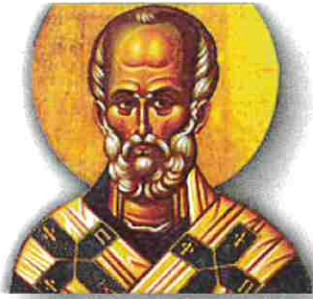


JANUARY 12, 2020 – Sunday after Theophany

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Tone 5

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WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

VISIT www.stnickspgh.org TODAY for news and updates about our parish!

CLERGY: Rev. Fr. Christopher Bender and Rev. Dn. Robert Lykos

Father’s Cell & Email: 724-630-3483; frchbender@verizon.net.

PROTOPSALTIS: Dr. Nick Giannoukakis

CHANTERS: Steve Andrews, & Michael Rodites

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Steve Andrews

ORGANIST: Haley Cobb

ALTAR BOY CAPTAINS: Dimitri Gary, Christos Mavrogeorgis,
Steven Kefalos & Chris Kefalos

Questions about our Parish? Email church@stnickspgh.org

CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE: Sept 15 - June, Orthros 8:30 a.m. & Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

TO OUR VISITORS & GUESTS: *We welcome you to worship today. Whether you are an Orthodox Christian or this is your first visit to an Orthodox Church, we are happy to see you! 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. After services, please join us in the Church hall for fellowship and refreshments. Please sign our visitor’s book at the back of the church before you leave today, and leave an email address if you want to receive news & announcements from St. Nicholas.*

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship following services hosted by GOYA in the Fellowship Room following services.

TODAY – Parish Council Affirmation of Office

Parish Council Meeting TBA

Preparing for a “Good Death” Crystal Room 12:30

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Friday, Jan 17: **Anthony the Great Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am**
- Saturday, Jan 18: **Greek School 10am**

GOYA NEWS

GOYA Basketball Tournament at Saints
Constantine and Helen in Cleveland
Heights, Ohio
January 17-19, 2020.

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SAVE THE DATE

**ANNUAL MACARONADA DINNER
FEBRUARY 22, 2020
BY THE VLAHOKERASIOTES**

SIXTY CLUB NEWS-TODAY

**PREPARING for a “GOOD DEATH” MEDICALLY
AND SPIRITUALLY
Crystal Room 12:30**

Coffee and a light lunch provided for those
attending.

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 2

Short business meeting, small hall after Liturgy.

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SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

First to be chanted as the priest exits the Altar at the Small Entrance is the Hymn for Theophany:

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἢ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις, τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοί, ἀγαπητὸν σὲ Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα, καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἶδει περιστεράς, ἐβεβαίου τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεῖς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοί.

Lord, when You were baptized in the Jordan, the veneration of the Trinity was revealed. For the voice of the Father gave witness to You, calling You His Beloved Son, and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the sure truth of His words. Glory to You, Christ our God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

Then, the usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) in Tone 2 is chanted:

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι· Ἀλληλούϊα.

“Come let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us O Son of God, who arose from the dead. We sing to you, Alleluia.”

The Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 5 (p. 171 in the Divine Liturgy book) is chanted next, followed by a repeat of the hymn for Theophany.

Then, we hear the Apolytikion for the patron saint of our Church:

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιίμνῃ σου, ἢ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

The truth of things have revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause you have achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Finally, the Kontakion in Tone 4 for Theophany is chanted:

Ἐπεφάνης σήμερον τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου Κύριε, ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ὑμνούντάς σε. Ἦλθες ἐφάνης τὸ Φῶς τὸ ἀπρόσιτον.

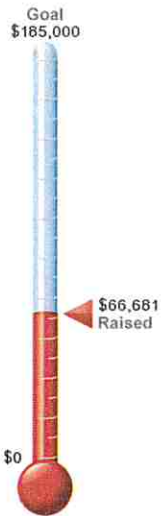
You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4: 7-13 (p. 126)

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-17 (p. 127)

After the Gospel reading please return to page 12 of the Divine Liturgy Book for the remainder of the service.

2020 Stewardship Pledge Cards are in the Narthex
(Just ask a member of Parish Council)



If you have already submitted your 2020 Stewardship Commitment, THANK YOU! If not, please take the time to make your financial Stewardship Commitment today and complete the talent portion of the card to enable OUR Community to grow and carry on the mission of our faith.

HELP US REACH/ EXCEED OUR GOAL!!

*"A Time for Every Purpose
Under Heaven"*

The Stewardship of Time
Ecclesiastes 3

<u>2020</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Stewards	78 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$66,681.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$854.88

FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL DESK:

The St. Nicholas Church School teachers, staff and students want to wish our GOYANs (and Church School students) Good Luck at the GOYA Basketball Tournament at Sts. Constantine & Helen (Cleveland Heights, OH) next weekend!

Church School students in grades 7th–12th have the opportunity to learn more about their faith and participate in the St. Nicholas Oratorical Festival that will be held in March 2020.

For more information, please contact Chairman Eve Elsen at 412-580-9415 or eve.m.elsen@gmail.com.

And thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday.

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle

Theophany & the Blessing of the Waters

“WHAT IS THEOPHANY?” Every year on January 5 & 6 we celebrate the great feastday of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Baptism of Christ in the River Jordan by St. John the Baptist presents us with a great mystery of God: “He who is the Master of all is baptized by a servant, and He gives mankind cleansing through water.”

“WHAT IS A HOUSE BLESSING?” In celebration of Theophany, Orthodox Christians invite Christ not only into their hearts, but also their homes. We call upon Him to bring the blessings and spiritual cleansing of the Jordan into our daily lives. We do this each year by having the priest bless our homes with the Holy Water from the service of Theophany, offering prayers for our health, our family, and the Lord’s abundant blessings in the coming year.

“WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?” When Fr. Christopher visits, please have ready: 1) a list of names of your family members, 2) an icon. He will begin the service in the dining room or in the area of your home where you keep your icons, and then he will ask you to guide him around the house so that he may sprinkle the Holy Water throughout it. During the service, please turn off televisions, radios, etc., and silence your cell phones, so that full concentration may be given to the service.

“WHAT ABOUT BUSINESSES?” You may also request a blessing for your office or business. What better way to offer thanks to the Lord for your livelihood which He provides and to ask for His continued blessings upon it?

BLESSING OF HOMES: After the Holy Water Service on January 6, Fr. Christopher will begin blessing the homes of our parish with holy water. This year he will be blessing homes from January 6th-31st.

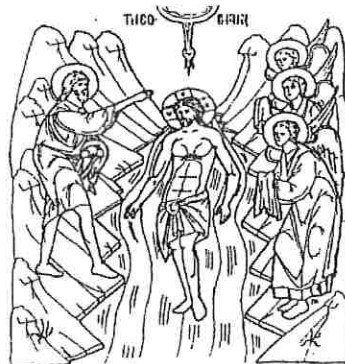
IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR HOUSE BLESSED, please fill out this form and return it to the church office. If you are mailing it, please address it to Fr. Christopher and mark it ATTN: HOUSE BLESSING. He will call you to schedule a time for your house blessing.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

PREFERRED TIME OF VISIT: Morning Afternoon Evening



PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES

Food Bank – The Food Bank continues to need your support! You can donate by making a check payable to the “St. Nicholas Philoptochos Food Bank” or through United Way by designating the St. Nicholas Food Bank (#3288) through your employers United Way contribution. Questions: contact Elaine Andrianos (412-731-4334) or Denise Daugherty (412-508-1326).

FOCUS Food Drive – We will continue collecting non-perishable food donations for FOCUS in the large bin outside of the church office. Donations are greatly appreciated! For additional information, please contact Venetia Moreno or Cathy Pandeladis.



The Philoptochos Board Invites You To *Mimosas & Membership*

Sunday, January 26th

During Coffee Hour

Join us to celebrate our wonderful organization and our amazing women as we kick off our 2020 membership drive.

Bring your membership donation to receive your complimentary mimosa!

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 Sunday after Theophany – Orthros, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	13	14	15	16	17 Anthony the Great – Orthros, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	18 Greek School, 10 am
				GOYA BB Tournament Jan 17-19 at Sts Constantine & Helen, Cleveland OH		
19 12 th Sunday of Luke – Orthros, 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am	20	21	22	23	24	25 Greek School, 10 am
				Fr. Christopher away at Family Ministry Conference		
PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Christopher will be attending a conference in Houston, TX on Pastoral Challenges in Marriage, sponsored by the GOA Center for Family Care, from January 22-25, 2020. In the event of pastoral need, please contact Deacon Robert Lykos (412-736-2762). He can also assist you in locating a priest, if needed.						
26 15 th Sunday of Luke – Orthros, 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am Philop. General Meeting	27	28	29	30 Three Hierarchs – Orthros, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	31	1
				GOYA BB Tournament Jan 31-Feb 2 at Holy Trinity, Canton OH		