



Icon of the month

The Theotokos, the Birth-Giver of God, was blessed and elected to serve the Will of God by giving a fatherless birth to our Savior. The Icon of the Annunciation depicts the story in St. Luke's Gospel Chapter 1:26-38. According to this narrative, six months after St. John the Baptist was conceived, the Archangel Gabriel visited the Virgin Mary and announced to her that she was going to conceive by the Holy Spirit and give birth to Jesus Christ. Nine months later, the Virgin Mary gave birth to Christ in Bethlehem. This joy and grace came to be known as the Spirit of Christmas!



Mission statement

Our mission is to bring children closer to their **Orthodox Christian Church** throughout the entire year by utilizing the technology of the Internet and telephone to communicate with them in their homes. This could take place at various times, namely: Christmastime, Name Days, and even birthdays. This would be accomplished by using the beloved and friendly character of **Santa Claus**, who was originally **Saint Nicholas of Myra, a Priest and Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Church**.

St. Nicholas - Tele-Santas

With 2023 already moving at a very fast pace, our newsletter, The Spirit of Christmas, would like to share some memories with families and friends for our preparations for Christmas 2023. Before we leave Christmas 2022 behind, it's very important for us all to give a round of applause to all our St. Nicholas - Tele-Santas! These disciples made this season's endeavor a tremendous success! Thank you!

Our lead Santa making it all happen, Santa Peter J. Poulos of Atlanta, GA, along with his special helper, Santa Leo Boone from Annapolis, MD, made sure all of our disciples of the St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa Program were great representatives of this ministry. We appreciate their love and commitment to Christ and His Holy Church. May God bless and protect them all!

The St. Nicholas - Tele-Santas from 2022 are listed below:

Santa Peter Poulos - Senoia, GA
Santa Leo Boone - Annapolis, MD
Santa Kevin Goodman - Parkville, MD
Santa Vasilis Fotopoulos - Woodbridge, VA
Santa John Calendar - North Potomac, MD
Santa Art Karros - Morgantown, PA
Santa Jared Campbell - Eugene, OR
Santa Paul Vespa - Annandale, NJ
Santa John Sarantis - Rochester, NY
Santa Kyriacou Ioannou - Yorktown Heights, NY
Santa John Avdellas - Beaver, PA
Santa Dean Anderson - Media, PA
Santa Angelo Thalassinidis - Annapolis, MD
Santa Chris Canellos - Belmont, CA
Santa John Doulis - Fairfax, VA
Santa Russell Penning - Bluebell, PA
Santa John Kostidis - Valparaiso, IN

St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa Program is FREE for all families.

To read more please click here:

<https://stnicholas-tele-santa.com/about-us/>



To volunteer:

<https://stnicholas-tele-santa.com/volunteer/>

Personal reflections of the program

“Santa Peter’s professionalism & demeanour with children and his magical appearance are world class. I had him call my boy when he was in the hospital while I was visiting him with my iPad. It lifted the spirits of my son like nothing else!” - Savannah A.

To read more reflections, please click below:

<https://stnicholas-tele-santa.com/personal-reflections/>

If you like what we do please donate here:

<https://store.stnicholas-tele-santa.com/>



THE ST. NICHOLAS – TELE-SANTA VOLUNTEER DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM

The individuals that will offer service to the St. Nicholas – Tele-Santa Program will join a group of dedicated Orthodox Christians that offer their love for children freely as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

They will be recognized as Disciples of the Spirit of Christmas, and not volunteers, once they complete all requirements asked of them by the Executive Committee.

<https://stnicholas-tele-santa.com/>

Join Us Today for our 2023 Program!

Disciples of the St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa Program must have:

1. An understanding that assuming the role of St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa is a privilege as an Orthodox Christian and you will be able to share in the magical spirit of giving families the joy and love of the Christmas Spirit
2. Enthusiasm and passion for the role of St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa
3. A True love for Christ
4. A jovial spirit and able to think on your feet
5. Flexibility to help with calls during the Christmas Season, Name Days and Birthdays
6. Recognition this is a year-round program
7. Ability to assist with special needs children



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GREETINGS TO YOUR
CHILDREN FOR THEIR
NAME DAY



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St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa

A Ministry for Orthodox Christian Children

“The Spirit of Christmas”

Stay Tuned!

Christmas 2023 will be here before you know it . . . Ho Ho Ho !

Register your kids now to ensure a spot for your child!

During Christmas 2022:

- Parents, Grandparents or Godparents registered to receive a FREE FaceTime or Zoom call with Santa.
- Children between ages 3-10 received video calls.
- Video calls were scheduled online only at:

<https://stnicholas-tele-santa.com/>



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