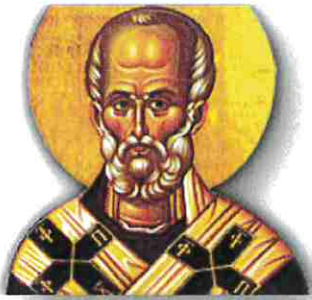


APRIL 5, 2020 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – ST. MARY OF EGYPT

Martyrs Claudius, Diodorus, Victor, Victorinus, Papias and Serapion; Venerable Theodora of
Thessaloniki

Tone 1

Orthros Gospel 9



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: 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.*

Use the following link for tonight's Livestreaming the Akathist Hymn <https://vimeo.com/403843610>.

Watch Sunday services streaming live from St Nicholas Cathedral at www.stnickspgh.org/ and click on Live Streaming Click Here.

IMPORTANT NEWS:

On-Line Giving donations are up and running on our web page www.stnickspgh.org by clicking please donate button - or you may access the donation page by using <https://abundant.co/stnickspgh/give>

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Saturday, April 11: Lazarus Saturday Orthros 9 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am.**

ONLINE MINISTRY – Father Bender is offering two new ministries that can be accessed on the computer, using FACEBOOK or by calling in. On each Saturday evening at 8:00 pm, he will discuss something related to Sunday's Scripture readings, or to the saint of the day. On Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm, he will offer a Bible Study, presenting passages that are relevant to our current situation.

To access the presentation from FACEBOOK, begin on your own page, and enter Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral in the search bar at the top of the page. Our FACEBOOK page should come right up. Go to Videos and you should find me talking.

To join by telephone, call 1-800-201-9352, then enter Conference Code 220243. You will be able to listen, but not view, the presentation.

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SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY:

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion in this week's tone (5, or Plagal 1st)

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

The Priest reenters the Sanctuary, and the Resurrection hymn is repeated, followed by the hymn for St. Mary of Egypt:

Ἐν σοὶ Μητὲρ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ κατ' εἰκόνα· λαβοῦσα γὰρ τὸν σταυρόν, ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καὶ πράττουσα ἐδίδασκες ὑπερορᾶν μὲν σαρκὸς παρέρχεται γάρ, ἐπιμελεῖσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς, πράγματος ἀθανάτου· διὸ καὶ μετὰ Ἀγγέλων συναγάλλεται Ὁσία Μαρία τὸ πνεῦμά σου.

In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

Following this, we chant the Hymn for our Church's Patron Saint, St. Nicholas (Tone 4):

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἡ 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.

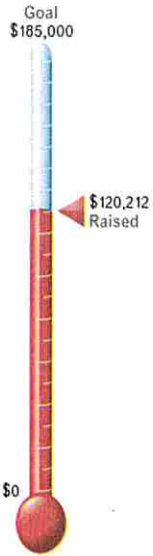
Finally, the Seasonal Kontakion is heard:

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβειάν, καὶ σπεῦδσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε. O Protection of Christians unashamable, mediation to the Creator immovable, O despise not the pleading voices of those in sin, but hasten, O good one, to the help of all of us who in faith cry out to you: speed up your intercession, and press on your supplication, O Theotokos who always protects all those who honor you.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-14. Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45. At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." [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	224 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$124,012.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$546.42

PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Philoptochos is **CANCELLING** the following events and fundraisers:

- ❖ **Easter Bread** – If you have already placed an order, we will contact you and return your check.
- ❖ **Palm Sunday Luncheon** scheduled for Sunday, April 12
- ❖ **Anastasi Meal** scheduled for Sunday, April 19

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 – At this time, we are unable to collect food drive donations for Neighborhood Resilience Project (formerly knowns as FOCUS Pittsburgh). There is a great need for support during this difficult time for many. We encourage parishioners to take non-perishable food donations directly to Neighborhood Resilience Project located at 2038 Bedford Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, or to mail them a generous donation (check). They appreciate and need your support!

Celebrating MOTHER'S DAY

St. Nicholas Philoptochos believes in honoring the women in our lives. Honor your wife, mother, grandmother, godmother, sister, aunt or special friend with a gift to Philoptochos. Your donation will enable us to continue our work of charitable giving to individuals and families in need, area food banks, shelters for the homeless, social service agencies and countless research efforts in the battle against cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

Join us this Mother's Day by honoring someone you love with a gift to Philoptochos.

Make checks payable and send to: St. Nicholas Philoptochos, 419 S. Dithridge St. Pittsburgh, PA 15213, Memo: Mother's Day
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NAMES FOR INCLUSION IN BULLETIN – SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

(minimum gift of \$5.00 per name please — all donations are tax deductible)

Your Name: _____

Honorees will receive a special Mother's Day acknowledgement card.

The amount of your gift will not be disclosed.

☐ Please accept this gift in **honor** of:

Name: _____

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*List any additional names and addresses on the back of this flyer and indicate whether donation is in Honor or in Memory.
Please print clearly.*

Celebrating FATHER'S DAY

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Join us this Father's Day by honoring someone you love with a gift to Philoptochos.

Make checks payable and send to: St. Nicholas Philoptochos, 419 S. Dithridge St. Pittsburgh, PA 15213, Memo: Father's Day

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NAMES FOR INCLUSION IN BULLETIN – SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2020

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Good Friday Luminary Memorials



**Remember your loved ones with "Virtual" Luminaries
on Good Friday, April 17, 2020.**

**"Virtual" Luminaries will be lit candles in the Narthex
Good Friday Evening.**

Names will be published in the Newsletter.

***To include your loved one,
please follow the directions below.***

Please fill out the form below and mail to the parish office
or
donate online (<https://abundant.co/stnickspgh/give>) and e-mail the names
(church@stnickspgh.org).

Donations of \$10.00 per Luminary to be paid to
St. Nicholas Cathedral
by Monday, April 13th.

Names to be commemorated:

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"May their memory be eternal!"

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APRIL 2020

PLEASE NOTE: CANCELLATIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF WORSHIPERS AT SERVICES DUE TO THE CONTINUING HEALTH CRISIS ARE DEFINITELY POSSIBLE. We will make every effort to keep you informed. The church office will always have the most up-to-date information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Akathist Hymn 7:00 pm	4
5 Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt Orthros, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	6	7	8	9	10	11 Lazarus Saturday Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am
12 Palm Sunday Orthros, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am 1 st Bridegroom Service 7 pm	13 Holy Monday 2 nd Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm	14 Holy Tuesday 3 rd Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm	15 Holy Wednesday Holy Unction & Anointing 5:00 pm	16 Holy Thursday Vespers Divine Liturgy 9:30 am [Mystical (Last) Supper] 12 Gospels Service 6:30 pm	17 Great & Holy Friday Royal Hours 9 am Apokathelosis Vespers 1:30 pm Lamentations 7:00 pm	18 GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY Vespers Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Vigil Service 10:45 pm Resurrection Service & Paschal Liturgy 11:45 pm
19 GREAT & HOLY PASCHA Vespers of Agape, 1 pm	20 Parish Council Meeting 7 pm	21	22	23 St. George the Greatmartyr Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	24	25
26 Thomas Sunday Orthros, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	27	28	29	30		