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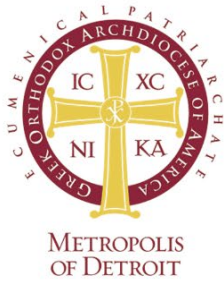
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Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church Spring 2025 General Assembly Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the Assembly
3. Fall 2024 General Assembly Meeting Notes
4. Presbyter's Report
5. President's Report
6. Ministry Reports – See written reports provided.
7. Financial Status: Finance Report, Fundraising, Stewardship, and Audit
8. 50th Anniversary of Nativity of the Virgin Mary
9. Iconography
10. Campus Development Plan
11. Kitchen Expansion
12. Motion to Close Meeting
13. Closing Prayer

Your presence and contributions are highly valued! We kindly request that you make every effort to attend and actively participate.



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Clergy and Parish Council Attendees: Father Nicholas Marcus, Nancy Kurys, Marios Lambis, Christina Tzilos, Voula Sonbay, John Petrou, Lynn Perakis, Tom James, Dimitri Karatsinides, Anne Randall, Jerry Takis, Georgia Theophelis

Absent: N/A

Stewards Present: 52

November 17, 2024, 12:01 pm

- 1) Opening Prayer: Fr. Nicholas Marcus
- 2) Angela Kheir, General Assembly Moderator, initiates the General Assembly Elections. Nominations, Seconds, and All in Favor for below individuals:
 - a. Chairperson of Assembly: Nancy Kurys
 - b. Vice-Chairperson: Marios Lambi
 - c. Secretary: Lynn Perakis
- 3) Spring 2024 General Assembly Minutes:
 - a. Jennifer Dalton motions to accept the minutes. Golfo Wernette seconds. All in Favor of accepting the minutes.
- 4) Presbyter's report:
 - a) 10 baptisms in 2024, but 13 funerals. Father has buried more than any other priest at Nativity. Weddings: We had one wedding at Nativity and three others (in Greece) for which Father completed paperwork.
 - b) Beautiful new icon stands were donated by Charlie and Mary Klein, and the Sophia Poulos family.
 - c) Chairs in Social Hall- Please stay thank you to the Vardouniotis family for the donated chairs. We have several more in the garage. Probably need more tables now, including round ones.
 - d) 50 years for our parish from the time it was chartered in 1975. If someone is inspired to chair something bigger for the anniversary, let Parish Council know. Perhaps a dinner, or, at minimum, a commemorative book.
 - e) It is wonderful to work with a Parish Council that gets things done. You see them roll up their sleeves. Father asks for a round of applause recognizing Parish Council (applause).

- 5) President's report, Nancy Kuryts:
 - a) Nancy thanks Father, Parish Council, and all the parishioners for staying for the General Assembly. She thanks Yianni and Anna Petrou for the luncheon, and Anne Randall for her fantastic salad.
 - b) 50th anniversary of the charter of Nativity. Georgia Theophiles has started the effort as she has items that she has gathered, as does Nancy. Please approach Georgia to help with this effort - a milestone and blessing for our church.
 - c) Nancy thanks Thekla, Anna, and others for the beautification of the church. She asks for help or recommendations to further improve the grounds.
 - d) Raffle - Greek airline tickets- \$100 for two tickets to Greece.
 - e) December 8th Parish Council Elections – Five Openings
 - i) Dimitri Karatsinides, Yianni Petrou, Lynn Perakis, Voula Sonbay, and Jerry Takis are up for reelection and all have agreed to run again.
 - ii) Anne Randall provides the requirements for running for Parish Council
 - (1) Must be 18 years old.
 - (2) Must be member in good standing of the parish- pursuant to Nativity and Archdiocese bylaws.
 - (3) Under Nativity bylaws, must be member for one year.
 - iii) Thekla Szlinis nominates Betsy Basoukeas. Betsy respectfully declines.
 - iv) Tom James asks Golfo Wernette if David Wernette is ready. Golfo does not know.
 - v) Kathy Beeny asks if nominations can occur after General Assembly window, and Nancy notes that yes, we have a window of time to nominate before elections on Dec. 8th.
 - vi) We still need election for documentation purposes, even though five running for five spots.
 - f) Three People on Election Committee. Nominations for: Kathy Beeny, Betsy Basoukeas, and Michael Szlinis. All accept. Two alternates: Maria Kaplantzes and Golfo Wernette accept alternate positions.
 - g) Nancy thanks Voula Sonbay and John Floros for their great accounting work.
 - h) Thekla Szlinis asks about the SBA loan, recognizing the few commendable people paying the loan. Tom James responds that some of the money was used outside its intended purpose, and now the funds have been returned. The balance was \$26K, and those guarantors continue to pay off the balance. Parishioners have supported through donations to bring it under \$20K. People can help should they choose. Interest rate is low (~2.5%). Thekla again commends the three guarantors.
- 6) Written Reports. Please read the ministry updates.
- 7) Financial Status, Voula Sonbay: Documents distributed: Financial Report Summary Fall 2024, 2025 Budget Overview, Profit & Loss YTD Comparison (Jan. – Oct. 2024), Balance Sheet Comparison to prior year as of Oct. 2024, Festival 2024 Summary.
 - a) Cash offering as of October 2024: \$384,333.03
 - b) Cash balance: \$703,414.55, of which \$280,592.62 is in restricted accounts.
 - i) \$200k in restricted accounts is for Campus Development

- c) Total Income: \$926,114 (includes Festival)
 - d) Total Expenses: \$589,772.58
 - e) Total Net Income: \$336,341.42
 - f) Festival: \$280,553.62 in Revenue. Net Income: \$122,432.70.
 - g) \$124K over 2023, but this includes the \$200K Campus Development donation.
 - h) 2025 Budget:
 - i) Parish Offerings: \$461,125
 - ii) Festival: \$240,000
 - iii) Total Expenses: \$710,980
 - iv) Net Income: \$45,445
 - i) Audit Report: reviewed income statements, candle offerings, and memorial offerings. Audit committee traced them from deposit to bank. No issues, exceptions. Only suggestion was to document – which is what we already do. It was also verified that we have two signatures on all checks.
 - j) Charles Prokos asks about 2024 to 2023 performance. Voula notes Total Parish Offerings is at \$384K versus LY \$325K (through October). YTD Net Income \$124K more than LY.
 - k) Voula Sonbay motions to approve the 2025 budget. Jennifer Dalton seconds. All in favor.
- 8) 2024 Festival report (Angela Kheir)
- a) Attendance was 7,421 versus LY 8,067. Down 646 people.
 - b) Revenue before festival: \$50,451.40. Prior years, it had been in the \$27k range. Jasmine, Helen Kaneris's granddaughter, led the sponsorship team in her grandmother's honor.
 - c) Revenue during festival: \$228,585. It was 2nd best year (2023 even better).
 - d) Total Revenue: \$280,533.62.
 - i) Attendance down, but those who attended spent more.
 - e) Total Expenses: \$158,100.92.
 - f) Net Income: \$122,432.70.
 - g) Angela thanks the Panagia, festival committee, and parish for the support of our festival.
- 9) Stewardship (report through November 1):
- a) Angela explains we have both Non-Pledger and Pledger stewardship.
 - b) For Pledger Stewardship, we have total of 122 families. \$255,410 Total Pledge. Total Paid = \$267,280. Difference of +\$12K driven by people who pay above pledge.
 - i) 22 people have given their pledge.
 - ii) 33 people have exceeded their pledge.
 - iii) 67 people have paid less than their pledge so far this year. Need \$43K from these people to equal the Total Pledge amount of \$255K. Potential total if all fulfill their pledges: \$309K. Angela has never seen a number so large.
 - c) The Archdiocese recommends a stewardship card every year. Father notes cannot say member in good standing unless the card is filled out.

10) Audit Committee Members – Ari Papadakos, Chris Varlamos, and Larry Stassinis. All three will stay on the committee. Steve Perakis agrees to be on the audit committee as well.

11) Campus Development (Tom James)

- a) Ongoing project. We have received a generous donation of \$200K towards the development of the plan. Do not anticipate that all will be used for planning. This planning has begun with committee members and zoning reviews. Pete Tzilos is working on a multi-faceted site plan. Input from parishioners to add to the committee plans is welcome.
- b) Per the owner, the Property to the west is **NOT** for sale. Funeral home still pending loan approval and would break ground once loan granted. Borrowed from SBA, and another SBA to start construction.
 - i) John Szlinis asks about potential cost of property. Tom notes *may be* around \$650K, but there are a lot of rumors about the value of these two parcels. If land were to become available, we would have healthy deposit towards the land. If not, balance would roll to construction loan.
- c) Steve Perakis asks about the Social Hall Expansion. Tom notes it is part of the all-encompassing campus plans. Tom indicates it would take years for this multi-million-dollar project. The plan will be documented, with multiple phases. Information/material will be provided in advance and brought to a future assembly for review/input/approval.
 - i) Kitchen: money in restricted fund specific for kitchen expansion, but major renovation will be part of campus development. There is short-term plan (before festival) to move granite slabs to gain two feet.

12) “Action Item” List

- a) Tom notes that at one point, the list was extremely long. A lot has been accomplished – i.e., icon stands, carpet.
- b) The current list includes resurfacing of the parking lot, concrete work, monitoring of the HVAC units, razing brush, etc.
- c) The action list is voted on, and we will continue to add to the list. For instance, we will plant more trees as part of beautification.

13) Narthex Ceiling Renovation, Tom James:

- a) We will use decorative tiles that will add to the architecture of the church. Parish Council approved to purchase \$7K in material (likely to come in closer to \$5K). George Zervos donating the labor, physical work (applause).

14) Endowment Fund, Anne Randall and Tom James

- a) Tom James notes that most people know we have one, but don’t know how it works.
- b) Anne Randall provides an overview of the fund. She notes that we have a set of bylaws created for the endowment fund. She and Tom are in the process of assessing the details of the fund. We desire to establish an actual committee on how proceeds will be spent. There is principal

and interest. Each year the interest must be distributed, but not the principal. We are hoping to expand through donations, through wills, trusts, and estate planning. Endowments benefit the community. For instance, developing parishes, helping to do outreach, doing more things with our youth, having a direct impact on ministries, sharing the Orthodox faith with others, going on mission trips.

- c) We generated \$4,000 in Interest in 2023.
 - i) Used \$2,500 to purchase a car and insurance for a young parishioner with difficult circumstances, allowing him to gain employment.
 - ii) Donated \$1,000 to ALS in memory of Pete Tsaprazis and Magda.
 - iii) Donated \$500 to Focus Detroit.
- d) We currently have \$2,000 in 2024 Endowment interest to determine how to distribute.
- e) Tom indicates we will provide more information on the endowment so that we can start thinking about how we can do good things with the proceeds. He notes we will create one one-pager on how to add to estate planning, etc.
 - i) Principle is \$25K, invested in investment account that generates returns. The \$25K is in restricted account.
 - ii) Tom would like to stimulate the growth, so we can think about it differently. He notes some endowments range in the millions. Part of the outreach will be to include a mechanism to identify those in need. Tom James generously offers a donation challenge. He will match \$1: \$1, up to \$5K, for all contributions to the Endowment Fund before the end of the year.
 - (1) Anne notes that she and Michael will donate \$1K and encourages others to join the donation challenge.
 - (2) Georgia Theophelis donates \$500 on behalf of her and her brother, Nick Malamis.
 - (3) Lou Poulos donates \$2,000.
 - iii) The Endowment Fund Committee must have non-Parish Council members. Golfo Wernette volunteers.

15) 50th Anniversary of the charter of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary – Nancy once again encourages support- pictures, dinner, anything we can do to support.

16) Charles Prokos notes he had sent letter to previous Parish Council President suggesting Founder's Dinner, honoring individuals such as John Vardouniotis, who were the catalyst for what we have here today. This community would not be what it is today, as these founding members worked together with no animosity. The Founder's Dinner would also honor those who are gone. A lot of what we have today is what they gave. This FAMILY- we are all FAMILY of GOD, FAMILY of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, and this is something that needs to be honored. Honor those who did the work of God. Nancy agrees with Charles that we should have a dinner. Charles will send Nancy the note he had previously shared.

- a) Larry Stassinis notes he has the 21 Founding Members List.
- b) As part of the recognition, Betsy Basoukeas volunteers to interview those who are still with us, on video, along with family members.

17) Choir Practice – Louis Poulos reminds us that every other Friday, there is choir practice. Next year, another day will be identified for practices. Angela Kheir inquires on whether one needs to know how to read Byzantine music to participate, and Louis indicates no.

18) 1:15 pm Charles Prokos motions to close the meeting; Sophia Zervos seconds. Meeting adjourned at 1:17 pm.

19) Closing Prayer: Father Nicholas Marcus

Signatures

Priest, Fr. Nicholas Marcus

President, Nancy Kurys

Secretary, Lynn Perakis

ACOLYTES/ALTAR SERVERS
Submitted by Bill Smith, Pastoral Assistant

Our Altar Servers continue to do a wonderful job serving on Sundays. The Altar Boys are continuing reading the epistle and reciting the Nicene Creed. As we are into Great Lent the Altar Boys are welcome to come and Participate in many services during Great Lent and Holy Week. The altar boys love learning about the Divine Liturgy and the sacramental life of the church.

NATIVITY BOOKSTORE
Submitted by Mary Takis

NATIVITY BOOKSTORE opened in March 2016 thanks to Fr. Nick, Jerry and Michael. It serves many Christians from this Detroit Metropolis. There are many icons, books, gifts, cards and religious supplies for purchase.

In addition to the improved look in the store, we will have new icons and gifts for Baptisms, Chrismations, Weddings, Moms, Dads, and Grads.

Store hours are limited to Tuesdays(12pm-2pm), Fridays (11am-2pm), Saturdays (11am-2pm), and Sundays after Liturgy (12-1pm) or by appointment. For inquires you may leave a message at (734)420-0131 ext.4

We invite you all to Come And See !!!

SALES OF NATIVITY BOOKSTORE ANNUAL COMPARISON							
YEAR/ MONTH	2025 Sales	2024 Sales	2023 Sales	2022 Sales	2021 Sales	2020 Sales	2019 Sales
JAN	\$ 182.50	\$ 347.10	\$548.20	\$248.98	\$341.58	\$169.35	\$81.00
FEB	\$ 400.50	\$ 438.75	\$579.50	\$567.50	\$588.00	\$218.94	\$261.00
MARCH	\$1345.25	\$ 167.50	\$1214.20	\$750.80	\$288.95	\$448.00	\$621.10
APRIL	\$1082.50	\$1220.95	\$1469.33	\$980.25	\$1015.14	\$229.00	\$1391.59
MAY		\$ 176.25	\$657.60	\$867.50	\$693.50	\$ 78.00	\$625.30
JUNE		\$1087.11	\$1315.58	\$1073.38	\$1097.79	\$276.75	\$828.25
JULY		\$ 484.00	\$577.50	\$452.80	\$608.50	\$450.45	\$763.00
AUG		\$ 361.74	\$901.00	\$598.00	\$932.25	\$590.80	\$272.00
SEPT		\$136.00	\$343.00	\$272.00	\$599.00	\$507.50	\$319.00
OCT		\$371.00	\$483.50	\$477.50	\$459.50	\$714.50	\$763.00
NOV		\$557.25	\$265.00	\$852.00	\$792.45	\$753.35	\$718.70
DEC		\$896.00	\$1356.26	\$1121.36	\$543.00	\$958.30	\$1685.95
TOTAL	*\$3010.75	\$6243.65	\$9710.67	\$8262.07	\$7959.66	\$5394.94	\$8329.89

*not final sales total



NATIVITY CHURCH BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Submitted by Lynn Perakis

Mission Statement: To foster fun and fellowship and enrich the lives of Orthodox youth through basketball.

Participation:

- ♦ Wrapped up another successful OYAA season, with 77 participating, not including all the Pre-Biddy's (<6 years of age) that seemed to multiply throughout the season. The future is bright for Nativity Basketball!
- ♦ Nativity Basketball includes youth from Nativity, Sts. Constantine and Helen, Holy Cross, St. Nicks Ann Arbor, St. George Southgate, and Annunciation.
 - Biddy C (Ages 6-8)
 - Biddy B (Ages 9-10)
 - Biddy A (Ages 11-12)
 - Junior Girls (13-18)
 - Junior Boys (13-15)
 - Intermediate Boys (13-18)
 - Senior Men (19+)

2024-2025 Accomplishments

2024 Holiday Hoops:

Junior Girls Junior Girls: Champions

Junior Boys: 3rd Place

Intermediate Boys: 3rd Place

OYAA Season: Junior Girls: 2nd Place

2025 OYAA Tournament

Junior Girls: Consolation Champions

Intermediate Boys: Consolation Champions

2025 – 2026 Plans

- ♦ Sunday, September 28, 2025: 11th Annual Dennis Ford Golf Outing
- ♦ Saturday, October 11, 2025: 1st Day of Practice
- ♦ November 7-9, 2025: St. John's Holiday Hoops Tournament
- ♦ February 13-15, 2026: Dayton Tournament
- ♦ March 13-15, 2026: Pan-Orthodox Tournament

<p style="text-align: center;">GOYA MINISTRY REPORT 2024/2025 REPORT Submitted by Bill Smith, Pastoral Assistant and Denise Stein, GOYA Advisor</p>

Goya has had a busy year with fun events and service projects.

January 25—GOYO Olympics in Grand Rapids at Holy Trinity. We had a lot of fun participating in the Olympic games and service project, dinner and dance faith fun, and fellowship.

February 8—Goya Apokriatiko Glendi We had a great turnout and great food.

March 22—Goya participated in The Michigan Goya Lenten Retreat at St George Greek Orthodox Church in Bloomfield Hills.

March 30—Service project with our church school participated in assembling Easter bags for a non profit group “Gifts For All Gods Children.”

April 5—We served at Focus Detroit serving meals and clothing . The kids had fun.

Goya also served at our Palm Sunday Plaki Fish Luncheon which was well attended.

<p style="text-align: center;">NATIVITY DANCE GROUP Submitted by Peggy Collias</p>
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Dance Committee:

Peggy Collias
Cathy Rapp
Renee Varlamos
Michele Hunsinger

Goals:

- Grow the groups! Biddies, Juniors, Intermediates, REVMA.
- More parental involvement.
- Storage closet - much improved, but we need more space.

Summer Dance Season updates:

- Online registration for Summer Dance Program available now (Lynn)
- Snack sign up available (Denise)
- Families not able to pay the registration fee will have their fees waived. Please have parents speak with anyone on the dance committee.

Wish list:

For the stage area at our festival:

- ♦ **Lights to string outside near dance stage** – sets a warm tone and will make us feel like we're attending a paniyri in Greece!
- ♦ **Large tarp to cover the dancers while they perform.**
- ♦ **Large tarp to cover the audience.**

Possible performances:

REVMA has been asked to perform at

- St George Bloomfield Hills,
- KEFI Night hosted by Daughters of Penelope
- St Demetrios Saginaw
- St George Southgate



"The Three Hierarchs" Greek school

Ελληνικό σχολείο "Οι Τρεις Ιεράρχες"

Submitted by Anna Liakou-Hentnik, nativity_greek_school@yahoo.com

Greek School Report

Joint ministry (Nativity of VM, SS Const.& Helen)

Program overview

Director: Anna Liakou-Hentnik

Teachers: Anna Liakou-Hentnik, Evangelos Skoures, Roberta Manushi, Christina Tzilos, Irene Melabiotis (choir)

Assistant: Theodora Grias

Students: **54** (34 kids and 20 adults)

Levels offered in 2024-25

All classes are ONCE a week.

In person: Kindergarten, Beginning levels 1a, 1b, 2, 3

Online: Adults Classes 101, 103, 201

Curriculum

- **Kindergarten** students learn the basics: the alphabet, 6 words for each letter, numbers 1-20, colors, greetings, age-appropriate activities, games, songs
- **Beginning levels 1, 2, 3:** This is the fourth year that we are using the **Papaloizos "Γεια χαρά!"** series (endorsed by GOARCH) that comes with a **full online platform** that the students can utilize at home for additional fun practice; most importantly they can review their weekly lesson, even if they don't have a Greek speaking family member available to help them. The series also has interactive white board features that teachers use in class to enhance their lessons.
- **Adults 101-103, 201:** The adult students use the series **Greek for you A1 & A2 by NEOHEL** that abides with European standards for the foreign language instruction; we have been using this curriculum for many years and can attest to its high quality.

Events/programs:

- **10/8:** Classes started with the Blessing by fr Nick and fr Teodor at the NEC.
- **11/12:** The **OXI Day** program took place at the Hellenic Cultural Center in honor of our ancestors who displayed great courage on "October 28th, 1940" defending our motherland from the fascist regimes of Hitler and Mussolini.
- **3/18:** The **Greek Independence Day program** ("March 25th, 1821") in honor of the Greek Revolution of 1821 took place at the Hellenic Cultural Center. The Charisma dancers of Saints Constantine and Helen performed.
- **5/27:** The *Graduation program* will take place at the Hellenic Cultural Center at 6:00 pm.

CALL TO ACTION: A NEW NATIVITY EDUCATION CENTER
Submitted by Anna Liakou-Hentnik

For years, our Nativity Education Center has weathered countless storms and seasons. It has been more than just a building — it has been a place of worship, fellowship and learning. It has welcomed our Sunday School and Greek School students, our festival dancers, day care children, and even served as a meeting place for the AA community. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our parishioners, it has been cared for, beautified, and sustained with love.

But time has taken its toll. The basement has flooded and been repaired too many times to count. With every storm and every repair, the burden on our students, teachers, and staff grows heavier. Every rainy day brings fresh uncertainty about the building's safety and reliability.

The truth is clear: the physical condition of our Education Center is no longer sustainable. Our children are with us for only a few precious years — and they deserve the very best we can offer during that time. Many have already passed through its doors. Many more deserve a safe, inspiring place to learn and grow.

A new school building is not just needed — it is necessary.

We respectfully and urgently call on the Parish Council to make the construction of a new Nativity Education Center the highest priority. A stronger school will mean a stronger parish — for today, and for generations to come. Let's act now — and invest in a future built on faith, hope, and learning.

FATHER GEORGE VAPORIS LIBRARY
Spring Assembly 2025
Submitted by Mary Takis

The Library has over 1,500 books, videos, DVDs and CDs

Currently 12 items are checked out:

<u>From 2021</u>	<u>From 2023</u>	<u>From 2024</u>	<u>From 2025</u>
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The secured bookshelves are currently filled and we cannot take any more donations. An inventory of the book collection by titles and subject categories is still in progress. We would like to reduce the video tapes. Any duplicate donated books or videos will be available for anyone free of charge. Currently there are some Holy Week Service Books that are free for anyone in the NEC.

Thank you to all who've donated materials in the past. The Library is open Tuesdays thru Fridays 10am to 2pm; and Saturdays and Sundays 12pm to 2pm. Bill Smith has graciously volunteered to also help run the Library during the weekdays. By appointment please call 734 420 0131

NATIVITY SCOUTS
Spring Assembly 2025
Submitted by Mary Takis

The Scouts of Nativity (Boys and Girls Scouts whose families are members at Nativity Church) are always willing to lend a hand and serve our parish in some way.

This year thus far, Sunday of Orthodoxy (March 9) was relabeled as Youth Sunday to include all Sunday School students to help in the service, icon procession, and pass baskets to raise money for FOCUS Detroit afterwards. Youth Sunday will continue again in 2026 (March 1, 2026). Hope to see more helpers during the Holidays and Liturgical Year.

For more info on Religious Scouting Awards please contact Mary Takis, or praypub.org.

**Philoptochos Report
Spring Assembly 2025
Submitted by Anna Petrou**

September

- Taste of Greece sponsorship \$500
- Sign \$50
- \$50 scholarship gifts to each of our graduates
- Collected donations of diapers, undergarments toiletries, etc. for FOCUS
- Hosted vesper services along with bake sale proceeds were for Festival committee \$321

October

- Hot Diggity dog raised \$1149 for breast cancer Pink Fund was recipient
- Donation made to Project Mexico \$100

November

- Made and sold Thanksgiving pies and had turkey raffle
- Soup Sunday raised \$1000 for FOCUS
- Passed tray and sent \$400 for Sts Kosmas & Damion

December

- Christmas marketplace we made and sold wreaths holiday cookies etc
Tree of Love
- Voted and passed \$50 monthly gift card for Joshua
- Christmas party at Senate with 40 attendees. Donation of gifts were brought for Vista Maria and Joshua.

January

- Saint Basil Academy \$1100 was collected and sent

February

- Annual Love Luncheon

March

- Hosted coffee hour celebrating Chrismation of three adult Catechumens Also hosted COCC Fellowship reception.
- \$500 from marketplace will go to ALS

April

- Donation of \$150 to FOCUS for Easter baskets
- Lenten market
- Colored and sold red eggs, sold Tsourekia
- Decorated icons and Kouvouklion making our church beautiful for Easter
- Made many 40 day blessing bags

We are current with ALL National and Metropolis obligations

We thank our parishioners for their continued support so that we may fulfill our philanthropic endeavors of our beloved Nativity church

SUNDAY CHURCH/CATECHISM SCHOOL

Submitted by Jerry Takis

ENROLLMENT & ATTENDANCE

- Number of registered students is 36 (see the pie chart included on next page).

CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES

- This year's **Good Friday Retreat** was another success with 41 students attending, about 30% coming from other churches in the area who value our program for the children!
- **Graduation** is June 1st and we have about 10 students at Nativity that will graduate from High School this year! Congrats!

UPDATES AND NEEDS FOR THE EDUCATION CENTER

Much of this year's report is replaced by a concern about our current and future facilities of the Sunday Church School. The NEC doesn't just service the SCS. The following ministries and organizations have used the NEC in the past few years:

- ♦ Church Sunday School
- ♦ Greek School
- ♦ GOYA
- ♦ Nativity Parish Council
- ♦ Nativity Bookstore
- ♦ Nativity Library
- ♦ Taste of Greece Festival (and sub-committees)
- ♦ Nativity Greek Dancers
- ♦ Nativity Mommy and Me
- ♦ Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
- ♦ Camp Mirage
- ♦ Bulgarian School
- ♦ Private Parties

Please think about the parish operating without this space. Where would all of these events/activities take place? Without the facilities for our youth and ministries, our parish will struggle to fulfill its mission in our community.

Things for the General Assembly to consider:

- * It will be years before a facility will be completed that finishes our vision of a complete church campus. Designs are now being considered.
- * Nativity Church cannot do without these important ministries and they *cannot* all be moved into the church or church hall proper. We need an immediate resolution to the repairs that are needed until we can move into a brand new facility.

ASSESSMENT

The director's assessment of the SCS at Nativity for 2022-2025 is

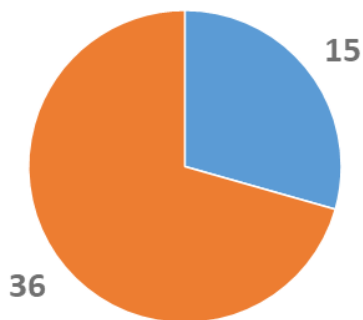
- Urgency for new facilities should be one of our top priorities if not the top priority.
- Finally we always THANK YOU, PARISH AND PARENTS, FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND SUPPORT! Let us continue to love one another.

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SUNDAY CHURCH/CATECHISM SCHOOL *(continued from previous page)*
Submitted by Jerry Takis

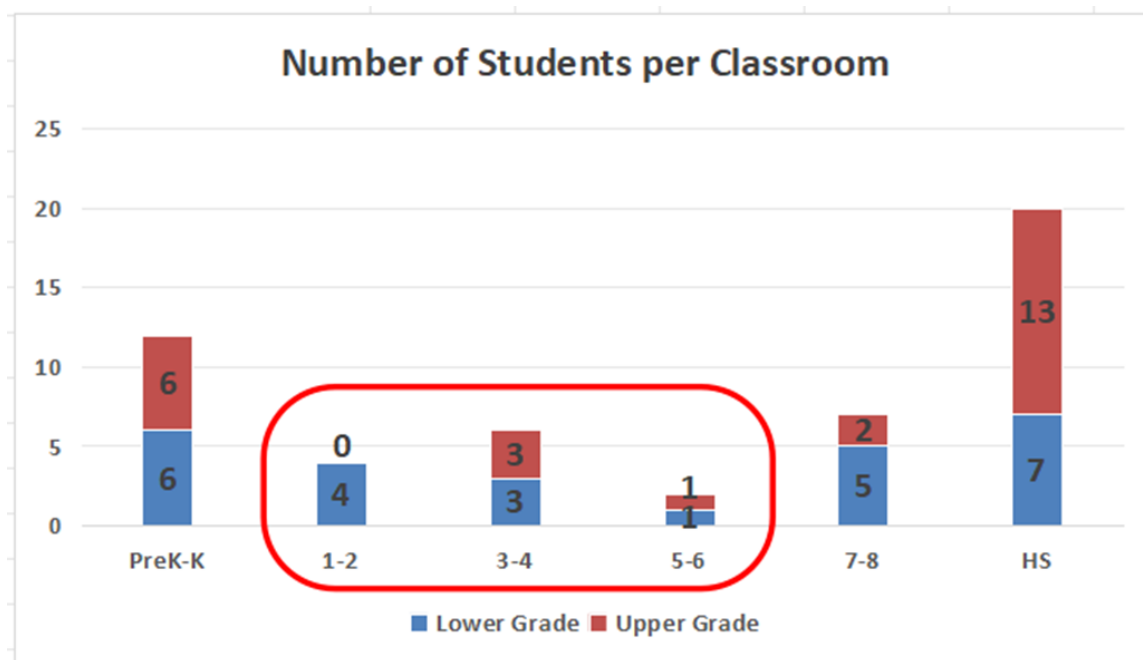
Total Students Potential = 51

■ Not Registered ■ Registered



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MINISTRY	PARISH REPRESENTATIVE	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
Altar Boys	Bill Smith	Jerry Takis
Book Store	Mary Takis	Jerry Takis
Basketball	Nondo Basoukeas	Lynn Perakis
Chanters/Chior	Dimitri Sounas, Louis Poulos	Anne Randall
Greek School	Anna Hetnick	Christina Tzilos
GOYA	Denise Stein, Bill Smith	Lynn Perakis
Greek Dancers	Peggy Collias, Michelle Hunsinger	Tom James
Hope/Joy	Leslie Kyritses	Christina Tzilos, Anne Randall
Ladies Philoptochos	Sophie Vlahanks	Georgia Theophelis
Library	Mary Takis	Jerry Takis, Anne Randall
Logos	Louis Poulos	Lynn Perakis
Missions		Anne Randall
Religious Ed	Jerry Takis	Jerry Takis
Scouts	Mary Takis	Jerry Takis
Senior Citizens	Sophia Nichoff	Christina Tzilos, Anne Randall, Nancy Kurys
Ushers	Angela Kheir	Tom James
Youth Protection	Christine Tzilos	Christina Tzilos
ACTIVITIES		
Beautification	Diane Michalakakis	Nancy Kurys
Exterior Restoration	Pete Tzilos	Tom James, Dimitri Karatsinides
Festival	Louis Poulos, Angela Kheir	Dimitri Karatsinides, Nancy Kurys
Financial/Audit	John Floros	Voula Sonbay, Nancy Kurys
Iconography		John Petrou
Maintenance		John Petrou, Dimitri Karatsinides
Men's Club	George Zervos, Chris Varlamos	Marios Lambi
Stewardship	Angela Kheir, Kathy Weinberg	Voula Sonbay, Nancy Kurys
Storage Building		Dimitri Karatsinides, Nancy Kurys
Welcoming/Greeting		John Petrou

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