

## THE WONDERWORKER

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### Special Dates in August

Sunday, August 2nd, 8:45am  
**Orthros and Divine Liturgy**  
8th Sunday of Matthew

Monday, August 3rd, 6:00pm  
**Paraklesis**

Wednesday, August 5th, 6:00pm  
**Great Vespers**

Thursday, August 6th, 8:30am  
**Orthros and Divine Liturgy**  
Transfiguration of our Lord

Friday, August 7th, 6:00pm  
**Paraklesis**

Sunday, August 9th, 8:45am  
**Orthros and Divine Liturgy**  
9th Sunday of Matthew

Monday, August 10th, 6:00pm  
**Paraklesis**

Wednesday, August 12th, 6:00pm  
**Paraklesis**

Friday, August 14th, 6:00pm  
**Great Vespers**

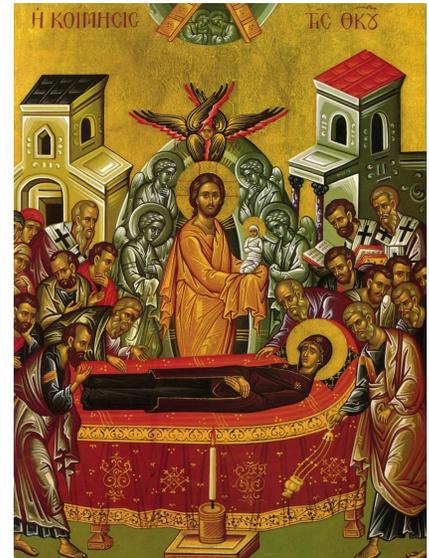
Saturday, August 15th, 8:30am  
**Orthros and Divine Liturgy**  
Dormition of the Theotokos

Sunday, August 16th, 10:00am  
**Divine Liturgy**  
10th Sunday of Matthew

Sunday, August 23rd, 8:45am  
**Orthros and Divine Liturgy**  
11th Sunday of Matthew

Saturday, August 29th, 8:30am  
**Orthros and Divine Liturgy**  
Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Sunday, August 30th, 8:45am  
**Orthros and Divine Liturgy**  
12th Sunday of Matthew



### Announcement:

By the grace of God and with the hard work of the Parish Council and the guidance of Fr. Soteri, we will be opening our Church on Sunday August 2nd. There are several guidelines that must be followed. Please read, carefully, your email which has all the information you need to know. For those of you who are not ready to come back to church yet, we will continue to live-stream all the services.

See you in Church!

### May Prosforo Schedule

Sunday, August 2nd

**Angie Turner**

Sunday, August 9th

**Tiffany Theofilactidis**

Sunday, August 16th

**Sabrina Piaschyk**

Sunday, August 23rd

**Joanne Christ**

Sunday, August 30th

**Christine Cheronis**



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Many times we witness the service of the five loaves, which is offered for joyful occasions. The service reminds us of the Gospel lesson from Matthew 14:14-21, which is read in August, where Jesus feeds the hungry with two fish and five loaves. Faced with a multitude of people who had nothing to eat all day long, the disciples, when asked to help offered an uncommitted solution, which seemed reasonable, but nevertheless, a solution that didn't involve them in any way. Their solution points out what Jesus and the crowds must do, but makes no mention of what the disciples themselves ought to do. In modern language we would call this "passing the buck."

The Lord comes, however, to the rescue. He says that the people don't have to go anywhere. He tells the disciples to give them food to eat. His solution topples the disciple's train of thought and places them in a different position. Why did the Lord do that? He did it not to embarrass the disciples, but to teach them the very fundamental approach to problem solving: becoming partakers rather than spectators of the solution. He wanted to teach them to think not along the lines of what others should do for the solution of life problems. He wanted them to look for solutions, yes, but their personal contribution had to be the beginning of any solution. It was as if He was trying to remind them that if he had decided to be a Heavenly Spectator of the human conditions, salvation would never come into the world.

Jesus was talking to his disciples, but through them He is talking to all of us, His modern day disciples. How many times don't we also point out the problems surrounding us, but we avoid becoming part of the solution? For example, have we not said:

Society is not what it ought to be anymore.

The family is going down the drain.

The media is corrupting our youth.

The structure of the Church needs rethinking.

How many times haven't we pointed out these problems or similar to these, and yet they continue to plague us? They continue to plague us because pointing out the problems does not solve them. Doing something personally about them does. What Jesus teaches us is that things really begin rolling when we personally begin doing something about the problems that surround us.

Do you abhor the injustices that are around you? Do something about it. Revolt with your goodness.

Do you speak of human pain and suffering that are so evident in the world today? Do something personally to ease the pain of someone close to you.

Oftentimes we wonder, "But what can I do, I have nothing to offer." That is what the disciples said, "We have only five loaves and two fish." How can five loaves and two fish feed that "great throng" of people? The miracle begins with the unimpressive offering of the five loaves and two fish. So next time you are tempted to say, "What can I do, I have nothing to offer", think of the five loaves and two fish. Remember the Lord said bring them to me. We may think that what little we have to offer amounts to nothing but the Lord has different ideas about it. Whatever you have, He says to us today, "bring it to me." However small your offering may seem to you, when it goes through His hands, when you offer it to His love, the results will be great. The many or the few talents we have are worthless by themselves. But when they are offered to Him, who gave them to us in the first place, when they go through His love then and then only are they sanctified and multiplied and they become able to not only fill the need or solve the problem at hand, but leave a surplus of power for future needs.

Get strengthened by attending the special services during the month of August for the Panagia. To our young people who will begin school in August, we pray that the Lord guide you and give His wisdom so that you can prepare yourselves to offer your best for Him.

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The time has come to finally open the doors back up to our church. As the Parish Council has prayed and worked diligently to cover all of our bases to make sure that everyone can return to services safely, we have followed the guidelines of our state and the Metropolis in order make this return successful on August 2nd.

Line by line procedures must be followed, and the Council has decided to open at 100 percent capacity right away. It is imperative that everyone remains diligent about the health procedures that are required for us to stay open, including wearing masks and following the self-quarantine guidelines of our state if traveling from certain marked states around the country. We appreciate everyone's understanding and faith in making this work so we can all share in our connections to God together.

In order to remain transparent, it's important for the faithful to understand that we are projected to be operating this year at about a 25-30 thousand dollar deficit this year due to many obvious reasons. With the inability to hold our annual Yassou Festival, an approximate \$40,000 income, we were already operating from behind. With the hard work of Damian Piaschyk, we were able to secure a PPE loan that we pray will be forgiven to make up for about \$20,000 of that deficit, but there's still more work to do. Because of this, we highly encourage everyone to remember to keep up to date on your Stewardship pledge amounts, and consider anything else you can do to help in this uncertain time.

Through all of this, I know that with the guidance of Father Soterios and the many faithful parishioners that play a part in operating our church, we can return safely to the services we all so sorely missed. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

With love in Christ,

Tim Anderson  
Council President

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### **Memorials**

**In HONOR of Magda Fanaritis**  
Cathryn & John Zawacki

**MEMORIALS**  
**In memory of Thomaidha Dimas**  
Loretta Searls  
to the Ladies' Erene Society  
Ethel Enserro  
Elizabeth & Mark Frederick

**In memory of Betty Pappas**  
Anna P. Ross

*St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church 2020 Virtual Vacation Church School*

# The Miracles of Christ

Monday, August 17th - Friday August 21st. from 10 am - 11:30 am  
Open to all children who have completed Kindergarten thru 12 grade.

Please complete the registration [here](#)

You may contact Sabrina or Father for more information by e-mail at:  
stnicholasjamestown@gmail.com

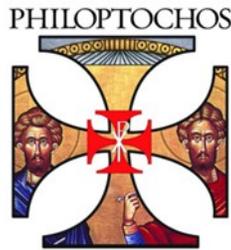
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## **A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR**

Church services continue to be done in chanting format. We are able to conduct them with 1 or 2 chanters and we are live streaming via our parish Facebook page. In August, the Church will celebrate two Great Feasts. These are the Transfiguration of Jesus on August 6th and the Dormition (falling asleep) of the Theotokos on August 15th. Please make an extra effort to come to church for these services, or to get connected using our Church Facebook website. Also, Jim Cheronis will be working on music videos for both feasts. These short videos explain the reason for the feast, they include the hymns of the feast and provide interesting information about the respective icons. These and other videos can be accessed via the Music Ministry Tab on the church website [www.stnicholasjamestown.org](http://www.stnicholasjamestown.org). Stay tuned!

Respectfully submitted,

James Cheronis  
Choir Director and Chanter  
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church



Ladies Erene Society Commitment to Philanthropy

As you all may be aware, St. Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos Society is the philanthropic arm of the parish. Our chapter, along with all the chapters in the USA, are expected to financially support the ministries established by the National and Metropolis Philoptochos. We also are diligent in supporting local organizations and our parish.

Since January 2020, we have met the National and Philoptochos “commitments” on a monthly basis. We have also made a financial contribution to the following organizations: American Cancer Society, Make a Wish Foundation, Covenant House, St. Photios Shrine, Mercy Home for Children, Easter Seals, a person in need, Love Inc., D.A.V., Special Olympics,(Western NY Chapter), Shiners (Erie Chapter), Arthritis Foundation, Oishei (Buffalo Children’s Hospital), Fr. Scott Donahue home for children, American Red Cross (WNY Chapter), Winifred Crawford Boy’s and Girl’s Club.

Stephanie Lampropolos and Liz Frederick review the requests received, select three each month, (in addition to the National and Metropolis ministries) and present to the Society for their approval. We receive upwards of thirty requests per month, making it difficult to identify which program we can support. We have several on our “waiting list”, St. Susan’s, UCAN, (Men’s Homeless Shelter), The Hope Program, Mental Health Women’s Services Outpatient, etc. and hope to be able to make a contribution to them in the future months. Thus far, we have donated \$1850 to National and Metropolis Ministries and \$932 to the other charities.

Our philanthropy is possible because of the financial and volunteerism support from the parishioners and friends of St. Nicholas during our various fund-raising events and memorial donations. With your continued support, we can continue this valuable philanthropy.

We thank you!

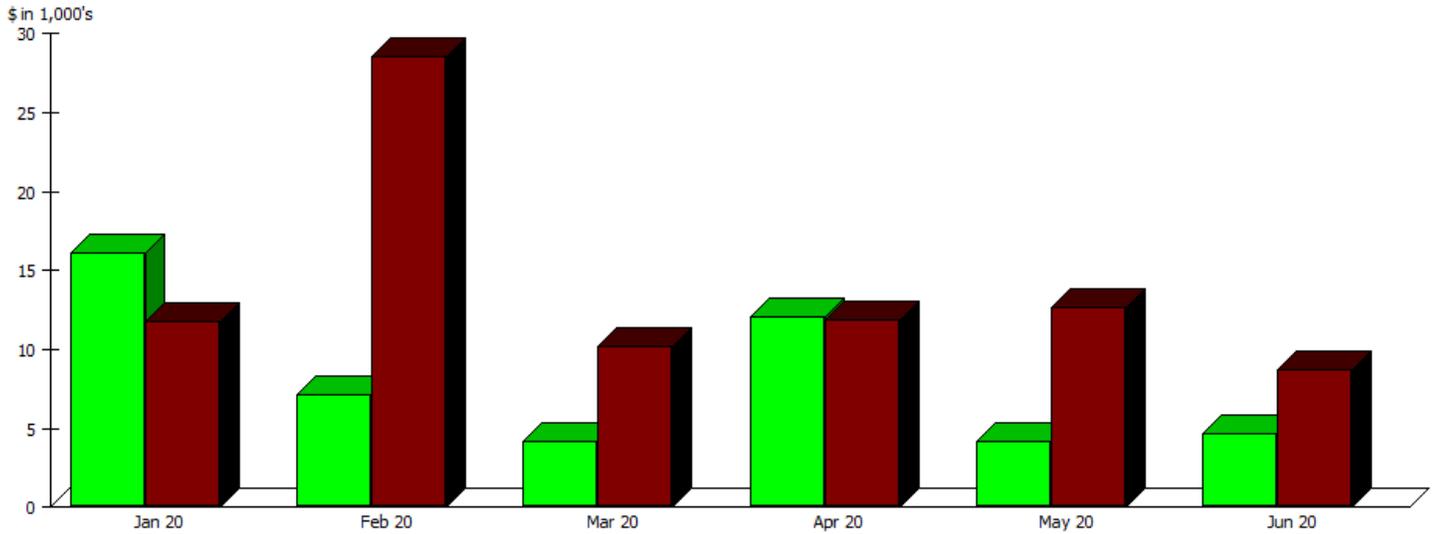


Congratulations to our own Madison Christ who was the recipient of the St. Nicholas Scholarship Award. May God grant her all His blessing as she begins the next chapter of her life.

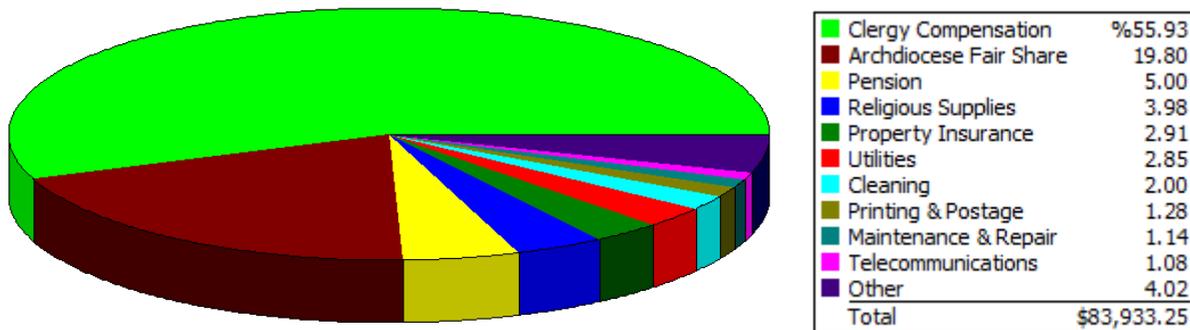


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**QUICK LOOK QUARTERLY INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT, JANUARY-JUNE 2020**

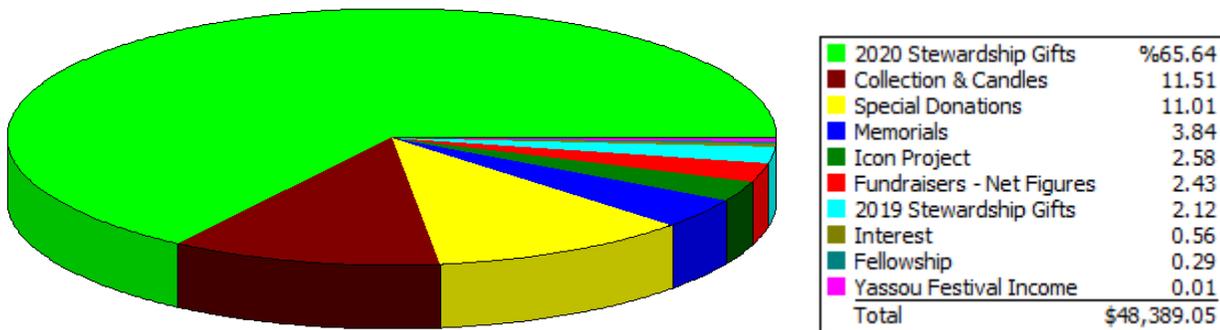
Income and Expenses by Month, January-June 2020



Expense Summary, January-June 2020



Income Summary, January-June 2020



# August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:45am Orthros/DL	3 6:00pm Paraklesis 8:00pm Parish Council	4 5:00pm Vision Meeting	5 6:00pm Great Vespers	6 Transfiguration 8:30am Orthros/DL 6:00pm Philoptochos	7 6:00pm Paraklesis	8
9 8:45am Orthros/DL	10 6:00pm Paraklesis	11	12 6:00pm Paraklesis	13	14 6:00pm Great Vespers	15 Dormition 8:30am Orthros/DL
16 10:00am Divine Liturgy	17 VGS	18 VGS	19 VGS	20 VGS	21 VGS	22
23 8:45am Orthros/DL	24	25 7pm SS Teacher and Youth Worker Seminar	26	27	28	29 Beheading of SJB 8:30am Orthros/DL
30 8:45am Orthros/DL	31					

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During this time of Pandemic, we find ourselves at home a little more and have time to experiment. You or your friends might enjoy trying different recipes for a fun evening of homemade "Yassou"!

The new and revised edition is now available for your enjoyment. Family favorites from over 100 contributors of Greek, Albanian, Russian, Ukrainian, Cypriot, Italian, and American heritage. You can have "Yassou Night" in your home anytime of the year.

The cookbook is available through St. Nicholas or can be mailed to you. Cost is \$15.00 or 2 for \$25.00; Mailing for one is \$5.00, media rate: Priority Mail is \$7.50. Call Liz Frederick, (716) 484-0083 or St. Nicholas (716) 483-0022. Checks can be mailed directly to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, PO Box 264, Jamestown, NY 14702