

# St. Nicholas Newsletter January 2025



*Saint Basil the Great  
Commemorated January 1st*

# Celebrations

*God grant you many years!*

## Birthdays

Sneha Virippil – Jan 1  
Stephen Fenner – Jan 10  
Michael Baclig – Jan 14  
Manoj Virippil – Jan 18  
Peter Deschler – Jan 22  
Janessa Craig – Jan 23  
Elizabeth Fenner – Jan 25  
Joseph Fenner – Jan 27

## Namedays

Genevieve Deschler (St. Genevieve) – Jan 3  
Anthony Albert (St. Anthony) – Jan 17  
Caleb Wicker (Apostle Timothy) – Jan 22  
Paula Haydar (St. Paula) – Jan 26

## Wedding Anniversaries

Stephen & Brittany Fenner – Jan 8  
Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller – Jan 11

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## 2025 Stewardship & Membership Form

Please prayerfully consider what you are willing and able to financially contribute to the operation and functioning of our growing parish community to support its various ministries and services. This is an annual responsibility of everyone in our parish; please submit by December 29th, 2024.

Also in 2025, for those willing and able please consider contributing towards our **Building Fund** (suggested amount of \$100 monthly, but please contribute as able). This is in ADDITION to Stewardship.

*Access the print or online form by clicking the image below.*





Liturgical Schedule  
for  
**Theophany**  
(Baptism of our Lord)

Join us as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord  
(Theophany) with the following schedule:

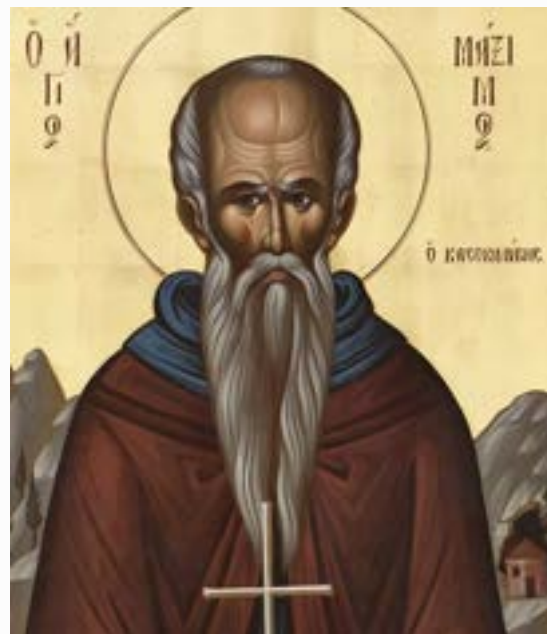


- Friday, January 3 – *Royal Hours* at **9:30a**
- Saturday, January 4 – *Great Vespers* at **5:00p**;
- Sunday, January 5 – *Festal Orthros* at **9:00a**  
and *Festal Liturgy* at **10:00a** with the *Great Blessing of Water* followed by Fellowship/Parish Potluck.

# St. Maximos the Hut-Burner- *Jan. 13th*

In the fourteenth century, Maximos led an ascetical life as a monk on Mt. Athos in his own unique way. That is to say, he pretended to be a little crazy and constantly changed his dwelling place. His place of abode consisted of a hut made from branches. He built these huts one after the other and then burned them, for this he was called Kapsokalivitos, i.e., "hut-burner". He was considered insane until the arrival of St. Gregory Sinaites to Mt. Athos, who discovered in Maximos a unique ascetic, a wonder-working intercessor and "an angel in the flesh." He died in the Lord in the year 1320 A.D.

(By St. Nikolai Velimirovich, *The Prologue from Ohrid*, January 13th)



Skete of Kafsokalyvia on Mount Athos named for Saint Maximos

Scenes from the life of St. Maximos: him praying before the Theotokos, the appearance of the Theotokos, burning his hut, talking with St. Gregory the Sinaite, and seen flying through the air.



# Patronal Banquet

## *Thank You!*



What a wonderful celebration  
of our parish community!  
Thank you to all who labored  
and joined us for the patronal  
banquet!



View more pictures and  
share your own pictures and  
videos on our Facebook page  
[HERE!](#)

# New Format for Fellowship on Sundays in 2025

Beginning in 2025, we will be hosting a Parish Potluck on the 1st Sunday of the month and offering light fare the other Sundays.

Families/households may still “HOST a Sunday” and provide food OR donate \$150 to sponsor a Sunday.

To help out with our Hospitality Ministry or to sign-up to host/sponsor a Sunday, please contact Denise King ([DLo118@yahoo.com](mailto:DLo118@yahoo.com) or 501-442-8460).

We would still appreciate volunteers to regularly bake the holy bread. To participate and help us get a rotation in 2025, please contact Kate Salem ([ksalem2@cox.net](mailto:ksalem2@cox.net)).

## Parish General Assembly

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Please join us for our upcoming Parish General Assembly as we discuss the operation of the parish community, vote for new parish council members, and pass our parish budget.

*SPECIAL NOTICE: It is the recommendation of the parish council that we explore options of selling our current property and purchasing a new property. We will take a vote on this matter at the Assembly. To discuss further or learn more, please contact Fr. Paul.*

(Voting members are parishioners in good standing - over 18 years of age, who receive the sacraments, participate in the Life of the Church, and financially support the parish community).



## Parish Council 2025 Nominees

If you are interested in being on the Parish Council for the upcoming year, please contact Fr. Paul Fuller to discuss further.

Nominees must be members in good standing (sacramentally and in their stewardship) of our parish community.

Parish Council nominees will be considered at our Parish General Assembly in January 2025, but only those nominated in advance, not from the floor at the Assembly.

## Bible Study

Friday Mornings @ 10a

Join us on Friday mornings beginning at 9:30a with Morning Prayers and Bible Study from 10:00a till 11:15a.

We are currently studying the Book of Daniel

Ministry & Organizational Leaders,

If there is any announcement or advertisement that you would like published in the St. Nicholas Newsletter, please contact Brea Hale. [brehale00@gmail.com](mailto:brehale00@gmail.com)



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