

JANUARY 19, 2020 – Sunday of Luke (the 10 Lepers)

Ss. Makarios the Great of Egypt & Makarios of Alexandra; Mark Eugenicus; Bishop of Ephesus

Tone 6

Orthros Gospel 9



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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

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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 in the Small Hall following services.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Monday, Jan 20: Food Festival Kourambiethes Prep; Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm
- Tuesday, Jan 21: Possible Food Festival Kourambiethes Prep
- Wednesday, Jan 22: Father Bender Away
- Thursday, Jan 23: Father Bender Away
- Friday, Jan 24: Father Bender Away
- Saturday, Jan 25: Greek School 10am; Father Bender Away
- Sunday, Jan 26: 3-month Memorial Service for Dr Alexander Zavaras;
Philoptochos Membership Drive;
Greek School Annual Bake Sale and Trisagion Service

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.

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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 Apolytikion for the Tone of the Week (Tone 6):

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμάσου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, and were not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

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 6 is repeated, followed by the hymn for St. Makarios of Egypt:

Τῆς ἐρήμου πολίτης, καὶ ἐν σώματι Ἄγγελος, καὶ θαυματουργός ἀνεδείχθης, θεοφόρε Πατήρ ἡμῶν Μακάριε, νηστεία, ἀγρυπνία, προσευχή, οὐράνια χαρίσματα λαβὼν, θεραπεύεις τοὺς νοσοῦντας, καὶ τὰς ψυχὰς τῶν πίστει προστρεχόντων σοι, Δόξα τῷ δεδωκότι σοι ἰσχύν, δόξα τῷ σέ στεφανώσαντι, δόξα τῷ ενεργοῦντι διὰ σοῦ πάσιν ἰάματα.

You proved to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Macarius, our God-bearing Father. Having received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigils, and prayer, you heal the sick and the souls of those who come to you with faith. Glory to Him who gave you strength. Glory to Him who crowned you. Glory to Him who works through you to heal everyone.

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

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἢ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω 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 1 for the Presentation of Christ is chanted:

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγίασας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεῶν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νὺν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE: Colossians 3:4-11. Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all. (RSV)

GOSPEL: Luke 17:12-19. At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said : "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." (RSV)

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	69 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$61,881.00 GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$896.83

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) **THIS SUNDAY.**

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

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!

Greek School News

Next Sunday, January 26th St. Nicholas Greek School will hold its Annual Celebration of the Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters with a Trisagion and an Artoclasia. Students will make a small presentation along with recognizing those who successfully passed proficiency exams from Greece. Recognition will also be given to the St. Nicholas team who came in first place in the Advanced Level of the Quiz Bowl in the 7th Annual Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh's Greek Language Festival.

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SIXTY CLUB NEWS

Many thanks to those who supported the very informative talk on preparing for the “Good Death.” We are especially grateful to Fr. Bender who initiated the event and reminded us of our spiritual and moral obligations in preparing for the inevitable.

Special thanks, also, to Presvytera Bender for inviting Dr. Jane Schell who presented a very upbeat, detailed discussion of the Living Will and its implications.

As always, the Planning Committee is open to suggestions for topics of interest.

Reminder: **FEBRUARY 2:** Short business meeting in the small hall after Liturgy to make plans for 2020. Bring your own coffee and donuts.

Virginia is now collecting 2020 dues of \$15.00; checks should be payable to St. Nicholas Sixty Club.

Food Festival Prep

Tomorrow Monday, January 20 we will be making our festival **Kourambiethes**. We hope to finish them in one day. If not, we will go into Tuesday. Let's make this happen! It all depends on the number of people who come Monday. Please schedule St. Nicholas into your schedule tomorrow... We're starting to mix the dough in the early morning hours so we can start scooping, rolling, baking and dusting them with powdered sugar anytime after **9:00am**. St. Nicholas appreciates your help.

Looking ahead... Baklava is scheduled **next weekend, Friday, Saturday, Sunday after church and Monday, January 24 - 27.**

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