



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



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Schedulë of services † Programi i Shërbësavë

-Dëcember 1, Sunday: Prophet Naum

Profeti Naum

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-Dëcember 4, Wednesday: St. Barbara the Great Martyr

Shën Varvara Martirë e Madhë

8:00 a.m. The preparation of Byrek

Përgatitja e Byrekut

-Dëcember 5, Thursday:

7:00 p.m. Great Hierarchical Vesper of St. Nicholas

Mbrëmësoria e Madhë Hierarkale e Shën Nikollës

-Dëcember 6, Friday: St. Nicholas of Myra

Shën Nikolla i Mirës

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore Hierarkale

-Dëcember 8, Sunday: St. Patapios - Shën Patapi

9:00 a.m. Orthros - Divine Liturgy and Memorial for all the Benefactors of the Church

Mëngjëzore - Mëshë Hyjnore dhe Përkujtimore për të gjithë Mirëbërësit e Kishës

-Dëcember 15, Sunday: St. Eleutherios of Vlorë Bishop of Illyria

Shën Eleftheri i Vlorës Episkopi i Ilirisë

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-December 20, Friday: St. Ignatius the God-Bearer

Shën Ignati Hyjmbajtësi

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-December 22, Sunday: St. Anastasia the Great Martyr

Shën Anastasia Martirë e Madhe

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-December 23, Monday: Holy Vigil (Agrypnia)

Vigilë e Shënjtë (Agripni)

6:00 p.m. Great Christmas Hours - Vesper and Divine Liturgy

Orët e Madhe të Krishtlindjes- Mbremësore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-December 25, Wednesday: The Holy Nativity

Lindja e Krishtit

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-December 27, Friday: St. Stephen the First Martyr

Shën Stefani Martiri i Parë

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore

-December 29, Sunday: The 14.000 Infants

14.000 Fëmijë

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy (the last for 2024)

Mëngjëzore dhe Mëshë Hyjnore (e fundit e 2024)



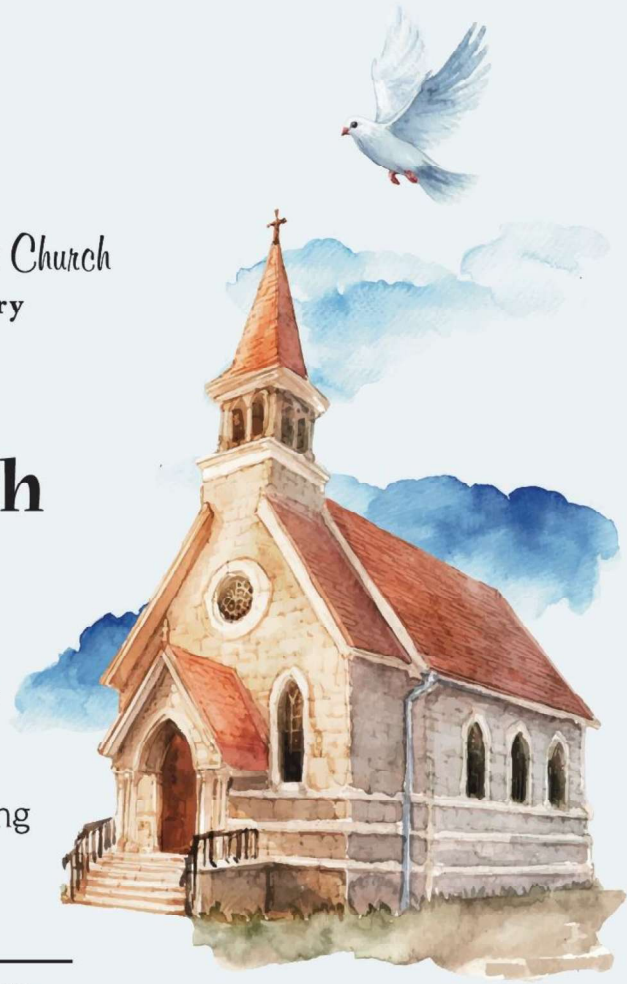
St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church
Shrine of the Holy Virgin Mary

Sunday Church School

Classes start on Sunday,
September 22nd

Sundays immediately following
holy communion

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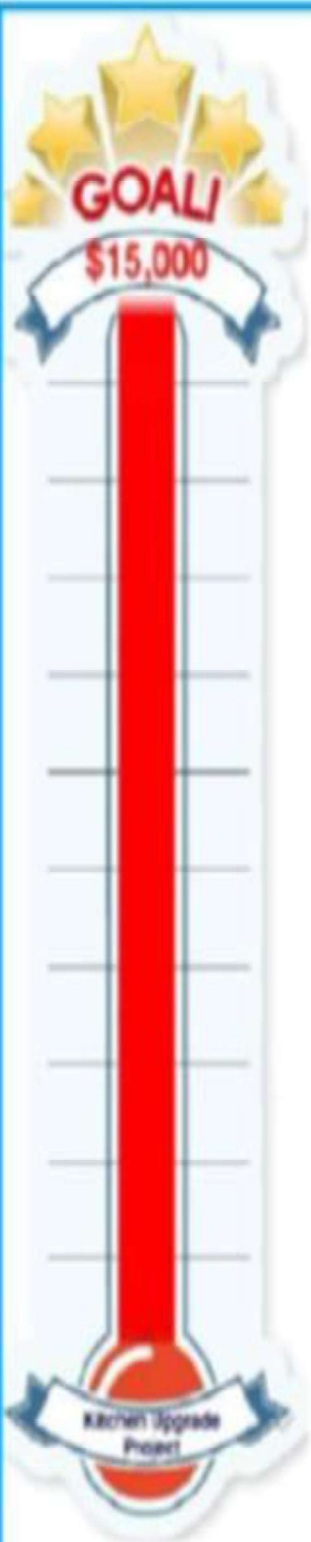
For registration

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Albanian version:

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Ladies Auxiliary

LADIES AUXILIARY FUNDRAISING APPEAL



St. Nicholas ladies Auxiliary is thrilled to announce that our Kitchen Upgrade Fundraiser has officially reached its goal!! Thanks to the incredible generosity of various donors from our community, we have successfully raised **\$15,000** that will go towards the replacement of our church's oven and refrigerator in the kitchen.

We are deeply grateful to every single donor who contributed to this campaign! We would not be able to accomplish these kinds of undertaking without the continuous support for our beloved church from St. Nicholas' family and friends!

May God bless you all and multiply your almsgiving!

DCFS Christmas Gift Drive For Children in Foster Care



Ladies Auxiliary Charitable Giving Program

The Ladies Auxiliary is happy to announce that we will be participating, again this year, in the DCFS Christmas Gift Drive which is a Chicago area Pan-Orthodox ministry. As Orthodox Christians we are called to fulfill our Lord's teaching: **"...as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."** Matthew 25:40

Children in foster care have known difficulty in their lives and they really appreciate our outreach as an expression of kindness and love. Let us embrace the spirit of St. Nicholas, our patron saint, and consider purchasing a gift for a Chicago Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) foster child this Christmas season and bring a smile to the face of a child in need.

Just follow these simple steps:

1. If you would like to participate send an email to the church (church@stnicholasalbanianchicago.org) or to Sofia Panajoti (jonasimeon@hotmail.com). Your name will be added to our donor list.
2. A foster child's Wish List will be assigned to each participant. The Wish List includes the child's name, age and items they would like to receive.
3. The Wish List for your assigned foster child can be picked up in the church hall after Sunday Liturgy from Sofia Panajoti. Or, if you prefer, the Wish List can be sent to you via email or text. Let us know your preference when you sign up to participate. If you choose to receive a text, please include your phone number.
4. Review your foster child's Wish List and, if you would like, involve your own family in selecting an appropriate gift for your assigned foster child.
5. **OPTIONAL:** Choose a Christmas card to enclose with your gift and write a friendly message to your foster child, Sign the Christmas card only with your first name.
6. All gifts must be new and unwrapped. Please put your gift in a gift bag together with your foster child's Wish List and optional Christmas card. **Use gift bags – do not wrap gifts with wrapping paper.** Tissue paper in the bags is okay to use, If you are giving a gift card, it should be placed in a box so as not to get easily lost.
7. Bring your gift bags to church by **Sunday, December 1.** **Gift bags will not be accepted after this deadline.**

May God bless you for your kindness and generosity toward a child in need!

PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

*ST. NICHOLAS
DINNER. DANCE*

DJ & Live Music by Grupi Memedheu

Hosted by The Ladies Auxiliary, in celebration of our patron Saint, this GALA is our biggest annual fundraiser to support the continuous needs of our beloved church and various charitable projects with an impact in our community at large.

DECEMBER

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2024

Empress Banquets

200 E Lake St.
Addison, IL 60101

5:00 pm
COCKTAILS

6:00 pm
DINNER

No tickets sold at the door. Please respond by November 27.

adults \$90 / children 6-12 yrs \$35 / children 5 yrs and under FREE

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. 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. 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

MEMBERSHIP-STEWARDSHIP



2024 Memberships-Stewardship

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-stewardship 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-stewardship fee any more.

***Member directory**-If you need to update or correct your address or phone number or the next membership-stewardship 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-stewardship payment now can be done on our church website under donate button. The drop down list has "Membership-Stewardship" option you can use and make membership-stewardship payments.*

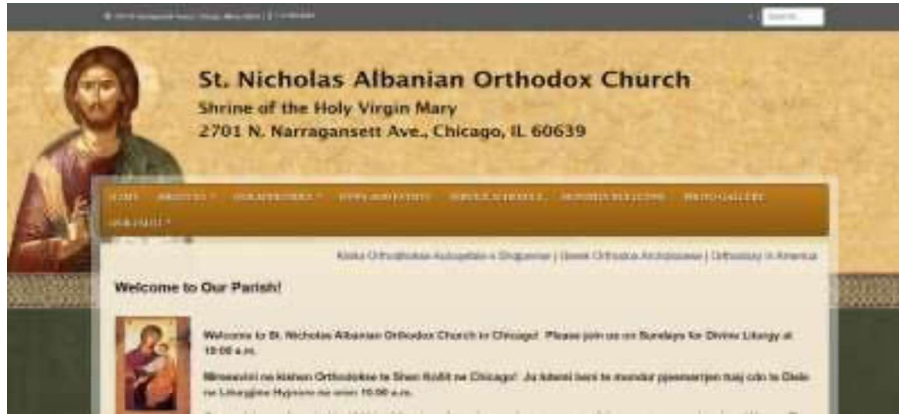
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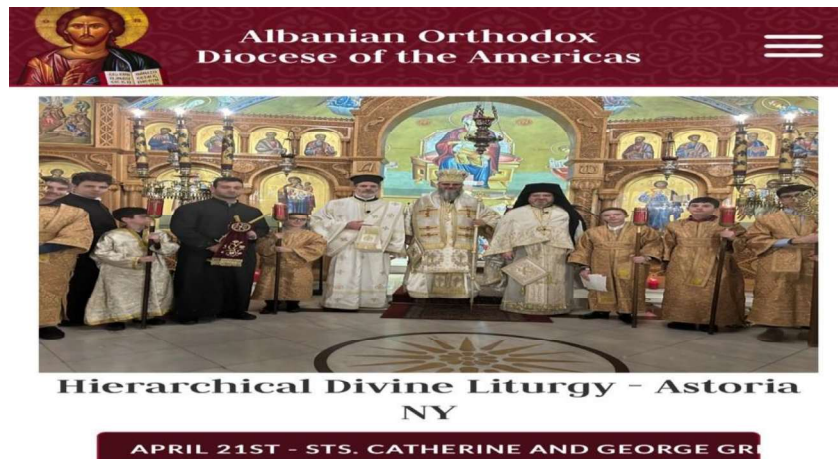
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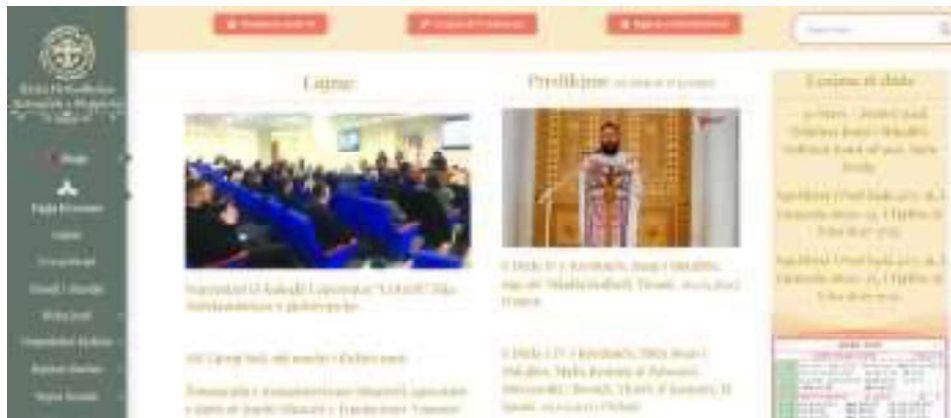
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