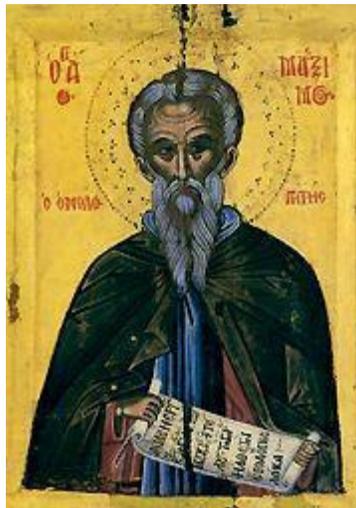




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News & Announcements
January 21, 2018

15th Sunday of Luke
15η Κυριακή Λουκά



- Maximus the Confessor 1/21/2018
- Neophytos the Martyr of Nicaea 1/21/2018
- Martyrs Neophytos, Agnes, Patroclus, Maximus the Greek and Eugene of Trebizond 1/21/2018

NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Sunday Worship Schedule: Matins 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

To Our Visitors and Guests

We welcome you to worship with us today, whether you are an Orthodox Christian or this is your first visit to an Orthodox Church, we are pleased to have you with us. Although Holy Communion and other Sacraments are offered only to baptized and chrismated (confirmed) Orthodox Christians in good standing with the Church, all are invited to receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) from the priest at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The Antidoron is not a sacrament, but it is reminiscent of the agape feast that followed worship in the ancient Christian Church. After the Divine Liturgy this morning please join us in the Church Hall for fellowship and refreshments. Please complete a Visitor's Card before you leave today and drop it in the offering tray, or give it to one of the parishioners after the service, or mail it to the Church Office.

The Sunday Epistle Reading

The saints shall rejoice in glory.

Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy (4:9-15)



Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Καυχῆσονται ὅσοι ἐν δόξῃ

Στίχ. Ἄσατε τῷ Κυρίῳ ᾄσμα καινόν.

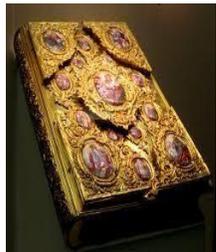
Πρὸς Τιμόθεον τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα εἶναι ἀπο (α' 4:9-15)

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος. Εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ ὀνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἠλπίκαμεν ἐπὶ θεῷ ζῶντι, ὃς ἐστὶν σωτὴρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα πιστῶν. Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ δίδασκε. Μηδεὶς σου τῆς νεότητος καταφρονεῖτω, ἀλλὰ τύπος γίνου τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν ἀναστροφῇ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ, ἐν πνεύματι, ἐν πίστει, ἐν ἀγνείᾳ. Ἔως ἔρχομαι, πρόσεχε τῇ ἀναγνώσει, τῇ παρακλήσει, τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ. Μὴ ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὃ ἐδόθη σοὶ διὰ προφητείας μετὰ ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ πρεσβυτερίου. Ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν τούτοις ἴσθι, ἵνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ φανερὰ ᾖ ἐν πᾶσιν.

The Sunday Gospel Reading

The Gospel According to Luke (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and



rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to

him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν Αἰοῦ Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα (19:1-10)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο τὴν Ἱεριχώ· καὶ ἰδοὺ ἀνὴρ ὀνόματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἀρχιτελώνης, καὶ οὗτος ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐζήτει ἰδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τίς ἐστι, καὶ οὐκ ἠδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου, ὅτι τῇ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. καὶ προδραμῶν ἔμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἵνα ἴδῃ αὐτόν, ὅτι ἐκείνης ἡμελλε διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἦλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδεν αὐτόν καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατάβηθι· σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με μεῖναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτὸν χαίρων. καὶ ἰδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ἁμαρτωλῶ ἀνδρὶ εἰσῆλθε καταλῦσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον· ἰδοὺ τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα, ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλοῦν. εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι σήμερον σωτηρία τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υἱὸς Ἀβραάμ ἐστιν. ἦλθε γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολωλός.

We Welcome the Following Members to the 2018 Parish Council

Susan Alexander (2018), Alex Arapoglou (2018), Costa Constantinou (2018-2019),
Lou Constantinou (2018) Len Goodwin (2018-2019), Johnny Mariakakis (2018-2019),
Pete Marinos (2018), Helen Paliouras (2018), Evelyn Panos (2018), Theky Pappas (2018),
Wess Thomas Platt (2018-2019), Daniel Przybl (2018-2019), John Varelas (2018-2019),
Betsy Xenakis (2018-2019), Catherine L. Wilson (2018-2019)

(The Oath of Office Will Be administered Upon Notification of our Ratification from the Metropolis)

January Religious Calendar

28 - Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (Triodion Begins) - 9:00 am

30 - Tuesday - The Three Hierarchs - 9:00 am

Εορτολογιον Ιανουαριος

28 - Κυριακη - Παραβολη του Τελωνου και του Φαρισαιου - 9:00 πμ

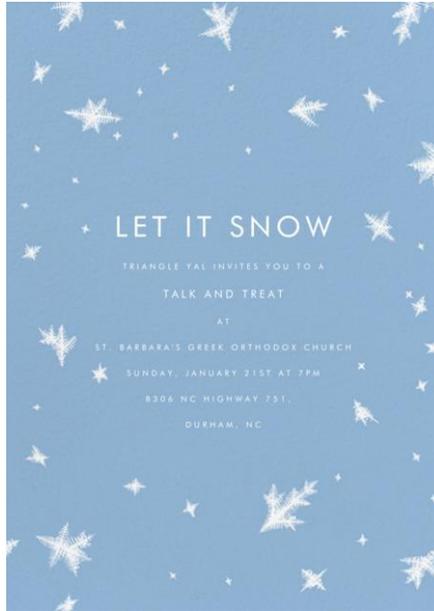
Αρχη Τριωδιου

30 - Τριτη - Αγιω Τριων Μεγαλων Ιεραρχων - 9:00 πμ

THE SAINT BARBARA LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY SUPPORTS THE LISTED LOCAL CHARITIES AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE NATIONAL SISTERHOOD:

CHRISTMAS HOUSE OF CHAPEL HILL	\$150
DUKE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	\$150
MEALS ON WHEELS	\$150
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHAPEL HILL	\$150
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DURHAM	\$150
SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS	\$150

THROUGH THEIR FELLOWSHIP AND DEVOTION OF SPARE TIME, THE LADIES HAVE HELPED BRING SOME HOPE AND INSPIRATION TO THOSE IN NEED.



Triangle YAL
TALK AND TREAT AT ST. BARBARA'S
This Evening January 21st at 7:00 PM
8306 NC Highway 751; Durham, NC 27713-6860 USA

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Barbara,

Happy New Year 2018.

The St. Barbara Parish Council wishes everyone a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year. We wish to thank everyone for their support with time, talent and treasures during 2017 and trust that this will continue and increase during 2018.

January 2018 has been designated as St. Barbara Building Fund and Stewardship Pledge Month. The form has been mailed to all, and is included in the bulletin.

We prayerfully ask that you complete this form generously and return it during January, so that our 2018 Budget can be finalized. Please bring your pledge form on Sundays in January, and they will be placed on the altar to be blessed.

Many, many thanks.

From the 2018 Members of the Stewardship Committee

Saint Barbara Church 2018 Registry

Name (s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Children, ages _____

Interested in participating in these church ministries and committees: (Please circle) Altar boy
Greek Dancing Choir Philoptochos Communications/ITT Skills Greek Festival
Prosforo Making YAL Building & Grounds Maint. Greek School Reader (in Liturgy)
Bible Study College Ministries/OCF Nursery Senior Ministries Outreach Office
Volunteer Visiting Elderly/Infirm Sunday School Youth Ministries -----
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Phase III Building Fund (BF) Pledge (2016-2019)

BF pledges/donations cover church mortgage payment of \$12,713 per month and are acknowledged in church bulletin twice annually and listed on a wall plaque. The Contingency Fund covers unforeseen emergencies; the final record of giving to Phase III is the grand sum of both the BF/Contingency pledge.

Levels> FRIENDS \$100-\$999 PROVIDERS \$1,000-\$9,999 PATRONS \$10,000-\$24,999
- SUPPORTERS \$25,000-\$49,000 PILLARS \$50,000 and over

I/We pledge and/or donate to the Phase III BF campaign in 2018 the amount of \$ _____.

I/We pledge and/or donate to the Contingency Fund in 2018 the amount of \$ _____.

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2018 Stewardship Commitment Card

(First & last name: please print clearly; **this section confidential and only for use by Parish Treasurer**)

_____ cell # _____ email _____

_____ cell # _____ email _____ -Choose One:

_____ I/We commit to Christ and His Church a total annual amount of \$ _____. _____ I/We are
unable to pledge a specific amount at this time but will participate in the 2018 Stewardship Program.

_____ I/We would like to speak with Father Stavroforos before making my/our pledge.

*****You can now use the convenience of PayPal on church website to contribute to the Stewardship/Building Fund and to the Contingency Fund.***

Date this card was submitted: _____



**House Blessing Request Form
(January 7 to 27, 2018)**

(Please return this form to the church office by placing it in Father's Mail slot.)

YES, we / I would like to request
a house blessing.

We prefer:

Morning (10:00-12:00)

Afternoon (1:00-4:00)

Evening (7:00-9:00)

Name: _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email: _____

*May we participate in God's glory with this house blessing,
because he was baptized in the Jordan River for our benefit.*

+ Fr. Stavroforos

After Completing the form please hand it to a parish council member or give it directly to Father. You will be receiving a phone call from Fr. Stavroforos to confirm the exact date and time that he will arrive to bless your home or business.



Sunday of Orthodoxy



PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS

February 25, 2018 • 6:30 pm

HOSTED BY

St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

8306 NC Highway 751 • Durham, NC 27713

Join us for evening services and a special presentation by IOCC Development Officer Lou Zagami. A Lenten meal will be provided for a free-will offering to IOCC.



Learn how you can help those in need, both here in the United States and places like Syria, Lebanon, and Ethiopia.

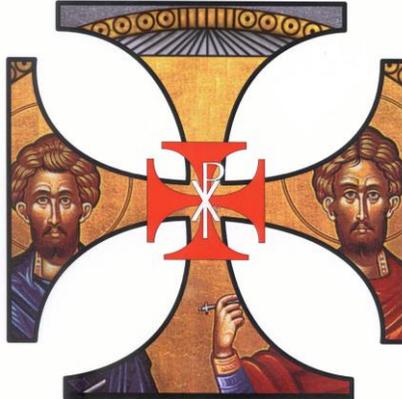
Donations will support IOCC's global work. Give online:

iocc.org/durham



INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

PHILOPTOCHOS



Philoptochos Annual Commitments

Dear Philoptochos Sisters:

We are collecting 2018 financial annual commitments for Philoptochos membership. Your \$30 commitment assists our Chapter support the numerous National, Metropolis, and Local obligations we have budgeted for. You are joining members of chapters across the country in support of many worthy philanthropic causes.

Please submit your \$30 commitment to Evelyn Zehia either in person or by mail to 205 Lewey Brook Drive, Cary, NC 27519.

2018 Commitments must be received by Sunday, March 25.

To ensure we have updated information, please complete the information below and return with your commitment.

Thank you for your dedication and service to Philoptochos. May God bless you as you continue to work in His name.

Evelyn Zehia
Treasurer

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

St. Barbara Families,

If your child is interested in dancing at this year's festival on May 5 and 6, please contact Keith and Alexia Rheinhardt at keithalexia@gmail.com. Please let us know your child's name and age and the best e-mail to use to contact you.

As with last year, Hrisavgi (Chrys) Mangum and I will be teaching the dances. Once we have an idea of how many children and the range of ages we will design the program and publish the practice schedule. Dancers age 5 and up are welcome.

Thanks,

Keith Rheinhardt

keithalexia@gmail.com
[919-435-6689](tel:919-435-6689)



2018 Saint Barbara Stewardship Families through January 16th

Thalia Becak
Barbara Bonfiglio
Andrew & Cheryl Christakos
Dr. Arthur Christakos
Eleni Christakos
Elena A. Dufault
Laurice Ferris
Helen D. Koutouzakis
Andrew Kuyper
Lee Kuyper
Larry & Hope Odzak
Peter & Evelyn Panos
George Pashales
Joseph Podgurski
Mr. Daniel & Lori Przybyl
Andrea Stoney
Donna Trohanis
Demetra Vlachos
Dino And Kerri Zaferatos

Our Stewardship month is off to an excellent start. Our Stewardship Committee mailed out 157 Stewardship forms and 19 forms have been returned in the first two weeks, a 12% participation rate. Thank you to everyone who has submitted their pledge. Please complete and return your Stewardship & Building Fund form as soon as possible so together we can plan our Church's finances

If your name is not included in the above list, please, let us know by contacting one of our Stewardship co-chairs, Evelyn Panos at mamapan@aol.com or Theky Pappas at tedtheky@aol.com

THANK YOU!



The Souper Bowl of Caring Story

A simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" is inspiring a youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world.

This prayer, delivered by Brad Smith, then a seminary intern serving at [Spring Valley Presbyterian Church](#) in [Columbia, SC](#), gave birth to an idea. Why not use Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football and fun, to also unify the nation for a higher good: collecting dollars and canned food for the needy? Youth could collect donations at their schools and churches in soup pots, and then send every dollar DIRECTLY to a local charity of THEIR choice.

The senior high youth of Spring Valley Presbyterian liked the idea so much they decided to invite other area churches to join the team. Twenty-two Columbia churches participated that first year, reporting their results so a total could be determined, and then sending all \$5,700 they had raised to area non-profits.

That was 1990. Since then, ordinary young people have generated an extraordinary more than \$100 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other charities in communities across the country. In addition, hundreds of thousands of youth have experienced for themselves the joy and satisfaction of giving and serving, inspiring people of all ages to follow their generous example.

Good evening to all!

Souper Bowl Sunday 2018 is coming! We are teaming up with International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) in the 20th annual Souper Bowl of Caring. We are rallying our parish and church youth to champion this social service ministry by feeding the poor and caring for those in need around the world. We want to become Souper Bowl MVPs! So, we are collecting donations every Sunday between this Sunday, Jan. 14th and Sunday, Feb 4th. We will collect nonperishables for a local food bank, and collect money to support IOCC's work across the globe. Our monetary goal is \$500. Let's work together to help many needy children and families! We can be Souper Bowl champions for the IOCC!

Please contact me if you have any questions.

**Blessings,
Michelle Claypoole**

Our Holy Father St. Maximos the Confessor

St. Maximos the Confessor was born in 580, a citizen of Constantinople and a nobleman. He became a high-ranking courtier at the court of the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius, and later became a monk and the abbot of a monastery not far from the capital. He was the greatest defender of Orthodoxy against what was called the Monothelite heresy, which developed from the heresy of Eutyches, *i.e.*, as Eutyches asserted that there is only one nature in Christ, so the Monothelites asserted that there is only one will in Him - the Divine. This heresy was diametrically opposed to the long accepted Orthodox doctrine that Christ had two wills - the Divine and the human. St. Maximos resisted this assertion and found himself in opposition to both the Emperor and the Patriarch. Emperor Constans II, the successor to the Emperor Heraclius, issued his infamous "*Typus*" Declaration, formally accepting the Monothelite teaching as official dogma.

But St. Maximos was fearless and persevered to the end in proving that there are in the Lord two wills and also two natures. By his efforts, one Council in Carthage and one in Rome stood firm, and both these Councils anathematized the Monothelite teaching. St. Maximos' sufferings for Orthodoxy went beyond description: he was tortured by hierarchs, spat upon by the masses, beaten by soldiers, persecuted, imprisoned, until finally, with his tongue cut out and one hand cut off, to keep him from speaking or writing, he was condemned to exile for life in Skhimaris. But his faithful assistant, St. Anastasios, continued his work of writing in defense of Orthodoxy after these events.

A profound theologian of his time and a strict defender of Orthodoxy, Maximos successfully demonstrated the incorrectness of the Monothelite heresy, for the enemies of the church persecuted him many times.

Venerable Maximos' arguments in behalf of Orthodoxy were so powerful that, after a public debate on the faith with Pyrrhus, the Monothelite Patriarch of Constantinople, the latter renounced the heresy in 645.

The heretics often went from urging and appealing Maximos, to threatening, abusing and beating him. Venerable Maximos was sent into exile several times and called back to Constantinople each time. On one occasion, St. Maximos was called back, and the imperial grandees, Troilus and Sergius, subjected him yet again to interrogation. They began to accuse St. Maximos of pride for esteeming himself as the only Orthodox who would be saved and for considering all others to be heretics who would perish.

To this the saint replied, "When all the people in Babylon were worshipping the golden idol, the Three Holy Youths did not condemn anyone to perdition. They did not concern themselves with what others were doing, but took care only for themselves, so as not to fall away from true piety. In precisely the same way, Daniel also, when cast into the den, did not condemn any of those who, in fulfilling the law of Darius, did not want to pray to God; but he bore in mind his duty, and desired rather to die than to sin and be tormented by his conscience for transgressing God's Law. God forbid that I, too, should condemn anyone, or say that I alone am being saved. However, I would sooner agree to die than, having apostatized in any way from the right faith, endure the torments of my conscience."

Then Troilus and Sergius pointed out to St. Maximos that the whole Christian world recognized the Monothelite Patriarch of Constantinople as legitimate, that all the Eastern Patriarchs and their *locum tenentes* were in communion with him, and that the plenipotentiary representatives of the Roman Pope would serve with the Patriarch and commune with him. Thus, he was the only one remaining in the whole world who did not recognize the Patriarch.

The St. answered, "If even the whole universe should begin to commune with the Patriarch, I will not commune with him. For I know from the writings of the holy Apostle Paul that the Holy Spirit will give over to anathema even the angels, if they should begin to preach any other gospel, introducing anything new."

Venerable Maximos remained unshaken in his religious convictions. Finally, they cut off his right hand and tongue, so that he could not proclaim or defend the truth, either by word or pen. They then dispatched him to confinement in Lazov, a region of Mingrelia in the Caucasus. Here his faithful assistant St. Anastasios continued his work of writing in defense of Orthodoxy. Venerable Maximos died on August 13, 662, foreknowing his approaching death.



How to Prepare Your Home for a House Blessing

Christ, by entering the Jordan, sanctified it, and with it all creation. Material creation once again became "very good" as it was in the beginning. The central sign of God's sanctification of all things through the feast of Theophany is the act of blessing the homes of faithful Christians. The priest visits members of the Church to pray with them in the place where they live, and to bless their surroundings with Holy Water. He asks God to have mercy on the house, to rid it of every evil, and to fill it with every blessing. Thus the house itself, together with the living persons of the family, is "filled with all the fullness of God".

To prepare for father's visit to bless your home:

- Make a list of the first names of those living family members and other Orthodox faithful you wish to pray for when the priest arrives.
- On your dining room table or family altar, place a lighted candle, a Theophany icon or icon of Christ, and a wide bowl (to hold the holy water the priest will bring). Be sure your prayer list is there, too!
- Turn on a light in each room (in the evening), so the priest can see where he is going.
- Turn off all Televisions, radios, cell phones, stereos, and computers.
- Secure any pets that might jump up on the priest or family, or "get underfoot" as you move from room to room.
- Everyone in the house when the priest arrives should gather around the table/family altar and join in the singing of the litany responses and troparion.
- The children may lead the priest around the house with a lit candle, if he permits.

Frequently asked Questions (and Answers!)

- How long does it take for Father to bless my home? I have a busy schedule!

Father can bless your home quickly if you have a busy schedule. It is important for him to be able to visit and share with all the family members. A home blessing visit is one of the most valuable and important opportunities we receive during the year to have "one on one" time to discuss matters privately and in confidence with your pastor.

- What if I can't have Father visit my home at this time? Can he come at another time?

The "stuff of life" can make a pastor's visit difficult at times. Your home may be under renovation. There may be an illness, travel, or other matter that complicates the daily flow of life. The most important thing to remember here is to COMMUNICATE with your Pastor! Your spiritual care and well-being are his most important concern. If the Ephiphany season, at the end of January, is not a good time for you and your family for whatever reason, simply let Father know. He can keep in contact with you to determine when a good time is for everyone at a later date in the year.