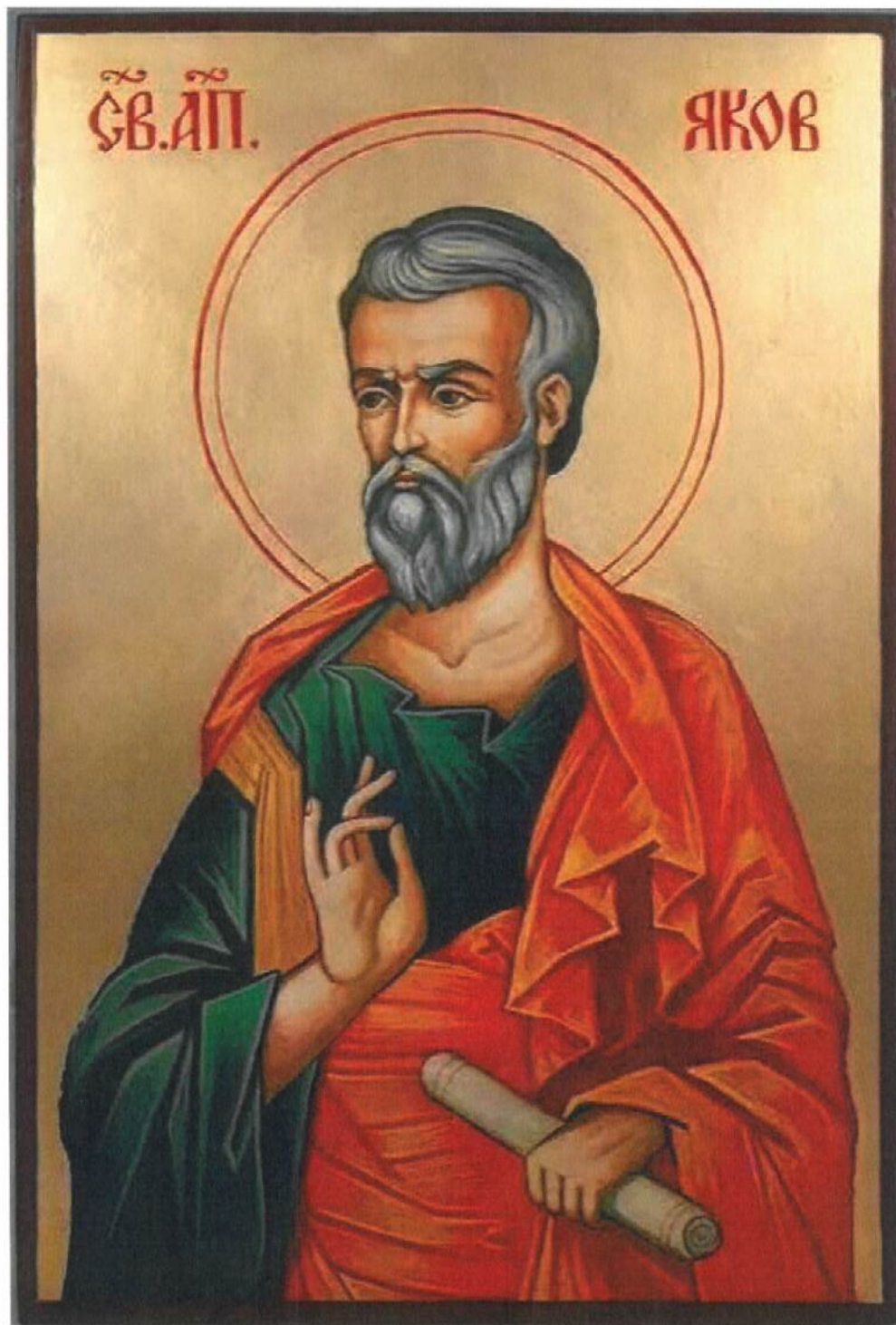




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3rd Tuesday
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Philoptochos

1st Saturday
 10:00 AM

Bible Study

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 Wednesday
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last Sunday
 12:00 noon

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Note to Parishioners:

We invite all parishioners to submit items of interest for our monthly newsletter, *The Voice*.

This may include articles, stories that are relevant and important news in the lives of our parishioners.

Please submit material to the church office before the 15th of each month for review and inclusion in the next month's issue. Thank you.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND THE ROLE OF GODPARENTS

We are brought into the life of the church through the sacrament of Baptism. We are cleansed through the three immersions; our sins are taken away. We are now part of the church, the body of Christ. From the very beginning of Christianity, those who accepted Jesus Christ as the Savior brought their entire family to Him through baptism. From then until today we baptize adults and children.

We encourage parents to bring their children for worship especially the Sunday Divine Liturgy on time and stay with them, teach them to make their own offering, and be positive about Christ and His Church. After church discuss what they learned in Sunday School after Holy Communion. Teach by example that Sunday worship takes precedence over all other activities.

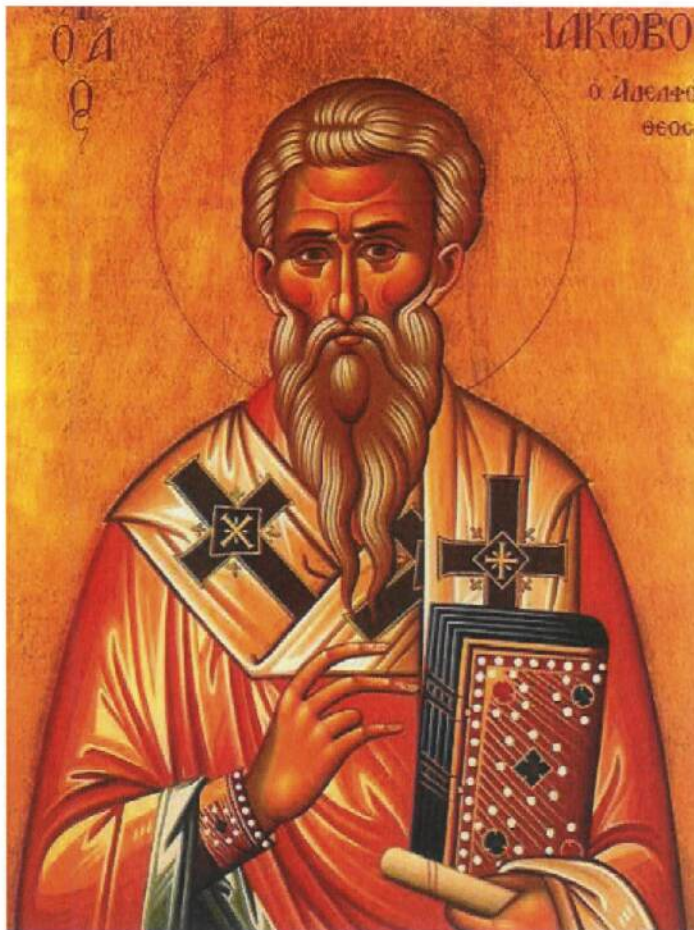
Baptism is coupled with the sacrament of Chrismation. Chrismation is referred to as our personal Pentecost where we receive the Holy Spirit through anointing; "The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit". The ministry of the apostles was perfected by the power and descent of the Holy Spirit.

Through Chrismation adults and children are recognized as important members of the church; each are blessed with their unique gifts and talents. After Baptism and Chrismation the new Christian partakes of the Holy Eucharist. Adults or children already baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity are received in the Orthodox Church through Chrismation. We understand the importance of the child as well as the adult. We baptize our children as soon as possible so they may be fully a part of our worshipping community.

The godparent(s) are an essential part of the baptism. They must be Orthodox Christians who are practicing their faith, that is to say, in "good standing" ecclesiastically and with their parish.

Ecclesiastical good standing means they are themselves baptized and chrismated and that they practice their faith. If married, their marriage must be of necessity in the Orthodox Church. Should their marriage have failed, they must have an ecclesiastical divorce. Why? Because the role of the godparent is to supplement the parents in teaching the children to live their faith. They teach by example. The children see and learn.

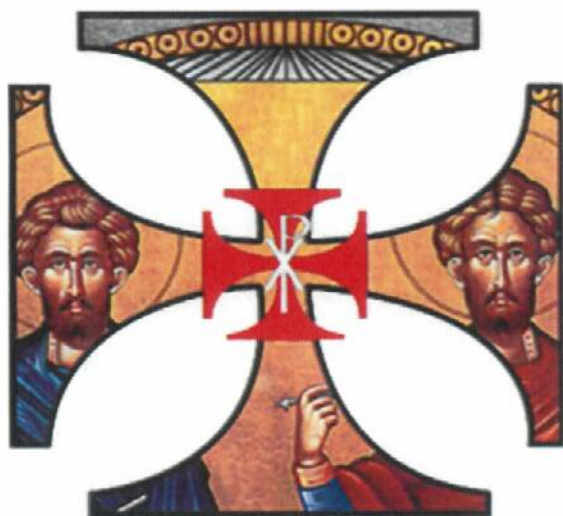
In good standing with their parish means that they support their local church as stewards with their treasure, time, and talents. Only in these ways does a person show that they not only believe intellectually, but truly have Jesus Christ at the center of their life.



James the Apostle, brother of Our Lord (October 23)

According to some, this Saint was a son of Joseph the Betrothed, born of the wife that the latter had before he was betrothed to the Ever-virgin. Hence he was the brother of the Lord, Who was also thought to be the son of Joseph (Matt. 13: 55). But some say that he was a nephew of Joseph, and the son of his brother Cleopas, who was also called Alphaeus and Mary his wife, who was the first cousin of the Theotokos. But even according to this genealogy, he was still called, according to the idiom of the Scriptures, the Lord's brother because of their kinship.

This Iakovos is called the Less (Mark 15:40) by the Evangelists to distinguish him from Iakovos, the son of Zebedee, who was called the Great. He became the first Bishop of Jerusalem, elevated to this episcopal rank by the Apostles, according to Eusebius (Eccl. Hist., Book II: 23), and was called Obliah, that is, the Just, because of his great holiness and righteousness. Having ascended the crest of the Temple on the day of the Passover at the prompting of all, he bore testimony from there concerning his belief in Jesus, and he proclaimed with a great voice that Jesus sits at the right hand of the great power of God and shall come again upon the clouds of heaven. On hearing this testimony, many of those present cried, "Hosanna to the Son of David." But the Scribes and Pharisees cried, "So, even the just one hath been led astray," and at the command of Ananias the high priest, the Apostle was cast down headlong from thence, then was stoned, and while he prayed for his slayers, his head was crushed by the wooden club wielded by a certain scribe. The first of the Catholic (General) Epistles written to the Jews in the Diaspora who believed in Christ was written by this Iakovos.



Philoptochos

Philoptochos will be very busy throughout this Ecclesiastical year with projects to raise funds to provide assistance to those in need.

At our first meeting in September, we discussed our first fundraiser which will be the rummage sale. This will be held the first weekend in November (Fri & Sat, Nov. 6 & 7, 2026 – set up Wed. & Thurs., Nov. 4 & 5). A rummage sale is a lot of work. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We will need everyone's help.

Our next scheduled meeting will be the first Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 10:00am in the church hall. We will be finalizing details of our rummage sale.

A list of items that will be accepted for sale will be posted on the bulletin board. Items not accepted will also be posted.

Due to the rummage sale, our November meeting will be the second Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 10:00 in the church hall. We will be planning more projects. Please plan to attend.

Note: Coffee hours are also one of our fundraisers. We appreciate everyone who participates with their donations. Coffee Hour is an important time to socialize and welcome new members. Please be generous with your monetary donations.

We always welcome new members. A special thanks to the new ladies who attended our first meeting in September. We hope you will continue to come to future meetings and participate in our projects. We welcome new ideas. Our meetings are once a month. Annual dues are \$30.00.

Blessings to all of you and may God keep you in the palm of his hands.

In Christ,
Helen Penkosky

Your Stewardship

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome October! A pleasant change in temperatures is much appreciated. Also, appreciation for everyone who is involved with one of the St. Nicholas ministries. The giving of our Time, Talents, & Treasure via ministries and Stewardship envelops our parish family as we work together to fulfill the mission of St. Nicholas Church.

Also, much appreciation for everyone who has submitted a 2026 Stewardship Form and for faithfully keeping their stewardship commitment. Forms are always available in the Narthex or Office.

We must not substitute participation in ministries in the place of being a Steward. Stewardship requires our Treasure to support the daily expenses, unexpected needs, needs of our community, and the Church Mission of Divine Worship, preaching, teaching and living the Orthodox faith.

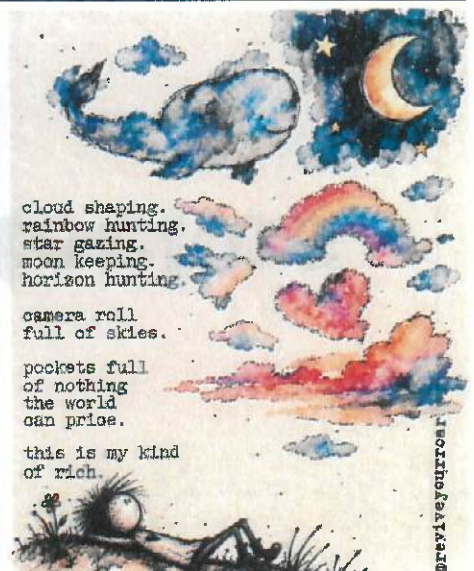
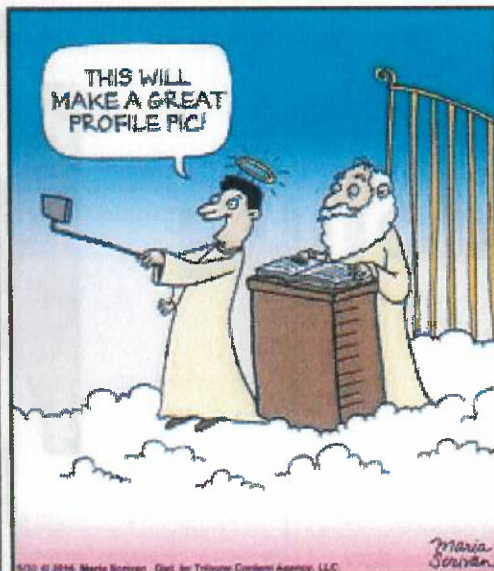
Rising costs can affect one's financial funds; things will get better -- but we should not forget that whatever we can do is our appreciation for all that God has done for us.

With love in Christ,
Sharon Colonis, Stewardship Chair

*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper
Time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

(Galatians 6:9)

Imagine living on a planet
where water falls from the clouds,
crystals grow within the earth,
rainbows appear across the sky,
oceans move with the pull of the
moon, forests rise from tiny seeds,
whales sing beneath the water,
fireflies light up the night, and every
evening the sky changes colour
before revealing an entire universe
of stars. When did it all become so
ordinary that we stopped noticing
the beauty and the magic that
exists all around us?



Parishioner Happenings



Congratulations!

Fred Kapsis graduated from Lincoln Park Academy with an International Baccalaureate diploma and is now attending Honors College at Florida Atlantic University.

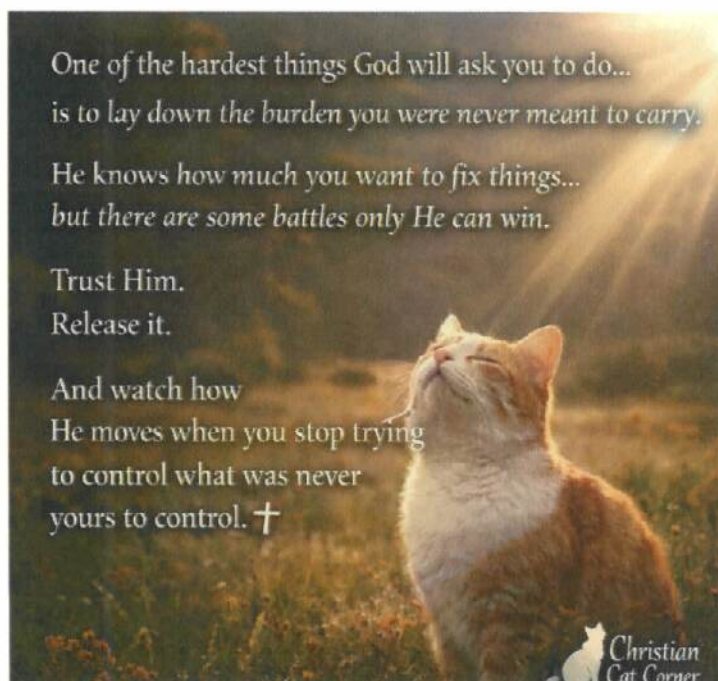
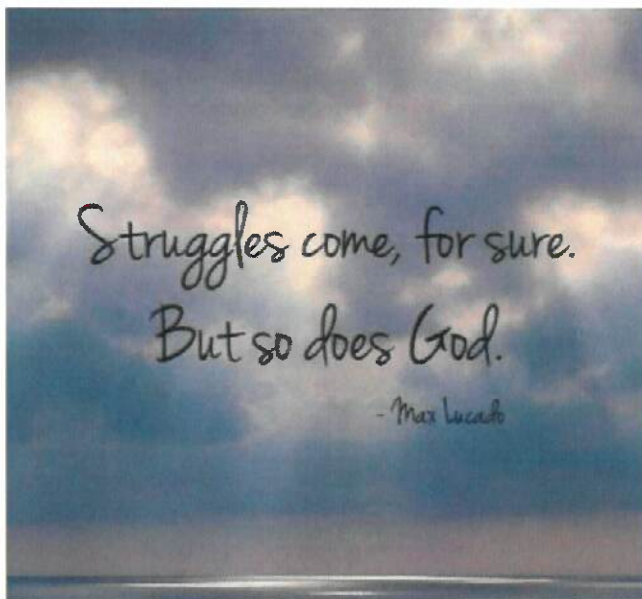
Way to go Fred!!!



Ann Athans stopped by the church in her 1947 Chevy Fleetwood.

(It's for sale if anyone is interested.)





"WE USED TO TIPTOE THROUGH THE TULIPS ... NOW WE JUST WADDLE THROUGH THE WEEDS!"

October 2026

Sunday Services: 8:45 AM- Orthros 10:00 AM- Liturgy				1	2	3 10:00 AM - Philoptochos
4 2nd Sunday of Luke	5 6:00 PM - F.I.S.H.E.R.	6	7	8	9	10
11 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council	12 6:30 PM - Discover Orthodoxy	13	14 10:30 AM - Bible Study	15 AHEPA Meeting 6:15 pm in the church hall	16	17 9:00 AM - GraceWay Prep.
18 Luke the Evangelist GraceWay Cooking after coffee hour	19 6:00 PM - F.I.S.H.E.R. Men	20 6:30 - Council Meeting	21 	22	23	24
25 6th Sunday of Luke Oxi Day Luncheon	26 6:30 PM - Discover Orthodoxy	27	28 OXI Day Holy Protection of the Theotokos 9:00 AM - Orthros Divine Liturgy - 10:00 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM	29	30	31