WELCOME TO FR. NIKOLAS DELAVERIS

We welcome Fr. Nikolas and family to our parish.

Fr. Nikolas and I look forward to working together, serving the needs of our parish. You will have the opportunity to meet and get to know him. I trust Fr. Nikolas and his commitment to Our Lord and His Church.

Fr. Nikolas Steven Delaveris holds a BA (2008) in Jazz Studies from Michigan State University, a Master of Divinity (2015) from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and a Certificate of Completion (2015) from the Addictions Counselor Education Program, University of Massachusetts, Boston. Over the last six years, he has served as an Addictions/Behavioral Health Counselor to various Mental Health Clinics, Recovery Homes, and Outpatient Programs in Boston, MA and the DC Metropolitan area. Father Nikolas has continued this work as a private counselor for individual and families across the United States. When not in a clinical or ecclesial setting, Fr. Nikolas enjoys putting his hands to work as a professional carpenter, specializing in historical timber frames. In addition to these varied internship and employment experiences, Fr. Nikolas possesses an extensive record of youth ministry service to the Archdiocese, including GOYA, OCF, Camp Nazareth, Camp Saint Paul, and Ionian Village.

He is married to Katherine Anastasia, who holds a Master of Science in Biohazardous Threat Agents & Emerging Infectious Diseases from the Biomedical Graduate School of Georgetown University and is currently employed as a Defense Contractor. Their son, Stamatios, just had his first birthday and all three look forward to becoming a part of the community!

Yours in Christ’s service,

Fr. Coste
AT THE CORE OF OUR PRESENT ECONOMY is a simple ratio-based model called an ROI (Return on Investment). This is a principal which determines the cost-benefit analysis of an investment. If an investment denotes a high ROI, then the risk of investment is minimal when considering the projected gains of making such an investment. Typically, these projections take place over a set period so that an investor may know whether to increase, keep, or sell off their investment. For many of us, without too much analysis, we can see this concept directly reflected in our social interactions, as well as our financial pursuits. Add to this, the fact that our country subscribes to the socioeconomic ideology of Capitalism, it makes perfect sense that our society should embrace the ROI model in all aspects of life.

To the rational mind, the ROI model can provide a basis for deciding what we do and how we do it. Statistically, the majority will always be found making “safe choices”: wherein which the time, effort, and resources invested is just enough to get more than what was had before. However, there is also a minority of outliers on both ends of the ROI spectrum. There are those who invest at an absolute minimum, and apart from the slight occurrence of a lucky strike, they receive little in return. And there are also those who invest heavily, but due to the high risk of doing so, also rarely will receive “more” than those making “safe choices.” But even in the outliers, there are two subgroups, that bring our spectrum to absolute zero on both ends. There is one group who invests nothing and expects to receive everything, and there is another who invests everything and expects to receive nothing.

In considering these two super-minorities, we find the unpredictable factor in what is otherwise a perfect model. While one group can be described as “entitled” and “lazy”, the other can be viewed as “unsustainable” and “excessive.” However, as the Orthodox Church concerns these groups, we are faced with the extremes of humanity—caught between what is selfish and what is selfless, between thievery and charity, between sinfulness and divinity. And perhaps that is why we cannot apply the ROI model to anything that pertains to our Faith.

Had the lives of Joachim and Anna been lived according to the “ROI” way of life, Joachim may have divorced Anna as she was found to be barren. Their collective Faith may have fallen by the wayside as their prayers for a child remained unanswered for decades. The miraculous birth of their daughter would have been viewed as happenstance, written off as a fluke. And instead of returning the child to the God who graced them with her presence, we would not be here today, celebrating as the high-priest Zacharias receives the mother of God into Solomon’s Temple. Indeed, the Temple itself would have remained in “the shadow of the letter of the Law” and may have never received the Spirit which fits it here today.

If we are to gain anything from the Great Feast of The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, we must first put away the notion that whatever we have in this life is inherently ours. As it was understood by Joachim and Anna, so is it true today: Everything good that we have has been given to us by the Grace of God. Nothing is a guarantee. And what we have is meant to be shared as freely as we have received it. Our freedom has been bought at a great cost and the great Investor is awaiting His right return! It is in this same spirit that Saint Germanos prays the following to our Holy Mother:

You are honor or honors, and reward of rewards, and exaltation of exaltations…the divine dew of the burning in me…the bright-shining lamp of my darkened soul, the guide for my journey, the power for my weakness, the clothing of my nakedness, the wealth of my poverty, the healing of my incurable wounds…the release of fetters, the hope of my salvation, hear my prayers: have pity on my groaning and accept my lamentations…Have compassion on me, as the mother of the God who loves mankind. (Second Homily on the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple)

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**NOVEMBER WEEKDAY CHURCH SERVICES**

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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

THANK YOU TO ALL of our Fall Festival volunteers. This fall festival was the highest grossing festival in the recorded history of festivals for our church. It is the first time that a fall festival beat a spring festival, and our spring festival was a record breaking festival.

The success of this fall festival is due in a very large part to the number of volunteers. We had over 70 more volunteers this festival than our spring festival. We made some improvements over spring that made things run smoother, and we have received many ideas for next year’s spring festival. We could not have broken a record without the volunteers.

Over the last several months, our church has been undergoing a financial and operational transformation. The Parish Council has been able to implement recommendations that date back to 2011 that were recurring audit findings. Some of the most notable improvements include:

- Financial controls – formal request and approval required for all disbursements enforcing separation of duties between the Treasurer and the Parish Council President
- Cash Flow – Immediate deposits to the bank and more discipline on the timing of when expenditures get paid
- Operational efficiencies – reduced costs in recurring expenses and our maintenance committee has addressed many long standing maintenance issues on the property. We recently sealed the windows at the top of the dome to prevent further water damage. We must continue this maintenance until a more permanent solution is in place.
- Technology – recently upgraded to Office 365 and kicked off the implementation of software to manage the processes of the Hellenic Education Center
- Policies and Procedures – kicked off a process to document our critical financial and operational processes for both church and school

The financial results shared in the September DOXA are some of the measurable results of the improvements made. We are far from finished, but through the work of the Parish Council, we have made great strides. Our strong financial turnaround allowed us to be able to bring an assistant priest and restore two Sunday liturgies.

Critical to the success of transformation initiatives, is the sustainability of such change. Changes made today must continue to stay in place in future years. Keeping changes in place depend on the consistency of the church office staff and our Parish Council. We have been blessed this year to have great financial and operational talent join the council. The combination of our new and returning Parish Council members has made for an excellent team. On average we are putting over 80 hours a week collectively towards the improvements. Sometimes when you walk into a construction zone, you may see pardon our dust while we make improvements. Change does not come without dust and some inconvenience. However, once completed, the true vision becomes clear. Pardon our dust as we continue to make change.

In order for these changes to stick, we need talent. We have elections coming up soon. If you have talent and a desire to make sustainable change, please consider running for the Parish Council. If time is a challenge, consider one of our committees. We NEED YOU!

Your servant in Christ,
Ray Vazquez
President, Parish Council

CELEBRATING OUR SAINT KATHERINE CHURCH

Free Lunch after Divine Liturgy (with RSVP)
Only 300 tickets will be available!
Sunday, November 10
One Liturgy Only!

RSVP to
Sophia Tsangali (stsangali@stkchurch.com or 703-671-1515)
Harry Karageorge (hkarageorge@verizon.net or 703-241-8222)

Information regarding Stewardship and Capital Campaign will be shared with the community.
SUNDAY SCHOOL by Christina Vazquez

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is almost upon us and, as such, the end of the calendar year is around the corner. I want to bring a few things to your attention:

1. I have handed students in grades 7-12 the Oratorical Festival questions. Please discuss the choices with your students. I would like to see several students speaking and sharing their faith. Several people have offered to help students with the organization and delivery of their speeches. If you need the prompts or have any question, please let me know. The Oratorical Festival will take place in March, so this is a good time to begin planning.

2. Mark your calendar! Sunday School will present the annual Christmas Pageant on December 15. More details will be forthcoming.

3. Teachers need each one of you to ensure that Sunday School is a success. Teachers spend their personal time preparing for lessons. Please bring your children to Church and to Sunday School.

4. Our teachers need the foyer to be free of chatter during class time. Parents are encouraged to either attend Orthros, Bible Study, or Journey to Orthodoxy. If you want to catch up with friends, please meet upstairs in the gym.

5. We will not hold Sunday School classes during the Thanksgiving Break.

As always, thank you for your support and help. Feel free to reach out to me or stop by the Sunday School office if you need anything.

GOMA

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and made the Saint Katherine Fall Festival a huge success! Welcome Father and Presvytera Nikolas Delaveris and family to Saint Katherine! We look forward to participating in many activities together.

We had a great time at Cox Farm. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 10. A big thanks to Evi Euripides and Mia Tzafolias for reading the Epistle during the October Youth Sunday. Upcoming events include: Saint Katherine Tournament (11/2-3), Church Lunch (11/10), Annunciation Baltimore Tournament (11/16-17), GOYA Movie Night (11/22), and GOYA Christmas Party (12/7). For additional information about GOYA events, email SaintKatherineGOYA@aol.com.

BYZANTIO GREEK DANCE

Saint Katherine offers Greek Folk Dance Lessons through the Byzantio Greek Dance and Cultural Arts Program. Lessons for Grades K-12 are typically offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Lessons for adults are held on Sundays 5:30pm-7:30pm. Please contact Aris and Anna at greekdancedc@gmail.com or 757-218-6991, or visit www.byzantio.org for more information including practice dates, times, and registration forms.

NEED TO FULFILL SERVICE HOURS?

Attention all high schoolers! Are you looking for a different way to earn community service hours? Come help at the bookstore after one of the liturgies. Contact Georgia McKinney at dintym123@gmail.com, if you are interested.

UPCOMING YOUNG ADULT EVENT

What: DOXACON Faith and Fandom Conference
Dates: November 1-2
Place: Saint George, Bethesda
Speakers: Steven Christoforou and Fr. Andrew Damick
Visit www.doxacon.org

CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY OF OUR CHURCH

Let us come together to celebrate the feast day of our Patron Saint Katherine (Vespers on Sunday, November 24, 7:00pm and Orthros/Divine Liturgy on Monday, November 25, 9:30am/10:30am). Metropolitan Evangelos will preside.

Scripture readings for the feast are:
At the Divine Liturgy: Galatians 3:23-4:5; Mark 5:24-34.

Apolytikion (Plagal Of The First Tone). Let us praise the all lauded and noble bride of Christ, the godly Katherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, who is also our support, assistance and our help; for with the Holy Spirit’s sword she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; and being crowned as a Martyr, she now does ask great mercy for us all.

Kontakion (Second Tone). The protection of Christians unshameable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, do not turn from the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercession and speed now to supplication, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.
PAIDEIA PRESCHOOL

WE HAD A WONDERFUL START at Paideia Preschool. This year we are blessed to have 35 students! While new families have joined our community, the graduates of the Paideia have transitioned to Greek School increasing the Greek School enrollment significantly.

Our “mati” T-shirts and totes were a big success! Thank you to all our parents for working hard at the festival and for sitting at our HEC booth talking with prospective parents in order to support our programs!

If you like to visit Paideia Preschool, please contact the director at ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com or call the HEC office at 703-671-7715. Our website (www.stkhec.org) has useful information.

GREEK SCHOOL

WE WOULD LIKE TO congratulate all of our students who passed the Ellinomatheia Exams in May of 2019. However, striving for excellence requires a big commitment and hard work on behalf of our students for many years. We would like to congratulate and motivate them to continue to excel by establishing an Ellinomatheia Award of Excellence for those who have passed the B1/B2 levels. With a B1 certificate the students are able to be awarded the Seal of Biliteracy at their high school graduation and take high school language credits.

Therefore, we are collaborating with Philoptochos Ladies to collect the funds for this award. We ask that all our parents either purchase the cookbook (full of family recipes of our own parishioners passed down from generation to generation) for $25 or make a monetary donation. Part of the money collected will go towards it. Our goal is to raise $1,500 to be distributed to the 10 students who passed the exams successfully.

Philoptochos will be selling their cookbook after the Sunday service or you may contact Mary Varlas at mary.varlas@yahoo.com for more information. Please remember to let them know that you are purchasing the cookbook for this purpose!

This year we have 45 students who prepare for the levels A1-C1 level of Ellinomatheia!

If you like to inquire about the Greek language program, the director of HEC at ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com. You may also call the HEC office at 703-671-7715 or visit our website at www.stkhec.org.

NATIVITY FAST BEGINS ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

THE NATIVITY FAST is a period of abstinence and penance practiced by the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches in preparation for the Nativity of Jesus (December 25). The corresponding Western season of preparation for Christmas, which also has been called the Nativity Fast and St. Martin’s Lent, has taken the name of Advent. The Eastern fast runs for 40 days instead of four (Roman rite) and thematically focuses on proclamation and glorification of the Incarnation of God, whereas the Western Advent focuses on the two comings (or advents) of Jesus Christ: his birth and his Second Coming or Parousia.

The Byzantine fast is observed from November 15 to December 24, inclusively. These dates apply to those Orthodox Churches which use the Revised Julian calendar, which currently matches the Gregorian calendar.
Guatemala Update. At every Saint Katherine Festival, our Mission Committee staffs a Mission Table where we pass out information on Orthodox missions around the world. We also raise money for critical needs of various Orthodox missions. This year, although we highlighted many Orthodox missions around the world, we concentrated on needs of the Medical Clinic in Aguacate, Guatemala. We were fortunate to have our long-term missionary in Guatemala, Jesse Brandow, at our festival.

The clinic in Guatemala had sent us a list of essential equipment totaling almost $850. We are pleased to report that we gathered that amount and more for the clinic. A big thanks to Betty Slanta who manned the booth most of the time and made beautiful bracelets from olive wood beads from the Holy Lands and bees wax icons of the Holy Virgin from church candles. They all sold out! Thank you, Betty!! We are also pleased to report that Mike Bosworth, an active member of our mission committee, will be returning to the Guatemala clinic in March of 2020. Mike is an EMT and will work in the clinic.

Kenya Update. In our last newsletter, we mentioned that Bishop Neophytos’ deacon, Deacon Maximus, had lost his motorcycle in an accident. That is how our deacons and priests in Africa get around. Our Mission Committee, led by Vivian Spathopoulos, sponsored a bake sale after Liturgy one Sunday and we are pleased to report we were able to raise sufficient funds to purchase the motorcycle. Thanks to all who participated.

In addition, it had come to our attention that the Saint John’s Orthodox Orphanage in Kenya was having financial difficulties. We were able to raise several thousand dollars to help the orphanage. Thanks again to all who contributed.

Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). The OCMC will have its winter meeting at St. Tikhon’s Seminary and Monastery in South Canaan, PA November 18-20. Both Betty Slanta and John Demakis are on the OCMC Board and will be driving up to the meetings with their spouses.

OCMC Banquet, May 3. Our annual fundraising dinner for the OCMC will be Sunday, May 3, 2000. The guest speaker will be the Executive Director of Project Mexico & St. Innocent Orphanage, Fr. Demetrios Andrews. Please save the date. More information will be provided in future issues of the DOXA.

Culmore Clinic. We are pleased to announce that the Culmore Clinic, the free medical clinic for patients without health insurance, will have an open house on Tuesday, November 12, 8:00am-10:00am, at the First Christian Church, 6165 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22044. Our Saint Katherine parish was one of the founders of the Culmore Clinic and has been actively involved with the clinic. Fr. Costas is on the Advisory Board and Dr. John Demakis is on the Executive Board. Many of our parishioners volunteer at the clinic.

Prison Ministry. Our Mission Committee is exploring the possibility of restarting our prison ministry. The late Dennis Garbis had initiated our participation in the Prison Ministry. Since his death, the ministry has not been active. If interested restarting the new ministry, please contact Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com.

HOMELESS SHELTER

Cooking for the shelter. Our Missions and Outreach Committee typically goes to the homeless shelter on the third Tuesday of every month and serves dinner. Our committee went Tuesday, October 15 and served 100 meals. Thank you Pantelis Firippis for cooking the delicious meal.

Hygiene and Survival Kits Due November 17. Every year, Saint Katherine provides 300 hygiene and survival kits to the homeless shelter during the winter months. These kits are essential to the shelter since, in the winter, they do not have enough beds for everyone who would like to stay. They have to send them out to local auditoriums for the evening but give them each a hygiene and survival kit. Each kit contains a woolen hat, woolen gloves, woolen sox, hand warmers, razor blades and shaving kit, toothbrush, toothpaste, and power bars. Thank you to all our church organizations that provide these critical items for the homeless. All the items will be put together by our Sunday School children in early December.

Opening of the New Homeless Shelter. On October 26, the shelter moved to a new location at 5004 Seminary Road, Falls Church. The new shelter has almost twice the number of present beds and includes four medical beds staffed by a nurse. This will be a wonderful upgrade for the shelter. Our Saint Katherine community is sponsoring one of the new units.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH MEETING

Date: Tuesday, November 12
Time: 7:30pm
Place: Board Room

All are welcome!
**REGISTRY**

**Baptisms**

Nikos (October 12)  
son of Christos Lagos and Geraldine L. Villagomez  
Godparent: Constantine Lagos  
Congratulations!

**Chrismation**

Katherine Karen Loulakis (October 20)  
daughter of Frederick and Ruth Green  
Sponsor: Alexa Kaklananos Card  
Congratulations!

**Weddings**

Geraldine L. Villagomez and Christos Lagos (October 12)  
Kroubaros: Constantine Lagos  
Anna J. Papadogiannakis and George E. Hatzigeorgiou (October 26)  
Kroubara: Mary Kalpos  
Congratulations!

**Funerals**

George Nicholas Nicolaidis (September 27)  
Gregory Romanias (October 15)  
Alexander (Alan) White (October 18)  
May their memory be eternal.

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PHILOPTOCHOS by Mary K. Varlas

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS to our Dream Baking Team, our Ladies Philoptochos, and Daughters of Penelope for working so hard at out Saint Katherine Fall Festival. The festival was a total success.

...#Saint Katherine’s Ladies Philoptochos cordially invites our senior parishioners to our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for an afternoon of good cheer, wonderful food, fellowship, and thanks on Thursday, November 14, 12:00pm. Make reservations by calling Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161 or Eleni Kanakos at 703-969-8364.

...#The Thanksgiving Bake sale will take place on Sunday, November 17, after the second Liturgy. To place your order, please call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161 or email to LPbakesale@yahoo.com.

...#Ladies Philoptochos will collect personal women’s items for BRAWS (Bringing Resources to Aid Women’s Shelters) every Sunday in November.

...#The Annual Christmas Luncheon will take place on Saturday, December 7, at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna. The deadline for reservations or cancellations is December 1. Pre-paid reservations are required. Please contact Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161 or maryvarlas@yahoo.com.

...#The Christmas Bake Sale will be held on Sundays, December 15 and 22, after the second liturgy. To place your order, please call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161 or email LPbakesale@yahoo.com.

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DAUGHTERS OF PENEOPE by Maria T. Vargas

THANKS TO EVERYONE who contributed to our annual coat drive! Through this joint effort with Philoptochos, we collected more than $700 and enough coats (and then some) to fill every size on the wish list. Thank you to all the generous donors! What a wonderful way to help those in need. Thanks to Daphne Papamichael for spearheading this effort.

We were delighted to have 3 new women join our chapter in October: Sophia Varlas Bohle, Betty Slanta, and Mary VanMullekom. If you know others that want to join, please contact Rosalie at rgeorgeadis@hotmail.com or me maria@chrisandmaria.com; we would love to have you!

This holiday season we will be raise funds for Saint John’s Orphanage in Kenya. More details coming soon.

Also this holiday season, our Helle Chapter 283 will celebrate at our Christmas party on Sunday, December 15. It will be a brunch at Fort Myer. We will discuss it at our upcoming meeting and send out more information. Make sure it is on your calendar! It will be a nice way to ring in the holiday season.

Our next meeting is Sunday, November 17, right after church. Look forward to seeing everyone.

VESPERS AT SAINT NEKTARIOS MONASTERY

Please join us for Vespers at Saint Nektarios Monastery
8704 Hampton Valley Road
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

We will celebrate liturgy for Saint Nektarios at Saint Katherine (9:30am/10:30am Orthros/Divine Liturgy).

AHEPA CORNER by George Vassilopoulos

SUMMER IS OVER and business as usual is by now in full swing. Vacation days are always welcome, but it also feels good to be back to the day to day routine. Being productive is its own reward!

The board of officers would like to extend our thanks to the Brothers that volunteer their time to make the Fall Festival a success. Also, many thanks to the brothers who manned the AHEPA Chapter booth selling Christmas ornaments. The sale was good and with God’s help we believe that during the following Sundays’ sales (every Sunday till Christmas) we will successfully sell out of the 2019 ornament. Dear parishioners, keep in mind we have a limited supply, so please do not procrastinate. Stop by and purchase one or two. The 2019 ornament honors our patron saint, Saint Katherine, in a “sun-catcher” format that can be used throughout the year if you choose to hang it on the window.

The brothers started planning the Chapter’s 50-year Anniversary gala. Its success is of paramount importance to our members and we hope to offer our extended community something to remember. Our very capable Brother Jim Stoucker has been appointed committee chairman, under whose guidance we are sure we will succeed.

By now the eagerly anticipated Gus Moshos Raffle should be on sale. The raffle drawing is scheduled for December 10 and will take place in Chelpon Hall at 8:00pm. On another front, the AHEPA fishermen finally, after planning for almost two years, a couple of delays, and re-scheduling 6 of us, myself included, succeeded in fishing in the Chesapeake Bay on September 21. The expectations were high and you could feel the anticipation among us. Too bad nobody told us that this day the fish had left the bay! By unanimous consensus, it was decided there was no need for group picture, as the 2 keepers we managed to get, were not worth showing. Better luck next time, Brothers!

For now please remember the following events:
Town Hall meeting 02/09/2020, Finance Seminar
Chapter 438, 50 year Anniversary Gala in Meletis Charuhas Hall, 03/07/2020
Fundraising Race/Walk, 04/25/2020

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Thanksgiving Bake Sale
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☐ Sunday, November 17th

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Traditional Cookies

_____ Koulourakia $10 per dozen
_____ Paximadía $10 per dozen

Traditional Baked Breads

_____ Tsoureki $15

Sweet Baked Desserts

_____ Baklava $18 (6 pieces)
_____ Diples $20 (4 Jumbo pieces)
_____ Galaktoboureko $80 (40 pieces per baking pan)
_____ Kataifi $18 (6 pieces)
_____ Kourambiedes $18 per dozen
_____ Melomakarona $18 per dozen

Savory Oven-Baked Appetizers & Entrees

_____ Moussaka $45 half-pan
_____ Pastichio $43 half-pan
_____ Spanakopita $28 per dozen
_____ Tiropita $28 per dozen
JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY
The Journey to Orthodoxy class for adults meets from 9:30am-10:30am on Sundays (concurrently with Sunday School). The class is designed for non-Orthodox inquirers into Orthodoxy as well as for Orthodox Christians who want to know more about the teachings, practices, history, and contemporary life of our Orthodox faith. It is also recommended for intending or newly married couples where one spouse is not Orthodox. The class is held in an informal discussion format. Text is provided. We meet in the Kentro on the ground floor of Chelpon Hall. For further information, please contact the teachers, Dr. John Demakis (demakis9931@gmail.com), James Jatras (jim@globalstrategicpr.com), or Bill Porter (703-901-2404 or beporter1@verizon.net).

BOOKSTORE
The Feast Day of Saint Nicholas on December 6 is the favorite of many an Orthodox Christian. In bygone days, children would leave their shoes outside the front door of their homes and pray the Blessed Saint would leave them candy or small trinkets in recognition of their good behavior. To help you make this Saint Nicholas day special, we have mini icons of the much loved bishop and beautifully illustrated children’s books about his inspirational life. All you need to do is put out your shoes.

SAINT GENEVIEVE BOOK CLUB
The humble person believes that all things depend on Christ and that Christ gives His grace and in that way he makes progress. (Saint Porphyrios)

The Saint Genevieve Book Club is a social ministry of our parish that usually meets the last Sunday of each month following Divine Liturgy. Due to Thanksgiving weekend, our November meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 17. The book club is open to everyone, and is a great way to meet other members of our parish, enjoy fellowship, and deepen and explore our faith through the reading of books on our faith. We are currently reading Wounded by Love. The book as well as handouts are available in the bookstore. Even if you have not read along, you are welcome to attend. If you have young children and would like to join us, there are teen babysitters available to help with the kiddos! We hope to see you! Please feel free to contact victoriacherpes@gmail.com if you would like more information.

CATECHETICAL LECTURES OF SAINT CYRIL
As two pieces of wax fused together make one so he who receives Holy Communion is so united with Christ that Christ is in him and he is in Christ. (Saint Cyril)

Catechetical Lectures of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem is a weekly Bible Study currently reading the Catechetical Lectures of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem which are Saint Cyril’s instructions on the Orthodox Christian faith—written from his pastoral care for the catechumens to whom they were delivered. Class meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Board Room and includes time for discussion and fellowship. For more information, please contact Dr. Ioannis Gkigkitzis at gkigkitzis@nvcc.edu.

SUNDAY CHURCH DUTY ROSTER

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Stewardship of our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to do those things that reflect our faith to others, living our faith through our actions.

As we search for examples of modern-day saints who, in Christ’s name turn away from our world’s perpetual violence, Melkite Archbishop Chacour’s autobiography and his remembrance of his father can be a life-changing read. Chacour’s father Michael was a Palestinian Christian, a small landowner, and orchardman at the time of the establishment of the state of Israel. He, along with the other Palestinian men in his Christian village, was arbitrarily arrested and confined for months. Then, in 1950, he was dispossessed of property and livelihood, as he received official word that his land had been confiscated and sold to a Jewish settler. Michael’s response is unimaginable without considering the indwelling grace of God:

“Children” he said softly, turning those sad eyes upon us, “if someone hurts you, you can curse him. But this would be useless. Instead you have to ask the Lord to bless the man who makes himself your enemy. And do you know what will happen? The Lord will bless you with inner peace - and perhaps your enemy will turn from his wickedness. If not, the Lord will deal with him.” I could scarcely believe it! His life’s work had just been torn from his hands. His lands and trees - the only earthly possessions he had to pass onto his children - were sold to a stranger. And still father would not curse or allow himself to be angry... And so, three years after our expulsion from Biram, Father and my brothers were hiring themselves out as laborers [to the new owner] – just for the chance to touch and care for Father’s beloved trees. (pg.70-71)

The book recounts the lives of his family and his own spiritual journey forward to the time of the Sabra and Shatila massacres in 1982. Struggling to live out his father’s spirit, he becomes a great peacemaker and bridgebuilder, working tirelessly to build schools, libraries, community centers, and youth clubs throughout Israel’s Galilee region as a source of reconciliation between Palestinians and Jews. Chacour has been nominated three time for the Noble Peace Prize.

You who live in the United States, if you are pro-Israel, on behalf of the Palestinian children I call unto you: give further friendship to Israel. They need your friendship. But stop interpreting that friendship as an automatic antipathy against me, the Palestinian who is paying the bill for what others have done against my beloved Jewish brothers and sisters in the Holocaust and Auschwitz and elsewhere... But if taking our side [with the Palestinians] would mean to become one-sided against my Jewish brothers and sisters, back up. We do not need such friendship. We need one more common friend. We do not need one more enemy, for God’s sake. (2001 commencement address at Emory University)

You can learn more about his continuing work with Palestinian and Jewish youth at https://www.pilgrimsofibillin.org/about-us/abuna-elias-chacour/.
Come and celebrate our Saint Katherine Church on Sunday, November 10 after the Divine Liturgy (only one Liturgy on September 30, 2019). Thank you for responding to the needs of our church.

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M/M Constantine Adams
M/M Donald Adams
M/M Adamantios Coulouris
M/M Gus Cosmas
M/M David Gannett
Mr Dean Bellas
Mr Andreos Kikinis and
Ms Betsy Alafoginis
Mr/Dr Efthimios Katsapis
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