

From Maria Melts Stasios, Parish Council President

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Greetings on behalf of the Parish Council. It's hard to believe summer is ending and it's time for our new ecclesiastical year to begin. I hope you enjoyed time with family and friends this summer and that you are ready for the new schedule we have planned for our Sunday church services. You will find additional information about our time changes in this newsletter.

The new year and our schedule change provide an opportunity to establish new habits in attendance. Arriving on time shows respect and consideration to our volunteer catechism teachers, our parish priest, and our fellow parishioners. Please help set a good example for our youth by doing your best to arrive promptly for church school classes and worship services.

One of our first community events in September will be a visit from our metropolitan Alexios, Bishop of Atlanta. He will be here for our first-ever September Cross Dive which coincides with the feast-day to celebrate the Elevation of the Holy Cross. Please mark your calendars for this event on September 12th at a new location on Figure 8 Island. To read more about this feast day, visit the archdiocese website at <http://www.goarch.org/chapel/saintsview=205>.

While our ministries and organizations are already busy preparing for the new church year, there is always room for additional volunteers. Please contact a Parish Council member, a member of the Education, Culture and Youth Diakonia, or Father Matthew for more information in a ministry area that interests you.

The new year is also a good time to update your personal information with our church office. If you do not receive the online bulletin and would like to, please call the office and provide us with your email address.

The Parish Council joins me in thanking you for your continued support of St. Nicholas. We look forward to seeing you in church, and as always, please let us know if you have questions or concerns.