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## Message from Father Jimmy

We now approach the warmth of the spring and summer this year after a long winter. With the coming of spring is the beauty of the fruit blossoms as well as the trees developing in their own way. It is no coincidence that Christ rose from the dead and the fact that the Holy Spirit was sent during the warm seasons of the year. Christ provides spiritual warmth to our lives that is always in season, if we choose to connect with Him.

We have many images of warmth in the church. We have the candles and even the warm colors of the iconography. However, one of the most significant images of warmth is the hot water which is placed in the communion cup. The prayer

that is stated as it is being poured in is, "blessed is the fervor of your saints now and forever."

We are called to be people with warm hearts of faith. It is inspired by a love for Christ which is a response to His love for us. One of the pursuits in the Christian faith is to bear fruits worthy of repentance. We always have to realize that one way or the other, we are headed towards the Judgment seat of Christ. He stated, "I am the vine, you are the vine branches.... apart from Me, you can do nothing." (John15:5)

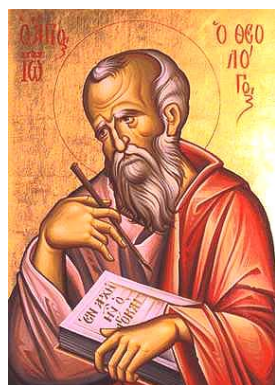
The disciples became very much like Christ when they were given the gift of the

Holy Spirit in Pentecost. Yet another image of warmth is presented by the tongues of fire over their heads. They preached spiritual words converting thousands, performed miracles and were martyred for Christ. "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you. If they kept my word, they will keep yours also," (John15:20) Jesus told them.

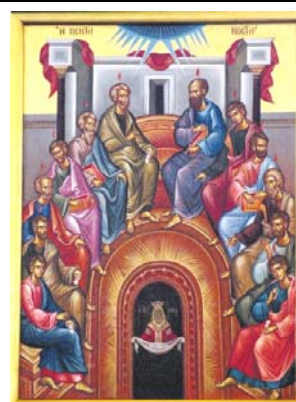
The connection to Christ is love Him to the point where we become like Him. The saints were all reflections of Christ, each with their own personality. As spring brings the beautiful budding of the leaves, we too can grow in faith.

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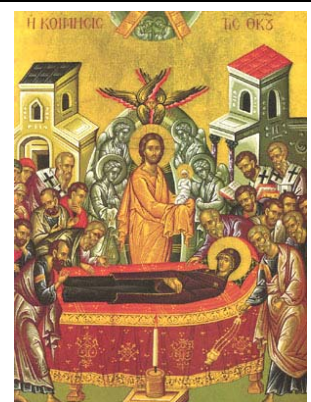
## At A Glance: May through August Feast Days!



**ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN**  
May 8



**HOLY PENTECOST**  
June 7



**DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS**  
August 15

**Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!**



## Thoughts from the Parish Council President

by Chris Felton

### St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

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[www.stnicksgoc.org](http://www.stnicksgoc.org)

Are you black and white or color? Which one is our church?

I recently attended the CSPA National Convention at Columbia University with some students on our school's yearbook staff. While there, I chose to enroll in sessions that dealt with photography and cameras. One session, in particular, focused on how we see the world and life through pictures and the light used in the picture and on the subjects. I instantly went back to some of the key points in this class when I sat down to write this article on our church.

Everything in life is looked at in one of two ways. Your response/understanding of that situation correlates directly to that way you look at the situation. It is either black/white or color. You either appreciate the simplicity yet deep meaningful undertones in black and white photographs, or you appreciate knowing everything there is to know about the situation, topic(s), and details that a color photograph offers you.

The same happens when dealing with any business, organization, or group – everyone is different. Everyone looks at situations and events differently- you are either black/white or color. The same occurs here at St. Nicholas. Some people need the bare minimum, most simplest of answers with clear cut details and transparency – the black and white of each situation; the most important details. Others in our community need to know all that is involved, why a certain decision was made, and all the particulars that went into the decision, project, or discussions – with all the colors and pieces in their hand.

Is one better than the other? Is one way more right than the other? No, to both questions. We need both types in our community and in our lives. That is how new, innovative ideas and change come about. But, we do need to remember that our ultimate goal and life mission as a member of St. Nicholas is to see God's light and spread that light amongst others in a positive, caring way; especially those of us that are the sworn leaders of our community.

I have recently challenged our leadership to find and help foster new leaders within our community. Our community has an unbelievable talent bank, and I truly feel that many of you are just waiting to be asked. Well, here goes, "Will you please join us on this journey of creating a bigger, better, and more organized community?" Every day spent at our church together makes us stronger. Every event planned and facilitated at our church makes us stronger and brings us closer to spreading God's light. Once you become committed to making St. Nicholas a true part of your life, you will become stronger and understand all that our religion and our community has to offer.

With more people coming together, more ideas and questions will arise. This is when our understanding process comes into play – do we only see things and need answers in the black/white format or do we need them in full, bright color? As we grow, as we thrive, as we feel wanted and belong more, we must remember the differences are there, but they should make us stronger, not weaker; because again our ultimate view needs to be through God's light and no other. I pray for each of you to have a safe and blessed summer season. I hope that I continue to see everyone each Sunday and look forward to a new Liturgical year ahead of us. Continue to understand each other and view life and our community through both types of light and hopefully start to view situations as I do, a combination of both and look at it all as Sepia Toned.

### Building a Community Brick by Brick

The next time you step into the narthex, be sure to notice our additions to the memorial wall.

The people whose names are on the bricks built the sanctuary where we worship today.

Those who work to continue the ministry of Saint Nicholas, and those who are gone, have left their mark with their names on the wall.

Keep their memories alive, and leave your legacy with your name on your brick to adorn the walls of Saint Nicholas.

*For now is the time to labour for the Lord, for salvation is found in the day of affliction: for it is written: 'In your patience gain ye your souls' (Luke 21:19)*

-Abba Isidore of Skete

## St. Nicholas Youth Group End of the Year Party!

Saturday, May 16, 2009  
10:00am – Noon

### TAYLOR FARMS

2599 Dam Neck Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. If you're available to chaperone, take photographs, or would like to donate food or drinks, please let us know when you **RSVP by May 12, 2009** to Ev Zervoudakis at [efz1@verizon.net](mailto:efz1@verizon.net) or 513-7771.

## St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

### Beautification Project



*If you would like to contribute to the Altar Beautification Fund, please make checks payable to "St. Nicholas Beautification Fund" and mail to the church office.*

### Fr. Jimmy's Message (continued from Page 1)

As the trees can only grow their leaves in warmth, we must allow the love of Christ and the warmth of the Holy Spirit to inspire us. Christ looks to mankind to show Him faith and love. "When the Son of man comes, will he find any faith on earth?" (Luke 18:18)

We also receive warnings of being Christians who do not bear fruit. John the Baptist, in speaking of impending judgment, stated that "the axe is laid to the tree. Every tree that does not bear fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." (Matthew 3:10) Christ cursed the fig tree that did not bear fruit, and it withered and died. (Matthew 21:19) In the book of Revelation, Christ utterly rejects lukewarm Christians. We have a gift of the ability to serve God with His help. The question is, in the world that we live in, do we have what it takes to be spiritual martyrs? Christ warned that in the last days, because of great sinfulness, the love of many will wax cold; however, by our patience, we will hold on to our souls.

Let us accept this challenge and love and please the God who created us with warmth and fervor for the glorious eternal life that he offers.

### Kids Korner Puts Children First! *by Diane Bernier*

Kids Korner is located at the back of the social hall and is dedicated to the children of St. Nicholas to enjoy fellowship among their peers. The children seem to love Kids Korner and already look forward to this time after Sunday School. They are able to have a snack, drink and play with their friends.

Each month one Sunday school class is responsible for providing the snacks and drinks. For March a great big thank you goes out to our pre-school Sunday school teachers **Kathy Wilkins** and **Louisa Cook** for working so diligently to organize the schedule. I especially want to thank the parents and volunteers who lovingly provided snacks and their time to monitor Kids Korner for the month of March. Those individuals include: **Christina Karvounis, Heather Sipe, Krisan Heinbach, Inge Schmidlin, Toni King, Cheryl Tutko, Elizabeth and Bambos Charalambous** and **Dr. Mary Lewis**.

We welcome support from anyone in the community willing to contribute refreshments and offer time to monitor Kids Korner. Let's continue to nurture and show the children of St. Nicholas how important they are to our community.

### *Journey to Consecration:* Beautification Project Update *by George Tzavaras*

The first phase of our Beautification Project is nearing completion. Hopefully, everyone has seen the beautiful Platytera on the back wall of the sanctuary.

Our church (courtesy of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America web site) tells us that "the Platytera portrays the Theotokos (Birth-Giver of God), the Virgin Mary holding the child Jesus in her bosom.

This prominently displayed icon emphasizes the incarnation, God becoming a man through a woman



and the Holy Spirit. It does not intend to extol the Virgin Mary alone. The birth of Jesus the Christ becomes the connecting link between God and humans, between heaven and earth symbolized by the ceiling and floor of the sanctuary."

Along with the icons on the Iconostasion and the new Christ icon on the cross, have you also noticed the marbled columns and the softer wall color on the sides of the church? Remaining in this first phase is the Last Supper icon, which will be

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**FYI: Father Jimmy's sermons are available on our website at [www.stnicksgoc.org](http://www.stnicksgoc.org), or by e-mail!**

Contact **Alla Henkel** to be added to the e-mail list: [ahenkel@cox.net](mailto:ahenkel@cox.net)

## 2009 Oratorical Festival: "From the Mouths of Babes..."

On March 29, St. Nicholas held its annual St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. The festival is part of an annual national religious education program sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Its purpose is to provide our young people an opportunity to learn, write and speak about their Orthodox faith.

Participants for this year's event were **Maria Blischak**, at the Junior Division, and **David Meador**, for the Senior Division. Maria chose the topic, "In November 1948, Archbishop Athenogoras of America was elected Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople and enthroned in January 1949. Who was Patriarch Athenogoras of Constantinople and what is his legacy to the Orthodox Church and Christianity?"

David selected the topic, "Jesus said, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. What is the appropriate attitude of a Christian towards money and wealth?"

Maria and David are to be commended for an outstanding job! It was evident that both students took much care in researching and preparing their speeches. Congratulations to Maria and David for receiving "Honorable Mention" at the District Level.

### A Humble "Thank You"

Did you notice the curtains on our stage? They were made and donated by our talented couture seamstress, **Toula Manouilidis**. She also made the altar cloths. Thank you, Toula, for your time and talents.

### Scholarship Deadlines Approaching

The St. Nicholas Philoptochos Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that three scholarships are being offered this year. They are the **Father George Paulson** Scholarship, the **Mary Pavlides** Memorial Scholarship and the St. Nicholas Philoptochos Scholarship.

These scholarships will be awarded to deserving high school seniors or college students. Applications are now available through the church and are accepted through May 18, 2009. Winners will be announced in June. The Scholarship Committee includes **Georgia Christie**, **Angela Mitchell**, and **Niki Minadakis**.



2009 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Senior Division Speaker **David Meador**, and Junior Division Speaker **Maria Blischak**.

### "Saints Alive" Teaches Kids

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America has set up a special section of their website specifically for kids to learn and grow in our Orthodox Faith. There are interactive games, puzzles, and more at

<http://games.goarch.org/>

### Beautification Project Update *(from page 3)*

above the Royal Gates of the Iconostasion, and the Podaia, a decorative painted curtain wall covering for the area below the corner tables and along the back wall of the sanctuary.

Certainly all of these beautiful icons are providing us with a remarkable "window to heaven" as our church teaches us.

The next phase will include the Pantocrator, the large icon of Christ on the ceiling. Subsequent phases will include other icons on the front and rear walls of the church, as well as the Bishop's throne, improvements to the pulpit and chanters stand. If you are interested in participating in the funding of this beautiful and unique project, please contact Father Jimmv.

## VBC 2009: "Gadget's Garage!"

### Come one come all - children of St. Nicholas!

St. Nicholas is in the process of preparing our upcoming summer Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) - for ages pre-school through high school!

The theme for our VBC is "Gadget's Garage".

Several topics of discussion throughout the week:

- A Mighty Wonder
- A Water Wonder
- A Growing Wonder
- A Glowing Wonder
- A Risen Wonder

The week will include hands on excitement:

- Transform Me! Bible Stories
- Imagine That! Crafts
- Invent A Snack! Gadget's Games
- Build-a-Bot Bible Challenge

Mark your calendars for the week of **August 17 - 21, 2009!**

Look for a sign up table after church in the social hall in the coming weeks; a fee is required for each participant.

Volunteers are needed to aide in the success of St. Nicholas' annual VBC! Be a blessing to our children and contribute to a week of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth. For more information please contact the co-chairwomen of VBC: **Flo Blankenship** (757) 464-9498 or **Louisa Cook** (757) 496-0709.

## This Month's St. Nicholas Steward *in Motion*



This young man was born November 3, 1989, and is currently attending Tidewater Community College. He is transferring to Mary Washington in Fredricksburg, Va. He is majoring in business. His dream is to be an entrepreneur.

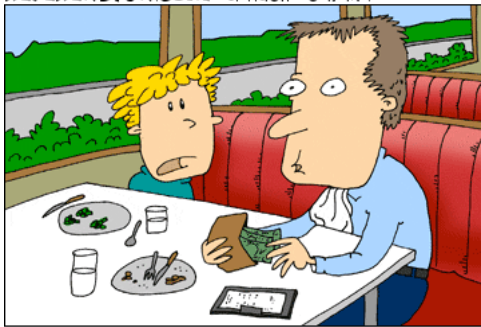
He has been an Acolyte for about nine years. Besides representing St. Nicholas at oratorical festivals and winning honors, he helped with last year's vacation bible camp and with many church functions. He spends his free time either at the gym or taking care of his 300 GT Mitsubishi. His next car will be the 350Z, in black. He has one brother, Casey. **Casey** says that his brother is very reliable. "You can always count on Nick."

Our steward in Motion is **Nick Cusmina**, son of **Thomas Cusmina**.

*Stewardship at St. Nicholas:*

### If Not You, Who? If Not Now, When?

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**HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?**

The 2009 Stewardship Drive is off to a good start with 93 families, or 57% of our contributing parishioners, pledging \$178,148 towards St. Nicholas' 2009 operating expenses of \$356,229. As of 30 April, your church received \$103,112 in total income while incurring bills totalling \$114,217. In order to meet our expenses, 95%

of which are fixed (salaries, utilities, Archdiocese dues, etc), St. Nicholas needs greater participation in the Stewardship Program or the church will not be able to meet its financial obligations for 2009.

How can you help? If every contributing family on average were to pledge \$42 per week for 2009 then your church would have sufficient operating funds as budgeted.

Three members of the Stewardship Committee, **Anna Haupt, Don Meador, and Stella Christie** have graciously offered their time to contact contributing parishioners about their 2009 Pledge. Please afford them your time and courtesv when you are contacted.

### PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY YEAR-END GATHERING

*May 17, 2009  
At Stella Christie's house!*

## When It Comes to Giving, Philoptochos Takes the Cake!

The Ladies of the Philoptochos Society recently voted to donate one- third of the bake sale profits to the church operating fund.

"Although the mission of the society is to aid those in need, the ladies felt that donating to the church operating fund would help during this economic transition of our community," said **Electra Julias**, president.

Last year, on the national level, contributions were made to such organizations as the Autism Assistance Fund and to the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC).

Locally, donations were made to the Pastor's Benevolent Fund, the church food pantry, Citizens to Protect the Elderly, Seaton House, in addition to numerous other worthy groups.

The society has also made purchases for the church--\$2,500 for an ice maker and \$2,400 for a mix master. Funds were also given to help purchase the walk-in refrigerator.

One of Philoptochos' major contributions was \$10,000 to the Beautification Fund.

## Bookmark



St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox  
Church Bookstore

### 20% OFF ALL BOOKS

*THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2009!*

There are still copies of the New Testament Orthodox Study Bible (and the version including the Psalms) at a reduced price.

**Sale includes children's books by author Dr. Maria Khoury.**

Icons currently in stock include: Jesus Christ, The Theotokos, St. Anna, St. Patrick of Armagh, St. Columba of Iona, St. Moses the Ethiopian, St. Photini and Family, Sts. Juvenaly, Peter the Aleut, and Herman of Alaska.

Icons written by the hand of Sister Akylina may be ordered from the bookstore. Sister Akylina is **Margaret and Stanley Passaris's** granddaughter, and serves her sisterhood at the Nativity at the Theotokos Monastery, in Saxonburg, PA.

Of course, there are prayer ropes, wicks, charcoal, incense, CDs and DVDs available.

*These items make wonderful birthday, nameday, holiday, wedding and baptismal gifts.*

**Special items may also be ordered through the bookstore!**



*Looking for fellowship, spiritual development, and ways to better serve our parish? Introduce a friend, relative, or neighbor to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church!*



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**SPECIAL NOTICE FOR PLANNING SERVICES:**

When planning any services-**memorials or churchings**-you must contact the priest/church office **two weeks** prior to the date so we may make proper preparations. For **weddings and baptisms, several months** are necessary for validation and securing proper certificates and registration from the Archdiocese.

Church divorces must be

filed and validated by the Archdiocese prior to scheduling the wedding date (approx 3-4 months).

*Unless you are expecting a call from the Lord, please turn your cell phone off during the Divine Liturgy.*

**HOSPITAL VISITS:**

Federal privacy guidelines will not allow the hospitals to inform us of patients by religious affiliation. Therefore, when parishioners of St. Nicholas are admitted into a

hospital, and they wish to have a priest visit them, it is imperative that a family member contact our church office immediately so we may minister to their loved ones.

After receiving communion, out of respect, please do not leave the church until the antidoron (blessed bread) has been distributed.

**To become a member of St. Nicholas, please complete a registration form. To become a voting member, please remember to also submit your pledge card.**

## Headlines, Updates & Events

### Baptisms and Christmations

**Hope Tanner**  
*April 20, 2009*  
Diane Bernier, Sponsor.

**Nicholas Edward Crank**  
Parents: **Maya and Thomas Crank**  
*April 5, 2009*  
Godparent: **Ludmila Krasteva**

**Maria Anna Delyannis**  
Parents: **Kelly and Harry Delyannis**  
*Nov. 8, 2008*  
Godparents: **Artemis and Greg McDonald**

**Alexander Hacker**  
Parents: **Annie and John Hacker**  
*Nov. 26, 2008*  
Godparents: **Vicky Meryos**

**Raven Anderson**  
Parents: **Kristina and Bryan Anderson**  
*Nov. 30, 2008*  
Godparent: **Joanna Hastings**

*May God grant you all Many Years!*

### Weddings

**Jason Tice and Maria Economos**  
Koumbara: **Katherine Economos**  
Feb. 28, 2009

### Happy Birthday

**Helen Molochko** 12/02  
**Stanley Passaris** 12/30  
**Alexander Vali** 3/27

### Happy Anniversary

**Arthur & Mary Melton**, 60 Years, May 1, 2009

### Congratulations

**Kathy Katsias**, recipient of the YWCA Women of Distinction Awards!



### Memory Eternal

**Suzie Psaras**, March 14, 2009

Those Who Have Fallen in the Line of Duty

*May their memories be eternal.*



*Teddy Chalios cooks up a fantastic Lenten lunch for participants and guests of the Oratorical Festival Family Night on March 29, 2009.*

### September Issue

Deadline for the September 2009 issue of the **Parish Newsletter** is **August 8, 2009**. E-mail your article, editorial comments or digital pictures to **Ev Zervoudakis** at **efz1@verizon.net**.

*Due to space limitations, the Parish Newsletter editorial staff reserves the right to edit submissions. All submissions become the property of the Newsletter.*

## May 2009

### 3 Sunday

-Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday

### 4 Monday

-Men's Group 6:00 pm

### 8 Friday

-St. John the Theologian  
Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am

### 10 Sunday

-Sunday of the Paralytic

### 14 Tuesday

-Parish Council Meeting 6pm

### 16 Saturday

-Youth End of Year Party  
10am at Taylor Farm

### 17 Sunday

-Sunday of the Samaritan  
Woman

-Youth Sunday

### 21 Thursday

-Sts. Constantine & Helen  
Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am  
-Philoptochos Mtg. 7:00 pm

### 24 Wednesday

-Sunday of the Blind Man

### 28 Thursday

-Ascension of our Lord  
Orthros 8:30am Liturgy  
9:30am

### 31 Sunday

-Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical  
Council



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summer by clicking on the  
Church Calendar on the  
St. Nicholas website:*

[stnicksgoc.org](http://stnicksgoc.org)

## Future Dates

### JUNE 2009

#### 7 Sunday

-Holy Pentecost

#### 11 Thursday

-Parish Council Meeting  
6pm

#### 14 Sunday

-Sunday School Awards &  
Scholarships  
-Youth Sunday

### JULY 2009

#### 6 Monday

-Men's Group 6:00pm

#### 9 Thursday

-Parish Council 6:00pm

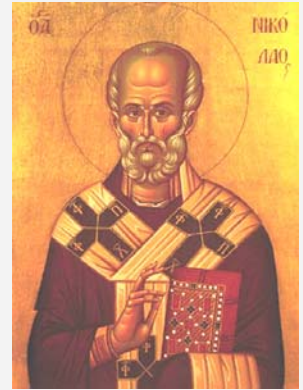
#### 16 Thursday

-Philoptochos 7:00pm

### AUGUST 2009

#### 17 through 21

-Vacation Bible Camp



## Meetings

### St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

#### Monthly

##### Men's Group

Every 1st Monday  
6:00 pm

##### Parish Council

Every 2nd Thursday  
6:00 pm

##### Philoptochos

Every 3rd Thursday  
7:00 pm  
(unless otherwise noted)

#### Weekly

##### Bible Study

Resumes in September

##### Coffee Hour

Sundays Following  
Divine Liturgy

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## Parish Council Establishes Committee "Liaisons"

Recently, the parish council took steps to encouraging widespread involvement in the planning and organization of our church events and functions and adding some organization and structure. The council approved the establishment and implementation of eight new committees. Those committees, their purpose and explanation, and the parish council liaison assigned to the committee are listed below.

If you are interested in serving as a committee chairperson and/or member, please see the committee liaisons, and they can give you further information and assistance with running the committee and its projects.

**Parish Development** – Stewardship/Established Fund raisers (Yearly Stewardship Drive, Stewardship Sunday, Golf Tournament, Name Day Gala, etc.) **Andrew Wickard, Ginny Passaris**

**Youth/Young Adult** – Monthly Youth events, GOYA, YAL and their associated events/fund raisers/community service projects. **Ev Zervoudakis**

**Adult** – Men's Group, Philoptochos, and Seniors. **Dan Cook, Arthur Melton, and Anna Besal**

**Facilities/Employees** – Building and Personnel. **George Tzavaras**

**Religious Education/Bookstore** – Sunday School, Bible Study, Bookstore Management. **Don Meador and George Damergis**

**Recognition** – Special Holidays, Anniversaries/Birthdays, New Members, and Memorials. **Bud Baer, Marshia Maestas, and Mike Loizides**

**Special Projects** – New projects brought up by parishioners as well as the parish council and other organizations. **Kerry Caramanis**

**Communication** – Newsletter, Website, Emails, Mailings, and Calendar. **Christopher Felton and Don Meador.**

*St. Paul writes: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work."*

*(2 Corinthians 9:6-8)*

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*Please join us for coffee  
hour every Sunday  
following Divine Liturgy!*

*St. Nicholas Beautification Update Begins on Page 3!*



Church Bulletin Board

**Stewardship Packets:**

If you have not picked up your 2009 offering envelopes, they are on a table in the Community Center. Please take your stewardship packets as soon as possible so we can avoid the expense of mailing them. Also, *please complete and return your registration and pledge forms!*

**Food Pantry Update:**

The Food Pantry continues to collect non-perishable food items for the less fortunate.

If you would like to make a donation to buy needed supplies, please make out a check to St. Nicholas Pantry and mail it to the office, or contact **Father Jimmy**.

**Bookstore is Bookin'!**

Thank you so much for your patronage at the St. Nicholas Church Bookstore over the past few months.

Check out the special sale going on at the Church Bookstore now through August 31, 2009! Details are in the Bookmark on page 5!