

**FEBRUARY 16, 2020 – 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE (The Prodigal Son)**

**Martyr Pamphilos and company; Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople**

**Mode (Tone) 2**

**Orthros Gospel 2**



## **WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!**

**VISIT [www.stnickspgh.org](http://www.stnickspgh.org) TODAY for news and updates about our parish!**

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

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Questions about our Parish? Email [church@stnickspgh.org](mailto: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 **IRENE YOURGAS**, who passed away on February 3<sup>rd</sup> in California. She was interred on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at Homewood Cemetery. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family in their time of loss.

**TODAYS MEMORIAL SERVICE** is being chanted for the souls of the servants of God, for the departed *Vlahokerasiotes*.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for coffee and fellowship following services, hosted by **GOYA** and sponsored by the *Vlahokerasiotes* in the Small Hall.

**TODAY – GENERAL ASSEMBLY after services**

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:**

- Monday, Feb 17: **Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm**
- Thursday, Feb 20: **Living Orthodoxy 11:00 am.; OCF 7:00 pm**
- Friday, Feb 21: **GOYA BB Tournament at Holy Cross Church, Mt Lebanon (Feb 21-23)**
- Saturday, Feb 22: **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Souls Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**  
**Greek School, 10:00 am**
- Sunday, Feb 23: **40-day Memorial Service for John Kartsonas**  
**Vlahokerasiotiko Dinner & Dance 5:00 pm**

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**SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):**

*As the priest exits the Altar the Apolytikion in the Resurrection mode of the week (Second) is chanted (please see pp. 102-103 in the blue Divine Liturgy books).*

*Then, the usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) for Sundays 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 is repeated, followed by the Hymn for our Patron saint, Nicholas of Myra:*

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἡ 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, we hear the Kontakion (Tone 3) appointed for this day in the Triodion:*

Τῆς πατρῴας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὃν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον· ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ Ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω· Ἠμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποιήσόν με, ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου. O Father, foolishly I ran away from Your glory, and in sin, squandered the riches You gave me. Wherefore, I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal, "I have sinned before You Compassionate Father. Receive me in repentance and take me as one of Your hired servants."

**Scripture readings:**

**Epistle: I Corinthians 6: 12-20.** Brethren, "all things are lawful for me, "but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God. (RSV)



**Gospel: Luke 15:11-32.** The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'" (RSV)

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**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>
<b>Total Stewards</b>	<b>174 (GOAL 300)</b>
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$100,306.00 GOAL \$185,000.00)</b>
<b>Avg. Pledge</b>	<b>\$576.47</b>

## **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 Cross (Pittsburgh, PA) next 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 7-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 YOUR CHILDREN WITH US EVERY SUNDAY!

Yours 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](mailto: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**

It has been a productive week with the completion of our festival Souzoukakia last weekend and Finikia this Saturday. A HUGE thank you to all who came to help. The festival is indebted to YOU!

There is no cooking this week. We will pick-up with Galatoboureko next Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 24 & 25.

Join Us for Our Annual  
*Vlahokerasiotiki*  
*Makaronada Dinner & Dance*

**Sunday, February 23, 2020**

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
419 S. Dithridge Street

**MUSIC BY SOTIRI TSOUREKIS**  
**And his band The FILARAKIA**

**Cocktails 5:00 p.m.**

**Dinner 6:00 p.m.**

**Adults — \$30.00**

**Children 12 and under — \$10.00**

**Children 3 and under — Free**

**Dance Only (after 7:30 p.m.) — \$10**

**For reservations, please contact Jamie Contis Zonghetti by February 19th**  
**phone: 412-897-2475    e-mail: jamiezonghetti@gmail.com**

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Children 12 and under

\_\_\_\_\_ Children 3 and under

Make checks payable to Manthytrea Educational Society and mail to:

Jamie Zonghetti  
4010 Overview Drive  
Canonsburg, PA 15317



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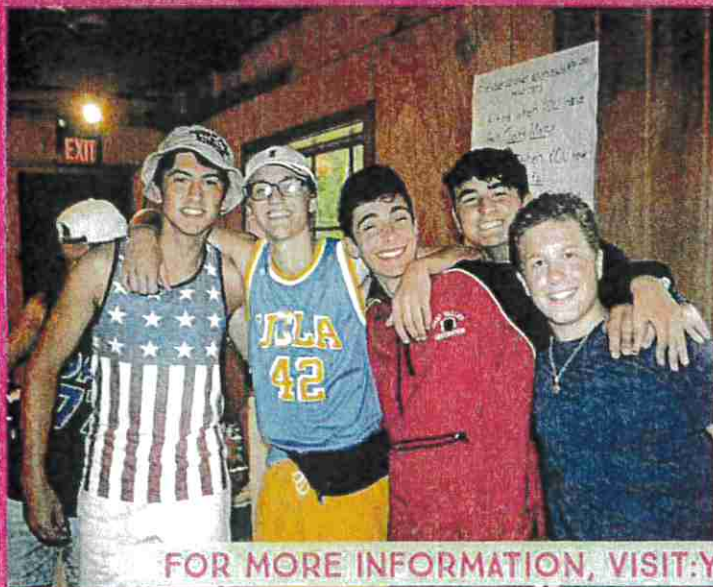
# SUMMER CAMP 2020

WEEK ONE (2ND-4TH GRADES):  
JUNE 21 - JUNE 27

WEEK TWO (5TH-7TH GRADES):  
JUNE 28 - JULY 4

WEEK THREE (7TH-9TH GRADES):  
JULY 5 - JULY 11

WEEK FOUR (10TH-12TH GRADES):  
JULY 12 - JULY 18



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: [Y2AM.PITTSBURGH.GOARCH.ORG](http://Y2AM.PITTSBURGH.GOARCH.ORG)





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**MARCH 13-15, 2020**

# **ORTHODOX YOUNG ADULT SPRING RETREAT**

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OF OUR HOLY AND GOD-PROTECTED METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH AT THE

7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET



SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020  
4:00 PM HORS D'OEUVRES, 5:15 PM DINNER

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL PITTSBURGH-CRANBERRY  
910 SHERATON DRIVE, MARS, PENNSYLVANIA 16046 - 724-776-6900

APRIL 10 - RESERVATION & SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE

RESERVATIONS: \$85/ADULT  
\$25/ CHILD (UNDER 12)

REFER QUESTIONS TO: MARY DOREZA (412-877-3415)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

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THE METROPOLITAN'S BENEVOLENCE FUND





SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
2020 METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH ST. PHOTIOS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

**Nominations for St. Photios Awards for 2020** have been officially opened by the Metropolis. The awards recognize two members of each parish for their faithful and selfless efforts and hard work on behalf of their church. The Awards Banquet will take place this year on Saturday, May 2. All members of our community are invited and encouraged to submit nominations.

*Please write the names of up to two nominees who have distinguished themselves over time through dedicated and hard-working service to our community, along with two sentences about why you are nominating them:*

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please return this form to the Church Office in a sealed envelope addressed to Fr. Bender or include the same information in an email addressed to him at [frchbender@verizon.net](mailto:frchbender@verizon.net) NO LATER THAN Sunday, March 1 at 1:00 pm.)*

# St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival

February, 2020

Dear Friends,

This year, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral will be hosting its 59th annual Greek Food Festival from **May 3 thru May 9**. Once again, we would like to give you the opportunity to be part of our Festival by advertising in our **2020 Food Festival Ad Book**.

This is a great way to advertise your business to the thousands of people who come to enjoy our great Greek food, our music and our Greek hospitality. The money raised through our Food Festival benefits the St. Nicholas Cathedral Building Fund and since St. Nicholas is a 501(C)3, that makes your contribution tax deductible.

On the next page you will find this year's advertising contract detailing ad sizes and prices. Please consider placing an ad by completing the form with your contact information, payment type, and ad size selection. You may submit completed contracts and ads via e-mail to **foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org**, or mail to:

St. Nicholas Cathedral  
c/o Greek Food Festival Ad Book Committee  
419 South Dithridge Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ADS is April 8, 2020**

**Premium** pages include **center pages** and **inside cover**.

All ads are in **color**.

Please send ads in **JPEG** format.

See ad rates on next page for pricing.

If you have a new ad or logo that you would like to use this year, please send a **JPEG** file to the email shown above. If you would like to use an ad previously placed in the ad book, please indicate that on the ad contract. (Please note that all ads will be in color this year.)

For additional information or if you have any questions, please call Lenna Cominos at (412) 370-8181, or send an e-mail to [foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org](mailto:foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org).

We sincerely hope that you will play a part in making this year's edition of our ad book a success.

Best regards,

Elaine Andrianos, Simon Barber, Lenna Cominos, Alisa Mathews

*St. Nicholas Ad Book Committee*



St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

**2020 GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL  
ADVERTISING CONTRACT**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone/ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**AD DEADLINE APRIL 8, 2020**

Ad Size	Color
Outside Back Cover/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$750
Premium Full Pages/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$650
Full Page/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$600
Half Page/ 4.5w x 3.75h	\$350
Quarter Page/ 4.5w x 1.8750h	\$200
Patron/ listing	\$50

☐ Use same ad as previous year

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## SIXTY CLUB NEWS

Save the date: February 23: Meeting (note change of date.), after Liturgy—place to be announced. Please bring details for suggested events. Virginia is collecting \$15.00 for 2020 dues.

# FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>16</b> <b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</b> Orthros 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy, 10 am  <b>General Assembly After church services</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Parish Council, 7:00 pm</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Living Orthodoxy 11 am  OCF, 7 pm	<b>21</b>  <div>GOYA BB Tournament at Holy Cross Church, Mt Lebanon Feb 21-23</div>	<b>22</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Souls</b> Orthros, 8:30 am, <u>Div. Liturgy, 10 am</u> <b>Greek School 10 am</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Judgment Sunday (Meatfare)</b> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am Vlahokerasiotiko Dinner Dance, 5 pm  <div>GOYA BB Tournament Holy Cross Church</div>	<b>24</b>  <b>Food Festival Galatouboureko Prep</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Food Festival Galatoubouriko Prep Evening Cooking</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Living Orthodoxy 11 am  OCF, 7 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Souls</b> Orthros, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am  Greek School 10 am