



METROPOLIS OF
NEW JERSEY

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church



"I am the good shepherd and I know My sheep, and am know by my own." - John 10:14

2014-2015

Christian Education Program Overview

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

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St. Nicholas Christian Education Ministry

Your family is a blessed gift from our Heavenly Father. A family is called to provide love and security. A family is called to nurture faith and hope. To do this, God has provided the Church.

The Church gathers us to worship. The Church witnesses by service to those in need, revealing God's love. The Church teaches so that we grow in knowledge and understanding of the Faith. The Church is fellowship in Christ, a place where true relationships with God and one another are fostered and sustained. The Church that guides us in faith and love, to life and salvation, is essential to the family.

Our prayer is that the St. Nicholas Christian Education Ministry will help connect your Family and Church for the greater glory of God and the well-being of His People.

Third Sunday Thirty

3rd Sunday of the month following Divine Liturgy

Leader: Fr. John Manuel

This is an Adult Christian Education session held once per month, on the third Sunday of the month. Father John will have a 30 minute Adult Christian Education class following Divine Liturgy on the following dates: 10/12, 11/16, No Class in Dec, 1/25, 2/15, 3/8, 4/19, 5/24, & 6/14

A Point of Light

During Divine Liturgy , after the Creed

Leader: Fr. John Manuel

This is a 5 minute presentation of the Adult Christian Education delivered during the Divine Liturgy on Sundays after the Creed, when it is possible to reach the largest adult audience. Topics related to Orthodox Spirituality and Liturgical Tradition will be covered. Questions and suggestions should be submitted by e-mail to frjm.stnicholas@cox.net

Christian Education for our Children

Every Sunday during the School Year

Director: Leslie Ullom

Classes are held every Sunday, following Holy Communion, during the school year, which runs from September 7 - June 7. For questions or additional information, please contact Leslie Ullom at (757) 479-1198

Weekly Bible Study

Monday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. Starting on September 8th

Leader: Fr. John Manuel

Father John leads the Bible Study every Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. held in the Church. This is a great opportunity to learn and deepen your relationship with Christ, to share our spiritual experiences and insights, and enjoy Christian fellowship.

St. Photini Women's Study

Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Leader: Lena Thames

The women's study meets at the church every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Please see the church calendar for dates. Please contact Lena Thames for questions or additional information at (757) 456-2755.

FROGMEN

Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m. AND 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Leader: Steve Rushley

The men's group meets for study each Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. at the Bagel Baker. General meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Please contact Steve Rushley for questions or information at (757) 721-7331

Paraklesis

Leader: Fr. John Manuel

This service is a supplication of prayer for those in need. We will alternate services with our sister church, Annunciation Cathedral in Norfolk, VA. Prayer services will be offered at 6:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at St. Nicholas GOC and on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at Annunciation. A hymnology workshop will be offered at St. Nicholas for 30 minutes following the service.

10/9, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11, 1/15, 1/29, 2/12, 4/30, 5/14, 5/28, 6/11, & 6/25

Family Nights

Friday evening on October 17th and January 30th

Leader: Fr. John Manuel

We are all brothers and sisters united in Christ and so it is the total congregation that generates a collective parish family. Everyone is encouraged to participate in a fun and informative evening to grow in the Faith.

Six Week Orthodox Introduction Class

Leader: Fr. John Manuel

This class is offered for those new to the Orthodox Faith or for those that would like a refresher. There will be two sessions offered:

Fall: Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.: October 15- November 19 - Chrismation held on Dec 6 during the St. Nicholas Divine Liturgy

Spring: Wednesdays 5:15-6 p.m.: February 18-March 25 - Chrismation held on Holy Saturday during Divine Liturgy

Vacation Church School

Director: Diane Bernier

Each summer we come to St. Nicholas for a fun-filled week of day camp with the purpose of teaching our children more about God and our Faith. For questions or information, please contact Diane Bernier at (757) 412-1444.

Teaching Liturgy - Church Picnic - Fr. Sav Memorial Mission Walk

September 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Leader: Fr. John Manuel

This event will take place at the First Landing State Park in Virginia Beach at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 21st. The "teaching" Liturgy will take place in the pavilion (1st right off of Shore Drive entrance) to be followed by our church picnic. We will finish our day with the 2nd Annual Father Sav Memorial Mission Walk. For more information, please contact Ed Ullom at (757) 479-1198

RETREATS

- ◆ Women's Retreat: November 1, 2014
- ◆ Epiphany Adult Retreat: January 9-10, 2015
- ◆ OCF College Retreat: February 6-8, 2015
- ◆ Teen Retreat: March 13-15, 2015
- ◆ Men's Retreat: May 8-9, 2015