

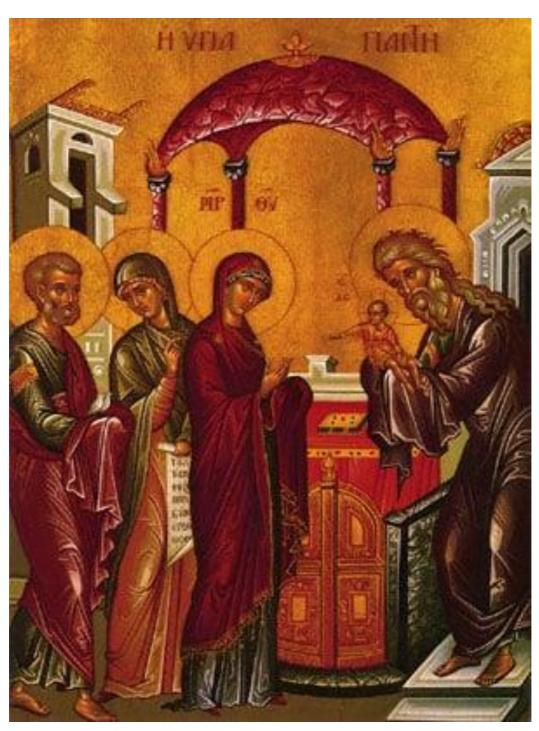
ST. NICHOLAS ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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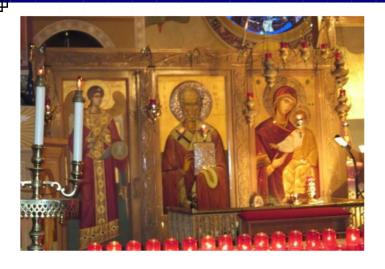
SHRINE OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY

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Welcome!

Welcome to all worshipping here today with a special welcome to those who are visitors or newcomers.





February 2024

The miraculous Weeping Icon of the Blessed Virgin

Welcome to St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church in Chicago! Please join us on Sundays for Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Miresevini ne kishen Orthodokse te Shen Kollit ne Chicago! Ju lutemi beni te mundur pjesmarrjen tuaj cdo te Diele ne Liturgjine Hyjnore ne oren 10.00 a.m.

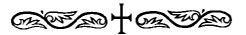
Our parish was founded in 1944 by Albanians from the southeastern part of the country, near the city of Korca. The current church building was built in 1961 and the beautiful interior is filled with wonderful icons, including the miraculous Icon of the Blessed Virgin.

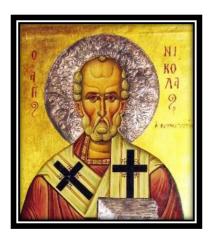
FR. IGNATIUS' ARRIVAL



We are happy to announce Fr. Ignatius' arrival. Join us in celebrating Divine Liturgy with Father Ignatius on Sunday, February 4, 2024. After Divine Liturgy, The Ladies Auxiliary and Parish Council are hosting a Meet and Greet along with a light lunch. Any and all food, fruit and dessert donations are appreciated. We look forward to seeing everyone.

- FR. IGNATIOS INSTALLATION CEREMONY WILL BE ON MARCH 3, 2024, OFFICIATED BY BISHOP THEOPHAN.





St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church Schedule of Services / Programi i Sherbesave

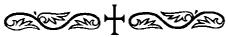
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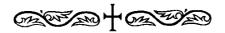
In-Person and Live Streamed Services

(LS Denotes Service Live Streamed on Facebook)

02	Friday	Presentation of Our Lord Paragitja e Krishtit në Tempull (Ipapandia)	Orthros - 9:00 am Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am
04	Sunday	15th Sunday of Matthew 15 Mateut	Orthros - 9:00 am Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am
10	Saturday	Haralambos the Martyr Martir Harallambi	Orthros - 9:00 am Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am
11	Sunday	16th Sunday of Matthew 16 Mateut	Orthros - 9:00 am Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am
18	Sunday	Sunday of the Canaanite E diela e Kananejtëve	Orthros - 9:00 am Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am
25	Sunday	Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee E Diela e Doganierit dhe Fariseut	Orthros - 9:00 am Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am







MEET AND GREET

T ST. NICHOLAS ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ITS
BELOVED PARISH COMMUNITY WELCOME WITH LOVE IN CHRIST,
OUR NEW PRESIDING PRIEST, FR. IGNATIUS



FR. IGNATIUS'S BIOGRAPHY

Fr. Ignatius was born in Tirana, Albania, where he lived until he graduated from 8th Grade of Junior High. At the age of 14 years old, he immigrated with his mother and older brother to Thessaloniki, Greece, with the hope of seeking a brighter future.

Fr. Ignatius completed high school in Diavata,
Thessaloniki, where his family got established. He was
then able to continue his education at a night technical
school, while working during the day at an ecclesiastic
chandelier workshop in order to help his family
financially during their first years of immigration to
Greece

Upon completion of technical school, Fr. Ignatius passed the pan hellenic exams from the First General Night High School of Thessaloniki and got accepted into the School of Economics at Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, where he also graduated from with a degree in Economics and Political Sciences. During this period, he continued working at an ecclesiastical workshop for embroidery and icons, while participating actively in the life of the church.

Noticing his zeal for the church and the priesthood, the current Metropolitan of Neapoli and Stavroupoli, His Eminence Barnabas, placed Fr. Ignatius in the office of the Metropolis in the position of Accounting and Secretarial Assistant. At the same time, His Eminence stood by his side, helping and mentoring Fr. Ignatius to prepare for his next big decision of entering the priesthood, on December of 2015, at the age of 30. At the same time, he started a new cycle of studies at the Theological School of Aristotle University in Thessaloniki and post-graduate studies at the Public University of Patras, where he graduated from with a Master Degree in



Orthodox Theology. It was during these years when Fr. Ignatius was appointed at the parish of the Transfiguration of Our Lord in Elefherio-Kordelio, to serve as an assistant in the office of His Eminence, Metropolitan Barnabas.

Recognizing his efforts, dedication, hard-working nature and love for the church, on March of 2021, His Eminence decided to promote Fr. Ignatius to the second order of the priesthood and assigned him as presiding priest at the Church of St. Nicholas in Xirokrini, Thessaloniki. Shepherding a reasonably poor and multicultural parish with many challenging difficulties, gave him the motivation to re-establish this community once again into a point of reference for the surrounding area. Through his hard work, dedication, and help from other fellow orthodox Christians, Fr. Ignatius was able to re-build several community organizations of the parish,

including its charity center, food and clothing bank, ministry for the sick, blood donation center, as well as youth groups, and traditional dance groups. He has since been serving at this church, until his arrival in Chicago, on February 1, 2024, to be installed as the presiding presbyter at St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church, Shrine of the Holy Virgin Mary.

We welcome Fr. Ignatius into our Albanian Orthodox parish in Chicago and wish him many blessed years as our spiritual Father! May God guide him and illuminate his path of priesthood by granting him strength, wisdom and discernment while shepherding this new flock in its walk of faith!

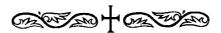


Church of St. Nicholas in Xirokrini, Thessaloniki



St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church in Chicago





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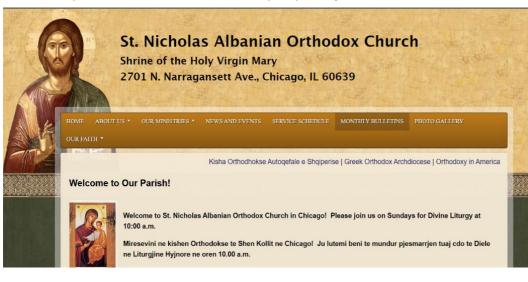


†2024 Memberships

Please send in or drop off your dues for 2024 and 2023 if you still have not done it; \$150 per individual over 21 years or old, \$250 for family membership covering both husband and wife plus children under 21 yrs of age. Please note "2024 dues" on your check. If you are not yet a member but would like to join our parish, please speak to a member of the Parish Council for information. There is no initiation membership fee any more.

Member directory-If you need to update or correct your address or phone number for the next membership directory, please contact our church at 773-889-4282 or stnicholaschurch2701@gmail.com. You can also contact Maria Barbachi if you want to give us your e-mail address to receive communication from our church. Also, if you are moving, please inform the church in regards to the forwarding address for future church communication.

Membership payment now can be done on our church website under donate button. The droop down list has "Membership" option you can use and make membership payments.



St. Nicholas
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Ju lutemi sillni ose dergoni pagesen e anetaresise se Kishes per vitin 2024 dhe 2023 ne rast se nuk e keni bere akoma. Ajo eshte \$150 per personat mbi

21 vjet dhe \$250 per familjet qe mbulon burrin, gruan si dhe femijet e tyre ne moshen nen 21 vjet.

Ju lutem shenoni "2023 dues" ne cekun tuaj. Ne rast se ju nuk jeni anetar i kishes dhe deshironi te beheni, kontaktoni zyren e kishes apo nje nga anetaret e Keshillit te Kishes per informacionin e duhur. Ju lutem njoftoni Kishen ne rast se keni ndryshuar adresen e banimit apo numrin e telefonit per te bere korrigjimet e duhura ne listat e Kishes.

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NOTICE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL NJOFTIM NGA KESHILLI I KISHES



Dear St. Nicholas
Church Members,
On Sunday, November
26, 2023, we held a
general assembly
meeting and Parish
council elections. Here
are some of the
highlights from that
meeting:

- General State of the Church
- Treasurer's Report-

We reviewed our financials. Any member who was not in attendance and would like a copy of our financial report, please contact any Parish Council member.

Membership

Congratulations to the newly elected Board of Directors, Parish Council that were elected on November 23, 2023. They will officially take their oath and office in January. The elected members are: Nancy Kazarian -president, Etleva Teli- vice president, Dea Lanzito -secretary, Nicole Poni- treasurer, Ollga Tito, Rudina Shkembi, Luiza Peshtani, Jani Gjonaj, Kris Maranda, Leonard Pajcini, Vani Tako, and Kosta Shamata

We look forward to serving our community in 2024. On behalf of your Parish Council.



2023 u zhvillua mbledhja vjetore e anetareve te Kishes se Shen Kollit dhe zgjedhjet per keshillin e Kishes. Me poshte jane ceshtjet me te rendesishme qe u diskutuan:

• Gjendja e pergjithshme e

Kíshes

- Raportí i thesarit- u shqyrtua informcioni financiar i Kishes. Cdo anetar i kishes qe nuk ishte prezent ne mbledhje dhe do ta shohe kete raport, kontaktoni cilindo anetar te keshillit te Kishes.
- Anetaresía- U analizua gjendja e anetaresíse se kishes si dhe u diskutuan menyrat si mund ta rritim numrín e anetareve ne kishe.

I urojme suksese anetareve te rink te Keshillit te Kishes qe u zgjodhen po ate dite. Ata jane Nancy Kazarian - president, Etleva Teli-vice president, Dea Lanzito - secretary, Nicole Poni-treasurer, Ollga Tito, Rudina Shkembi, Luiza Peshtani, Jani Gjonaj, Kris Maranda, Leonard Pajcini, Vani Tako, and Kosta Shamata.

Keshilli i Kishes se Shen Kollit do te vazhdoje te punoje me devotshmeri dhe perkushtim per progresin e Kishes dhe komunitetit tone. Ne emer te Keshillit te Kishes ju uojme te gjitheve Festa te bekuara dhe te gezuara.





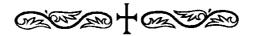




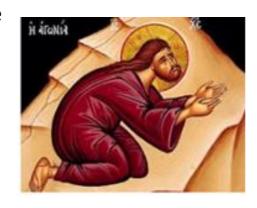
Ladies of St. Nicholas Albanian Church, we are looking to increase enrollment in the St. Nicholas Ladies Auxiliary. We are comprised of women of diverse ages and backgrounds working

together to reach out not only to the parish membership, but to the community through fundraising, charitable donations and volunteerism. We are looking for ideas to make this event bigger and better. Won't you come join us? We meet the first Sunday of each month in the church hall.

Gratë dhe vajzat e Kishës Shqipëtare të Shën Kollit,qellimi jonë është të ritim numrin e pjesëmarrësve në St. Nicholas Ladies Auxiliaries. Ky grup përbëhet nga gra dhe vajza të të gjitha moshave dhe të gjitha profesioneve që punojnë së bashku jo vetëm per tu lidhur më shumë me anëtarët e kesaj kishe por edhe me tërë komunitetin nëpërmjet evenimenteve për ngritjen e fondeve, nëpërmjet kontributeve dhe ndihmës që i ofrojmë komunitetitit. Kërkojmë më shumë ide te reja për ta zgjeruar dhe për ta forcuar këtë grup. Jeni të gjitha të mirëpritura të dielën e parë të cdo muaji!



The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank all the sponsors, donors and members of our community who supported us for the celebrations of our Patron Saint Nicholas and made the Shen Kolli Dinner Dance a beautiful event to be remembered. All the ladies worked together with one heart and much dedication and self-sacrifice. Everyone who



attended the Dinner Dance enjoyed the food, the music, the wonderfully decorated room and above all the company of each other. It was a blessing to witness such outpouring of love and joy! We thank our loving Lord for guiding us and blessing our efforts!



A big, heartfelt thank you for all the hard-working ladies of our church! Thank you for organizing all the events related to the celebration of our patron saint St.

Nicholas. Everything went beautifully. The byreks and desserts were delicious.

Everyone loved them! The hall was beautifully

decorated and the Christmas tree looks dazzling. It is a privilege to witness year after year how the ladies come together and work as one body, to see the immense effort and dedication they put into preparing the byreks, and caring for every small detail so everything looks, smells and tastes perfect! And above all to see how they welcome everyone with a smile and warmth. Thank you and God bless you all and your beautiful families through the prayers of our St. Nicholas! We would love to recognize each and every lady by name for perpetuating this beautiful tradition of our church. The ladies who volunteered in various tasks are: (in alphabetical order): Maria Barbachi, Haxhie Berberi, Helen Byers, Eda Cako, Vasilika Damo, Marieta Fisniku, Kay Giannos, Ana Iskali, Anyla Kamenica, Helena Kamenica, Julia Kamenica, Maria Kamenica, Vasilika Kamenica, Valentina

Kowalew, Jhulheta
Kresto, Dea Lanzito,
Lida Lasku, Blerta Palo,
Janet Papajani, Ana
Qeleshi, Keti Qeleshi,
Mira Qeleshi, Albana
Romacka, Urani
Shamata, Rudina
Shkembi, Evgjeni
Shkira, Elona Shkira,
Venera Tako, Eva Teli,
Olga Titos, Violeta Vasil,





Shoqeria e Grave e kishes se Shen Kollit deshiron te falenderoje te gjithe sponsoret, dhuruesit dhe anetaret e komunitetit tone qe mbeshteten festimet per festen e Shen Kollit dhe mundesuan qe Darka e Vallezimit te mbetet nje kujtim i pashlyeshem. Te gjitha zonjat punuan se bashku me nje zemer dhe me devotshmeri e shpirt sacrifice. Te gjithe pjesemarresit ne darken e vallezimit u kenaqen me ushqimin, muziken, hollin e dekoruar mrekullisht dhe mbi te gjitha me shoqerine e njeri-tjetrit. Ishte nje bekim I

vecante te perjetoje kaq shume dashuri dhe gezim mes komunitetit. Lavderojme Zotin tone te meshirshem qe n'a udhehoqi dhe bekoi perpjekjet tona!

Nje falenderim I vecante per te gjitha zonjat e dedikuara te komunitetit tone qe ne daten 4 Dhjetor, u mblodhen se bashku ne hollin e kishes dhe pergatiten byreket e mrekullueshem qe u sherbyen gjate festimeve te Shen Kollit. Emrat e zonjave qe u ofruan per te vazhduar kete tradite te bukur jane: (ne radhe alfabetike): Maria Barbachi, Haxhie Berberi, Helen Byers, Eda Cako, Vasilika Damo, Marieta Fisniku, Kay Giannos, Ana Iskali, Anyla Kamenica, Helena Kamenica, Julia Kamenica, Maria Kamenica, Vasilika Kamenica, Valentina Kowalew, Jhulheta Kresto, Dea Lanzito, Lida Lasku, Blerta Palo, Janet Papajani, Ana Qeleshi, Keti Qeleshi, Mira Qeleshi, Albana Romacka, Urani Shamata, Rudina Shkembi, Evgjeni Shkira, Elona Shkira, Venera Tako, Eva Teli, Olga Titos, Violeta Vasil, Connie Zika, Liri Zyka.

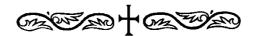
SAVE THE DATE

PRE-LENTEN LUNCHEON - MEAT FARE SUNDAY

OUR TRADITIONAL PRE-LENTEN LUNCHEON ON MEAT FARE SUNDAY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CHURCH HALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY ON MARCH 3, 2024.

THIS EVENT WILL ALSO BE A CELEBRATION OF THE INSTALLATION OF FATHER IGNATIUS AS THE PRIEST OF ST NICHOLAS ALBANIAN CHURCH.

THERE WILL BE MORE INFORMATION COMING FOR THIS EVENT.





TLIFE OF THE MONTH'S SAINTS AND MAIN EVENT

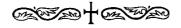
Stamati, Joani, Nikolla, neomartirë (3 shkurt)



U ushtruan (martirizuan) më 1822. Stamati dhe Joani, përkatësisht 18 dhe 22 vjeç ishin nga Speces, ishull në jug të Atikës (që banohet kryesisht nga arvanitas), fëmijë të Theodhor Gjinit dhe Anezës. Dikur, siç po lundronin së bashku me pesë të tjerë për punë tregtie, erëra të fuqishme e degdisën anijen e tyre në Çemë (Krinë), në bregun perëndimor të Turqisë. Të frikësuar, sepse agarinët ishin të egërsuar nga revolucioni grek i vitit 1821, takuan një të krishterë dhe i dhanë para që t'u sillte çfarë u nevojitej për riparimin e ani-jes së tyre. Por, ai solli turqit! Ata vranë dy nga detarët e sprovuar nëpër

stuhi, gë tentuan të iknin, kapën vëllezërit dhe kapitenin plak, Nikollën. Të tjerët u arratisën me not.Më 26 janar robërit i shpunë tek pashai i ishullit Hios, që ndodhet përballë. Pashai urdhëroi dhe i prenë kokën Nikollës, i cili i qetë dhei palëkundur nuk pranonte të konvertohej. Sundimtari u premtoi shpërblim dy vartësve të tij, në qoftë se ata do të arrinin t'i shkëpusnin të dy të burgosurit nga Krishti. Për një javë rresht ata u përpoqën t'i joshnin të dy të rinjtë me dhurata apo t'i trembnin me ndëshkime, por më kot. Pashai i bezditur, tha se më lehtë pritet koka e kaurit, sesa këmbëngulja kokëfortë e tij. Të rinjtë paranjohën me zbulim fundin e tyre dhe ua bënë të ditur edhe të burgosurve që ishin bashkë me ta. Gjithashtu, i dërguan një rrëfim të shkruar episkopit të Hios dhe kërkuan Falënderimin Hyjnor, të cilin arriti t'ua dërgojë me një grua. U kunguan mbasi u lutën pothuaj gjithë natën.Në mëngjes çdo gjë që kishin e dhanë lëmoshë, para se t'i dënonin, meqenëse shpallën se pranonin të copëtohen ende për hir të besimit të tyre. Joani për një çast u frikësua nga shpatat e zhveshura enkas, por e mbështeti Stamati (gregisht =ndalues), sa që së bashku deklaronin se po vdisnin për Jisuin. Kështu, i therrën në afërsi të therrtores së Hios. Pas tri ditësh trupat e pavarrosur i hodhën në det, por deti i nxori diku në breg, përveç kokës së Joanit. Ato i mblodhi një i krishterë, I cili enkas mbikqyrte atë pjesë të bregut, ku punonte si regjës lëkurësh.

Source: www.orthodoxwiki.org



The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple

February 2

When the most pure Mother and Ever-Virgin Mary's forty days of purification had been fulfilled, she took her first-born Son to Jerusalem on this, the fortieth day after His birth, that she might present Him in the temple according to the Law of Moses, which teaches that every first-born male child be dedicated to God, and also that she might offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons, as required by the Law (Luke 2:22-24; Exod. 13:2; Lev. 12:6-8). On this same day, a just and devout man, the greatly aged Symeon, was also present in the temple, being



guided by the Holy Spirit. For a long time, this man had been awaiting the salvation of God, and he had been informed by divine revelation that he would not die until he beheld the Lord's Christ. Thus, when he beheld Him at that time and took Him up into his aged arms, he gave glory to God, singing: "Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, O Master. . ." And he confessed that he would close his eyes joyfully, since he had seen the Light of revelation for the nations and the Glory of Israel (Luke 2:25-32). From ancient times, the Holy Church has retained this tradition of the churching of the mother and new-born child on the fortieth day and of the reading of prayers of purification.

The Apodosis of the Feast of the Meeting in the Temple is usually on the 9th of February. This, however, may vary if the Feast falls within the period of the Triodion. Should this occur, the Typicon should be consulted for specific information concerning the Apodosis of the Feast. Source: www.goarch.org

Paraqitja e Zotit në Tempull (Ipapandia)

Dyzet ditë mbasi u lind, Ai u paraqit para Perëndisë në Tempullin e Jerusalemit, sikurse e kërkonte Ligji i Moisiut. Në atë kohë, edhe nëna e tij Maria bëri ritualin e pastrimit dhe ofroi flijimet, sikurse I kërkonte Ligji. Prandaj, dyzet ditë mbas Krishtlindjes Kisha



Paraqitjen e Zotit në Tempull (Ipapandinë). Pritja e Krishtit nga plaku Simeon dhe profetesha Ana (Lluka 2:22-36) është ngjarja kryesore e festës së Paraqitjes së Krishtit në Tempull. I ishte "zbuluar Simeonit me anë të Shpirtit të Shenjtë, se nuk do ta shikonte vdekjen përpara se të shikonte Zotin Krisht"(Lluka 2:26) dhe, i frymëzuar prej të njëjtit Shpirt, ai erdhi në Tempull, ku përhasi Mesian e porsalindur, e mori në krahët e tij dhe tha fjalët, që tani thuhen çdo ditë në Shërbesën Orthodhokse të Mbrëmjes: Tani përlëshoje

shërbëtorin tënd, o Zot, me paqe, simbas fjalës sate, se sytë e mi panë shpëtimin tënd, të cilin Ti e përgatite faqe gjithë popujve, dritë për ndriçimin e kombeve dhe për lavdi të popullit tënd Izrael(Lluka 2:29-32).

Në këtë kohë, Simeoni parashikoi gjithashtu, që Jisui do të jetë një "shenjë kundërshtimesh" dhe

që ai do të shkaktojë "rënien dhe ngritjen e shumë vetëve në Izrael". Ai, gjithashtu parashikoi vuajtje te Marisë për shkak të birit të saj (Lluka22: 34-35). Ana, gjithashtu ishte e pranishme dhe duke falënderuar Perëndinë "ajo u fliste për këtë fëmijë të gjithë atyre, që prisnin shpërblimin në Jerusalem"(Lluka 2:38).

Në shërbesën e festës së Përhasjes së Zotit, theksohet fakti që Krishti, Biri dhe Fjala e Perëndisë, me anë të të cilit u krijua bota, tani po mbahet si fëmijë në duart e Simeonit; i njëjti Bir i Perëndisë, Dhënësi i Ligjit, tani ai vetë po përmbush Ligjin, i mbajtur në krahë si një foshnje. Kremtimi i Përhasjes së Zotit, nga Kisha, nuk është thjesht një përkujtim historik. Të frymëzuar nga i njëjti Shpirt i Shenjtë, si njëjti Shpirt në Kishën e Mesias, anëtarët e Kishës mund të pretendojnë "përhasjen" e tyre me Zotin dhe, gjithashtu mund të dëshmojnë, se edhe ata mund "të përlëshohen me paqe", meqenëse sytë e tyre panë shpëtimin e Perëndisë në personin e Krishtit.

> Gëzohu, o hirplote, Hyjli-ndëse Virgjëreshë, se prej teje ka lindur Dielli i Drejtësisë, Krishti Perëndia ynë, që ndrit në errësirë. Gëzohu dhe ti, o plak i drejtë, që prite në krahët e tu Shpërblenjësin e shpirtrave tanë, i cili na dhuroi Ngjalljen të gjithëve. (Përlëshorja)

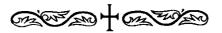
Me lindjen Tënde, Ti Shenjtërove gjirin e Virgjëreshës dhe bekove duart e Siemonit, O Krisht

Perëndia ynë. Tani Ti erdhe dhe na shpëtove me anë të dashurisë. Falu paqe të gjithë të krishterëve orthodhoksë, o i vetmi Njeridashës. (Shkurtorja)

Burimi: http://orthodoxalbania.org







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If we do not teach our children who Christ is, Someone else will teach them everything that he is NOT.

The Importance of Religious Education

Attendance at the Divine Liturgy during summer

We all love summer and carefully plan our family vacations. This is a nice tradition. But what is not so nice, is the "tradition" of taking a vacation from church attendance. While it may happen to anyone to be absent one Sunday from church for major reasons, there is no reason to "abandon" church for the

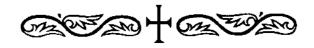
whole summer, giving more priority to leisure activities. We have to think deeply as parents on what kind of example we're giving our children. We have to examine carefully where our priorities stand. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

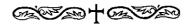
If someone would tell us that he is going to nourish his body only half of the year (when outside is cold and he has nothing else to do) and when the weather is nice he is just going to starve himself because he is going on a vacation, we would think: This person is foolish! We act as

foolishly as this person if we do not take proper care and nourish our soul year around through daily prayer, Bible reading and active participation in church's life and especially in the Divine Liturgy. This is vital for the health of our soul, like food is for our bodies. By participating in the Mysteries of the church, especially Holy Eucharist (Communion) we are



granted by God's mercy and love to taste the Lord to the fullest and be united with His Body and Blood unto Eternal Life. Take a vacation from work and find rest in God!





NOTICES



HELP WITH CHURCH MARKETING

We are looking for someone who has marketing experience and would like to volunteer their time to help create some marketing materials for the church. If you're interested, please call the church office, 773-889-4282, or send an email to:

church@stnicholasalbanianchicago.org.

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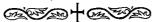
Do you want to actively participate in Divine Liturgy? If so, consider signing up for our Choir. We are looking for voices to enhance the service. You don't need to sing opera, or even have a trained singing voice, all you need is the desire to sing the beautiful hymns. It's not even required that you speak Albanian. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Kazarian via email at nkazar@comcast.net or if you have questions, please feel free to call at 847-951-6231.

BRICK PROGRAM

Donations for our Commemorative Brick Program are still being taken. Bricks can be made to honor a memory, mark a special occasion or to show support. A 4 inch by 8 inch brick with up



to 3 lines of engraving can be ordered for a donation of \$250.00. Forms can be found at the candle stand or you may also request a form be sent to you via email or US mail. To ensure the wording and spelling are printed correctly on the brick, a form must accompany payment.

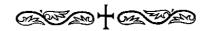


YOU MAY NOW PAY YOUR 2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES ONLINE

Click on the DONATE button halfway down the home page on our website and follow the directions. You may also mail a check to the church or stop by the church office in person <u>AFTER</u> Liturgy.

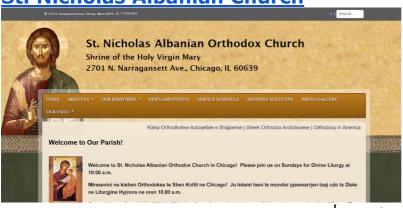
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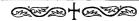
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