on Sunday, September 26 right after Church. If you have a youth that will be 12 years or older please have them Contact Kalie Gaggos, Nina Bologna, or Stefanie George. Stefanie George email is [stefgeorge@kw.com](mailto:stefgeorge@kw.com)

*Look forward to seeing everyone very soon!*

## YOUNG FAMILIES

The Young Families Group plans to reconvene at the end of the summer/early fall. If you are a family that is expecting, or already has little ones ages 0-5 and would like to be added to our notification list, please email Lisa Takis [lisa.takis@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.takis@gmail.com) We look forward to seeing everyone again soon and supporting each other through those early years.

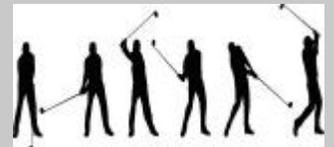


## GOLF LEAGUE

### ST. NICHOLAS GOLF OUTING

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 – Register Now! St. Nicholas is hosting its annual St. Nicholas Golf Outing at Fieldstone Golf Club in Auburn Hills on Monday, September 27, 2021. For all of the registration and sponsorship details. Please visit:

[https://www.stnicholastroy.org/news\\_detail\\_T10\\_R95.php](https://www.stnicholastroy.org/news_detail_T10_R95.php).



# CHOIR

## Calling All Singers!

Please join us as we sing our praises to Him!

The St Nicholas Choir is looking for new members of all ages and experience levels.

All are welcome to join us at rehearsals.

**Rehearsals are held on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the community room.**

*We hope to see you all there!*



## HELPING HANDS / LOVING HEARTS

Our meals program was launched on March 19, 2021. Every 2 weeks we have been delivering an average of 20 to 25 meals. Meals are delivered on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Each meal is made from scratch by our group of volunteers who meet at the church and cook and assemble the meals. The program has been very well received.

Contact Cindy 248-217-2987 or Fr Paul if you know someone who would enjoy the program or participate in preparing or delivering.



### St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

**REGISTER FROM NOW UNTIL FRIDAY  
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**(248) 362-9575  
Office@stnicholastro.org**

### St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Stewardship Report Out End of July 2021

<b>GOAL</b> \$500,000	<b>Number of Pledges YTD:</b>	315
	<b>Average Pledge:</b>	\$785
	<b>YTD Total:</b>	\$247,150
	<b>2021 Stewardship Goal:</b>	\$500,000
	<b>New pledges this period:</b>	13 (July)
	<b>Number of new Stewards:</b>	0
	<b># of non pledging contributors:</b>	128 YTD
	<b>Total donated by Non Pledging Contributors</b>	\$40,297est
	<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>Planned Budget</b> \$704,894
		<b>YTD spent</b> \$410,117.89
	<b>Income to date:</b>	\$357,810.45
	<b>Current Deficit</b>	-\$52,307
	<b>Daily Cost to run our Church:</b>	(est.) \$1,931

#### Did you Know:

We are reaching out to the 200 Stewards that have not pledged this year. Please help us spread the word with your family. With the Church running at a deficit any little bit helps.

ST NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



CHOPS AND CIGARS

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For questions, please contact:  
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A celebration of  
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St. Nicholas Banquet Hall  
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Ticket information to follow



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ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Immediately after the Divine Liturgy in the Cultural Center.

Picnic lunch provided

Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, dessert, and beverages generously  
donated by sponsors from our St. Nicholas Family. We kindly ask  
parishioners to not bring outside food.

Safety first

Due to the ongoing pandemic and the rise in variant strains of  
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Congratulation to all those who celebrated  
the happy celebration of the Panaghia this  
past month, 15th of August.



## AHEPA and D.O.P Activities



The AHEPA Educational Foundation awarded 60 scholarships totaling \$78,350, to high school graduates and college students of Greek heritage. The AHEPA Family congratulates all the recipients and wishes each of them success in their future endeavors. The following 18 scholarship recipients were from the St. Nicholas parish. Please make an effort to acknowledge these young people next time you see them.

To apply for a college scholarship, you need to be a member of the AHEPA or D.O.P Chapter. To receive additional information on the various programs and events, please contact the AHEPA chapter presidents Tony Manolias at 248-890-4700 [tmanolias@comcast.net](mailto:tmanolias@comcast.net) or the D.O.P chapter president Artemis Vouharas at **248 705-9002** [avouharas@gmail.com](mailto:avouharas@gmail.com). George Mortis

### High School Graduates

- Christina Chinonis
- Elyssa George
- Lucas George Haddad
- Alexis Hazen
- Katherine Hazen
- Alexios Perry Kardasis
- Dimitrios Luhring
- Nicoletta Michalakis
- Samuel Stearns

### College Students

- Alexandra Agapiou
- Daphne Agapiou
- Antonio Alioto
- Madelyn Borhardt
- Nicholas Haddad
- Loukas-Nick Kondyles
- Maria Eleni Manolias
- Nicolas Valentino
- Nicholas Zesses

## ASK FATHER

**Father Paul, we receive antidoron every week what is the best way to handle it since it is blessed?**

Well, that is a good question. The simplest answer is to eat it! But actually, the intention of the church in giving you antidoron is twofold. The first reason is to help those who have received Holy Communion to completely swallow all of the Holy Communion that they have received so that there is no danger that some of it fall from our mouth whether through a sneeze or just through speaking in an animated way. We consider it that holy that we take this additional precaution. The second reason is to feed those who have come to church having fasted, and, who for whatever reason, will not have taken Holy Communion that particular Sunday. We offer them the holy bread, the antidoron, as a way to break the fast [did you know that is where the word breakfast comes from?]. It has become common practice in America to eat the Holy Antidoron even when one is not fasting but it is preferable to receive it not as common bread but as Holy Bread and in this way even when we are not receiving Holy Communion we are still communing in the blessing that is the Divine Liturgy. Isn't it wonderful? When we learn the why's and the wherefores of our church tradition immediately we see manifest the great treasures of our faith; our Holy Church sanctifies us whenever it gives us something that it has blessed.



If you have any questions for Fr. Paul please e-mail the office at: [office@stnicholastroy.org](mailto:office@stnicholastroy.org)

***Questions must be submitted by the 10th of every month!***

# SEPTEMBER

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 <u>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</u> Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	6 Labor Day	7	8 <u>Nativity of the Theotokos</u> Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	9 <u>Joachim and Anna</u> Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	10	11 Saturday Vespers 5:00 p.m.
12 <u>Sunday before Holy Cross</u> Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.  Sunday School Starts Annual Parish Picnic	13 Greek School Starts	14 <u>Procession of the Holy Cross</u> Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.  Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	15	16 <u>St. Euphemia</u> Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	17 <u>St. Sophia &amp; Her Children</u> Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	18 Saturday Vespers 5:00 p.m.
19 <u>Sunday after Holy Cross</u> Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	20 <u>St. Eustathios &amp; His Family</u> Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	21 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	22	23 <u>Conception of John the Baptist</u> Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	24	25 Saturday Vespers 5:00 p.m.
26 <u>Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian</u> Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	27	28 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	29 <u>St. Kyriakos of Palestine</u> Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	30		

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**Athanasius: Life of Antony & Letter to Marce**

Author: St. Athanasius  
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Athanasius' *The Life of Antony* is one of the foremost classics of Christian asceticism. It tells the spiritual story of St. Antony, the founder of Christian monasticism. *The Letter to Marcellinus* is an introduction to the spiritual sense of the Psalms. The Psalms are presented as a variety of attitudes which co-exist in a truly harmonious and whole sense of prayer.

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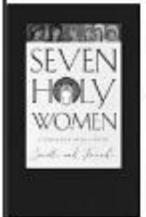


**Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica**

Author: Ana Smiljanic and Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

His words of love and hope provided spiritual balm for people from all classes of society. In 2002 Elder Thaddeus reposed, leaving behind a large collection of his teachings, preserved by his faithful spiritual children. His life, teachings, and spiritual conversations are here presented for the first time in English.

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