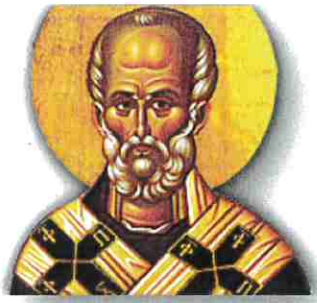


FEBRUARY 2, 2020 – Presentation of Christ in the Temple



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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

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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.*

Our deepest condolences to the family of **JOHN PETROLIAS**, a life-long St. Nick's member and a former President of our Parish Council, who fell asleep in the Lord on January 23. His funeral, which took place yesterday, was private. May God grant him eternal rest, and comfort to his family in their time of loss.

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship following services, hosted by Parish Council in the Small Hall.

TODAY – 60 Club Meeting in Fellowship Room after church

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Monday, Feb 3: Food Festival Pastitsio Prep.
- Thursday, Feb 6: **St. Photios the Great**, patron saint of our beloved Metropolis. Clergy from the Central Region will gather for services at St. George Chapel of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in McCandless Township (North Hills). All are invited to join us. The details: Address: 8941 Ringesen Road, Allison Park, PA 15237. Time: 8:30 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy.; OCF meeting 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Feb 8: Greek School, 10:00 am

SIXTY CLUB NEWS

TODAY in the Fellowship Room, after Liturgy – short business meeting to make plans for 2020. Bring your own coffee and donuts and any suggestions you may have. Virginia is collecting \$15.00 per person for 2020 dues. Please make a check payable to St Nicholas Sixty Club.

NEW DATE

Join US for Our Annual Vlahokerasiotiki Makaronada Dinner & Dance on **Sunday, February 23, 2020.**

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SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

As the priest exits the Altar at the Small Entrance the Apolytikion for today's Feast is chanted:

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε, ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ Ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενος ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

Hail Virgin Theotokos full of Grace, for Christ our God, the Sun of Righteousness, has dawned from you, granting light to those in darkness. And you, O Righteous Elder, rejoice, taking in your arms, the Deliverer of our souls, who grants us Resurrection.

Then, the special Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) for the Feast in Tone 2 is chanted:

The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles.

Save us, O Son of God, Who arose from the dead. We sing to you, Alleluia."

After the Resurrection Apolytikion in Grave (Varys) Mode (pp. 104-105), we hear the Kontakion for today's Feast:

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' 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.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 7:7-17

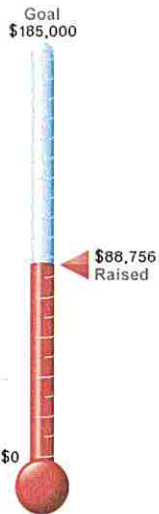
BRETHREN, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

At that time, the parents brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Symeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Symeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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	151 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$88,756.00 GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$587.79

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 Holy Trinity (Canton, OH) this weekend!

Sunday, March 8, 2020, the Church School students will participate in the Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession with their favorite icon!

Church School students in grades 7-12th gave 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.elsen@gmail.com.

St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral's Church School Open House will be Sunday, April 5, 2020, where parents and grandparents attend Church School to see firsthand what their children are learning.

AND THANKS FOR SHARING YOU CHILDREN WITH US EVERY SUNDAY!

Your in Christ, *Miss Michelle*

PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES

2020 Membership Drive – Our 2020 membership drive is underway, and we encourage all women of our parish to join our Philoptochos chapter! Membership brochures are available in the Narthex. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Nikki Lykos (nvlykos@gmail.com or 412-897-8208).

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.

FOOD FESTIVAL PREP

PASTITSIO

Tomorrow,

Monday, February 3

We will be putting together our festival Pastitsio assembly-line style. Help is needed. St. Nicholas appreciates your involvement.

Last week's crew for Baklava was amazing! You were all FANTASTIC! Thank you for your support!

SOUZOUKAKIA, next weekend

Saturday, February 8

Sunday after Church, February 9 till 4

Monday, February 10 with Evening Cooking till 8

Possibly Tuesday, February 11

(For those of us who come every day, we hope Tuesday is not necessary!)

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					31	1 Greek School, 10:00 am GOYA BB Tournament Canton, OHIO Jan 31-Feb 2
2 Presentation of Christ in the Temple Orthros, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am GOYA BB in Canton, OH	3 Food Festival Pastitsio Prep	4	5	6 St. Photios – Orthros (8:30 am) and Divine Liturgy (9:30 am) will ONLY be served at St George Chapel at Holy Trinity Cemetery N. Hills; Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) Meeting 7 pm	7	8 Greek School, 10:00 am Food Festival Souzoukakia Prep
9 Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee Orthros, 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy, 10 am Food Fest Souzoukakia Prep	10 Hieromartyr Haralambos Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am Food Fest Souzoukakia Prep All day and night	11 Philoptochos Board Meeting 7:00 pm Possible Souzoukakia Prep	12	13 Living Orthodoxy 11 am OCF, 7 pm	14	15 Greek School, 10:00 am Food Festival Finikia Prep
16 Sunday of the Prodigal Son Orthros 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy, 10 am	17 Parish Council, 7:00 pm	18	19	20 Living Orthodoxy 11 am OCF, 7 pm	21	22 1st Saturday of Souls Orthros, 8:30 am, <u>Div. Liturgy</u> , 10 am Greek School 10 am GOYA BB Tournament at Holy Cross Church, Mt Lebanon Feb 21-23
23 Judgment Sunday (Meatfare) Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am Vlahokerasiotiko Dinner Dance, 5 pm GOYA BB Tournament Holy Cross Church	24 Food Festival Galatoboureko Prep	25 Food Festival Galatobouriko Prep Evening Cooking	26	27 Living Orthodoxy 11 am OCF, 7 pm	28	29 2nd Saturday of Souls Orthros, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am Greek School 10 am