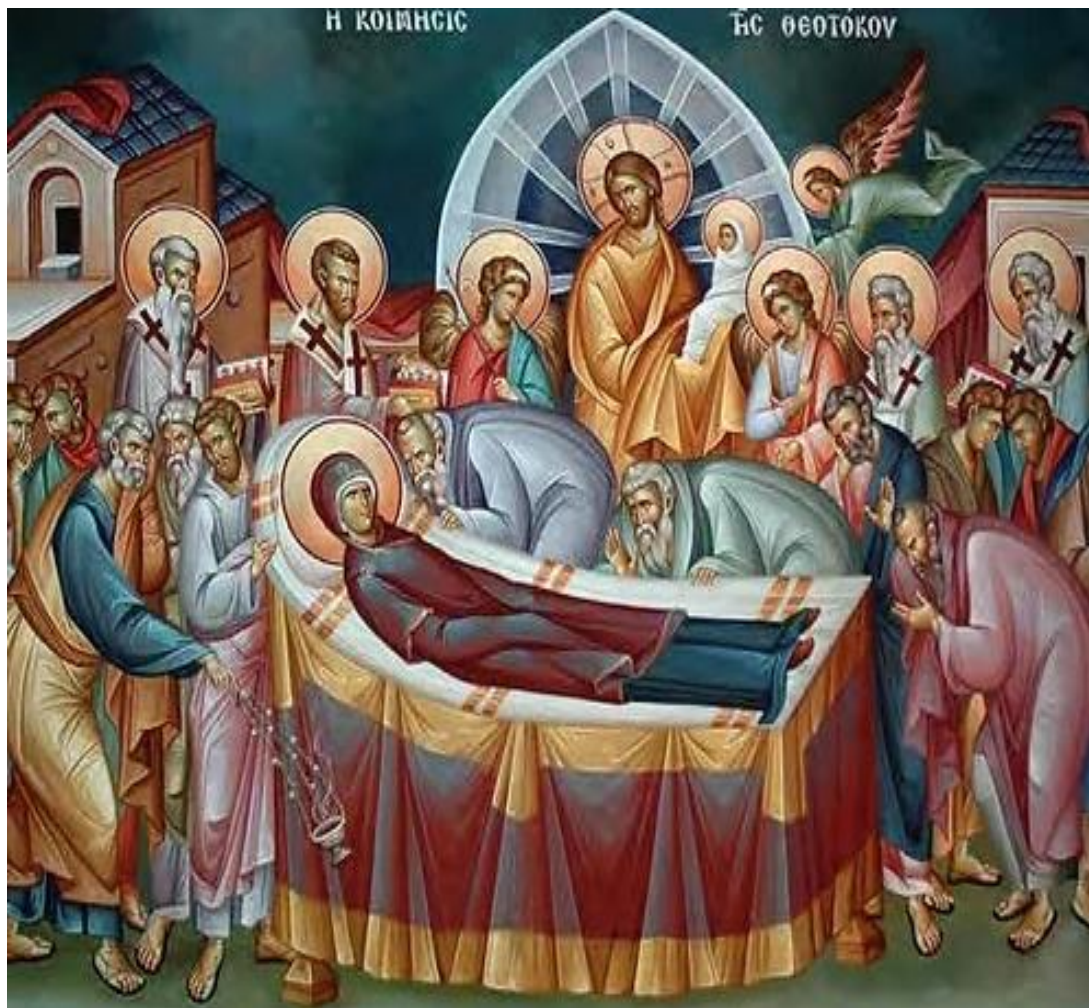




ST. NICHOLAS ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
SHRINE OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY



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## Schedule of services † Programi i Shërbësavë

August 1-14 Fast and only August 6 allowed Fish

-August 1, Thursday: Procession of the Holy Cross

**7:00 p.m.** Great Paraklësis of the Theotokos

Paraklisi i Madhë i Hyjlindësës

-August 4, Sunday: The Seven Holy Youths of Ephesus

Shtatë Femijtë në Efesë

**9:00 a.m.** Orthros - Divine Liturgy and Small Paraklësis

Mëngjëzorë - Meshë Hyjnore dhe Paraklisi i Vogël

-August 6, Tuesday: The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ

Metamorfoza e Jësu Krishtit

**9:00 a.m.** Orthros and Divine Liturgy (the blessing of the grapes)

Mëngjëzorë dhe Meshë Hyjnore (bëkimi i rrushit)

-August 8, Thursday: St Emilian of Cyzikos

**7:00 p.m.** Great Paraklësis of the Theotokos

Paraklisi i Madhë i Hyjlindësës

-August 11, Sunday: St. Niphon Pat. Of Constantinople

Shën Nifoni patriku i Konstandinopojës

**9:00 a.m.** Orthros - Divine Liturgy and Small Paraklësis

Mëngjëzorë - Meshë Hyjnore dhe Paraklisi i Vogël

-August 14, Wednesday: Forefeast of the Dormition

**7:00 p.m.** Great Vesper of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Mbrëmësorë e Madhë e Fjetjes së Hyjlindësës

## Schedulë of services † Programi i Shërbësavë

-August 15, Thursday: The Dormition of the Theotokos

Fjetja e Hyjlindesës

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-August 18, Sunday: St. Floros and Lauros of Illyria

Shën Flori dhe Lauri të Iliris

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-August 24, Saturday: St. Cosmas of Kolkontas

Shën Kozmai i Kolkondasit

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-August 25, Sunday: Apostle Titus of the 70

Apostull Tito nga të 70

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-August 26, Monday: St. Adrian and Natali

Shën Adriani dhe Natalia

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-August 29, Thursday: The Beheading of John Baptist

Prerja e kokës të Joan Pagezorit

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore



ST. NICHOLAS ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL

# FALL PICNIC

Music by DJ ILBO

Liturgy 10-11:30am

Burgers & hotdogs  
Fruit & drinks  
Fun games & activities  
Raffle & Prizes

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

September 15 / 10am-5pm  
Madison Meadow Park / Free entry

To be a sponsor, donate, or ask a question contact  
Kosta Shamata at 630-400-3284

**Use Your Camera or QR Scanner App To Scan!**

If you are having trouble with this please ask for help, we would love to help you!

**Picnic Information!**

**SCAN ME**



**Picnic Volunteer Survey!**

**SCAN ME**



**Scan This Code To Donate! Thank You!**







### LADIES AUXILIARY FUNDRAISING APPEAL

*The Ladies Auxiliary is reaching out to you, our faithful members, for support in raising funds to replace the kitchen ovens and refrigerator. These appliances have served us well but the parts are no longer available for necessary repairs.*

*For over 60 years, these original ovens have been an important tool used to prepare food for various events and fundraisers. The refrigerator works every day to keep food fresh for our community.*

*And both appliances are essential for our hall rentals. The goal is to raise **\$15,000** and we need your help to make it happen. We would like to invite you to consider making a contribution...no amount is too small.*

*If you would like to donate, you can do so by check made out to "St. Nicholas Ladies Auxiliary" with "Ovens" on the memo line which can be mailed or dropped off at the church office. Cash will be accepted as well. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*

*We are truly blessed.*



## 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: [stnicholasalbanianchicago.org](http://stnicholasalbanianchicago.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@stnicholasalbanianchicago.org](mailto:talktous@stnicholasalbanianchicago.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](mailto:priest@stnicholasalbanianchicago.org)

## Parish Council Activities

### 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:

- 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](http://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:

**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.





# 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.*

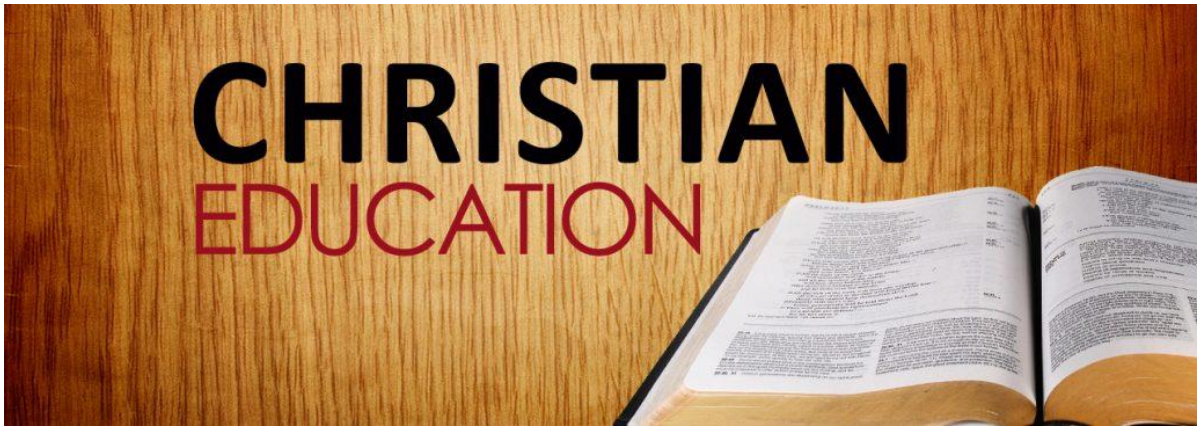
*If you are not yet a member but would like to join our parish, please speak to a member of the Parish Council for information. There is no initiation membership fee any more.*

***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](mailto: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. Ajo eshte \$150 per personat mbi 21 vjec dhe \$250 per familjet qe mbulon burrin, gruan si dhe femijet e tyre ne moshen nen 21 vjec. 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 anetaret 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](mailto: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.*

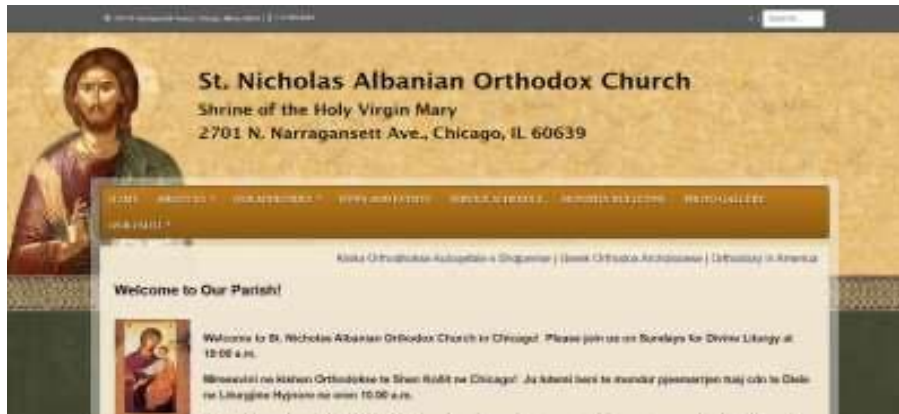
*We have to think deeply as parents on what kind of example we’re giving our children. We have to examine carefully where our priorities stand. “**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.**” If someone would tell us that he is going to nourish his body only half of the year (when outside 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 22, the operation of the Sunday school for children, as well for adults, will start again. Happy Summer.***

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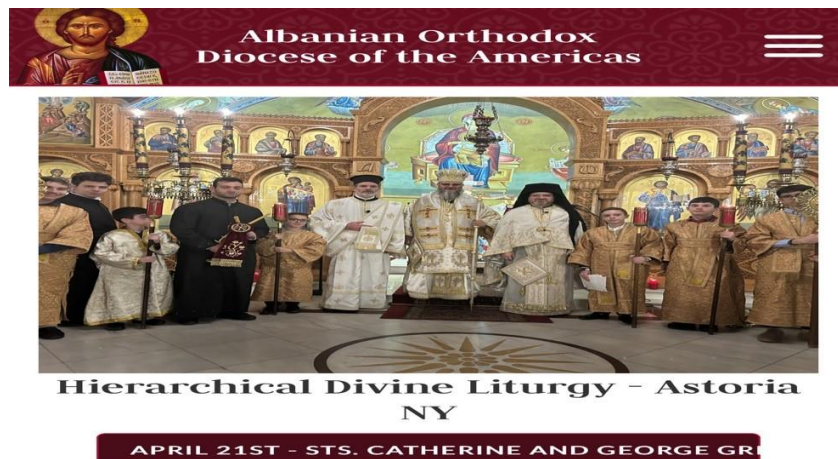
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