

Saint Nicholas Newsletter

May 2025



*Sts. Constantine and Helen
Commemorated May 21st*

Celebrations

God grant you many years!

Birthdays

Fr. Paul Fuller – May 2
Aidan Wilson – May 2
Caleb Wicker – May 6
Nina Lawrence – May 11
Nikifor Paunov – May 16
Lucy Troy – May 16
Nancy Brown – May 19
Eric Carender – May 20
Laura Evans – May 27
Steve Kolokithas – May 28

Name's Day

Isaiah Hale (Prophet Isaiah) – May 9
Abigail Bliss (St. Dymphna) – May 15
Gina Waters (St. Helen) – May 21
Jackson Bliss (St. William) – May 28

Wedding Anniversaries

Adnan & Paula Haydar – May 3
Erik & Nina Lawrence – May 4
Jackson & Abigail Bliss – May 19
Tom & Kate Salem – May 24

2025 Stewardship & Membership Form

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

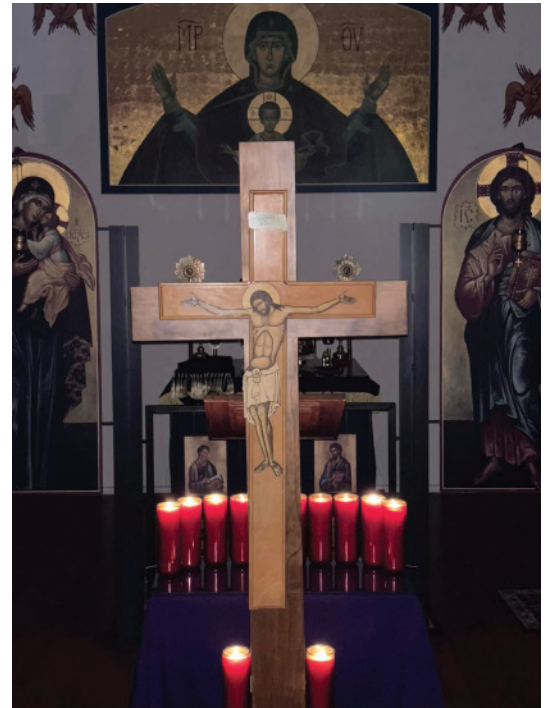
Also in 2025, for those willing and able please consider contributing towards our Building Fund (suggested amount of \$100 monthly, but please contribute as able). This is in *ADDITION* to Stewardship.

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



Photos from Great Lent, Holy Week, & Pascha







Graduation and Church School

Congratulations, graduates! Any graduates of high school, college, post-grad, please email Fr. Paul (frpaul.fuller@gmail.com) by Monday, May 12 with name, degree, awards, and future plans to be included in our Graduation Recognition Day (Sunday, May 18). This Sunday will also be our recognition and appreciation for our Church School students and teachers!



Donation Drive



**ORTHODOX
CHRISTIANS FOR LIFE**

During the month of May, the month of Mother's Day, *Orthodox Christians for Life (OCLife)* will be sponsoring a donation drive to support mothers who choose life for their unborn children! This donation drive will benefit Compassion House, a local residential facility for teen mothers. They have need for Size 4 and 5 diapers, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bag, non-perishable food items, and bottled water. This drive will also benefit Loving Choices, a pregnancy resource center. Their needs are toiletries such as diaper cream, bath wash, shampoo, lotion, Dreft detergent, preggie pops (21 pieces size) and baby monitors.

Please check out the card options near bookstore for offering OCLife donations in lieu of flowers or gifts for Mother's Day.

For any questions, or to help out, please contact Nancy Brown, 479-616-8043, nancyjbrown3@hotmail.com.

Archdiocese Convention in Chicago

Our archdiocesan family will be gathering for our biennial Archdiocese National Convention in Chicago, IL the week of *July 20-27*.



We hope that you will consider attending this summer!

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Parish Life Conference



Our diocesan family will be gathering for our annual Parish Life Conference (PLC) in Jacksonville, FL - June 11-14

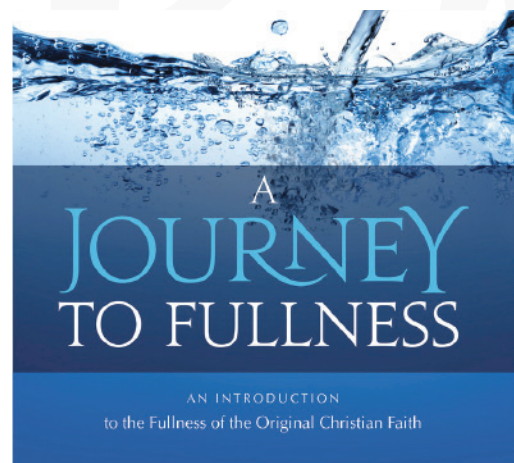
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"Journey to Fullness"

This video series (16 videos approx. 17 minutes each) is recommended for all of our newcomers, inquirers, and catechumens.

We hope this will be a valuable resource for you as you learn more about Orthodoxy Christianity. It is accessible through a private link to our parish's YouTube channel.



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Saints Cyril and Methodius

Saints Cyril and Methodius came from Thessaloniki and lived during the 9th century AD. Cyril received higher education and was a student of the Patriarch Photius. He was a clergyman and professor of philosophy and theology in Constantinople.

Endowed with a practical mind, Methodius was distinguished as commander of a Slavic province and later as abbot of the Polychroniou Monastery in Bithynia.

The two brothers had originally undertaken and successfully completed a missionary expedition to the Khazars in AD 860.

When Prince Rastislav of Great Moravia asked the Byzantine Emperor Michael III to send missionaries to the country, the Emperor and the Patriarch decided to send Cyril and Methodius who knew the Slavic language. In fact, Cyril invented the Cyrillic script because the Slavic language until then was used only in oral speech. The alphabet helped the Slavic peoples in various ways to learn the Bible, and the life of the Church, and to write down their history.



It is, therefore, right that Methodius and Cyril have been called the enlighteners of the Slavs. The local daughter Churches honor them as patrons and protectors of the Slavic Christian peoples and do not forget this beneficial and discreet care of the Mother Church. It is confirmed once again that the worship and confession of true faith are expressed through the mother tongue of the people.

The Orthodox Church respected and understood it from the beginning of its historical course. Saints Cyril and Methodius are great examples of the significance of the mother tongue so that everybody can worship God.

In this spirit, the Archbishop and Ethnarch of Cyprus, Makarios III, offered the Missionary Work of the Patriarchate of Alexandria 50 years ago, with the baptisms in East Africa, focusing on Kenya.

*The Feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodius
is celebrated on May 11*

Source: Church of Cyprus

Parish Activity at St. Nicholas



Ministry & Organizational Leaders,

If there is any announcement or advertisement that you would like published in the St. Nicholas Newsletter, please contact John Bailey at johncaleb.bailey@gmail.com

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