

Leadership Committee



Emily Babalas Blake
Age: 36-49
Children: 2, (elementary school)
Distance from church: less than 10 min

Our family has been a part of the parish for 4 years and it's made a very positive difference in our lives. I feel really blessed that we found this community. We feel so fortunate that our family can be part of the parish and we are looking forward to seeing our kids grow up here. When I'm not busy being a Greek mom, I'm a corporate lawyer during the day. I think my years of practice have provided me with some skills that would be useful for the planning committee.



Carol Bearse Mackintosh
Age: 65+
Children: 4, (post college)
Distance from church: 10-20 min

I would like to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee because I love the St. Nicholas community and would like to contribute to its future growth in the service of Christ. I would like the opportunity to apply my doctoral skills as a qualitative researcher who is adept at designing surveys and interviews which would enhance the planning process.



Patricia DiOrio
Age: 50-65
Children: 2, (elementary & middle school)
Distance from church: 10-20 min

Many of you know me as a mom/wife, and Church School teacher. In my work, I am head of strategy for a large company – I help executives make long-term decisions through structured thinking and engagement. When I heard about the leadership committee, I felt a calling. I would be humbled to help lead this important work on behalf of our Community.



Roberta Hummel
Age: 50-65
Children: 2, (bonus daughters)
Distance from church: 35+ min

The faith community and liturgical life at St. Nicholas is a source of spiritual strength for our family. We are grateful for the opportunities to give back to the community. With my marketing background it is always a joy to use my professional skills to share my faith and promote our St. Nicholas life.



Vasili Kariolis
Age: 26-35
Children: 2, (under kindergarten)
Distance from church: 25-35 min

Being part of the St. Nicholas Community has given our family the opportunity to flourish. Not only do we enjoy going to church, but we try to help out wherever possible. There always seem to be the need to work with numbers, especially with larger projects. In determining the future needs of the Church, I am sure I will be able to contribute to the 50-Year Committee through my background in Accounting and Finance.



Jason Kontos
Age: 36-49
Children: 2, (junior & high school)
Distance from church: 25-35 min

Saint Nicholas is a special community and it has become an extension of my family. As we look to the future, it is important that we keep the quaintness, family atmosphere, and sense of community, but also improve upon what was started over 50 years ago. I believe my background within the church (current Parish Council member, youth basketball coach) along with my professional career (23 years leading high tech software businesses with responsibilities that include leading cross functional teams, setting strategy, managing budgets, and growing revenue in a responsible manner) have prepared me to help lead the vision and help deliver the best solution for the community.



Meli Papayannis
Age: 26-35
Children: 2, (under kindergarten)
Distance from church: less than 10 min

As an advancement professional, I can bring a development and fundraising mindfulness during the planning process. This will help us be more successful in raising the money we need to advance our community and ensure that community members' donations are stewarded in the best way.