

Set Priorities

If things aren't right at home, you won't be effective at work over the long haul. If you're at odds with your family, you set a poor example of what God intends for the home. Put your family ahead of your work.

1. Go home with each day at a appropriate time. Be dependable. Don't exploit your family with frequent last-minute emergencies.
2. Give your best concentration at home. Be there in body and spirit. Work hard at the office and dedicate yourself to your family at home.
3. Get away occasionally with your mate, if just for a few hours. Escape interruptions and concentrate on those you love most.
4. Give access to your family. I let my wife and children know they can phone me or walk into my office anytime. They seldom take advantage of that, but I think it helps them know they're special to me.
5. Be there when your mate or children are involved in important activities. Rearrange your schedule if possible so you can be at concerts, games, or award banquets.
6. Be real. Be the same person at home that you are at work. Be as patient, kind and understanding with them as you are with the people at work. They deserve it more.

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The Sunday of all the Saints
June 7th

JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Catechism Class 6 - 7 pm	4	5	6
	Vacation Bible School June 1-5 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm					
	June 1-7 No Fasting					
7 All Saints Sunday 9:30 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy	8 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 PM	9	10 Catechism Class 6 - 7 pm	11	12	13
June 8-28 Apostles Fast Fish allowed except for Wednesdays and Fridays						
14 2nd Sunday of Matthew 9:30 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy	15	16	17 Catechism Class 6 - 7 pm	18	19	20
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21 3rd Sunday of Matthew 9:30 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Father's Day	22	23	24 Catechism Class 6 - 7 pm	25	26	27
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28 4th Sunday of Matthew 9:30 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy	29	30				

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Class of 2025–2026 Graduates

High School Graduates

- **Manoli Bourland** – Dorman High School → Clemson University (Mechanical Engineering)
- **Zeb Deese** – Home School → SCC Trade School Program (Auto Mechanic)
- **Mary Franklin Gilman** – Spartanburg Day School → Duke University
- **Katerina Ghionis** – Spartanburg Day School → Spartanburg Methodist College (part-time internship / work)
- **Ava Hrysikos** – Spartanburg High School → Clemson University (Pre-Med)
- **Wyatt Stephens** – Dorman High School → United States Marine Corps

College Graduates

- **Alex Becknell** – Western Carolina University (BS Health Sciences, Minor in Music – May 2024) & East Tennessee State University (BSN – Dec 2025)
- **Anna Becknell** – Oglethorpe University
- **Demetri Morrow** – Spartanburg Methodist College (Associate of Science – May 2026) → Exercise Science at USC Upstate, then Physical Therapy
- **Viyah Morrow** – USC Upstate (BS Chemistry, Minor in Biology – May 2026) → Pharmacy School
- **Isabella Rubio** – Wofford College
- **Vladimir Zotov** – University of North Dakota (PhD in Chemistry) – Entering the workforce

Grandchildren of Doris Ghionis

- **Dylan Hendry** – Florida State University (Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering)
- **Rachel Hendry** – University of South Florida (Doctoral Degree in Physical Therapy) – Awards for Clinical Excellence and Outstanding Capstone Project



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June 2026

SUNDAY

Orthros | 9:30 am

Divine Liturgy | 10:00 am

WEEKDAY

Orthros | 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy | 9:00 am

Church Times will be different during the summer **ONLY**

Schedule of Services

Holy Confession: Available by appointment.

Weekday Services

Announcements

A Heartfelt Thank You

We extend our sincere gratitude to Father Vasileios Tsourlis for faithfully serving as our temporary priest while Father George was recovering from his illness. Thank you, Father Vasileios, for your kindness, dedication, and pastoral care. With deep appreciation, The Parish Council & St. Nicholas Community

Remember Your Church | Please remember your Church this summer. We know that with the coming of summer many people will be on vacation, and will stop coming to church. Remember that we cannot take a vacation from God. If you are in the city come to Church, if you are in another city, find an Orthodox Church there to attend.

Catechism Classes: Fr. George will lead weekly class on **Wednesdays** from **6:00-7:00 pm** in the small hall.

Stewardship 2026 | If you have not filled out and returned your stewardship card for 2026 please take a moment to do so. Cards may be picked up and turned in at the Pangari or mailed to the church.

Vacation Bible School | We will be hosting Vacation Bible School June 1-5 from 12:30 pm-4:30 pm. All kids are welcome from ages 4 and up. Please see Anna Gilman to register your child or sign up to volunteer.

New Credit Card Donation Option!

Starting **Sunday, June 7, 2026**, we will have a new **Credit Card Machine** available at the **Pangari**. You will now be able to make your weekly offerings and special donations conveniently using your credit or debit card. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of St. Nicholas!

Please note: There will be a **3% processing fee** added to all credit card transactions. Cash and checks will continue to be accepted as usual.

Schedule

June 2026

7	Coffee Hour TBA
	Prosphoro Mike Lydakis
	Pangari Mike Lydakis & Logan Griffith
14	Coffee Hour TBA
	Prosphoro Presbyteria Ellada Nayfa
	Pangari Kiki Couchell & Conrad Allen
21	Coffee Hour TBA
	Prosphoro TBA
	Pangari Constantine Ghionis & Maria Tsoulos
28	Coffee Hour TBA
	Prosphoro Dr. Lina Miraziz Jung
	Pangari Ramzi Ayyad & David Jung
Pangari members should arrive no later than 9:30 am	

Parish Survey | As a member of our parish, your voice matters. The Effective Parish Assessment is a short survey to improve parish life, identify priorities and strengthen our health & effectiveness. It will remain open for 3 weeks, closing on Sunday, June 14, 2026. The survey is completely anonymous and should take 10–15 minutes to complete.



Scan the QR code to take the parish survey or go to
<https://www.effectiveparish.org/survey>