



ST. NICHOLAS ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
SHRINE OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY



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Schedulë of services † Programi i Shërbësavë

-July 7, Sunday: Great Martyr St. Kyriaki

Shën e Djebla Dëshmorë e Madhe

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-July 8, Monday: Great Martyr St. Prokopius

Shën Prokopi Dëshmor i Madh

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-July 11, Thursday: Great Martyr St. Euphemia and St. Olga

Shën Efimia Dëshmorë e Madhe dhe Shën Olga

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-July 14, Sunday of the Holy Fathers

E Djebla e Eterve të Shenjta

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-July 17, Wednesday: Great Martyr St. Marina

Shën Marina Dëshmorë e Madhe

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-July 20, Saturday: The Prophet St. Elias

Shën Ilia Profeti

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-July 21, Sunday: St. Symeon the Fool for Christ

Shën Simëoni I emëndur për Krishtin

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-July 22, Monday: St. Mary Magdalene the Myrrhbearer

Shën Maria Magdalena Miroprurëse

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-July 25, Thursday: Dormition of St. Anna mother of the Theotokos

Fjetja e Shën Anës nënës së Hyjlindëses

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-July 26, Friday: Martyr St. Paraskevi

Shën e Prëmtja Dëshmore

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-July 27, Saturday: Great Martyr St. Panteleimon

Shën Pandeleimoni Dëshmor I Madh

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-July 28, Sunday: St. Irene of Chrysovalantou

Shën Irëna e Hrisovalandit

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

NOTICES

DID YOU KNOW?

Prompt payment of your Church dues and donations help us maintain our beautiful, historic Church. Without you, there would not be any St. Nicholas. Won't you please consider donating while paying your dues online?

You may now donate to St. Nicholas Church by visiting our website:

stnicholasalbaniachicago.org. Simply click on the DONATE button towards the bottom of the home page on our website and follow the directions. *Please note when using the DONATE button for memberships, you must scroll down and check the "Cover Fees" box, so the church receives the entire membership dues amount. You may also mail a check to the church or stop by the church office in person AFTER liturgy.

PLEASE NOTE: The office is CLOSED during Orthros and Divine Liturgy. ANNUAL DUES

Do you have a suggestion, a comment, a question, or concern? We have established a new email for your use to express any concerns, ask a question or just make a comment.

It is: talktous@stnicholasalbaniachicago.org. This is a confidential mailbox and will be monitored very closely to be sure all confidentiality are maintained.

BRICK PROGRAM

Donations for our Commemorative Brick Program are still being taken. Bricks can be made to honor a memory, mark a special occasion or to show support. A 4 inch by 8 inch brick with up to 3 lines of engraving can be ordered for a donation of \$250.00. Forms can be found at the candle stand or you may also request a form be sent to you via email or US mail. To ensure the wording and spelling are printed correctly on the brick, a form must accompany payment.



ASK FATHER

A NEW DROP BOX IS LOCATED NEXT TO
THE BULLETIN BOARD BY THE STAIRS



WRITE YOUR QUESTION TO
FATHER IGNATIUS AND DROP IT IN THE
BOX OR CONTACT DIRECTLY TO HIS EMAIL
priest@stnicholasalbanianchicago.org

Parish Council Activities

PARKING LOT

The Church parking lot is being resurfaced on July 9 and 10. The work is being done by Rose paving and we are looking forward to having this work completed.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

The maintenance of our beloved St. Nicholas is ongoing and we need of donations to help defray the costs of these major expenses. Any donation big or small is appreciated and will help defray costs. Below are example of some of our immediate needs:

- The oven in the kitchen is very old and has been repaired multiple times. It has served us well in the past but unfortunately it has reached the end of it's life and needs to be replaced.
- The refrigerator in the kitchen keeps freezing and that too has been repaired often and needs replacing.
- In 2025, we plan to "refresh" the look of our hall. We have it rented almost every Saturday for the rest of the year but it is starting to look worn.

It is easy to donate, you can **send a check** to the Church (please mark it building funds), use the **building fund envelopes** in the narthex, or **donate online** at stnicholasalbanianchicago.org, click the **donate** button, put in the dollar amount you are donating, use the dropdown and choose building repair fund, mark it as recurring donation or a one- time donation; fill in your name and email address, your credit card information and press send.

SAVE THE DATES:

Annual Church Picnic - Sunday, September 15, 2024

Fundraiser – Friday, October 11, 2024

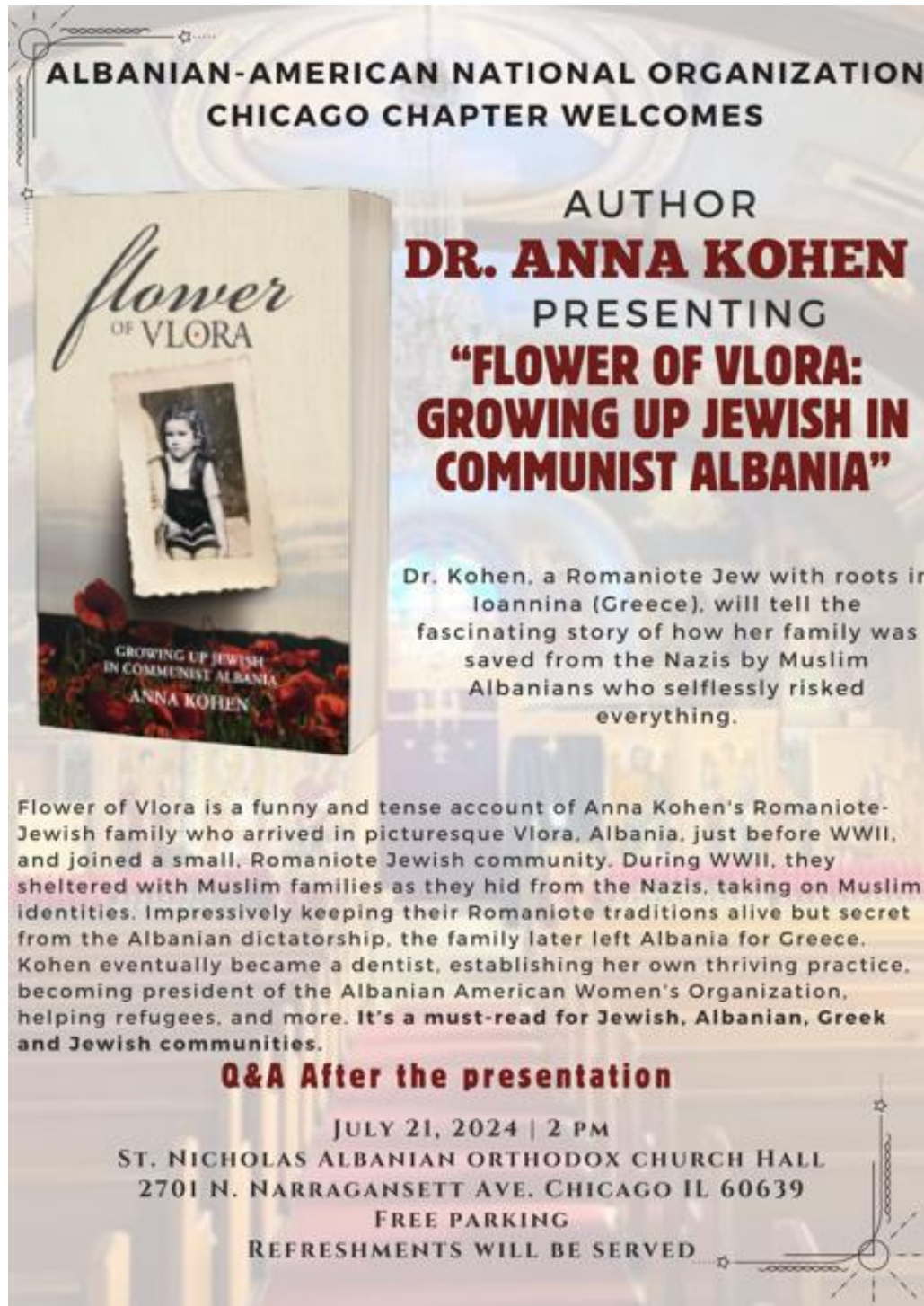
Watch for more details.

If you have any questions, please see Father or a member of your Parish Council.

Finally, we appreciate everyone who worships, supports and works for our community. Without you, we could not continue to operate our historic church. God Bless you always.

SPEAKER EVENT

The AANO Chicago Chapter is hosting a speaker event in our Church hall on Sunday, July 21, 2024. Everyone is invited. Dr. Anna Kohen, author of *Flower of Vlora: Growing up Jewish in Communist Albania*, will be the speaker. Please see the attached flyer.



**ALBANIAN-AMERICAN NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
CHICAGO CHAPTER WELCOMES**

**AUTHOR
DR. ANNA KOHEN
PRESENTING
"FLOWER OF VLORA:
GROWING UP JEWISH IN
COMMUNIST ALBANIA"**

Dr. Kohen, a Romaniote Jew with roots in Ioannina (Greece), will tell the fascinating story of how her family was saved from the Nazis by Muslim Albanians who selflessly risked everything.

Flower of Vlora is a funny and tense account of Anna Kohen's Romaniote-Jewish family who arrived in picturesque Vlora, Albania, just before WWII, and joined a small, Romaniote Jewish community. During WWII, they sheltered with Muslim families as they hid from the Nazis, taking on Muslim identities. Impressively keeping their Romaniote traditions alive but secret from the Albanian dictatorship, the family later left Albania for Greece. Kohen eventually became a dentist, establishing her own thriving practice, becoming president of the Albanian American Women's Organization, helping refugees, and more. **It's a must-read for Jewish, Albanian, Greek and Jewish communities.**

Q&A After the presentation

JULY 21, 2024 | 2 PM
ST. NICHOLAS ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH HALL
2701 N. NARRAGANSETT AVE. CHICAGO IL 60639
FREE PARKING
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

MEMBERSHIP



2024 Memberships

Please send in or drop off your dues for **2024** and **2023** if you still have not done it; **\$150** per individual over 21 years or old, **\$250** for family membership covering both husband and wife plus children under 21 yrs of age. Please note “2024 dues” on your check.

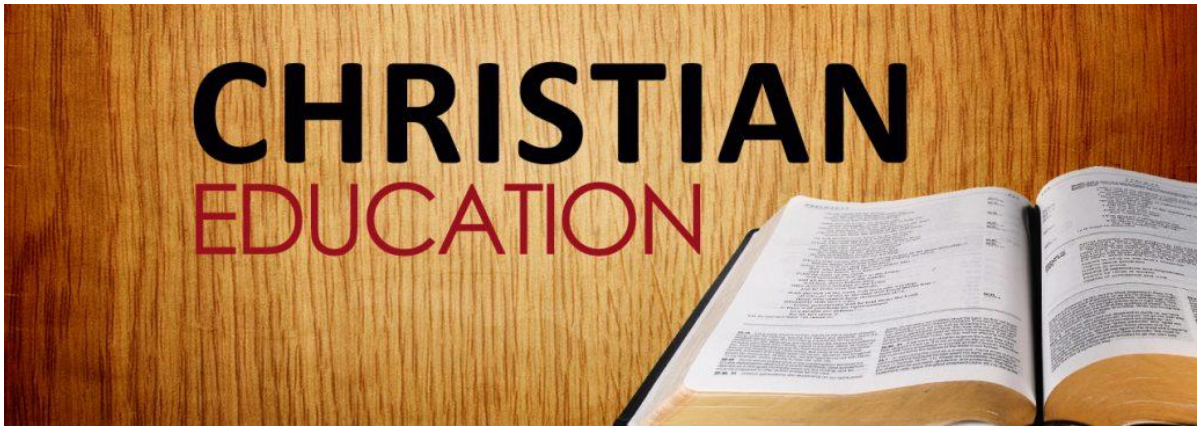
If you are not yet a member but would like to join our parish, please speak to a member of the Parish Council for information. There is no initiation membership fee any more.

Member directory-If you need to update or correct your address or phone number or the next membership directory, please contact our church at **773-889-4282** or church@stnicholasalbanianchicago.org. You can also contact Maria Barbachi if you want to give us your e-mail address to receive communication from our church. Also, if you are moving, please inform the church in regards to the forwarding address for future church communication. *Membership payment now can be done on our church website under donate button. The drop down list has “Membership” option you can use and make membership payments.*

Ju lutemi sillni ose dergoni pagesen e anetaresise se Kishes per vitin **2024** dhe **2023** ne rast se nuk e keni bere akoma. Njo eshte **\$150** per personat mbi 21 vjece dhe **\$250** per familjet qe mbulon burrin, gruan si dhe femijet e tyre ne moshen nen 21 vjece. Ju lutem shenoni “2024 dues” ne cekun tuaj.

Ne rast se ju nuk jeni anetar i Kishes dhe deshironi te beheni, kontaktoni zyren e Kishes apo nje nga anetarët e Keshillit te Kishes per informacionin e duhur.

Ju lutem njoftoni Kishen ne rast se keni ndryshuar adresen e banimit apo numrin e telefonit per te bere korrigjimet e duhura ne listat e Kishes. **773-889-4282** ose church@stnicholasalbanianchicago.org



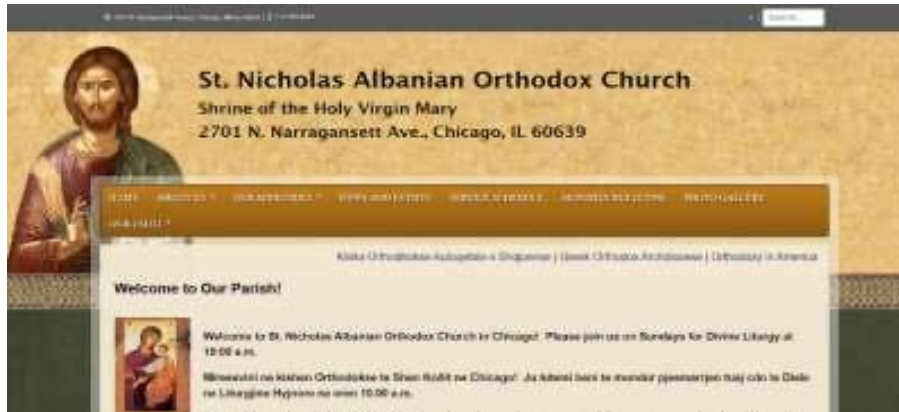
Attendance at the Divine Liturgy during summer

We all love summer and carefully plan our family vacations. This is a nice tradition. But what is not so nice, is the “tradition” of taking a vacation from church attendance. While it may happen to anyone to be absent one Sunday from church for major reasons, there is no reason to “abandon” church for the whole summer, giving more priority to leisure activities.

We have to think deeply as parents on what kind of example we’re giving our children. We have to examine carefully where our priorities stand. **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.”** If someone would tell us that he is going to nourish his body only half of the year (when outside is cold and he has nothing else to do) and when the weather is nice he is just going to starve himself because he is going on a vacation, we would think: This person is foolish! We act as foolishly as this person if we do not take proper care and nourish our soul year around through daily prayer, Bible reading and active participation in church’s life and especially in the Divine Liturgy. This is vital for the health of our soul, like food is for our bodies.

By participating in the Mysteries of the church, especially Holy Eucharist (Communion) we are granted by God’s mercy and love to taste the Lord to the fullest and be united with His Body and Blood unto Eternal Life. Take a vacation from work and find rest in God!

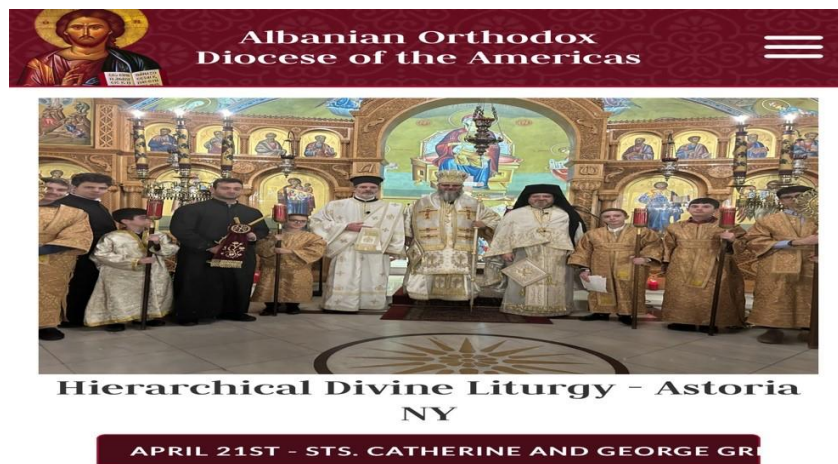
Attention!!! In September, the operation of the Sunday school for children, as well for adults, will start again. Will be updated in time with more information. Happy Summer.



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