

# THE LIGHT

*"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." – John 8*

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## **New Patron Saint for the Metropolis of New Jersey Saint Iakovos (Tsalikis) of Evia** *by Fr. Thomas Manuel*

St. Iakovos of Evia was born on 5 November 1920 to pious parents in Asia Minor. Soon after he departed for Greece as a refugee, near Corinth.

By the age of seven he had memorized the entire Divine Liturgy although he was illiterate. In 1927 he went to elementary school and was distinguished for his performance. Everyone knew of his love for the Church. That same year Saint Paraskevi appeared to him and revealed his brilliant ecclesiastical future.

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## Message from Fr. Thomas continued...

In the coming years he would have many visions of various Saints. At this time, he was in continuous prayer and even reportedly healed people in his village.

From 1938 till the end of his life he lived in extreme asceticism, eating little, praying always, and working hard. He lost his mother in 1942 and was drafted into the army in 1947. Upon his return from the army in 1949 his father passed away, leaving him to care for his sister, Anastasia until her marriage in 1952.

At the age of 32 Iakovos became a novice monk at the Monastery of St. David in Evia and on December 19, 1952, he was ordained a priest by Metropolitan Gregory of Halkida. On June 25, 1975, he became Abbot of the Monastery. This monastery was quite dilapidated on his arrival and Father Iakovos lived in great poverty which affected his health. It was reported that he conversed personally with the saints including St. Paraskevi, St. John the Russian, and St. David of Evia, the patron saint of the monastery. The Elder did not live for himself but from the fruit of his prayer and fasting he gave counsel and help to the people who began flocking to him. Despite many illnesses he always made time for the faithful who came to the monastery.

Beginning in 1990 his health began to decline and on November 21, 1991, he attended the Divine Liturgy, received Holy Communion, and heard the confessions of several people.

He died peacefully later that day with thousands of people attending his funeral with many shouting "A saint! A saint!" The Monastery of St. David has recorded over 300 testimonies of miraculous help connected with the prayers of the Elder Iakovos.

On November 17, 2017, the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate canonized St. Iakovos of Evia, officially numbering him among the saints to be commemorated on November 22nd.



Fr. Thomas



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΕΣΗΣ

September 9, 2024

To the Very Revered and Reverend Clergy,  
The Archons of the Order of St. Andrew of the Ecumenical Patriarchate,  
Esteemed Members of the Metropolis Council and Metropolis Philoptochos,  
Devoted Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils and Parish Philoptochos Chapters,  
beloved youth and all faithful Orthodox Christians of the  
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey,

My beloved in the Lord,

I hope and pray this letter finds all of you well, enjoying all of God's Heavenly blessings as we begin the New Ecclesiastical Year.

It is with tremendous joy and much excitement that after much prayer and thought, I write to announce to you that the new Patron Saint of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey is St. Iakovos (Tsalikis) of Evia. Blessed St. Iakovos of Evia is a modern-day saint who reposed in the Lord in 1991, was canonized by our Ecumenical Patriarchate in 2017, and whose Feastday is celebrated on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Attached with this announcement, please find a short biography of this beloved Saint, who we now proudly proclaim as the Patron Saint of our sacred Metropolis.

I also have the great pleasure to announce that the first celebrations for St. Iakovos of Evia as the new Patron Saint of our Metropolis will take place with Great Hierarchical Vespers on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 6:00pm and the Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on November 22, 2024, at 9:00am. The Divine Services will be held in the Chapel of our Metropolis Headquarters in Westfield, New Jersey.

Please share this announcement and biography of St. Iakovos of Evia with all of your beloved parishioners, so that together as one family we may rejoice and celebrate in this blessed news of our new Patron Saint.

Praying that our loving Lord, through the intercessions of St. Iakovos of Evia, continues to bless all of you and all the devoted parishioners of our Metropolis with every good and perfect gift from above, I remain,

With paternal love and blessings,

  
† APOSTOLOS  
Metropolitan of New Jersey



# Message from the Parish Council President

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the new Ecclesiastical and School years underway, there is a lot of activity taking place at Holy Apostles, including:

- Our **Future Planning Committee (FPC)** - led by George Pappas - continues to work tirelessly to find a permanent home for our church. We've begun working with Jerry Minetos, a prolific fundraiser who has helped numerous Greek Orthodox communities for decades reach their fundraising goals. Please take an opportunity to meet with him when he visits this Fall so that he can learn about our parish and help the FPC understand your thoughts on our future home. Our sincere hope is that through his leadership, we will be able to position our parish to be ready to acquire our new home when God presents it to us.
- The 2024-2025 **Sunday School** year is in full swing! If your child(ren) isn't yet registered for Sunday School, you can do so anytime by contacting our Sunday School Director, Dena Kozanos.
- Our two youth ministries - **GOYA** and **Hope & Joy** - are also active. GOYA sponsors regular activities for our teenagers across the school year, including "GOYA Nights" that feature discussion with Fr. Thomas. Meanwhile, Hope & Joy recently hosted a get-together at Algonkian Park as well as a trip to the Bible Museum downtown, and has more programming in store to engage our youngest parishioners. Thank you to Lia Economou (GOYA) and Marina Zagaris (Hope & Joy) for leading the youth ministries!
- Another opportunity that our youth can take advantage of is the new **Holy Apostles Homeschool Co-Op!** Participants meet at church on the first and third Friday of each month for prayer, community and religious education. To sign up or for more information, please reach out to Stacy Reilly or Marina Zagaris.
- **Fall Bible** Study on the Gospel of Luke takes place Wednesdays at church. All are welcome to attend anytime! Please contact Fr. Thomas with questions.
- Our **Stewardship Committee** kindly hosted a pancake breakfast at church for the start of the Ecclesiastical year and is sponsoring our annual parish picnic at Douglass Community Center Pavilion and Playground on October 6th. Thank you to committee co-chairs Ron & Mina Baldinger for all their efforts!
- The **Fellowship Committee** continues to bring our community together by hosting fun events. For example, on September 22nd, adult parishioners were invited to enjoy each other's company at Zephaniah Farm Vineyard. Thank you to committee chair Alexis Wenzel for her efforts!
- **Philoptochos** and the **St. Andrew's Brotherhood** continue to host regular activities. For example, Philoptochos is conducting a fundraiser selling Vasilopita (Traditional New Year's Sweet Bread) through December 7th, and the St. Andrew's Brotherhood recently gathered for a fun BBQ. Thank you to Alexis Cleveland (Philoptochos) and Artem Koker (St. Andrew's Brotherhood) for leading these important ministries!
- On October 26th, we will have a **half-day retreat entitled "The Ultimate Building Project: The Human Person,"** featuring guest speakers Paul & Cindy Karos. For more information about the retreat, please reach out to Fr. Thomas. Then, on November 16th, we will **visit St. Nina's Monastery** in Union Bridge, Maryland, to do special service projects. Contact Laura Louh with questions about the monastery visit.
- There are three ministries vital to our worship at Holy Apostles: **Altar Service, Chanters & Choir, and Prosfora Baking.** Parents that have a child interested in serving in the altar are invited to contact Rami Elsarraf or Peter Pollatos. For more information about the Chanters & Choir, please contact Penny Proening. And for more information about Prosfora Baking, please contact Angela Galanos.
- **Sponsored coffee** hours have kicked-off once again. These follow Liturgy on Sunday, with the sponsor(s) generously bringing food for our parishioners to enjoy and cleaning-up the hall once coffee hour has concluded. Thank you to the families who have participated so far, to the families signed up, and to Niki Lelis for coordinating this effort!
- The Christmas Season will be here before we know it, so take advantage of AHEPA's annual **Christmas Wreath Sale!** The order deadline is October 27th with sales supporting the AHEPA Chapter 542 Scholarship Fund. To order or with questions, please contact John Drapas or Michael Hadjimichael.

It's an especially exciting time to be a part of the Holy Apostles community with so many events taking place designed to drive spiritual growth and community! I look forward to seeing you at church soon.

In His Name,

Greg Joiner  
Parish Council President

**SUPPORT  
GET INVOLVED!**



## Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church October Retreat



### The Ultimate Building Project: The Human Person

featuring guest speakers Paul and Cindy Karos

Join us as we explore St. Paul's teaching on our life as a temple of the Holy Spirit. What is our foundation? What can we do to strengthen it? We will explore how the activities and responsibilities of our daily lives help our structure either by reinforced or weakened. And, as part of our time together, we will do our own personal "home inspection".

**When:** Saturday, October 26, 2024  
 10:00am Registration and Coffee  
 10:30am Session I  
 12:00pm Lunch  
 1:00pm Session II  
 3:00pm Vespers

**Where:** Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church  
 21580 Atlantic Blvd Ste 160 Dulles, VA 20166

**Who:** All ages welcome!  
 (programming provided for children 12 and under)  
 \$15 per person (includes lunch)  
 (17 and under are free)  
 Proceeds benefit the IOCC

PLEASE REGISTER USING QR CODE BY  
 OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

CONTACT NELLIE LOUH WITH QUESTIONS  
 NELLIEB2018@GMAIL.COM



Paul Karos is a retired Wall Street executive who has a Master's of Applied Orthodox Theology from the University of Balamand. He is an Orthodox lay ministry leader who offers parish retreats, coaching and counseling, as well as premarital counseling. Paul is married to Cindy, who has actively led family and youth ministry efforts throughout her life. Cindy is currently the Vice Chair of the Antiochian Midwest Diocesan Council and is the Board Chair of Faithtree Resources, a non-profit Orthodox ministry specializing in Orthodox group studies. She ran St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Family Camp in Minnesota for 20 years. Together they travel around the country doing Orthodox retreats and workshops. Paul and Cindy live in Minnesota and have three adult children.

## HOLY APOSTLES OCTOBER COIN BOX CHALLENGE

Gather your dimes, quarters, and dollars and bring your box to church by November 4 to support Missionary Theodora Veronis



Theodora's life has been touched by missions from the very beginning. As the daughter of former OCMC Missionaries Fr. Luke & Pres. Faith Veronis who served in Albania, Theodora was four years old when her family left the mission field. After graduating high school in 2019, she took a gap year and spent her time volunteering in the mission field in Mexico, Kenya, Uganda, and Albania. During that time, she taught English and Art to students in Africa, presented to Kenyan youth at a conference, and volunteered in Albania. She spent the summers of 2018 and 2019 as an intern at Project Mexico & St. Innocent Orphanage.

Theodora graduated from Saint Anselm College with a degree in Political Science, Great Books and Spanish in May of 2023 and moved down to Tijuana a week later. She is now back at Project Mexico & St. Innocent Orphanage working directly with the children there as a Tutor and Education Program Facilitator.

"BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS, AND SO FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST." (GALATIANS 6:2)

# PRE ORDER

Holy Apostles Philoptochos Society  
 Annual Bake Sale of Vasilopita



Place your order by Saturday, December 7  
 Pick up at the church Sunday Dec 22, 11am - 1pm

ORDER FORM (Pre-paid orders only)

Quantity	Price each	Total
	\$25.00	\$

\* Cash, check, & credit cards accepted. Make checks to "Philoptochos" (mention Bake Sale in the memo) \*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Charge the total to my credit card: (circle one) VISA /MC /DISCOVER/AMEX

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ CC#/: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Maria Zangos for ordering or questions: philoptochos@greekorthodoxloudoun.org.  
 Or order online: <http://www.holyapostlesgreekorthodox.org/philoptochos>

Thank you for your order!  
 THE LIGHT | SEP - OCT

## Orthodox Mission Walk



WHEN?: SATURDAY  
 OCTOBER 5  
 10AM - 11AM



WHERE?: VIENNA, VA  
 Corner of Ayr Hill Ave N  
 & East St NE  
 (Foxstone trail start)

Two mile walk  
 -1 mile option  
 -playground option  
 -café options after



Lots of free  
 street parking  
 on East St NE,  
 Ayr Hill Ave NE  
 or Church St N

Paved & Level Woodlands Trail; strollers & leashed pets  
 Converse with OCMC Missionaries & Mission Volunteers;  
 Learn of Volunteer & Mission Support Opportunities  
 Free Will Offerings Accepted! Proceeds to OCMC  
 Dutch option for cool drinks/lunch afterwards in Vienna  
 café, or drive to Falls Church for St Katherine's Festival!

Questions & Registration:  
 Barbara357Bosworth@gmail.com



# Hope and Joy

Our Hope/Joy ministry is back in full swing since returning from summer break. We kicked off the start of a new year with a park play date at Algonkian Park in August. Followed, two weeks later, by a field trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C. Our group of 30 attendees enjoyed the various exhibits at the museum including stories of the Old Testament, a walk through first-century Nazareth, and a showcase of 600 artifacts highlighting the history of the Bible. It was a wonderful educational experience for our families and we hope to return again to see even more exhibits that the museum has to offer.

On September 6 we had our very first “school day” for our newly formed Holy Apostles Homeschool Co-op. Our first day was a great success as we had 17 homeschool students from our parish join us for a day of learning, ages ranging from pre-K through high school. As the co-op is a new ministry for our church, we are primarily focused on furthering our religious and spiritual education. Our school days begin with either matins or Divine Liturgy, followed by a lesson in religious education, art, and music lessons highlighting hymns of the church. Our students are broken into age groups, with older students doing a catechism class (Orthodoxy 101) with Father Thomas. Our younger students are conducting lessons under the theme the “Fruit of the Spirit”. We currently meet every 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 9:30-12:30. If interested in joining please contact Stacy Reilly [svreilly02@yahoo.com](mailto:svreilly02@yahoo.com) or Marina Zagaris [mnchrist86@gmail.com](mailto:mnchrist86@gmail.com).





# Hope and Joy cont...

Field trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C.



## GOYA

We welcome our teenagers back to the start of the school year and another great year of GOYA! We have already had a few meetings and great brainstorming sessions for events this year.

We are starting GOYA Nights at GOYA homes! Hosting our first GOYA Night is Georgia Burke. On Saturday, October 19th, the Burke family will host a potluck and discussion with Fr. Thomas, followed by fun socializing. The following GOYA Night will be November 23rd at the Louh home.

In October our GOYAnS will also participate in the OCMC fundraiser walk in Vienna on October 5th, and gather at the Parish Picnic in Leesburg on October 6th. GOYAnS are encouraged to bring field games.

If you have a teenager please reach out to me about GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) and get on our distro.

In His service,  
Lia Economou  
GOYA Advisor, liaecon@comcast.net





# Philoptochos

Philoptochos continued our ministry during the summer months by collecting for Loudoun Hunger Relief. We delivered 233 lbs. of cereal and peanut butter for LHR. As always, we appreciate the support of our parishioners.

We look forward to the fall and winter with many activities and offerings. Once again, we will be offering vasilopita for the Christmas and New Year holidays. A flyer with dates will be forthcoming. We will also host our annual Bookstore and Bake Sale on December 22nd. Our calendar of events is always posted on our website. Take a look!

We enjoyed an evening of fellowship with the ladies of our church on September 5th. All current and prospective ladies joined in. We would love for all the ladies of our parish to join our evolving ministry. Love makes all welcome.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 3rd. Mark your calendars!

With love in Christ,  
Alexis Cleveland  
apcphiloptochos@gmail.com



## Stewardship

Fall greetings everyone!

Even though we have enjoyed some very warm and sunny days this Summer, I've recently noticed a few leaves changing colors and sometimes even a cool morning breeze in the air! We just had our second Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Church to kick off the school year and it was a huge success. We had fun serving so many people and kicking off the new year.

We see more and more new faces in church every week. Our ministries are busy and full of energy. Our growth is exciting and we know it is our warm and welcoming community that continues to make us special and unique.

We hope you will be able to attend the annual church picnic on October 6th. It is always a great time to reconnect with our church family and friends and to start the new school year. We will be having it at the Douglass Community Center Pavilion. Hope to see you there!

If you haven't yet, please fill out your 2024 pledge card. You can even set up recurring payments online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2N1/home> or just send me an email at [stewardship@hagoc.org](mailto:stewardship@hagoc.org) telling me your 2024 pledge and I will take care of the rest!

Finally, as always, we thank you for your incredible generosity. Your pledge is as important as ever. We have a full slate of ministries this Fall with Bible Studies, GOYA, Sunday School, Fellowship Nights, Stewardship events and many more! We look forward to a wonderful picnic and Fall season!

In your service,  
Ron and Mina Baldinger, HAGOC Stewardship Chairs



BE THANKFUL  
BE GRATEFUL  
BE BLESSED

Annual Holy Apostles  
Parish Picnic  
**Sunday, October 6**  
**3:30-6:30pm**  
**Douglass Community  
Center Pavilion and  
Playground**  
407 E. Market Street  
Leesburg, 20176  
RSVP at  
[www.tinyurl.com/4zt4benr](http://www.tinyurl.com/4zt4benr)  
Sub sandwiches and drinks  
will be provided



# Sunday School

The 2024-2025 Sunday School year began on Sunday, September 8, with nearly 70 students registered and almost 20 volunteer teachers. The five classes enthusiastically began their lessons learning about the important teachings of the Bible and our Orthodox Church. The students will supplement their studies with hands-on learning by participating in small mission-like projects in the coming months.

Dena Kozanas  
Sunday School Director





# Financial Summaries and Building Fund Report

## Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church Budget vs. Actuals: FY24 Budget - FY24 Profit & Loss January - August 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>Income</b>			
41000 Church Donations	216,667	306,050	70.79%
42000 Fundraising Event Revenues	254	3,400	7.47%
43000 Program Service Revenues	6,020	3,500	172.00%
45200 Interest Checking	548		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$223,490</b>	<b>\$308,450</b>	<b>72.46%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
52000 Fundraising Event Expenses	350	1,850	18.92%
60000 Payroll	101,094	147,500	68.54%
61000 Professional Services	8,860	9,820	90.22%
64000 Church/Office Operating Expenses	8,643	21,530	40.14%
65000 Information Technology	3,439	4,350	79.06%
66000 Occupancy Expenses	58,206	99,400	58.56%
67000 Ministry Expenses	3,636	4,600	79.04%
68000 Conferences and Meetings	2,640	4,000	66.00%
90000 Parish Obligations & Charitable Giving	15,147	19,900	76.11%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$202,015</b>	<b>\$312,950</b>	<b>64.55%</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$21,474</b>		

### Building Fund

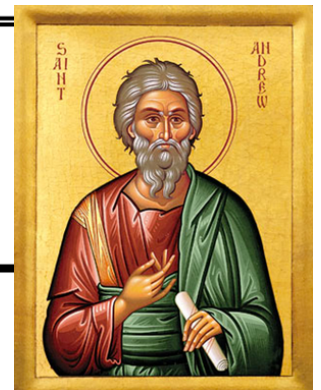
January - Aug 2024

<b>Income</b>	
41000 Church Donations	8,119
45100 Interest Building Fund	80,173
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$88,292</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$63,292</b>

### Bank Accounts

On  
8/31/24

Operating Account	279,785
Building Fund	2,908,907
<b>TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$3,188,692</b>







## St. Andrew's Brotherhood Men's Group



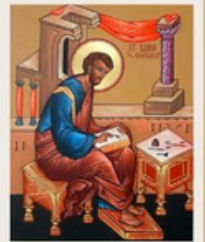
### Fall Bible Study

#### GOSPEL OF LUKE

"It seemed good to me also to write to you an orderly account, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed." (Luke 1:3-4)

WEDNESDAYS  
at church  
6:00PM  
with Fr. Thomas

BEGINNING  
AUGUST 28  
2024



Join Us!



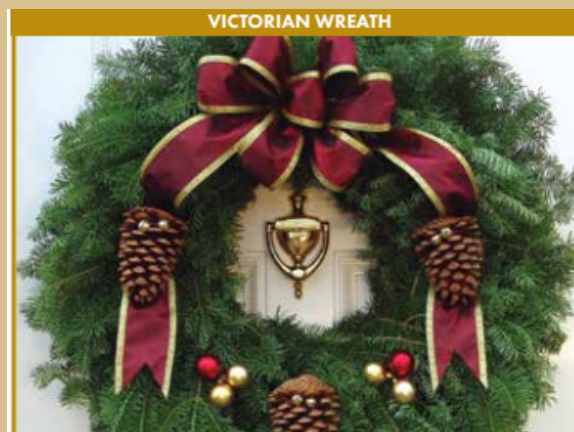
# AHEPA Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

AHEPA (Chapter 542) is continuing its tradition of once again selling lovely, decorated Christmas wreaths. All funds raised support our AHEPA Chapter 542 Scholarship Fund.

Purchase a Christmas wreath for yourself and/or have a Christmas wreath FEDEXed anywhere in the continental US. **Deadline to order is 10/27/24.**



This 25" Classic Christmas Wreath is tastefully decorated with a long tailed, gold-backed velveteen bow and white tipped and glittered Ponderosa pine cones accented with red jingle bells.



This 25" Balsam Fir Wreath brings a taste of Old World craftsmanship. Handcrafted from fresh evergreens, the Victorian Wreath is trimmed with an exquisite burgundy bow with imprinted wired edges. Natural bronze pine cones accented with gold jingle bells and unbreakable satin-finished Christmas bulb ornaments.

We are offering four purchase options:

1. **Classic Wreath pick-up option (cost \$48)** Click here to purchase:

<https://ahepa542.square.site/product/2024classicwreathpickup/29?cs=true&cst=custom>

2. **Victorian Wreath pick-up option (cost \$55)** Click here to purchase:

<https://ahepa542.square.site/product/2024victorianwreathdeliverypickup/46?cs=true&cst=custom>

The pick-up option wreaths #1 and #2 are estimated to be available Nov. 24. Pick-up information to follow by email at a later date.

3. **Classic Wreath delivery option (cost \$65)** Click here to purchase:

<https://ahepa542.square.site/product/2024classicwreathdelivery/30?cs=true&cst=custom>

4. **Victorian Wreath delivery option (cost \$68)** Click here to purchase:

<https://ahepa542.square.site/product/2024victorianwreathdelivery/33?cs=true&cst=custom>

The delivery option wreaths #3 and #4 wreaths include a personalized greeting card message (on website, attractive decorator gift box packaging, and FEDEX delivery (within 48 states).


The delivery option wreaths are estimated to be delivered during the first week of December 2024.

If you have questions or need assistance with ordering, please email John Drapas at [johndrapas@hotmail.com](mailto:johndrapas@hotmail.com) or Michael Hadjimichael at [mike.hadjimichael@gmail.com](mailto:mike.hadjimichael@gmail.com).






Our very own, Michael Pollatos, receiving his blessing of the cross at Hellenic College Holy Cross seminary in Massachusetts, September 2024.. This is a special blessing for those who have finished their probational 1st year of studies and are fully blessed as seminarians.



## Discover Orthodox Christianity: a Journey to Fullness

**Orthodox Adult Catechism Classes**  
**Saturdays at 3:45PM**



For those who are new to the faith, and for those who want to learn more about the ancient Orthodox Christian Tradition

**"Be led to the life-giving and life-changing life in Christ"**

Contact Fr. Thomas Manuel at [FrThomas@hagoc.org](mailto:FrThomas@hagoc.org)

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### November

**All services 8:30/9:30AM**

- 1st- Sts. Cosmas and Damien (with Homeschool Co-op)
- 9th- St. Nektarios of Aegina
- 13th- St. John Chrysostom
- 21st- Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
- 25th- St. Katherine the Great at St.Katherine Church in Falls Church

**Vespers services at 5:30PM**

Nov. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

### December

**All services 8:30/9:30AM**

- 6th- St. Nicholas, (with Homeschool Co-op)
- 12th- St. Spyridon
- 25th- Nativity of our Lord (Christmas Day)
- 24th- Eve of Nativity of our Lord (Christmas Eve) 6pm Divine Liturgy

**Vespers services at 5:30PM**

Dec. 7th, 14th

*The schedule is subject to change Please check our website for any updates.*





# STEWARDSHIP

## The Three Pennies Challenge



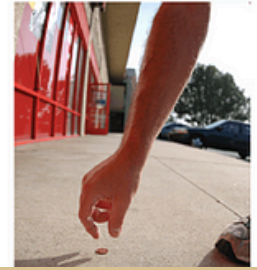
If you were walking down the street and saw 3 pennies on the ground, would you stop to pick them up?

Probably Not!...how much of a difference can 3 pennies make?

Take the 3 Pennies Challenge and find out!

We are asking our families to consider offering at least 3 Pennies out of every 1 dollar of their monthly income to support our Church. You keep 97 cents!...and you give just 3 Pennies to support your Church!

Click on the videos and information provided below to learn more, and take the 3 Pennies Challenge.



### How Do We Give?

Giving our First Fruits to God...not giving left-overs from our disposable income!

Trying to give God 10% back as it says in the Bible (see below)

Begin by trying to give at least 3%

That's just 3 Pennies out of every \$1...and that's the 3 Pennies Challenge!

TABLE OF MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME & PERCENTAGE OF STEWARDSHIP

Monthly Income	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$1,000	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10
\$2,000	\$200	\$180	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20
\$3,000	\$300	\$270	\$240	\$210	\$180	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$60	\$30
\$4,000	\$400	\$360	\$320	\$280	\$240	\$200	\$160	\$120	\$80	\$40
\$5,000	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$100	\$50
\$6,000	\$600	\$540	\$480	\$420	\$360	\$300	\$240	\$180	\$120	\$60
\$6,500	\$650	\$585	\$520	\$455	\$390	\$325	\$260	\$195	\$130	\$65
\$7,000	\$700	\$630	\$560	\$490	\$420	\$350	\$280	\$210	\$140	\$70
\$7,500	\$750	\$675	\$600	\$525	\$450	\$375	\$300	\$225	\$150	\$75
\$8,000	\$800	\$720	\$640	\$560	\$480	\$400	\$320	\$240	\$160	\$80
\$8,500	\$850	\$765	\$700	\$595	\$510	\$425	\$340	\$255	\$170	\$85
\$9,000	\$900	\$810	\$720	\$630	\$540	\$450	\$360	\$270	\$180	\$90
\$9,500	\$950	\$855	\$760	\$665	\$570	\$475	\$380	\$285	\$190	\$95
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$900	\$800	\$700	\$600	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
\$11,000	\$1,100	\$990	\$883	\$770	\$660	\$550	\$440	\$330	\$220	\$110
\$12,000	\$1,200	\$1,080	\$964	\$840	\$720	\$600	\$480	\$360	\$240	\$120
\$13,000	\$1,300	\$1,170	\$1,044	\$910	\$780	\$650	\$520	\$390	\$260	\$130
\$14,000	\$1,400	\$1,260	\$1,125	\$980	\$840	\$700	\$560	\$420	\$280	\$140
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$1,350	\$1,205	\$1,050	\$900	\$750	\$600	\$450	\$300	\$150

### How do I take the challenge?...

- Keep an open mind and think about your role as Christ's steward.
- Don't decide on a random dollar amount and pay a "membership fee" or make an annual "donation" to the Church.
- Take the 3 Pennies Challenge and offer at least 3% of your household income to support your Church.
- If you have already made your pledge...Thank You! But it's still not too late to take the 3 Pennies Challenge!
- Please make your 2021 Stewardship pledge TODAY!

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LENDs TO THE  
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WILL REPAY  
HIM FOR HIS  
DEED.”

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