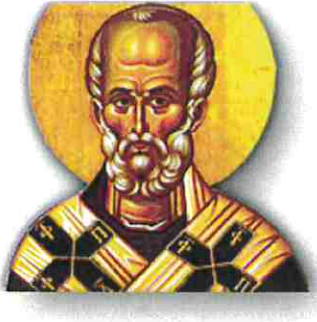


MARCH 22, 2020 – 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT – VENERATION OF THE CROSS

The Holy Hieromartyr Vasileios, Presbyter of the Church of Ankyra

Tone 7

Orthros Gospel 7



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

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PROTOPSALTIS:

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.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Wednesday, Mar 25: THE ANNUNCIATION Orthros 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am
- Friday, March 27: Salutations for the Theotokos 7:00 pm

The meeting of the St. Nicholas Garden Club scheduled for today has been postponed. It will be rescheduled when all Church activities resume.

SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY:

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the Festal Apolytikion (Tone 1):

Σώσον Κύριε τόν λαόν σου καί ευλόγησον τήν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς Βασιλεύσι κατά βαρβάρων
δωρούμενος καί τό σόν φυλάττων διά τού Σταυρού σου πολίτευμα.
Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy,
and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

After the procession with the Gospel the Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is chanted:

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καί προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱέ 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.

*After the Entrance Hymn the Priest enters into the Sanctuary, and the Resurrection Apolytikion (Tone 7, p. 172
in the old –red- Divine Liturgy books) is chanted. Then, the hymn for the Feastday is repeated. Following this,
we chant the Hymn for our Church's Patron, St. Nicholas (Tone 4):*

Κανόνα πίστεως καί 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· πρόσβευε 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 Seasonal Kontakion in the Eighth Tone:

O Champion General, we your faithful inscribe to you the prize of victory as gratitude for being rescued
from calamity, O Theotokos. But since you have invincible power, free us from all kinds of perils so that
we may cry out to you: Rejoice, O Bride unwedded.

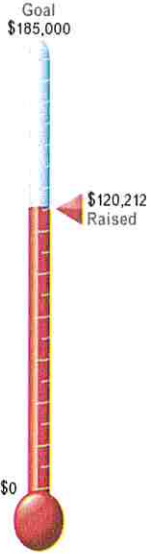
Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, ἀναγράφω σοί ἡ Πόλις
σου Θεοτόκε, Ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, ἐκ παντοίων μὲ κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἵνα
κράζω σοί, Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

Instead of the usual Trisagion, we chant the special one for Feastdays of the Cross:
Τὸν Σταυρόν σου προσκυνοῦμεν, Δέσποτα, καί τὴν ἀγίαν σου ἀνάστασιν δοξάζομεν.
Before Your Cross, we bow down, O Master, and Your Holy Resurrection we glorify.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 4:14-18, 5: 1-6 (p. 140) GOSPEL: Mark 8: 34-38, 9: 1 (p. 141)

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	220 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$120,212.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$546.42

FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL DESK

Church School students in grades 7-12th gave the opportunity to learn more about their faith and participate in the **St Nicholas Oratorical Festival**. For more information, please contact Chairperson Eve Elsen at 412-580-9415 or eve.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).

Neighborhood Resilience Project Food Drive – Thank you to everyone who has supported our ongoing food drive for Neighborhood Resilience Project (formerly known as FOCUS Pittsburgh). We will continue collecting **non-perishable food** donations in the large bin outside of the church office. We appreciate your donations!

Dear Camp Family,

I pray you are all staying healthy and safe.



In light of the current circumstances brought about by the coronavirus, we have decided to postpone the opening of registration for Summer Camp until Bright Monday, April 20th. Between now and then, the Summer Camp Executive Committee will continue to monitor the situation with the assistance of our medical staff, other professionals, and the administration of Camp Nazareth, and will make a decision to open registration, or re-evaluate the options. As always, the safety and health of our campers is our top priority! Along with the Camp Nazareth administration, we are currently operating with the intention of having Summer Camp. We ask for your prayers during this time for our entire camp family, Clergy, and medical personnel. Please visit our website for all up to date information regarding Summer Camp 2020. May the Panagia intercede for us all!

With love in Christ,
Marina

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MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 Sunday of Holy Cross Orthros, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	23	24	25 THE ANNUNCIATION (Greek Independence Day) Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	26	27 Salutations for the Theotokos 7:00 pm	28
29 Sunday of Saint John Climacus Orthros, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	30	31				