

The Voice of Saint Anthony

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A mother who had a rather large number of children was being interviewed by a newspaper reporter once. He asked her, **"Which one of your children do you love the most?"** Her reply indicated what a wise and loving mother she was: **"I love the**

one most who is away from home until he returns; the one who is sick until he is well; the one who is hurt until the hurt disappears; and the one who is lost until he is found."

This story illustrates exactly how God feels toward each one of us. In fact, to show that there are no bounds to the measure of His love and forgiveness, Jesus told the parable of the prodigal Son which is read on Sunday, February 12th.

The central figure of the story is not the prodigal son, but the father who stands at the door of his home waiting for his foolish and errant son to return, and when he

sees him returning, runs out to embrace him.

It is interesting to note that the father gave his son immediate acceptance. There was no incrimination! No punishment! Immediate forgiveness! You may ask but why was there no punishment? Or even, **does this lessen God's forgiveness? No, it does not** because there had already been punishment. The punishment was in what the son had already suffered and in the scars he would always bear. Before the **father's command to bring the best robe, there had been the son's cry: "Father I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son!"** Now, at last he knew the goodness he had offended! Now, at last his pride was gone! When he had left his father's house, he had done so with demands: **"Give me what belongs to me."** But when he came back he came with humility and penitence: **"Father, forgive me...I'm no longer worthy to be your son. Make me as one of your servants."**

"Bring quickly the best robe," said the father. He did not say **"his best robe"** but **"the best robe."** It is not a question of seeking to find the best of his old clothes before he left home. The father now wants to give him **"the best robe"** that can be found, the best one available, whatever it may be. Thus, when God saves a person who was lost, He is not just content on restoring them to their former state. He not only wants to give them back the treasures which they had abandoned, but he wants to increase them. He desires even greater riches for them.

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Sunday Services

Orthos 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Church office hours:

**Monday–Thursday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Friday
9:00 am to 12:00 Noon**

Closed on Saturday & Sunday

Publication Reminder:

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The best robe of all in fact is Christ. As St. Paul wrote "As many of you as have been baptized in Christ have put on Christ." No matter how many times we may fall, God always welcomes us back and gives us exactly what we need, Himself.

Isn't it interesting that before the prodigal son can complete his confession the father interrupts him. The son intends to complete his confession by saying, "Make me as one of your paid servants." The father never lets him get as far as that. With a glorious interruption, he flings his arms around the boy and calls for the very best he can offer him; a robe, shoes, a ring, a roast and dancing. The robe symbolizes honor and the ring authority. When a man gave his signet, the ring bearing his soul, it was the same as conferring "power of attorney." The shoes were for a son as opposed to a servant, for servants did not wear shoes. In other words, this man gave his son the very best and restored him not as a servant but as his son bestowing him with these beautiful symbols of love and honor.

Abraham Lincoln was once asked how he would treat the rebellious southerners when they were finally defeated and returned to the Union. The obvious implication of the question was that dire vengeance, or at least proper humiliation, must be demanded. But he answered, "I will treat them as if they had never gone away." Only in this way can we begin to comprehend the Father's joy, born out of his profound pain when one of his children goes away from Him.

This story, therefore, is not about the son who strays, it is about the Father who waits, seeks and finds. It is an assurance to all of us that if we should ever stray away from our Father and our home, if we return humbly and repentantly to our home and our Heavenly Father, then he will be there waiting for us, too. May we all have a blessed February.

With love in Christ,
Fr Peter

Γαρυφαλιά Ευδοξία "Grace's" Baptism



*Let the little children come unto
Me, for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these.*

Luke 18:16

St. Anthony Capital Campaign Update

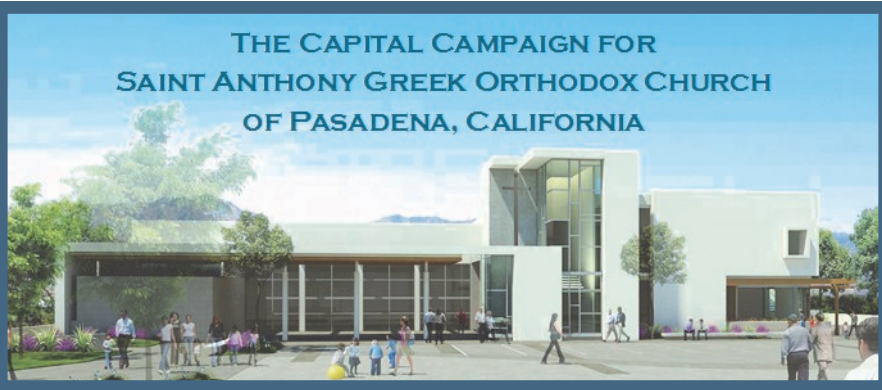
December 31, 2011

At 12/31/11, the Capital Campaign has raised over \$6.6M toward our goal of \$8.0M. Since the launch of our Capital Campaign in November 2007, nearly 120 families have pledged \$5.25M to the Campaign for St. Anthony (*see chart below*).

<u>Level of Giving</u>	<u># of Pledges</u>	<u>Total Pledged</u>
Over \$100,000	13	\$ 3,748,898
\$25,000 to \$99,999	28	\$ 998,000
\$10,000 to \$24,999	29	\$ 387,765
\$5,000 to \$9,999	12	\$ 66,000
Up to \$4,999	<u>36</u>	<u>\$ 46,879</u>
	118	\$ 5,247,542

- ◆ We have received \$4.6M (88%) of the \$5.25M pledged, with the majority of these gifts coming in as 5-year pledges.
- ◆ Golf Tournaments, 50th Anniversary Album, designated Memorials, and other gifts account for another \$1.35M.
- ◆ At the current pace of construction and fundraising, we anticipate we will require a mortgage of \$1M to \$1.5M.
- ◆ **We urge all families who have not done so already to please make their multi-year sacrificial commitment.**
- ◆ Together, and with the ongoing generosity of the families who have already pledged, we can help eliminate St. Anthony's debt in the next 3-5 years.

Capital Campaign Pledge Card



THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR
SAINT ANTHONY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Be sure to pick up your Capital Campaign pledge card at Church or call the Church office to have one mailed to you.

St. Anthony Capital Campaign Pledge Card

I/We make our sacrificial gift to Saint Anthony Capital Campaign and the new Parish Center.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I/We wish my name(s) to be listed among donors

I/We wish to remain anonymous

Thank you for prayerfully considering a multi-year pledge in proportion to your ability and the parish's needs.



Please call the church office to learn more about making your gift using:

- Stocks & Bonds
- Properties & Homes
- Life Insurance
- Estate Planning

Total Pledge: \$ _____

Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

Balance to be paid over _____ years:

Monthly Quarterly Annually Other

• Make your Check payable to:
"St. Anthony Capital Campaign"

• Charge my Credit Card:
 Visa Mastercard American Express

Card number: _____ Exp: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

• Use ParishPay (contact church office for details)

Return to: St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church, 778 S. Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena, California 91107

Benefit of Giving Appreciated Stocks or Other Assets

Donating appreciated stock provides St. Anthony the full benefit of your gift, while also delivering greater tax savings to you. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Steve Pappas at (310) 600-3798.

EXAMPLE:

Gift Value (Benefit to St. Anthony)

Charitable Deduction Allowed

Income Tax Savings (30% tax bracket)

Long Term Capital Gains Tax Saved/Paid (15%)*

Total Tax Savings

	Option A Give \$25,000 in Cash	Option B Sell Securities & Give Cash	Option C Give Securities Outright
Gift Value	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Charitable Deduction	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Income Tax Savings	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
Long Term Capital Gains Tax	n/a	(\$2,250) Paid	\$2,250 Saved
Total Tax Savings	\$7,500	\$5,250	\$9,750

* Assume securities acquired for \$10K, and sold for \$25K, with a \$15K gain.

Exterior Photos of New Parish Center



View from front of Church



View from back alley



New parking area (future plateia)



Classrooms and kitchen from alley



Children's play area



View from planned sport court

Interior Photos of New Parish Center



Ballroom, looking toward Church



Ballroom, looking from Rosemead side



Kitchen, with floor tiles going in



Kitchen, vent hood in foreground and walk-in refrigerator and freezer in back



Upstairs pair of classrooms (2 of 6 upstairs classrooms, plus 2 downstairs)



Upstairs classroom lobby/lounge area with bathrooms in the background

St. Anthony Capital Campaign Donor List (at 12/31/11)

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 Sherese & Joseph Akrotirianakis
 Irene & Gregory Albeck
 Nick Angelos
 Sophia & Jim Angelos
 Judith & Dimitrios Antsos
 Mary Arapostathis
 Julia & George Argyros
 Tina & Chris Athanasoulis
 Philip "Ted" Attalla
 Julie & Dino Balas
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 Marietta & Steve Bicos
 Mary & Soterios(+) Bicos
 Michelle(+) & Peter Bissias
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 Pam & John Buzas
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 Christine & Chris Christodoulou
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St. Anthony Seniors



On December 29, the St. Anthony Seniors ended 2011 with a festive outing to the Mission Inn. The group, of over 15, carpoled to Riverside and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at the Inn which was literally adorned with over a million Christmas lights! Later the group walked around the quaint town and ate a leisurely lunch at an Italian restaurant located in the Inn.

The Seniors have kept up their momentum and in early January held its annual holiday party at the home of Christina Becronis. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time.

Currently, meetings for the senior group are held at 9:30 am the second Tuesday of the month at Conrad's Restaurant in Pasadena. All those interested are welcome. For further information, please contact the church office.

Jr. GOYA



The Jr GOYANs thank the Kamar and Caire families for their warm and generous hospitality, hosting our November Movie Night and Christmas Party, respectively.

The Jr GOYAN's joined in the YAL Christmas Pro-

ject and donated toys for the children of US Marine Servicemen. We enjoyed a great evening of fellowship, fun, games and a lovely potluck dinner. A special thank you to all the parents for their contributions, participation and support of our JR GOYA.

We will resume our schedule again in March with several spring activities: the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, a workday opportunity at MEND (Meeting Each Need with Dignity), a bowling outing, and serving at Union Station. For now, we are grateful to see one another on Sundays, where we gather to worship Christ and receive Holy Communion. All our blessings come from God. Let us continue to thank Him with our presence each week until our next meeting.

Stewardship, Capital Campaign and Donations

Weekly envelopes are now available in the church office. If you would like a box of envelopes for 2012, please contact Alma in the office.



Parish Pay is an easy method to make donations to Saint Anthony Church. To sign up, please either visit the Parish Pay website at www.ParishPay.com and enter our zip code 91107 on the left-hand side of the home page and select St. Anthony. Alternatively, the direct link to the St. Anthony sign-up page is: www.parishpay.com/customer/donation.asp?id=34290

Or you can call Parish Pay directly at (866) 727 4741 (1 866 PARISH 1), and have a customer service representative enroll you over the phone.

Philoptochos

Happy New Year! We thank everyone who supported our Christmas Benefit Luncheon in December at the Langham Hotel. The severe wind storms did not dampen the spirits the day of the event despite the parking inconvenience. We appreciate your patience and continued support. It is with your help the Benefit was a tremendous success!

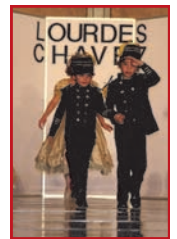
Throughout the month of December Philoptochos members were busy helping those in need. Families within our Saint Anthony community were remembered. In addition, several organizations received our help. Our chapter donated hams and turkeys to Friends in Deed, gave monetary donations to Hathaway-Sycamore's Children and Family Services for food, and purchased a pool table for the teenage boys at Trinity Homes.

At this time Philoptochos is requesting your help in assisting a needy family in the community. If there is anyone who has used furniture in good condition they would like to donate, please contact Presbytera Maria Mylonas at (626)405-0467.

The first Wednesday of the month our community serves dinner to the homeless at Union Station in Pasadena. We thank the generous anonymous donor who has supported this outreach program for many years. Please contact Irene Albeck (626) 792-8122 if you are interested in participating in this worthwhile cause.

Philoptochos members invite ladies of all ages to become involved in the largest philanthropic ladies organization in the country. Join us at our next monthly meeting on January 25th, 7:30, at the home of Mary Ann and Paul Mallis. Each general meeting includes an informative and interesting program for its members.

We are now accepting membership dues for 2012. Look for your membership renewal in the mail. Stewardship begins at \$50 and supports local, metropolis and national commitments. National commitments are now \$15 and Metropolis, \$10.





Annual Christmas Benefit Luncheon



Καλή Χρονιά σε όλη την κοινότητα από το Ελληνικό Σχολείο! Όπως το καλεί η παράδοση, υποδεχθήκαμε το Νέο Χρόνο στις τάξεις των παιδιών και ενηλίκων με το κόψιμο της βασιλόπιτας, φτιαγμένης από τις δασκάλους μας.

Κάθε χρόνο το Ελληνικό Σχολείο τιμά την εορτή των Τριών Ιεραρχών, 30 Ιανουαρίου, καθιερωμένη ημέρα της ελληνοχριστιανικής παιδείας. Φέτος οι συνεχιζόμενες εργασίες ανοικοδόμησης δεν μας επιτρέπουν να αποδώσουμε στην ημέρα τη λαμπρότητα και δημοσιότητα που της αρμόζει. Αντί άλλου εορτασμού δημοσιεύουμε εδώ ένα τιμητικό αφιέρωμα στους τρεις αυτούς λόγιους Πατέρες της Εκκλησίας, γραμμένο από τη μαθήτριά μας Καλλιόπη Κεφάλα, απόφοιτο του Πανεπιστημίου Berkeley και τώρα υποψήφια της ανώτατης βαθμίδας του Πιστοποιητικού Ελληνομάθειας. Την ευχαριστούμε θερμά για την εξαιρετική συμβολή της και της ευχόμεσθε κάθε πρόοδο, στα βήματα των Τριών Ιεραρχών.

Οι Άγιοι Τρεις Ιεράρχες της Καλλιόπης Κεφάλα

Οι τρεις Ιεράρχες της Ορθόδοξης εκκλησίας, ηγετές και ιεροί πατέρες, γιορτάζουν στις 30 Ιανουαρίου. Ο Άγιος Βασίλειος ο Μέγας, ο Άγιος Γρηγόριος ο Θεολόγος, και ο Άγιος Ιωάννης ο Χρυσόστομος δίδαξαν με το παράδειγμά τους, ζώντας διδάσκοντας και προστατεύοντας την θρησκεία μας.

Ο Βασίλειος ο Μέγας γεννήθηκε το 330 μ.Χ. στην Καισάρεια σε οικογένεια από την οποία έχουν προέλθει πολλοί άγιοι. Σπούδασε εν μέρει στην Αθήνα, όπου γνώρισε τον Γρηγόριο τον Θεολόγο και έγιναν αγαπητοί φίλοι. Το 370 διορίστηκε Επίσκοπος της Καισαρείας. Ο Άγιος Βασίλειος είναι γνωστός για την αγάπη του στα παιδιά και στους φτωχούς. Σύμφωνα με την παράδοση, έψηνε ψωμί για να ταΐσει τους φτωχούς ενώ έβαζε μέσα και χρυσά φλουριά. Για αυτό, κάθε 1^η Ιανουαρίου τον γιορτάζουμε κόβοντας την Βασιλόπιτα, ένα είδος γλυκού ψωμιού μέσα σε οποίο βάζουμε ένα φλουρί. Πέρα από τα καλά έργα του, φημίζεται για τις προσπάθειές του να σώσει την εκκλησία από τον αρειανισμό (την αίρεση ότι ο Υιός προήλθε από τον Πατέρα, αλλά ο Υιός δεν είναι ομοούσιος με τον Πατέρα) και για την λειτουργία του, την οποία χρησιμοποιούμε 10 φορές τον χρόνο. Παρόλο που η λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλείου δεν είναι αποκλειστικά δική του έργο, μας δείχνει τη δραστηριότητά του αγίου στη θεολογία.

Ο Γρηγόριος ο Θεολόγος γεννήθηκε το 329 μ.Χ., επίσης από οικογένεια που ιστορικά περιέλαβε πολλούς αγίους. Το 381 έγινε Πατριάρχης της Κωνσταντινούπολης. Σαν τον Βασίλειο τον Μέγα, ο Άγιος Γρηγόριος διακρίνεται και εκείνος για την αγώνα του κατά του αρειανισμού μέσω της πλούσιας συγγραφής του. Είναι φημισμένος στην εκκλησία μας για την ευλωτία και σοφία του. Αυτά τα χαρακτηριστικά αποδεικνύονται στις Θεολογικές Δημηγορίες του, πέντε κηρύγματα που εξηγούν την ουσία του Χριστού και της Αγίας Τριάδας.

Ο Άγιος Ιωάννης ο Χρυσόστομος γεννήθηκε το 347 μ.Χ. στην Αντιόχεια από ευγενείς γονείς. Το 370 χρίστηκε αναγνώστης και μετά από 28 χρόνια έγινε Αρχιεπίσκοπος της Κωνσταντινούπολης, αν και δεν επιδίωξε να αναλάβει αυτή τη θέση που του έδινε ανώτερα δικαιώματα από άλλους κρατικούς αξιωματούχους. Η απλότητα της ζωής του μεταφέρθηκε και στον τρόπο με τον οποίον μιλούσε. Φημισμένος για της δημόσιες δεξιότητές του, ο Άγιος Ιωάννης προτιμούσε να κυρήσει με πιο σαφή γλώσσα παρά με αλληγορική τεχνοτροπία. Η καθαρότητα του στην ομιλία καθρεφτίζεται στη λειτουργία η οποία έχει το ονόματά του. Ο άγιος αναθεώρησε τις προσευχές της Θείας Λειτουργίας και την απλοποίησε στην σημερινή μορφή της.



The coin of good fortune fell to Kelly Flessas (with Greek School director, Anastasia Sarantopoulos)

We wish to the whole St. Anthony community a happy and peaceful New Year. We welcomed 2012 in our children and adult classes with the traditional vasilopita, prepared by our teachers.

Every year the Greek School honors the feast day of the Three Hierarchs, January 30, which is dedicated to Helleno-Christian education. Due to the ongoing construction, we cannot this year celebrate the Three Hierarchs with a proper public ceremony. In place of celebration, we publish here a written tribute to the memory of the three church fathers and scholars, by our student Kalliopi Kefalas, graduate of UC Berkeley and currently a candidate for the upper-level Certificate of Attainment in Greek. We thank Kalliopi for her inspiring contribution and we wish her progress and excellence, in the footsteps of the Three Hierarchs.

The Holy Three Hierarchs by Kalliopi Kefalas

We celebrate the Three Holy Hierarchs of the Orthodox Church, the leaders and Holy Fathers of our church, on January 30th. St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom taught by example, spending their lives teaching and protecting our faith.

St. Basil the Great was born 330 A.D. in Caesarea to a family from which many saints came. Part of his education took place in Athens, where he met Gregory the Theologian and they became dear friends. In 370 he was appointed Bishop of Caesarea. St. Basil is known for his love for children and the poor. According to tradition, he baked bread for the poor, while also putting in the bread golden coins. This is why every January 1st we celebrate his feast day by cutting the Vasilopita, a type of sweet bread in which we place a coin. Aside from good works, he is also known for his attempts to save the Church from Arianism (a belief that the Son was begotten from the Father, but not *homoousios* with – not of the same essence as – the Father) and for his liturgy, which is used 10 times a year. Although the liturgy is not entirely his work, it shows us his theological activity.

St. Gregory the Theologian was born in 329 A.D., also to a family that historically included many saints. In 381 he became Patriarch of Constantinople. Like Basil the Great, St. Gregory is known for his fight, through his rich writings, against Arianism. He is well known in our Church for his eloquence and wisdom. These qualities are shown in his Theological Orations that explain the nature of Christ and of the Holy Trinity in five sermons.

St. John Chrysostom was born in 347 A.D. in Antioch to noble parents. In 370 he was tonsured reader and 28 years later he became Archbishop of Constantinople. He wasn't eager to take up that post which gave him higher privileges than other state officials. The simplicity of his life carried over to the manner with which he spoke. Famous for his public speaking skills, St. John preferred a more plain rather than allegorical way of speaking. The purity of his speech was reflected in the liturgy named after him. He revised the prayers of the Divine Liturgy and simplified it to the form it is in today.

Gathered around the Vasilopita (delicious creation of Georgia Tripodis)

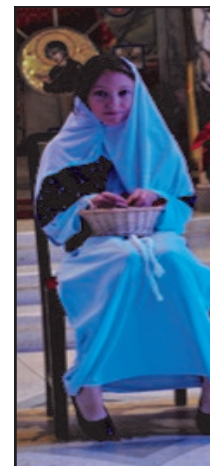


Sunday School



Thank you to all that helped and participated in our Christmas program. The Christmas Program took place in the church this year and the location was very fitting. This year's program was under the direction of Irene Albeck. She did a great job as always! We thank Fr. Peter and Fr. Christos for their support and providing this opportunity to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Special thanks to Judie Christopoulos, Christos Siatras, Stavroula Kiotas, Maria Grover, Christina Vavoulis, Alexandra Vavoulis, Jim Hronas, Choir, Mary Udria, Tania Grafos, Zoe Vidalakis, and Radek Wojcik. Thank you to our narrators: Aliki Kvitne, Lauren Pla, Jimmy Fuerst and Billy Fuerst. We of course, offer many thanks to the parents of our Sunday School children and our wonderful Saint Anthony children. Christ is Born! Glorify Him!



Stewardship (as of January 9, 2012)

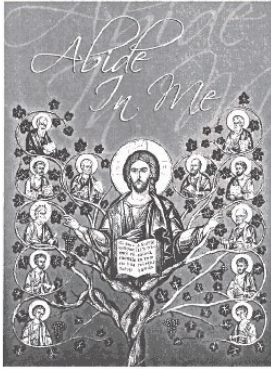
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**“By this
My Father is glorified,
that you bear much fruit.”**
John 15:8

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I become a member of the parish?
Membership in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacraments, or mysteries, of the Church and through our faithful offering of our entire selves to Jesus Christ. Our Archdiocese requires each parish to distinguish between voting members and non-voting members. A voting member is over 18 years of age and turns in a signed stewardship commitment card, committing a portion of time, talent and treasure to the Church. The Archdiocese also requires the voting member to remain current through the year on their commitments. Keep in mind that true membership in the Body of Christ involves living according to His word and within His Church.

Why must I commit to give a specific amount?
Please keep in mind that your stewardship of money is kept in the strictest of confidence. However, we do compile the amounts anticipated to better plan our budget.

What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?
During the course of a year, people's circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out of your love for God and His Church. Please do not be concerned if you are unable to meet your stewardship commitment – we are glad you are a part of this parish.

Christian Stewardship Is...

...learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ's Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work., for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God.

...our active commitment to use all our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love.

...caring for the needs of others.

...offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us.

...what a person does after saying "I believe...", as proof of that belief.

...devotion and service to God and His Church as persons, as families, as diocese/metropolis, as national Church and as Church universal.

Ron Nicola as adapted by Williams & McKibben in *Oriental Leadership*



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STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____

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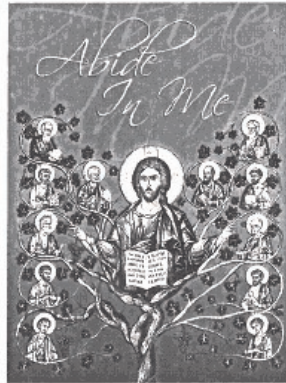
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Dependent Children's names and birthdates:

May we include your contact information in the parish directory?
 yes no *If yes, please indicate any information you would like excluded:*

May we add you to our parish email list?
 yes no



We are Called to Bear Fruit

At the Last Supper, as we read in Chapter 15 of the Gospel of John, Jesus instructed His disciples, "I Am the Vine; you are the branches." He was telling us that the purpose of our abiding in Him is that we may bear fruit for God in the world. "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit..." (John 15:8). Just as the vine bears fruit only through its branches, so Jesus has chosen to work in the world through us. We are the members of His body – the branches through which the Vine must bear fruit. We bear fruit when we serve and support God and His Church.

from *No Man Ever Spoke as this Man: The Great I Am's of Jesus*
by A. Coniaris www.light-n-life.com

treasure

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount:

\$ _____ each week

planned giving

Please send me information on making a planned gift to the Church

time & talent

Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check (✓).

Families should mark "H" for husband, "W" for wife or "C" for children.

LITURGICAL

- Sanctuary & Altar Care
- Altar boys / Acolytes
- Baking Prosфора
- Choir
- Reader
- Greeter/Usher

MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- Campus Ministry
- Welcome Team
- New Member Events
- Outreach
- Stewardship
- Sunday Fellowship / Coffee
- Visitation – Hospital
- Visitation – Shut-ins
- Feed the Hungry
- Prison Ministry
- Grief Bereavement Group
- Disaster Relief Projects
- Blood Drives
- Project Mexico
- Int'l Orth Christian Charities
- OCMC Mission Center
- Seniors Ministry
- Couples Ministry
- Singles Ministry
- Military Ministry

COMMUNICATIONS

- Web site & E-mail
- Bulletin & Newsletter
- Public Relations

EDUCATION

- Bible Study
- Adult Religious Education
- Intro to Orthodoxy
- Publications
- Speakers
- Bookstore
- Library

YOUTH

- Church School Teacher
- Church School Administration
- Youth Leader
- Vacation Church School
- Camp Counselor

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Garden & Landscape
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Clean-up
- Interior Repairs
- Exterior Repairs
- Roofing
- Hall Rentals

ADMINISTRATION

- Fiscal Mgt / Review
- By-Laws
- Development / Fundraising
- Office help
- Computer / Technical
- Data Entry

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