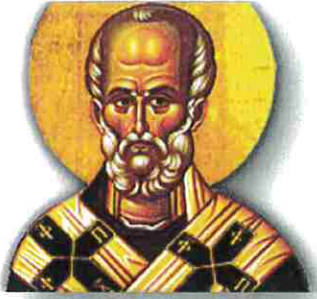


APRIL 12, 2020 – PALM SUNDAY

On which we celebrate the glorious entrance into Jerusalem of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Vasileios, Bishop of Paros and Sergios II, Patriarch of Constantinople



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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CHOIR DIRECTOR: Steve Andrews

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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 Livestreaming of Lazarus Saturday (4.11.20) <https://vimeo.com/405434811>

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

PLEASE NOTE: Father Bender's Online Ministry is suspended for Holy Week. The presentations will resume next week (Bright Week). 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Mon, Apr 13: Holy Monday 2nd Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm
- Tues, Apr 14: Holy Tuesday 3rd Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm
- Wed, Apr 15: Holy Wednesday Holy Unction 5:00 pm
- Thu, Apr 16: Holy Thursday Vespertal Divine Liturgy 9:30 am; 12 Gospels Service 6:30 pm
- Fri, Apr 17: Great & Holy Friday Royal Hours 9:00 am; Apokathelosis Vespers 1:30 pm;
Lamentations 7:00 pm
- Sat, Apr 18: Great & Holy Saturday Vespertal Divine Liturgy 9:30 am; Vigil Service 10:45 pm
Resurrection Service & Liturgy 11:45 pm

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>

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral - HOLY WEEK - 2020 – Services Schedule - Live Streaming

- Sunday – April-12 – **Palm Sunday**
 - Divine Liturgy – 8:30 a.m.
 - <https://vimeo.com/event/27846>
 - 1st Bridegroom Service – 7:00 p.m.
 - <https://vimeo.com/event/36392>
- Monday – April-13 – **Holy Monday**
 - 2nd Bridegroom Service – 7:00 p.m.
 - <https://vimeo.com/event/36392>
- Tuesday – April-14 – **Holy Tuesday**
 - 3rd Bridegroom Service – 7:00 p.m.
 - <https://vimeo.com/event/36392>
- Wednesday – April-15 – **Holy Wednesday**
 - Holy Unction – 5:00 p.m.
 - <https://vimeo.com/405833311>
- Thursday – April-16 – **Holy Thursday**
 - Vespereal Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.
 - <https://vimeo.com/405834977>
 - 12 Gospels Service – 6:30 p.m.
 - <https://vimeo.com/405838483>
- Friday – April-17 – **GREAT and HOLY FRIDAY**
 - Royal Hours – 9:00 a.m.
 - <https://vimeo.com/405842472>
 - Apokathelosis Vespers – 1:30 p.m.
 - <https://vimeo.com/405843823>
 - Lamentations – 7:00 p.m.
 - <https://vimeo.com/405844512>
- Saturday – April-18 – **GREAT and HOLY SATURDAY**
 - Vespereal Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.
 - <https://vimeo.com/405845280>
 - Vigil Service – 10:45 p.m.
 - <https://vimeo.com/405846017>
 - Resurrection Service and Paschal Liturgy – 11:45 p.m.
 - <https://vimeo.com/405846724>
- Sunday – April-19 – **GREAT and HOLY PASCHA**
 - Vespers of Agape – 1:00 p.m.
 - <https://vimeo.com/405847794>

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SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY:

The consumption of fish is permitted today.

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the Festal Apolytikion for Lazarus Saturday/Palm Sunday:

Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἤγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ Νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

O Christ our God, before Your Passion, You raised Lazarus from the dead to confirm the common Resurrection for all. Therefore, we carry the symbols of victory as did the youths, and we cry out to You, the victor over death, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

At the procession with the Gospel, the special Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) for Palm Sunday is chanted:

Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου· Θεὸς Κύριος καὶ ἐπέφανεν ἡμῖν, Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐπὶ πώλου ὄνου καθεσθείς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Blessed in He who comes in the name of the Lord; God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Save us, O Son of God, who sat on the foal of a donkey, we sing to You, Alleluea.

Then, we hear the festal hymn once again, followed by a second one, which turns our focus the Resurrection:

Συνταφέντες σοι διὰ τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, τῆς ἀθανάτου ζωῆς ἡξιώθημεν τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, καὶ ἀνυμνοῦντες κρᾶζομεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

As by baptism we were buried with You, O Christ our God, so by Your Resurrection were we deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising You, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Then, the Festal Kontakion is heard:

Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πώλῳ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐποχούμενος Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, τῶν Ἀγγέλων τὴν αἶνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παίδων ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξω βοώντων σοι· Εὐλογημένος εἶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, τὸν Ἀδὰμ ἀνακαλέσασθαι.

In Heaven, He is seated upon a Throne and on earth He rides upon a foal. O Christ our God, accept the praise of the Angels and the hymn of the Children who cry out to You, "Blessed are You who comes to recall Adam."

Epistle Reading: Philippians 4: 4-9. Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you. [RSV]

Gospel: John 12: 1-18. Jn. 12:1-18 Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. [RSV]

A NOTE FROM FATHER CHRISTOPHER

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ, on this Palm Sunday 2020, I regret that I must greet you in writing, rather than in person. It is my hope that many of you will be able to follow the service by using the live feed on the Church's website (stnickspgh.org), so you can pray along with Deacon Robert and myself. The same goes for all the usual services of Holy Week (see the calendar on the last page of the bulletin). I look forward to the day when we will once again be together to praise the Lord and give thanks for all our blessings.

During this time when we must live in isolation from one another in order to keep all of us safe, many people have found this a good opportunity to do those things we have always said we wanted to do, but have never had the time for – such as cleaning out the attic or digging a garden. May I also suggest that we use this time to tend to our spiritual life, as well. We can start by setting aside a few minutes in the morning and at night to devote to prayer. We can also pick up our Bibles and really explore their content. After all, what we hear in Church is just a small fraction – the tip of the iceberg – of what is actually contained there. We can also turn to one of the many books about our faith that are available today, or seek out websites on the Internet where we can learn more about the Orthodox faith (such as our Archdiocese's website, goarch.org).

We are grateful to all our parishioners and friends who have sent in pledge payments or other donations recently. They remind us of how important it is for those of us who have not suffered lay-offs or other economic reversals due to the corona virus to remember our Church during this difficult time. As we prepare once again to celebrate Holy Week (even if from a distance), we count on your continued support to help preserve our Church and our community, until we can once again greet one another as one family in Christ.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Friday, April 10, 2020

60 Minutes Highlights Saint Nicholas National Shrine on Western Easter

New York - On Western Easter, Sunday April 12th, the renowned CBS news program, *60 Minutes*, will showcase the rebuilding of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center.

The relationship between the Archdiocese and *60 Minutes* dates back over a decade, when the late Bob Simon did a groundbreaking interview with His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew that aired in December of 2009.

In the press materials released by CBS yesterday, the rebuilding of Saint Nicholas and reopening is referred to as "both a beacon and some kind of miracle." In his introduction to the story, *60 Minutes* journalist Scott Pelley said, "For Easter, we visit a fortress against time, where art is created to heal one of America's greatest wounds. It is the story of the resurrection of the only House of Worship destroyed on 9/11."

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros commented on the coming broadcast, "We are very moved that the longest running and most prominent television news program in the United States is highlighting our campaign to rebuild Saint Nicholas during this holiest time of the year. With the Friends of Saint Nicholas, whose generosity and energy have restarted this sacred duty, we look forward, by the grace of God and the prayers of the Saint, to opening the doors of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine on September 11, 2021."

The program will air this Sunday evening, April 12th on all CBS affiliates nationwide. A preview and description of the program by CBS are at

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/rebuilding-st-nicholas-greek-orthodox-church-destroyed-on-911-60-minutes-2020-04-09/>

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	230 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$124,012.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$539.18

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!

GOYA NEWS

Make your Pascha table complete with a pan of **Pastitsio** made by Goya hands and love! We have roughly 15 pans left. They sell for \$30 a pan. To purchase, please call the church office (412 682-3866) between 10am to 4pm, Monday through Friday. Cash or checks are accepted. Checks can be made to St. Nicholas GOYA. Wishing you all, a joyous Pascha!

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:

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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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Check #	
Amount	
Date Rec'd	

First Names Only- Please Print Clearly!

"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
12 Palm Sunday Orthros, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, <u>10 am</u> 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 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 <u>10:45 pm</u> Resurrection Service & Paschal Liturgy 11:45 pm
19 GREAT & HOLY PASCHA Vespers of Agape, 1 pm	20 Parish Council Meeting 7 pm	21 Online Ministry – Bible Study 7:30 pm	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 Online Ministry – Bible Study 7:30 pm	29	30		