

Saint Nicholas Newsletter

June 2025



*St. Justin Martyr
Commemorated June 1st*

Celebrations

God grant you many years!

Birthdays

Philip Nelson – Jun 1

Paul Nevill – Jun 2

Aethan Waters – Jun 6

Olivia Rhodes – Jun 7

Brian Frederick – Jun 16

Alexandria Pangere – Jun 19

Caleb Mackey – Jun 21

Abigail Bliss – Jun 26

Seth Wilson – Jun 28

Lottie Wicker – Jun 29

Pat Teague – Jun 30

Name's Day

Nikifor Paunov (St. Nikephoros) – Jun 2

Kevin Scherer (St. Kevin) – Jun 3

Gretchen Baclig (Myrrh-bearer Martha) – Jun 4

SoonMee Townsley (Myrrh-bearer Joanna) – Jun 27

Peter Deschler (Apostle Peter) – Jun 29

Fr. Paul Fuller (Apostle Paul) – Jun 29

Wedding Anniversaries

Michael & Elizabeth Baclig – Jun 10

Philip & Ciera Nelson – Jun 10

Steve & Tina Rieger – Jun 12

Sean & Carrie Scarce – Jun 13

Nikifor & Megan Paunov – Jun 14

Peter & Hanna Deschler – Jun 22

Samuel & Dorothy Bell – Jun 30



Congratulations! Class of 2025

Many years to our 2025 graduates!

Elizabeth Baclig: Graduating summa cum laude with highest honors from Purdue University, earning an Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration with a specialization in Hospitality and Tourism Services.

Abigail Bliss: Graduating from John Brown University (JBU) with a Master of Science degree in Counseling.

Niko Carender: Graduating with highest honors from the Don Tyson School of Innovation. Planning on attending the University of Arkansas in the fall, accepted into the Honors College. Majoring in History and Sports and Recreational Management with a future intent to pursue a Law degree.

Lauren Goff: Graduating from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) with a Master of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders with an emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology.

Michael Kolokithas: Graduating with honors from the University of Central Arkansas with a Bachelor of Arts in Film with a Minor in Marketing.

Thank you Church School!



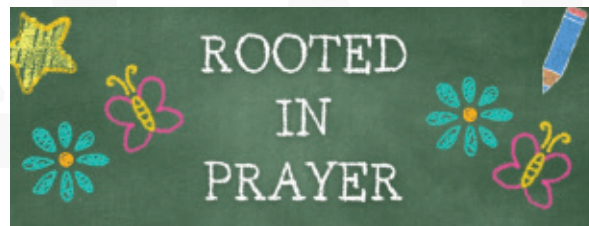
We've had a great year of Church School; our thanks to our dedicated teachers and students who participated in this educational program of our parish community!



SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

We will offer a youth program from 9:30a to 12:30p on Tuesdays in June for children 12 and under. "Rooted in Prayer" with activities, crafts, lessons, and food.

Please RSVP via the online form ([click image for access](#)).



We also need teen and adult leaders to volunteer for this program, so please contact Gina Waters (gwaters034@gmail.com) or Fr. Paul Fuller to volunteer!

Great Feast of Pentecost and Festal Potluck

Sunday, June 8



Regular schedule of services on Sunday, June 8 for the Great Feast of Pentecost followed by Festal Parish Potluck during Fellowship.

Wear green for Pentecost during this week.

There is no fasting during the Week of Pentecost!

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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2025 Stewardship & Membership Form

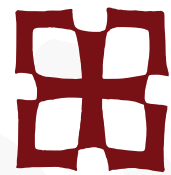
Please prayerfully consider what you are willing and able to financially contribute to the operation and functioning of our parish community to support its various ministries and services!

This is an annual responsibility of everyone in our parish

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.

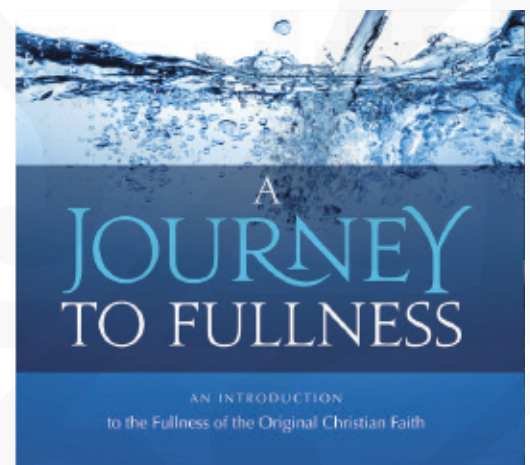


"Journey to Fullness"

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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Saint Cyril of Alexandria

Excerpt from the OCA's publication on Lives of the Saints. Click on the icons to read the full essay.

Saint Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria, a distinguished champion of Orthodoxy and a great teacher of the Church, came from an illustrious and pious Christian family. He studied the secular sciences, including philosophy, but most of all he strove to acquire knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and the truths of the Christian Faith. In his youth Cyril entered the monastery of Macarius in the Nitreia hills, where he stayed for six years. Theophilus (385-412), the Patriarch of Alexandria, ordained him as a deacon, numbered him among the clergy and entrusted him to preach.

Upon the death of Patriarch Theophilus, Cyril was unanimously chosen to the patriarchal throne of the Alexandrian Church. He led the struggle against the spread of the Novatian heresy in Alexandria, which taught that any Christian who had fallen away from the Church during a time of persecution, could not be received back into it



*The Feast of St. Cyril
is celebrated on June 9*



Cyril, seeing the futility of admonishing the heretics, sought their expulsion from Alexandria.

The Jews appeared a greater danger for the Church, repeatedly causing riots, accompanied by the brutal killing of Christians. The saint long contended with them. In order to wipe out the remnants of paganism, the saint cast out devils from an ancient pagan temple and built a church on the spot, and the relics of the Holy Unmercenaries Cyrus and John were transferred into it. A more difficult struggle awaited the saint with the emergence of the Nestorian heresy.

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