



KANDILI

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We're excited to share our church newsletter, **Kandili**, is back!

Welcome to Kandili! Our goal is to publish this every other month to keep our parish informed, encouraged, and connected. Inside, you'll find updates on church events, ministry highlights, and ways to get involved in the life of our church.

Please note that we will publish one combined issue during the summer months. We hope this becomes a meaningful resource for you and your family—a simple way to stay in the loop and see how God is at work in our community.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY. WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Congratulations to our one high school graduate, Aaron Nash.
- Thank you to all the Bake Sale volunteers
- Holy Mother Queen of All YouTube channel is Live

“How do we maintain connection with the spiritual world, with the heavenly Church? By calling upon them in prayer; by keeping the festivals instituted in their honor; and by the Church services.”

St. John of Kronstadt

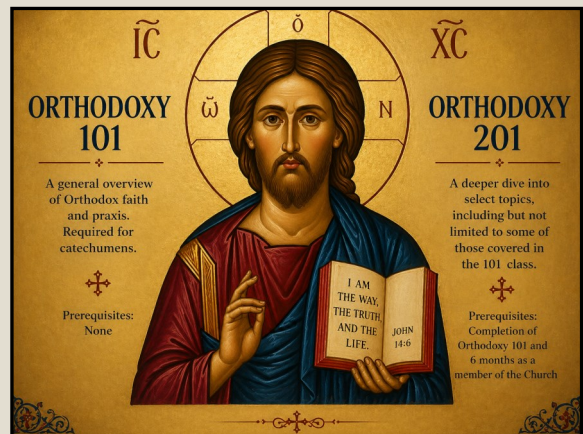
Church Calendar



ORTHODOXY 101 AND 201 SUMMER SESSIONS

Orthodoxy 101 offers a general overview of the Orthodox faith and practice and is required for catechumens. There are no prerequisites. The class will meet on **Mondays at 6:00 PM beginning May 11**

Orthodoxy 201 is a deeper dive into select topics, building on material from the 101 class. Prerequisites include completion of Orthodoxy 101 and at least six months as a member of the Church. This class will meet on **Wednesdays, beginning May 13th after Vespers (around 6:30 PM).**



Both classes will begin in early to mid-May and are expected to run through mid- to late August. Please note that some weeks may be skipped due to holidays and vacations. If you have any questions about the classes, please speak with Father William.

Saturday May 23rd, 2026

4-7 PM

Lex GOC 2nd Family night

The Bread of Life Family Game Night



4:00 Prayers in church. 4:15 split into groups

Childrens activity at 4:15 only.

Prosforo class in kitchen at 4:15

Dinner & Games at 5:15

Pizza will be provided: bring side or dessert

AARON NASH CELEBRATES HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION MILESTONE

As Aaron Nash prepares to graduate high school, he reflects on a journey of faith, growth, and purpose that has shaped his life in meaningful ways.

Aaron credits his parents, Fr. William, and the fellowship of the church for making a lasting impact on him throughout high school. While he felt disconnected from the Church during his freshman year, he says becoming more involved helped transform his life and strengthen his relationship with Christ.

“The Church really has become the most important thing in my life,” Aaron shared.

Through prayer, serving as an altar server and living a sacramental life, Aaron found peace and direction during the challenges of high school. He says the Church kept him grounded and reminded him of his purpose.

After graduation, Aaron plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University to study business while continuing to prayerfully discern a possible future in seminary.

Aaron encourages younger students to stay active in church life and focus on living out the love of Christ.

“Attend Church regularly because it is not just self-help, but it is absolutely transformative!” he said.



THE LADIES OF LEXINGTON POET SOCIETY



The Ladies of Lexington Poet Society is offering a unique space for women in the community to connect through literature. The women-only book club is open to all, not just parishioners, and focuses exclusively on works written by female authors across a wide range of genres.

Meeting on select Saturdays every couple of months, the group provides an opportunity for thoughtful discussion, fellowship, and a shared appreciation of women’s voices in literature. This group is perfect for both longtime readers and those looking to rekindle a love of books.

Those interested in joining or learning more about the Ladies of Lexington Poet Society can receive additional details by contacting Maria Sawaya at (859) 312-8016.

SPRING BAKE SALE A SWEET SUCCESS

The Spring Bake Sale was a wonderful success, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed their time, and talents to make this event such a meaningful fundraiser for the Philoptochos.

As we turn our attention to the upcoming Christmas Bake Sale, sponsored by the parish council, preparations will begin in September. Volunteer sign-ups will be announced as the date approaches. We encourage all members of our community to consider lending a helping hand. No experience is needed. We will gladly teach you! This event is one of our largest fundraisers, and its continued success depends on the support and participation of many.

Thank you again to all who made the Spring Bake Sale such a success!



FUNDRAISING EFFORT UNDERWAY FOR CHURCH GENERATOR

Our church community is currently raising funds to purchase a Generac generator to support our bake sales and protect the many hours of work contributed by our volunteers.

The bake sale is one of our most important fundraisers and requires significant food storage. At present, we utilize 14 freezers and 3 refrigerators to store the items our volunteers spend countless hours preparing. Unfortunately, during nearly every sale, we experience power outages due to storms or other unforeseen issues. These interruptions put our entire inventory at risk.

A loss of power could mean losing not only the food itself, but also the time, effort, and expense that go into preparing it—along with the funds we rely on from the sale. To help prevent this, we are working to purchase a generator that will keep our equipment running in the event of an outage.

The total cost of the Generac generator is \$16,000. To date, we have raised \$4,500 toward this goal. We are grateful for the generosity shown so far and ask for your continued support.

If you would like to contribute, please write your name on the clipboard located next to the guest book in the narthex. If you have any questions, please speak with Delores Minor.

CHOIR

The choir plays a central and meaningful role in the life of the Orthodox Church, serving as far more than a musical addition to worship. It is a vital liturgical ministry that acts as the “voice” of the congregation, helping to lead the faithful in prayer through sacred hymnography and chant.



In keeping with long-standing tradition, Orthodox worship is a cappella, relying solely on the human voice rather than instruments. This practice emphasizes the beauty and purity of vocal harmony, allowing prayers and theological teachings to be expressed in a reverent and unified way. Through each service, the choir helps convey the depth and richness of the faith, enhancing the spiritual experience for all in attendance.

The choir is open to anyone interested in participating in this important ministry. While the ability to read music is preferred, all who are willing to learn and contribute are encouraged to join. There is also a particular need for additional male voices to help balance and strengthen the group.

Those interested in becoming part of the choir or learning more are encouraged to contact Maria Sawaya at (859) 312-8016 for additional information.

YOUTUBE CHURCH SERVICE STREAMING

We are streaming our church services on YouTube at the following channel:

www.youtube.com/@goclexlive

Options to watch the church’s live streams or past services include:

1. **Smart TV** – Open the YouTube app and type in the channel – @goclexlive
2. **Computer, Laptop or iPad** – Open this page on your device and click on the link above. It will take you directly to the GOC Lex Live channel.
3. **Phone** – Use your phone camera to click on the QR code to watch the live stream on your phone. It is recommended that you install the YouTube app on your phone. Find it in the *Google Play Store* for Android or *App Store* on an iPhone. Once installed, you can search for the channel by searching for @goclexlive.

Contact George Arimes or Delores Minor if you have any questions. We will be happy to assist in getting you connected in your home by any of the methods.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Most people don’t think about what it takes to keep a building running smoothly—until something goes wrong. Behind the scenes, the facilities management committee works to make sure everything stays safe, up to code, and functioning as it should.

A big part of that effort comes from Ken Kiriacopoulos, who puts in a tremendous amount of time coordinating repairs, staying on top of code requirements, and making sure nothing slips through the cracks. When everything is running well, it often goes unnoticed—but that’s exactly the goal.

Over the past few months, several projects have been completed, including snow and ice removal, refrigeration repairs, and gutter repairs from winter damage. Looking ahead, the concrete pad on the north side of the church will be repaired by BR Construction at no cost, and plans are in place to replace the front entrance door.

This work wouldn’t be possible without the help of volunteers. A big thank you to Alex Rosado, Erick and Theo Neely, Tommy Booras, Greg Perry, and Geof Whiteman for helping shovel ice after the winter storm. Another thank you to Andres and Megan Caban, along with their daughters Harper, Isla, and Lainy, for trimming and bagging hedge clippings. Thank you to Tom Minor’s continued support to facilities management.

Facilities management is truly a team effort. If you’d like to help, please reach out to Ken Kiriacopoulos at axehdl6usmcret.twc.com.

KROGER PLUS REWARDS PROGRAM

Did you know you can support our church just by shopping at Kroger? By linking your Kroger Plus Card through the Kroger Community Rewards program, a portion of your purchases is donated to the church – at no extra cost to you.



Simply log in to your Kroger account and select our church as your Community Rewards organization. It's an easy way to give back while doing your regular shopping. Thank you for your support!

Step 1: Go to the Website

Open your internet browser and go to:

www.krogercommunityrewards.com

Step 2: Sign In or Create an Account

If you already have an account, click "Sign In" If you are new, click "Create an Account"

Step 3: Set Up Your Account

Fill in the information:

Your ZIP code, Choose your favorite Kroger store, Enter your email address, Create a password and agree to the terms and conditions.

Step 4: Check Your Email

Go to your email inbox and open the message from Kroger. Then click the link inside the email

Step 5: Log In

Go back to the Kroger website, Click "My Account" and sign in using your email and password

Step 6: Add Your Kroger Card

Click "Edit Kroger Community Rewards", Enter your Kroger Plus Card number

If you use your phone number at checkout:

Call **800-576-4377** Press option **4** to get your card number

Step 7: Choose Your Organization

Type: Panagia Pantovasilissa Greek Orthodox Church OR enter this number: HM879

Select it from the list and Click "Confirm"

Step 8: Check It Worked

You should see the church's name on your account page.

You're Done!

VOLUNTEERING THROUGH TIME & TALENT

Volunteering is an opportunity to actively participate in the life and mission of the Church by sharing your God-given gifts, abilities, and time. Whether serving in worship, education, outreach, hospitality, youth ministries, events, or community service, every act of service strengthens the parish family and helps build the Body of Christ.

Stewards are encouraged to prayerfully consider the ministries and activities where they feel called to serve and to select the areas in which they would like to participate.

EDUCATION

- Bible Study
- Adult Religious Education
- Intro to Orthodoxy
- Speakers
- Bookstore
- Library

MAINTENANCE

- Garden & Landscape
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Clean-up
- Building Maintenance
- Roofing
- Hall Rentals

COMMUNICATIONS

- Website & E-mail
- Bulletin & Newsletter
- Public Relations

YOUTH

- Sunday Church School
- Vacation Church School
- Youth Leader
- Camp Counselor

LITURGICAL

- Altar Service
- Chanting / Choir
- Readers
- Ushers
- Prospora Baking
- Candle Stand Assistance



ADMINISTRATION

- Fiscal Management
- Development
- Fundraising
- Office Help
- Computer / Technical Support
- YouTube Streaming

MINISTRIES

- Campus Ministry
- Welcome Team
- GOYA
- Missions
- Outreach
- Stewardship
- Sunday Fellowship / Coffee Hour
- Hospital Visitation
- Shut-ins Ministry
- Feed the Hungry
- Grief Bereavement Group
- Blood Drives

Please contact our Priest if you are interested in volunteering your time and talent in one of the ministries listed above. **Email:** fr.william.redmon@gmail.com **Phone:** (859) 229-2121.

KANDILI SUPPORT

Kandili is brought to you by the committees of our parish and is put together by Becky Wimsatt, Maria La Mar, George Arimes, and Deloris Minor.

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