

**SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX SHRINE CHURCH  
FLUSHING, NEW YORK**



**Sunday March 19, 2023**

**Sunday of the Holy Cross/Κυριακή τῆς Σταυροπροσκυνήσεως  
Protopresbyter Fr. Paul Palesty, Pastor · Presbyter Aristidis Garinis, Ekonomos**

**Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Ὑψος βαρύς.**

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον,  
ἠνέφξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν  
Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς  
Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης  
Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα  
ἔλεος.

**Τῆς Ἑορτῆς. Ὑψος α'.**

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν  
κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ  
βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ  
τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

**Τοῦ Ναου. Ὑψος δ'.**

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας  
διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἢ τῶν  
πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω τῇ ταπεινώσει  
τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ ἱεράρχα  
Νικόλαε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς  
ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

**Κοντάκιον. Ὑψος πλ. δ'.**

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια,  
Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια,  
Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε.  
Ἄλλ' ὥς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον,  
Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον,  
Ἵνα κράζω σοι Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

**Resurrectional Apolytikion. Grave Tone**

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished  
death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The  
lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You  
transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the or-  
der to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ  
our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

**For the Feast. Tone 1.**

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inher-  
itance, granting victory to the faithful over the ene-  
my, and by Your Cross protecting Your common-  
wealth.

**Parish Hymn. Tone 4.**

A rule of faith are you, and an icon of gentleness, and a  
teacher of self-control. And to your flock this was evi-  
dent, by the truth of your life and deeds. You were hum-  
ble and therefore you acquired exalted gifts, treasure in  
heaven for being poor. O Father and Hierarch St. Nicho-  
las, intercede with Christ our God, and entreat Him to  
save our souls.

**Kontakion. Tone pl. 4.**

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you  
Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, being  
rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos.  
Inasmuch as you have power unassailable,  
from all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may  
cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

**Τὸ Ανάγνωσμα: Εβρ 4:14-16, 5:1-6** Ἀδελφοί, ἔχοντες Ἀρχιερέα μέγαν διεληλυθότα τοὺς οὐρανοὺς, Ἰησοῦν τὸν Υἱὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ, κρατῶμεν τῆς ὁμολογίας. Οὐ γὰρ ἔχομεν ἀρχιερέα μὴ δυνάμενον συμπαθεῖν ταῖς ἀσθενείαις ἡμῶν, πεπειρασμένον δὲ κατὰ πάντα καθ' ὁμοιότητα χωρὶς ἁμαρτίας. Προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρόρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἵνα λάβωμεν ἔλεον καὶ χάριν εὐρωμεν εἰς εὐκαιρον βοήθειαν. Πᾶς γὰρ Ἀρχιερεὺς ἐξ ἀνθρώπων λαμβανόμενος ὑπὲρ ἀνθρώπων καθίσταται τὰ πρὸς τὸν Θεόν, ἵνα προσφέρῃ δῶρά τε καὶ θυσίας ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν· μετριοπαθεῖν δυνάμενος τοῖς ἀγνοοῦσι καὶ πλανωμένοις, ἐπεὶ καὶ αὐτὸς περικείται ἀσθενειαν· καὶ διὰ ταύτην ὀφείλει, καθὼς περὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, οὕτω καὶ περὶ ἑαυτοῦ προσφέρειν ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν. Καὶ οὐχ ἑαυτῷ τις λαμβάνει τὴν τιμὴν, ἀλλὰ καλούμενος ὑπὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ, καθάπερ καὶ ὁ Ἀαρών. Οὕτω καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτὸν ἐδόξασε γεννηθῆναι ἀρχιερέα, ἀλλ' ὁ λαλήσας πρὸς αὐτόν· Υἱός μου εἶ σύ, ἐγὼ σήμερον γεγέννηκά σε· καθὼς καὶ ἐν ἑτέρῳ λέγει· σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.

**Epistle Lesson: Heb. 4:14-16; 5:1-6** "Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

**Εὐαγγέλιον: Ματθ 23:34 – 39** Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ὅστις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἀκολουθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθείτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλῃ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δὲ ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἂν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἂν ἐπαισχυνηθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνηθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· Ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες ὧδε τῶν ἑσθηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσονται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.

**Gospel: Mk. 8:34-38; 9:1** The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with pow-

## EORTOLOGION OF THE WEEK

### Monday 03/20

*Great Compline 7:00 pm*

### Wednesday 03/22

*Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:00pm*

*Lenten Supper and Bible Study*

### Thursday 03/23

*Great Compline 7pm*

*Friday 03/24 Orthos of the Forefeast  
of Annunciation 8:00 am*

*Great Vespers of Annunciation*

*4th Stanza Salutations 7 pm*

*Sanctuary (Greek) Chapel (English)*

### Δευτέρα 03/20

*Μέγα Απόδειπνο 700 μ.μ*

### Τετάρτη 03/22

*Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 600 μ.μ.*

*Νηστίσιμο δείπνο και μελέτη της Αγίας Γραφής*

### Πέμπτη 03/23

*Μέγα Απόδειπνο 700 μ.μ*

*Παρασκευή 03/17 όρθρος της προεορτής του  
Ευαγγελισμού 8:00 π.μ.*

*Μέγας Εσπερινός του Ευαγγελισμού*

*Δ' Χαιρετισμοί 700 μ.μ.*

*Στον ναο Ελληνιστί στο Παρεκκλήσι Αγγλιστί*

## ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL 2023

The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical festival is approaching! Students in grades 7-12 will get a chance to express their Faith in the time-honored tradition of our Church through word. Participants will compete against other students throughout the entire country. The parish level will take place March 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 1:00pm in the main Sanctuary. This year, the national level will be held in Clifton, New Jersey, on June 9-11th 2023. If you are interested, please contact the chairperson George Moukas at 917 847 9712 or email [saintnicksyouth@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicksyouth@gmail.com).

### SACRAMENT

*Baptism*

*2:00 pm*

*Saturday March 18, 2023*

*Son of George & Garifalia Vasilopoulos*

*Dear Parishioners,*

*We would ask that you please*

*REMAIN*

*in your individual pew for*

*Communion and dismissal*

*until called upon by our ushers.*

*Thank you for your  
understanding and cooperation.*



## *Prayer*

My church is composed of people like me.  
I help make it what it is.  
It will be friendly, if I am.  
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.  
It will do great work, if I work.  
It will make generous gifts to many causes,  
if I am a generous giver.  
It will bring other people into its worship and  
fellowship, if I invite and bring them.  
It will be a church of loyalty and love,  
of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit,  
if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.  
Therefore, with the help of God,  
I shall dedicate myself to the task of being  
all the things that I want my church to be.

*Amen.*





## PASCHAL CARD 2023

*Dear Parishioner:*

*Pascha is the central feast of the holy Orthodox Church in which we are summoned to embrace and greet one another in the light of the Joyous Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. In the spirit of this Joy, the St. Nicholas Parish is preparing a community Paschal Card, in order to provide you with the opportunity to participate in this expression of Love and Joy.*

*The St. Nicholas community Paschal Card:*

*Is a beautiful religious Card of Byzantine design. Contains the names of all those in the parish (including friends of the parish) who wish to have their names included. The card is sent to over 1,800 families and friends on our church mailing list. Saves you the time, expense and effort of mailing numerous individual cards to all your friends within The parish. We hope that your name and that of your family can be included. Thank you for your support and generosity.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Fr. Paul C. Palesty*

*Pastor*

*Paschal Card Committee -*

*Christina Siroky, Victoria Tsadilas,*

*Maria Gatanas and Tina Metis*

**TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CARD, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW:**

**ΓΙΑ ΝΑ ΣΥΜΜΕΤΑΣΧΕΤΕ ΑΠΛΟΣ ΣΥΜΠΛΗΡΩΣΕΤΕ ΤΟ ΠΑΡΑΚΑΤΩ ΑΠΟΚΟΜΜΑ**

**PRINT YOUR FAMILY NAME(S) OR NAME OF BUSINESS AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR IN THE CARD. ΓΡΑΨΕΤΕ ΤΟ ΟΝΟΜΑ ΣΑΣ ΟΠΩΣ ΘΕΛΕΤΕ ΝΑ ΤΥΠΩΘΗ ΣΤΗΝ ΚΑΡΤΑ.**

**Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_**

**Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_**

**\$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK FOR YOUR DONATION PAYABLE TO:**

**ST NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK WITH THIS FORM BY: APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**TAXYΔΡΟΜΗΣΕΤΕ ΑΥΤΟ ΤΟ ΑΠΟΚΟΜΜΑ ΠΡΙΝ ΤΙΣ 9 Απριλίου, 2023.**

**For any questions please call Christina Siroky at 718/224-3808 – Thank You!**

**The Saint Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos Society**

**Invites you to join us for our**

***Membership Meeting/ Easter Centerpiece Making Event***



**Thursday, March 23, 2023**

**7:00 pm**

**Sarantakos Hall**

**All Craft items will be provided**

**Refreshments and Appetizers will be served**

**\$25 per Centerpiece**

**Please RSVP by March 15<sup>th</sup>  
to reserve your Supplies**

**Karen Kalkanis 917-584-2322**

**Cathy Angelakis 516-987-9202**



ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT

**Contrition Lenten Vespers Services**  
**Sunday Evenings**  
**Chanted by the Archdiocesan District Choir**  
**Romanos the Melodist**

**Sunday, March 19** - Archangel Michael – Port Washington (6 PM)

100 Fairway Dr, Port Washington, NY 11050

His Grace Bishop Athenagoras Presiding

**Sunday, March 26** - Holy Resurrection – Brookville (6 PM)

1400 Cedar Swamp Rd, Brookville, NY 11545

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros Presiding

**Sunday, April 2** - Kimisis Tis Theotokou – Brooklyn (6 PM)

224 18th St #5, Brooklyn, NY 11215

His Grace Bishop Athenagoras Presiding

**TODAY**

*You are all invited to our  
fellowship coffee hour after  
Divine Liturgy*

*Are you receiving our email  
notifications  
announcements and alerts?  
if not, please contact our  
church office: (718) 357-4200  
or [info@stnicholasflushing.org](mailto:info@stnicholasflushing.org)*



# Save The Date

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

*Agape Gala*

**LEONARD'S PALAZZO**

555 NORTHERN BLVD.  
GREAT NECK, NY 11021

*Details to Follow*

*St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church of Flushing  
196-10 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11358  
Phone (718) 357-4200 – Fax (718) 357-5692*



SAINT NICHOLAS LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

Children's



# Weekend Backpack

Food Drive

**Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**We are collecting non-perishable food items for needy children to take home from school so that they have food for the weekend.**

**Items should be lightweight, easy to open, delicious and fortifying.**

**The organization we are partnering with is**

**AGAPE MEALS FOR KIDS**

## Most Needed Items:

- Juice boxes – (apple, orange)
- Cereal singles
- Single serving Oatmeal
- Macaroni & Cheese (boxes or cups)
- Milk-shelf stable singles (Horizon)
- Fruit cups
- Applesauce cups
- Small raisin boxes
- Tuna or chicken pouches
- Tuna or chicken salad with EZ peel top
- Crackers



*For any questions please feel free to contact:*  
**Maria Akoumianakis (646) 246-5247 or**  
**Maria Perdik (718) 578-7967**



**PLEASE PLACE ITEMS IN THE BINS  
PROVIDED OUTSIDE OF THE  
SARANTAKOS HALL**

**196-10 Northern Blvd. Flushing, NY**

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RAFFLE  
TICKETS



THURS, MAY 18TH  
6PM - 10PM  
FRI, MAY 19TH  
6PM - 11PM  
SATURDAY, MAY 20TH  
2PM - 11PM  
SUNDAY, MAY 21ST  
NOON - 9PM

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# **Niki Sideris 28th Annual Walk and Spring Festival**

**Saturday, May 13th (Rain or Shine)**

**Registration begins at 9:00 am.**

**Walk promptly starts at 11:00 am**

**Location: Ronald McDonald House New York**

**405 East 73rd Street, New York, NY 10021**

**Registration Fee: \$30.00 per participant**

**Entertainment & Food included**

**T-shirts will be available (while supplies last)**

**Event concludes at 2:00 pm**

**For further information please call 212-639-0218**

**or Email: [skatechis@rmh-newyork.org](mailto:skatechis@rmh-newyork.org)**

**Join Us & Walk With Us To Support  
The Mission of Ronald McDonald House New York**  
**[www.rmh-newyork.org/2023greekwalk](http://www.rmh-newyork.org/2023greekwalk)**



## **ITEMS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK**

*How best to remember our loved ones who have passed on in faith and in hope of the Resurrection than with donating one of the items needed for Holy Week or Pascha in their memory.*

*These items are:*

*Oil for vigil lamps*

*Flower decoration of Nymphios Icon (\$150)*

*Oil and candles for Holy Unction Service (\$150)*

*Flower arrangement for foot of Cross (\$150)*

*Flower decoration Icon on Iconostasion:*

*Christ, Theotokos, St. Nicholas, St. John the Baptist (\$250 each)*

*Candles for Crucified Christ (\$75)*

*Candles for Twelve Gospels (\$120)*

*Candles for Epitaphios (\$20 each).*

*Please call the church office to arrange your intentions.*

## ***TRAY OFFERING***

*Why do we pass the offering tray?*

*It's because our life will be changed when we give Sunday after Sunday after Sunday, not worried about what we give, but that we give.*

*There is something spiritual that happens  
when we pass the tray from one person to another.*

*There is something to be gained by releasing from our hands  
and putting into the hands of others.*

*There is the possibility to be moved by the person seated next to us,  
but it can only happen when we give of ourselves.*

*Only one offering tray will be passed for the many needs of our parish  
during Sunday Service.*

*There will be an additional tray in the Narthex  
if you wish to make an additional contribution.*

*We ask that you continue to give generously as you have in the past.*

*We thank you!*

ST NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX SHRINE CHURCH

# *lenten retreat*

THE TEMPTATIONS OF CHRIST



Spend an evening with hands on learning  
on the Temptations of Christ and how this relates to YOU  
in todays world.

*Open to all Goyans*

**A LENTEN RETREAT**

organized by St. Nicholas Flushing GOYA

**MARCH 21, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

<https://forms.gle/pYV4ZDVyqXUqg66s7>





## AHEPA SCHOLARSHIPS 2023

The Gus Cherevas Estia-Pindus Chapter No. 326 of the Order of AHEPA announces its scholarship program. **Three \$1,500 scholarships** to high-school seniors who plan to attend college in the Fall of 2023 are available. The application is only available in digital form. **Students must complete the applications by May 8, 2023.** See link to the application below: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CKAem8naYNv8cql-anUdAnSII4RO7-Qyq3B-FXQbcKA/edit>

Applicants can request documents pertaining to AHEPA's History and Mission, and AHEPA's 100 Years of Contributions to assist their knowledge about AHEPA which will help them with the application requirements by emailing the program Co-Chairman Dean Moskos at [moskos.ahepa326@verizon.net](mailto:moskos.ahepa326@verizon.net).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants must be High School Seniors of Hellenic descent who reside in Queens and attend a High School in any NYC borough, and who intend to attend a College or University in the Fall of 2022. (Exception: AHEPA members of Chapter 326, regardless of where they reside, whose qualifying children or grandchildren intend to attend a College or University in the Fall of 2023.) **The winner of the scholarship awards will be awarded on AHEPA Sunday, May 14, 2023.**

In addition, the AHEPA Empire District No. 6 offers **seven (7) scholarships** to high-school seniors who plan to attend college in the Fall of 2023. The first one will be for \$5,000; the second and third scholarships will be for \$1,500 followed by four more for \$1,000. In addition, District 6 offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior who will pursue a career in vocational training, i.e. health care, construction, manufacturing, carpentry, electronics, plumbing, etc. The AHEPA District Six Scholarship application and requirements are now available online and may be easily downloaded at <https://www.ahepad6.com/files/ugd/aecd56ce57de2c33a4c5c89bc4439e968330a.pdf>. **Please note that the entire application must be e-mailed as a PDF document by May 1, 2023 to [d6scholarships@hepad6.com](mailto:d6scholarships@hepad6.com). Incomplete applications will be disqualified. No exceptions!** Please send any questions to the President of the Perceptual Scholarship Program Konstantinos Mallas at [education@hepad6.com](mailto:education@hepad6.com). The annual ceremony of the scholarship recipients will take place in June 2023.

The AHEPA Education Foundation (AEF) offers a number of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies scholarships. The partial list of the scholarships available includes the following: Hellenic College/Holy Cross Seminary Scholarships; AHEPA National Housing Corporation Scholarships; James G. Pulos Memorial Scholarship; Webster University - Athens Campus Scholarships; Chariclea Christodoulakis-Cummins Educational Charity Fund Scholarship; and Constantine and Patricia Mavroyannis Scholarship. Scholarship awards may range up to a max of \$2,000, except where stipulated of a different amount. **The deadline is March 31, 2023.** For more information and to download the applications, visit <https://www.ahepa.org/education>. For questions about AHEPA's scholarships, please call (202) 232-6300 or email [admin@hepa.org](mailto:admin@hepa.org).

**For additional scholarship opportunities** (Hellenic Times, Panhellenic Scholarship Foundation, and GOADO (Greek Archdiocesan Olympic Scholarship (Deadline is April 25, 2023))), please visit [www.ahepad6.com/chapter-recources](http://www.ahepad6.com/chapter-recources).

**AHEPA Journey to Greece:** This exciting program was established in 1968 by our AHEPA Chapter's namesake Past Supreme President Gus Cherevas. It offers an opportunity for our youth to visit Greece and earn six college credits working with Webster University, a fully accredited American University located near St. Louis, MO. The program date is from June 20 to July 15, 2023. **The deadline to apply is April 20, 2023.** For more information,



**A JOURNEY OF FAITH  
PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND &  
ST. CATHERINE MONASTERY IN SINAI  
Join Reverend Fr. Paul C. Palest of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church  
in Flushing, New York  
July 9-22, 2023: 14 Days / 12 Nights**



**THE HOLY LAND: 8 Nights**

Your trip to the Holy Land will be an unforgettable and spiritually rewarding journey! Visit and venerate Christendom's most sacred sites. See where Jesus spent most of his life and performed the many miracles you have read about in the Bible. Visit the cities of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, and Tiberias! Pray in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Church of St. Anne, the Pool of Bethesda, the Tomb of the Virgin Mary, the Prison of Christ (Praetorium), and The Church of the Holy Apostles and the Church of the Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor. Take the cable car up to the Mount of Temptation Monastery and see the rock that Jesus actually prayed by. Visit the Church of the Nativity and touch the spot where Christ was born! Additional sites you will see are St. George of Lydda, the Church of Tabgha (the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes), Cana of Galilee, the Church of the Annunciation, the Garden of Agony, the Monastery of St. Gerasimos, the Church of St. Eliseos and the Tree of Zacchaeus. Take a boat-ride on the Sea of Galilee and attend midnight Liturgy at the Holy Sepulcher. Enjoy an audience with the Patriarch of Jerusalem (Subject to confirmation)

**ST. CATHERINE'S MONASTERY SINAI: 4 nights**

The Monastery of St. Catherine is a Greek Orthodox monastical center with continuous life since the 6<sup>th</sup> Century. Attend Esperinos (Subject to arrival time) and Divine Liturgy. Venerate the relics of St. Catherine and see the Burning Bush. See the Historic Museum with its incredible icons and manuscripts. Possible climb to the top of the Mountain of where Moses received the Ten Commandments.

**SPACE IS LIMITED and on a FIRST COME BASIS**

**RATE: Per person double occupancy \$5500\* & Single occupancy \$7285**

\*Rates include the air tax/fuel surcharge of approximately \$715 which is not guaranteed until ticketing.

Rate above reflect a 4% check discount which does not apply if payment is made any other way.

**Deposit of \$700 per person due by April 4, 2023\_or late booking fee of \$50 per person will apply**

**YOUR TOUR WILL INCLUDE:**

- \*Round trip international air to Tel Aviv via Europe
- \*All private arrival & departure transfers with English speaking escort
- \*Deluxe & 4\* Superior hotel accommodation: 3 nights. Tiberias, 5 nights. Jerusalem, 2 nights Taba, 1 night Tel Aviv and 1 overnight at an Inn near St. Catherine Monastery
- \*All hotel tax, service fees, daily breakfast and dinners
- \*Eleven days of private sightseeing in air-conditioned motor coach with English speaking Greek Orthodox guide (subject to confirmation) specializing in the Greek Orthodox sites. Entrance fees included as per itinerary.
- \*Private audience with the Patriarch in Jerusalem (subject to confirmation)

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# 2023 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

*I am sure you are aware that what you see here at Saint Nicholas extends beyond Sunday mornings. Our worship life together, the fellowship we experience, and the ways we are encouraged to grow in our walk with Jesus does not happen by accident. The ministry and mission of our church takes place because of spiritual and financial gifts our stewards choose to offer. These are the resources that fuel our mission.*

*We want to invite you to consider making a decision to invest financially in our Saint Nicholas Shrine Church community in a regular way in 2023. The practice of stewardship is a spiritual discipline and a way to grow our faith. There is joy to be found in practicing generosity and it begins with simple steps and the commitment to contribute. Our pledges, when put together, make up the proposed budget possibilities for this year to maintain our beautiful church. Sadly, the total number of stewards pledging regularly does not reflect our community's size.*

*If you have never pledged before, please take some time to seriously consider pledging this year. This will help serve as an on-going reminder of your decision to be part of this community of faith. If you have pledged before, please consider increasing your pledge this year to silently help someone else who might be struggling financially.*

*Our goal is to have one-hundred percent participation of the church family! Please contact the church office or ask any parish council member if you have any questions.*

*You may fulfill your stewardship pledge in as many payments as you wish throughout the calendar year. There is a misconception that it must be paid in one lump sum. You may pay your stewardship pledge weekly, monthly or yearly and can pay by check, cash or electronically. As an example, if you pledge \$1,500.00 annually, it breaks down to \$125.00 monthly and \$29.00 weekly.*

*The amount each family or individual gives will be different, because of their resources. Please give in proportion to what you have been given; but please give generously. Stewardship pledging is a response to God's call to good stewardship. It is a statement of thanksgiving for the abundance in our own lives.*