

Leadership Committee



Emily Babalas Blake
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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
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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
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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.



Jason Kontos
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Jason Kontos
Age: 36-49
Children: 2, (junior & high school)
Distance from church: 10-20 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
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Meli Papayannis
Age: 26-35
Children: 1, (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.



Tim Sheahan
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Tim Sheahan
Age: 36-49
Children: 2, (elementary school)
Distance from church: 25-35 min

I am interested in elevating my involvement at St Nicholas GOC as I am a fairly new member and enjoy the welcoming feeling that I have received from day one! My goal would be to perpetuate that feeling for all members, young and old, new and not-so new. I feel my extensive business background, real estate experience, and also my experience in various roles in the service industry help make me an ideal candidate for the upcoming election(s). As with anyone, all these experiences are what make me, me. I feel that along with my work/life experience I can bring an open mind allowing a successful future to St Nicholas.



Michael Tanionos
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Michael Tanionos
Age: 36-49
Children: 2, (elementary school)
Distance from church: less than 10 min

I am interested in a leadership role for the Strategic and Planning committee. As a Lexington resident, past member of the Parish Council, past treasurer for two years, and a volunteer at every St. Nicholas festival for the past ten years (plus many social committee events), I am **very** engaged in our church community. I believe my two decades of experience working in banking, finance, real estate and mortgages qualifies me to contribute from a business perspective, while sympathizing with what our parishioners want and need. The direction of our church is very important to me and my family, as I have young children who have been born and raised in this church: who plan to contribute for many years to come.