# St. Stefanos Greek Orthodox Church

## November 2026

## The Light



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| **1**<br>8:45 a.m. Orthros<br>10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy<br>Nursing BP Check<br>Philoptochos Artoclacia | **2**<br>Daughters of Penelope Meeting 6:00 p.m.<br>Diabetes Presentation 6:30 p.m. | **3**<br>General Elections | **4**<br>6:00PM Paraklesis<br>7:00PM Thirty Steps To Heaven | **5**<br>5:45 pm Kefi Dance Kids<br>6:00 pm Kefi Dance Teens<br>6:30 Hope and Joy<br>7 pm GOYA<br>7:30 pm Kefi Dance Adults | **6**<br>Tampa Greek Festival<br>9:00AM Philoptochos Baking<br>10:30AM Prayer Group | **7**<br>Tampa Greek Festival<br>6:00 p.m. Great Vespers (Tarpon Springs) |
| **8**<br>8:45 a.m. Orthros<br>10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy | **9**<br>8:45 a.m. Orthros<br>10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy | **10**<br>6:30 p.m. Parish Council | **11**<br>10:00 a.m. UAW Meeting<br>6:00PM Paraklesis | **12**<br>5:45 pm Kefi Dance Kids<br>6:00 pm Kefi Dance Teens<br>7:30 pm Kefi Dance Adults | **13**<br>St. George Greek Festival<br>Philoptochos Baking 9 am<br>9 am Orthros<br>10:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>10:30AM Prayer Group | **14**<br>St. George Greek Festival |
| **15**<br>8:45 a.m. Orthros<br>10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy<br>General Assembly<br>6 pm Unction | **16**<br>8:45 a.m. Orthros<br>10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy | **17**<br>12 p.m. Hope and Joy Food Drop Off | **18**<br>6:00PM Paraklesis | **19**<br>5:45 pm Kefi Dance Kids<br>6:00 pm Kefi Dance Teens<br>7:30 pm Kefi Dance Adults | **20**<br>9:00AM Philoptochos Baking<br>10:30AM Prayer Group | **21**<br>8:45 a.m. Orthros<br>10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy<br>9 am Food Pantry |
| **22**<br>8 a.m. Hall Rental<br>8:45 a.m. Orthros<br>10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy<br>Philoptochos Bake Sale | **23** | **24** | **25**<br>6:00PM Paraklesis | **26**<br>5:45 pm Kefi Dance Kids<br>6:00 pm Kefi Dance Teens<br>7:30 pm Kefi Dance Adults | **27**<br>10:30AM Prayer Group | **28** |
| **29**<br>8:45 a.m. Orthros<br>10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy | **30**<br>8:45 a.m. Orthros<br>10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (For St. Andrew at St. George in New Port Richey) | **1** | **2**<br>6:00PM Paraklesis | **3**<br>5:45 pm Kefi Dance Kids<br>6:00 pm Kefi Dance Teens<br>6:30 pm Hope and Joy<br>7 pm Goya<br>7:30 pm Kefi Dance Adults | **4**<br>8:15 a.m. Hierarchical Orthros and Divine Liturgy For St. Barbara in Sarasota<br>10:30 am Prayer Group | **5**<br>10 am Gerontology Conference (Tarpon Springs)<br>6 pm Vespers in Tarpon Springs |

Strict Fast  Fish Allowed  Dairy Allowed  Wine and Oil Allowed

# Veteran's Drive



The Philoptochos are collecting men's clothing for the homeless veterans

DONATE NOW
through Nov 10th

Ways to donate:
Purchase items from the donation list or
Make a monetary donation and Philoptochos will shop for you

Check: Payable to St. Stefanos Philoptochos
Zelle: philoptochos5009@gmail.com

Chair: Vicky Anadiotis
727.254.1440
Christine Petsalis
727.480.7576

Tennis shoes
Sizes: 9,10,11,13

Pants
Size 34 shorts
Size 36 shorts
Size 30x30 pants
Size 30x32pants
Size34x30pants
Size34x32pants
Size34x34pants
Size36x30pants
Size38x32pants
Size38x34pants

Hygiene
3in1 bodywash
Shampoo 16oz or less

# Local Orthodox Events

**Nearby Greek Festivals**

November 6 - 7: St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church of Tampa

November 13 - 15: St. George Greek Orthodox Church of New Port Richey

**Local Services**

Saturday, November 7th at 6 p.m.: Great Vespers at Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church in Lecanto, FL.

November 30 - Divine. Liturgy at St. George in New Port Richey

Friday, December 4th - Hierarchical Orthros and Liturgy starting at 8:15 a.m. at St. Barbara in Sarasota.

Saturday, December 5th - Great Vespers starting at 6 p.m. at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Tarpon Springs.

## Fall General Assembly 2026

On Sunday, November 15th we will have our Fall General Assembly following the Diving Liturgy. This assembly will involve the approval of the proposed budget for the coming year, which affects all areas of the church's operation. We hope that all of our members will make every effort to attend so that everyone's voices can be heard as we strive to serve the best interests of the parish community. We will look forward to seeing you there.

On Monday, November 2nd at 6:00 p.m. our Daughters of Penelope chapter will have a meeting prior to the presentation on diabetes.

## Hope and Joy

On Thursday, November 5th at 5:30 p.m. we will have an event for Hope and Joy. We will focus on the theme of thankfulness as we approach Thanksgiving. We will hope to see all of our younger members there.

# 35th Anniversary of the Ecumenical Patriarch

As we approach the 35th anniversary of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's enthronement, all parishes of the Atlanta Metropolis are collectively contributing to a gift in support of the ongoing work of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. While our parish is contributing, further support from any of our parishioners is greatly appreciated. We currently have one thousand dollars towards a goal of three thousand dollars, and with the support of the community this goal can become a reality.

We recently commemorated Oxi Day and took a moment to remember the freedoms made possible by the sacrifices of those involved, but we must also remember that the struggle for religious freedom is still very much underway for those overseas. Our Patriarch is directly involved in making an Orthodox Christian way of life possible for many of our fellow Christians in other countries.

If you are interesting in supporting our mother church, scan the QR code or leave a check with "EP Anniversary" on the memo line.

**Operational Finances:**

**-Flagship Operation Checking: $16,864.37**
**-Greek Fest Money Market Acct: $33,329.43**
**-Project Legacy Money Market Acct: $30,000.00**
**-Flagship Equity LOC: $276,999.08**

**Project Legacy Finances**

-Stifel Endowment Acct: $53,900.02

**November is Diabetes Awareness Month**

# What You Do Not Know About Diabetes Can Hurt You!

**Faith Nurses, Daughters of Penelope and the Philoptochos would like to invite you on November 2, 2026 at 6:30pm to hear Ms Glatter speak at St Stefanos Church Education Building.**




**Introduction to Disease & Treatment**

Susan M. Glatter APRN MSN
Certified Diabetes Care& Education Specialist
Bay Care Fath Community Nurse

SAINT STEFANOS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

**PROJECT LEGACY**

HONORING OUR PAST.
LIVING OUR PRESENT.
PREPARING OUR FUTURE.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND ENDOWMENT

## PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER:

1) Donating Online by Scanning the QR Code with your phones camera.

2) Submit Pledge Card and/or Donation to the Church Office.

3) Speak with a committee member about Estate Planning, Stock Transfer, and other donations of Appreciated Assets.

4) Donate your Time & Talent. If you have expertise in any area and would like to assist in these endeavors, please contact the office at office@ststefanos.org or 727-345-8235.

# GOYA Meeting November 5th

On Thursday, November 5th at 7:00 p.m. we will have our monthly GOYA meeting. We will look forward to seeing all of our youth as we continue to this important ministry.

## Monthly Newsletter Entries

In order to communicate all of the various events in our church and the surrounding area, we will send out a newsletter every month. All of our ministry leaders and anyone else with an event planned should try to submit entries as early as possible in the month to ensure that it will be included. Much of the success of the various ministries hinges on effective planning and communication, so the more help we receive in this area the more we will be able to promote and support all of the efforts of the community. Entries can be submitted to frmike@ststefanos.org at your convenience.

## Ministry Volunteer Opportunities to Consider!

The following volunteer opportunities within our Ministries and Administration are currently open and we are in need of Volunteers:
-Sunday School Teachers and Substitute Teachers
-Reading Ministry (Organizing Epistle Readers and readings during services)
-Media Ministry members (Live Stream
-Outreach Ministry
-Adult Catechism
-Website and App Managment
-Investment Committee (Endowment, Financial Advisement on investments)
-Any New MInistry ideas are welcome as well!

**Fr. Michael Downs, Head Priest: frmike@ststefanos.org**
**Fr. Alex Limberatos, Efimerios: fralex@ststefanos.org**
**Patricia Cleary, Office Administrator: office@ststefanos.org**
**Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

# Download our St. Stefanos App

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1) Scan QR code above or go to this link: https://tithely.app.link/st-stefanos-greek-orthodox-church
This will take you to the App Store or Google Play.
2) Download the Tithe.ly Church App, then open it.
3) Request to swap the icon to our St. Stefanos logo.
4) Now it will appear and function as a custom app on your device! This will keep you updated and engaged with our Community!

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**Please help our Food Pantry by donating the following Items:**

**Canned meat (including Vienna sausage, spam, chicken, tuna, spam), Cereal, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Toilet Paper, PB&J, Rice, Instant mashed potatoes, Canned Fruit & Vegetables, Ramen noodles, Soup, Oatmeal, Mac and Cheese.**

**Our Food Pantry distributes food to people from the greater St. Petersburg Area on the third Saturdays of the month!**

**SCAN HERE TO DONATE ITEMS DIRECTLY!**

**Scan To Donate Stewardship**

**Scan to Join Email list**