The Feast of the Nativity in the Flesh of our Lord Jesus Christ, or Christmas, is one of the biggest days of Christendom. It is among the Despotic Feasts, which relate to the events in the life of Christ the Despot. Along with Pascha it is the biggest celebration in the Orthodox Church.

On this day we celebrate the Incarnation of God the Word, when the Second Person of the Holy Trinity descended into the world. God became man that man may become a god by grace. Christ comes down from heaven to earth, to raise man from earth to heaven. Christ came among us to save the human race, to rebuild once again the ruined bridge of our communication with God, to restore man to his true glory, to reveal to us the will of God. Christ deeply humbled Himself to elevate us, He was born in time so we could overcome time, and He took human nature in order to deify it. This is why we feast, rejoice and celebrate.

The Holy Twelve Days

In the early centuries of the Church, the Nativity and Baptism of Christ were celebrated together on the same day, January 6th, and they went by the common name of Epiphany. In the middle of the fourth century the separate celebration of Christmas was established for December 25th, while January 6th remained by itself the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Alongside this was the establishment of the Holy Twelve Days, which is the twelve day period between December 25th and January 6th, from Christmas to the day of theophany, and this includes the feast of the Circumcision of the Lord together with that of Saint Basil the Great on January 1st.

The Preparation

The great importance of the Christmas feast and the reverence of Christians for it, under the influence in those days of the Great Lent of Pascha, led to the establishment of a preparatory period, during which the faithful would spiritually prepare to "journey" to the cave of Bethlehem. This preparatory period lasts forty days, called the Nativity Forty-day Fast, and it begins every year on November 15th. The hymns in our worship services remind us that we have entered this Sacred Season, how in a spiritual manner we have embarked on the path that leads to the noetic Bethlehem; namely the Church, in which Christ is born in order to regenerate each person who sincerely believes in Him. From November 21st (the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple) we chant the Katavasies of the Nativity, in which the First Ode is said as follows: "Christ is born, glorify Him. Christ from heaven, respond to Him. Christ on earth, magnify Him. Praise the Lord all the earth and in gladness sing a hymn all ye people, for you are glorified". From November 26th (which is the day of the Apodosis of the above mentioned feast of the Mother of God) we begin to chant the pre-festal Kontakion: "Today the Virgin gives birth to the Pre-eternal One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One. Angels with shepherds glorify Him. The wise men journey with a star. Since for our sake the Eternal God was born as a Little Child, the Pre-eternal God".

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The Fast

Christians fast during the forty day period, which lasts from November 15th through Christmas Eve on December 24th. On these days we do not eat any meat, dairy products and eggs. We can eat fish, except of course on Wednesdays and Fridays. The eating of fish is allowed until December 17th. We can eat fish on November 21st for the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos, even if this feast falls on a Wednesday or a Friday.

Caution: Christmas Eve is also a day of strict fasting as Christians prepare for the day of the Nativity of the Lord and especially for the Divine Liturgy, which is festively celebrated. Hence, the evening of Christmas Eve is an uplifting and spiritual time of preparation, in view of the Great Event the next day.

Fasting From Foods and Passions

We must always keep in mind that in our Church true fasting is not only about abstaining from certain foods, but also abstaining from the passions and sins. Saint Photios the Great says: "Fasting that is acceptable to God is that which combines the abstention of food with the aversion of chatter, envy, hatred and other sins. The one who fasts from food, but does not temper the passions, is like one who puts a splendid foundation to a house he has built, but allows snakes, scorpions and every poisonous reptile to live within." We thus aim for a spiritual fast during this period, to avoid sin and keep the will of God, being an embodiment of love and forgiveness and mercy, as well as striving to attain even greater virtue. In this way we will better understand and realize the words of Saint Basil the Great: "True fasting is to alienate ourselves from all evil, all sin, all impassioned thoughts, all unclean desires".

Repentance

Together with our fasting and our preparation for Christmas, we also include repentance. An honest examination of ourselves, admitting our wrongs and participating in the sacred Mystery of Confession are prerequisites for a truly worthy participation in the Christmas Divine Liturgy. Indeed, it is good to take care and approach Divine Communion in a timely manner and not at the last minute.

The preparatory period before Christmas gives us a great opportunity to understand well the misery that we hide deep within our being, in order to acquire a humble spirit and self-control, that we may be mentally transformed, to sincerely repent, and to dare undertake the great meeting with the Newborn Lord of Bethlehem.

Worship

During a time of spiritual preparation and anticipation, such as the forty days prior to Christmas, the prayers of the faithful and our participation in the worship of the Church play an essential role. On these days we have many feasts and commemorations of saints, which aim to bring us closer to the grace of God, along with the Vespers and Divine Liturgies we perform.

The Journey to Bethlehem begins

Here, therefore, before us is the path towards Bethlehem. "Come, believers, let us see where Christ is born", we chant in church. Let us follow the advice of our Mother the Church, and prepare ourselves properly throughout these days, that we may be found worthy to worship "the Ancient of Days Who becomes an Infant for us, for He Who sits on a Heavenly Throne on high is placed in a manger, He Who broke the shackles of sin is now wrapped in swaddling clothes, because this was His will" (St. John Chrysostom).

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Parish Announcements

Angel Ehrenschwender, daughter of Bob and Anna (Stefanopoulos) Ehrenschwender has been named a Student Academic Athletic All-American. Angel is a senior at Denison University majoring in Neurological Science.

Zoe Elise Harner was born on October 6, 2019. Proud parents are Ryan and Melissa Harner.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
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Holiday Outreach Ministries

On Wednesday, November 27th, our Parish will serve a Thanksgiving meal to our Good Shepherd Ministry friends from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. We need our Parish family members to help set-up, serve, and clean up. Set-up will begin at 1:00 pm and we will start serving at 4:30 pm. Please contact the Church Office to volunteer your time in this important event for our Good Shepherd Pantry ministry. At this time, we are estimating around 300 guests. If you would like to make a monetary gift in support of the Thanksgiving meal, please forward it to the Church Office marked in the memo “Thanksgiving Outreach”. To sponsor one meal is $10. We appreciate your generosity!

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.);
- frozen fruit pies
- boxes of corn bread or other types of bread

We have shelving set up in the Community Center to receive donations.

Thank you in advance for supporting these vital Outreach Ministries!

Fr. Mark’s Pastoral Post-Its

How To Approach the Nativity Fast

As we anticipate the beginning of the Fast for the Nativity of Christ (November 15th), we prepare to participate in the mystery of the coming to earth of our Savior. In the words of St. Theophan the Recluse, during this lent we must partake of the Blood and Body of Christ, in order to comprehend with our entire being that the Word has become flesh, and that the Lord has taken on our flesh and blood, becoming one of us.

Now, while the Church is reminding us of the necessity for fasting and prayer, it would be well to note that although the Nativity fast is not so strict in terms of external demands, it still requires a reasonable attitude towards it. First of all, we must keep this fast, of course, but as Saint Isaac the Syrian says, there is a proper measure of fasting. We must understand that all church regulations should accord with the measure of each specific individual, depending on his bodily strength, age, health and other characteristics. This has been, and continues to be the pastoral approach to fasting.

Thus, the main thing of which the Church reminds us during lent is that when we partake of bodily abstinence, our body, which separates us from the invisible world, becomes thinner and we become more sensitive to the spiritual world. And if our heart is not purified, then, naturally, our contacts with this spiritual world are primarily connected with the evil forces. This gives rise to all the temptations and passions which only proceed to increase during lent.

Let us ponder this. From year to year we are used to fasting too externally, too formally, often focusing only on keeping to a certain dietary regimen, without adding prayer and without delving deeper into a realization of our path to Christ, a realization of the mystery which is being revealed to us during this time. Christ truly approaches each one of us; therefore, let us realize that the worst thing that can happen to us is for us to be spiritually lukewarm, to be observing only a formal and external fast. Let us try to deepen our fast from the very beginning (and not only at the end), drawing nearer to Christ not only through the reading of the Holy Scriptures, not only through the reading of prayers and a more frequent attendance of church services (although all of it is essential and necessary), but specifically through a communion with the most important thing that there is in Christ – His love, His unity with the suffering and fate of each individual, so that the mystery of Christ’s incarnation would become a living experience for us during this lent.
Parish Council President's Message
by Andy Stefanopoulos

The hot dry days of early October have passed and we are now in the full swing of autumn. The brown burnt grasses have been rejuvenated and they show their bright green colors. The trees are changing and the leaves have turned to gold, brown and red. November is truly a beautiful month.

It is also a month in which we celebrate one of the great American holidays: Thanksgiving. The day was initially proclaimed in 1789 by President George Washington; however Thanksgiving did not become a national holiday until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of “Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwells in the Heavens.”

We Americans are truly blessed by God to live in this wonderful land, rich in natural resources, diverse cultures, and the freedom to freely worship our religious beliefs.

Many of our Greek Orthodox forefathers came to America and were fortunate enough to live the “American Dream”. Through their hard work and beliefs of the Orthodox religion, they built the foundations, dating back to the early 1900’s, for our current house of worship, Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas. We continue to grow as a community and have made sure their efforts have not been wasted.

And so, in this Thanksgiving month, let us praise God for all he has done for us and the Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

Transitions

40 Day Blessing:
Stacey (Leon) Callos and son
September 29, 2019

Baptisms:

Neophyte: Clark Giorgos Hall
Father: Sean Hall
Mother: Theodota (Denas) Hall
Sponsor: Marie Christoforou
September 22, 2019

Neophyte: Luke Anastasios Georgostathis
Father: Demitri Georgostathis
Mother: Lillian (Tarazi) Georgostathis
Sponsor: George Sakellariou & Antonina Petrenko
September 28, 2019

Neophyte: Mabel Jane Murray
Father: George Murray
Mother: Lauren (Karas) Murray
Sponsor: Andrew Karas & Zoe Paraskevopoulos
September 29, 2019

Neophyte: Andrew Jacob Jaspers
Father: Luke Jaspers
Mother: Nicole (Vidas) Jaspers
Sponsor: Jim Gerros
October 5, 2019

Neophyte: Nicholas James McCotter
Father: Greg McCotter
Mother: Sofia (Mirkopoulos) McCotter
Sponsor: Marie Christoforou
October 5, 2019

Neophyte: Zora Ann Tsiominas Strater
Father: Samuel Strater
Mother: Victoria Tsiominas
Sponsor: Tom Tsiominas
October 6, 2019

Neophyte: Clara Eirene Peck
Father: Eric Peck
Mother: Evangelia (Romero) Peck
Sponsor: Zachary Lardas & Amalia Lardas
October 12, 2019

Wedding:

Groom: Eric Anthony Estep
Bride: Kayla Elizabeth Singleton
Sponsor: Kathy Burton
September 28, 2019

Funeral:
†Michael G. “Mike” Haralamos, age 88, October 10, 2019
Saturday, November 16, 2019

“HYMNOGRAPHY OF THE EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH AND THE FORMATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHARACTER”

Presentation by Rev. Fr. George L. Parsenios, PhD
Presiding Priest of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church: Perth Amboy, NJ
Professor of New Testament, Princeton Theological Seminary

Please join us at our Parish-wide event sponsored by the Education Pillar of the Strategic Planning Committee and the Stewardship Committee

10:00 AM to 2:30 PM [Lunch Provided]
Please RSVP to the Church Office (513) 591-0030 by Friday, November 8

TEACHING ORTHODOXY:
Living the Foundations of the Orthodox Faith

Join us as we discover how to live the Orthodox Faith in today’s world.

Sessions to be held at
Holy Trinity - St. Nicholas Church in the Small Hall at 7:00 pm

Presenters:
Rev. Fr. Mark Emroll, Presiding Priest
frmark@htsnchurch.org
Mr. Nicolaos Tzetis, Pastoral Assistant
assistant@htsnchurch.org

Sponsored by:
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Wed Nov 13 Our Life in the Scriptures
Wed Dec 11 Our Life in the Sacraments
Wed Jan 8 Our Life in Prayer
Wed Feb 12 Our Life in Fasting
Wed Mar 11 Our Life in Almsgiving (Charity)
Wed Apr 8 Our Life in the Divine Liturgy
Wed May 13 Our Life in the Church in the Home
Parish Ministries and Organizations

PHILOPTOCHOS…Carrie Petrou

We are off and running this year with activities that will interest many.

The Walk to End Alzheimer’s was a success with 18 walking for the Greek Team in memory of friends and relatives affected by the disease. It felt good to walk toward a cure!!! Our Parish family and friends donated $4,682 to the organization. Thank you to all for contributing.

Mmmmm..... the smell of Sweet Treats is in the air! Check out our Philoptochos Information Board for our baking dates. Our December sale is just around the corner.

Mark your calendar for our Thanksgiving Outreach Meal at our Church. We feed the souls of many.

Our next meeting is November 10th. Hope to see you there!

MAIDS OF ATHENA…Evanthia Sansone

Hello everyone. The Maids of Athena would like to inform everyone about the new and upcoming events for this November. As some of you already know, we will be having our soup sale on the 10th following the Divine Liturgy. Starting this month we will be offering tutoring and homework help on the first Sunday of every month. Lastly, the Maids are extremely happy to inform you we will be holding a rush on the 20th.

AHEPA…Nick L. Sarakatsannis

This month AHEPA and DOP will be hosting our Annual Family Thanksgiving Celebration on Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 pm. We provide a good old fashion homemade Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. $15.00 includes dinner and drinks. Please contact Nick L. Sarakatsannis at 859-835-5549 for prepaid reservations. This is an open invitation to all parishioners to join AHEPA and DOP in fellowship and celebration of Thanksgiving.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE…Vera Manolakas

We had a very productive October meeting. It was a pleasure to initiate a new sister. The business included passing a budget for the year. Unfortunately, there was not enough interest for the trip to Indianapolis.

Our baklava baking began in earnest. Baking days were scheduled for October. As a reminder, November 14 will be the last day to order baklava. You may call your order in to Tina Kasidonis, 513-470-7660; Melody Dargis, 513-720-6116; or Vera Manolakas, 513-247-0011. Baklava not only makes a great addition to your holiday table, but a thoughtful and appreciated gift.

As always, we appreciate your support as without it, we could not fund our charities.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL…Peter Aamodt

There are two Sunday Church School activities of note for the month of November:

- Planning for our Parish Oratorical Festival gets under way on Sunday, November 10th, with a presentation for 7th-12th graders (and their families) that outlines the goals of the Festival, the process of preparing a speech, and assistance that parents and others in our Parish community can provide. This meeting will take place in Church after the conclusion of Divine Liturgy.

- The Nativity Pageant rehearsal schedule begins with a practice session for all participants on Sunday, November 24th. Other rehearsal dates include Sunday, December 8th, only for assigned roles, and then a final rehearsal on Saturday, December 14th. Finally, the actual Program will take place at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 15th. Parents, please mark your calendars accordingly.
This year, monthly fellowship & meetings will be held on the following Sundays:

- November 10
- December 1
- January 19
- February 9
- March 8
- April 5
- May 3
- June 14

Also, please mark the following dates in your calendar:
- **International Luncheon**, Sunday, November 17
- **Nativity Retreat, Caroling, & Christmas Party**, Saturday, December 14
- **Central District Lenten Retreat**, Saturday, April 4

### HOPE & JOY Dates

Our monthly HOPE & JOY dates are set for the upcoming year. Please mark the following dates in your calendar (all events start at 6:30 pm):

- November 6 (Wed)
- December 4 (Wed)
- January 2 (Thu)
- February 5 (Wed)
- March 5 (Thu)
- April 2 (Thu)
- May 6 (Wed)

### Young Adult Thanksgiving Dinner

We'll be getting together for dinner at **7pm on Thursday, November 14th** and we will have plenty of oven and range space available if you want to come early to cook something. I (Mr. Nick) will be here cooking throughout the day. Please sign up to bring something (store-bought is totally fine) so we don't end up having 23 pumpkin pies. Also, we will have water and soda, but feel free to bring any other drinks you would want.

Please sign up as soon as possible on our Signup Genius at https://bit.ly/2qplMnX.

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**INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON**

Dine on dishes from around the world and share a meal with fellow parishioners. In addition to Greek foods, you can also try Asian, Hispanic, Polish, German and more.

**Adults: $10/Students: $5**

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Thanking you for your kind and generous response,

I remain, with paternal blessings and prayers,

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Walk to End Alzheimer’s 2019

Members of the “Greek Team” want to thank everyone who supported them for this year’s Walk to End Alzheimer’s. At this writing, with your generous donations, the team raised $4,682. This is the largest amount ever collected by the team in twenty years of participation in this important fund-raiser. The Walk draws hundreds of participants locally, with a goal of raising $1,000,000 by the Greater Cincinnati chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association. Your donations help to advance research into prevention, treatments and a cure for this devastating disease. For those already affected by the disease, the Association offers care, education, support and resources. A special thank you goes out to the Philoptochos Society for its ongoing support and organization of the team and to Pleasant Ridge Chili for again sponsoring the “Greek Team” T-shirts. Thank you, again, for your support, and we hope more of you will join us for The Walk to End Alzheimer’s in 2020.

SAVE THE DATES

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

SWEET TREATS FROM THE GREEKS PASTRY SALE

Friday, Dec. 6th  10 am - 6 pm
Saturday, Dec. 7th  10 am - 5 pm
Sunday, Dec. 8th  Noon - 3 pm
Stewardship Message
By Sophia and Cassia Chryssovergis

Stewardship is a concept that is hard to truly grasp the meaning of unless you experience it yourself. Growing up, we heard the word around church often enough and we were taught the three T’s of Stewardship - time, talent, and treasure - in Sunday Church School; but we never really felt connected to it, we never really understood what it meant at its very core. On a basic surface level, it seemed like Stewardship was all about money. Give money to the church and you’ll become a steward. As kids, and even as college students, it appeared to be something that would be difficult to participate in, as we don’t have much money to spend. However, as we learned before, Stewardship isn’t made up of just one T, but three. We were omitting our time and talent, something we realized as we set forth to redesign the Stewardship print materials for the Church.

Over this past summer, we spent many hours working on the design of the Stewardship folder that was mailed out to the families of Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. Our goal was for the new folder and the logos to look sleek and elegant, but to also maintain an important connection to Orthodoxy so that the congregation would understand the significant relationship that Stewardship has with the Church. We also decided to redesign the informational forms that are inside of the folder so they would be more readable and user-friendly. Using our time and talent, we created a variety of logo options, tested different color palettes, mocked up numerous versions of the folder, and met with a church representative in order to come up with the perfect solution. This summer, we didn’t just spend our time and talent redesigning print materials, we used our resources to affect something other than ourselves; we experienced and felt what it means to be a steward of the Church.

Stewardship isn’t only about donating money. In fact, it’s a lot simpler than that. At its core, Stewardship is helping and taking care of the Church in any way you can. Any helpful deed - big or small, quick or time-consuming - counts because it’s a step you’ve gone out of your way to take in order to make the Church better.

2019 Stewardship List Through 10-20-19

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Denas, George & Eugenia
Denas, Haralambos & Athaniseea
Diaz, Chris & Stephanie
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Economacos, Tom & Jennifer
Economakis, Tina
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Eisenhart, Andrew & Christina
Elias, Nicholas
Elias, Tom & Tina
Eliopoulos-Rosenbloom, Connie
Emroll, Fr. Mark & Presvytera Ginny
Emroll, Maria
Emroll, Theodore
Ernst, James H. & Sue
Evangelou, Sofia
Farmakis, Thomas
Favatella, Nathan & Allison
Fawcett, Tracy & Jessica
Fekkos, Haralambos & Loella Ann
Fillios, Alexandra
Fillios, Elias & Mary
Fillios, Nicholas & Amy
Fillios, Philip & Sherry
Firman, Nancy & Jerry
Fotopoulos, Christine†
Fotos, Aspasia
Francis, Dean & Kathy
Frangoulakis, Thomas
Frankenstein, George & Christine
Franklin, Gari
Freeman, Maria
Furkas, Lisa
Furkas, Louis & Olympia
Gaier, Dean
Gaier, Jeff & Chris Anne
Galanes, George
Gaskins, Mark & Kristin
Gaz, Georgianne
Gaz, William "Buzzy"
Gelis, Anna
Gelis, James & Kathy
Gelis, Maria
Georgakopoulos, Konstantinos & Angeliki
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Georgeton, Chris P. & Barbara
Georgeton, John C. & Ann
Georgeton, John P. & Kimberly
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Georgeton, Peter T. & Nancy
Georgiou, Dean
Georgiou, George & Maria
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Georgoulakis, Sofia
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Ghiz, Leslie
Giannakos, Angelo & Sonia
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Grammas, Mary
Grammas, Nick
Grammas, Nick P. & Katherine
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Lustig, Elaine & Lowell
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Macaskill, Stuart & Stacy
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~ FIFTH ANNUAL ~

FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS COMMUNITY CONCERT
To benefit the Good Shepherd Pantry
Christmas Outreach

Sunday, December 8 - Concert at 7:00 pm
Champagne and holiday dessert reception at 8:00 pm

The concert will be held in our Church sanctuary and will feature a brass quintet, vocal and instrumental selections from the Byzantine and Baroque traditions, and an old fashion Christmas Carol sing-along, led by our choir.

This event is free and open to all Church Community members, families, and guests.

In lieu of an admission ticket, we ask that you bring a generous donation of non-perishable canned goods and a free-will offering to support our Christmas outreach. The following items are particularly encouraged: canned corn, canned green beans, box of mashed potatoes, canned chicken or turkey gravy, canned cranberry sauce, canned mixed fruit or fruit cocktail, box of corn or other type of bread.
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Staff
Pastoral Assistant: Mr. Nick Tzetzis
Parish Administrator: Eugene Nicholas
Building Maintenance Technician: Craig Sansone

Officers
Andy Stefanopoulos, President
Gus Lazares, Vice-President
Kim Lambrinides, Treasurer
Peggy Kehayes, Asst. Treasurer
Matthew Neuendorf, Secretary
Bill Kanelopoulos, Asst. Secretary

Members
Eli Cassis
William “Buzzy” Gaz
Gus Koutsogianiss
Ron Nichols
Gus Poneris
Sylvia Rombis
Jacinta “Jay” Williams

Parish Ministries and Organizations
Philoptochos Society: Carrie Petrou, President
Parish Choir: Ariadne Antipa, Director
Cantors: James Raptis, Philanthy Nichols
Altar Boys: Father Mark Emroll, Mr. Nick Tzetzis
Sunday Church School: Religious Education Team, Peter Aamodt, Chairman
Greek School: Dr. Alexandros Laftsidis, Director
GOYA, HOPE and JOY: Father Mark Emroll, Mr. Nick Tzetzis, Youth Ministry Teams
College Students, OCF: Presvytera Ginny Emroll, Mr. Nick Tzetzis
St. Sophia Mothers Club: Maria Meyer, President
AHEPA: Nicholas L. Sarakatsannis, President
Daughters of Penelope: Vera Manolakas, President
Over 50s Club: Maria Freeman, President
Adult Religious Education: Father Mark Emroll, Mr. Nick Tzetzis
Outreach/Samaritan Fund: Father Mark Emroll, Mr. Nick Tzetzis, Eugene Nicholas
The Good Shepherd Food Pantry: Stephanie Diaz, Maria Freeman, Mary Morgan
Agios Demetrios Society: Jim Grammas, Maria Panagis
Panegyri: Peter Zaferes, Leadership Team
Parish Bookstore: Christina Polychroniou

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

November 10, 2019

Submissions can be dropped off or mailed to the Church Office or e-mailed to office@htsnchurch.org

Our Church website can be found at www.htsnchurch.org

THANK YOU

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.
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

‘Tis the season to join the members of our Parish in expressing Christmas greetings to one another by participating in our annual COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD.

This is a wonderful way to extend holiday greetings to one another, and a successful means of raising funds for our beloved Parish. You can be part of our annual Christmas Card by filling out this form and returning it to the Church Office no later than Monday, December 2, 2019 along with a contribution of $30.00 per family.

Your participation and support are greatly appreciated.

Please list my/our family on the COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD as follows:

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