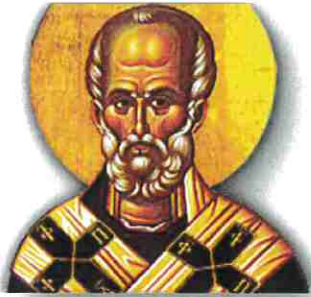


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WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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

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

Father's Cell & Email: 724-630-3483; frchbender@verizon.net

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.**

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

Father Christopher will be online and over the phone, using the ZOOM platform as well as Facebook, every TUESDAY, EVENING at 8:00 pm with a BIBLE STUDY that will focus on a variety of texts from the Old and New Testament that are appropriate to the paschal season, as well as to our current situation.

You do not have to be an existing member of our "Living Orthodoxy" program in order to join in. Nor do you need to follow the program every week – just when you are able to.

Zoom can be accessed online, and the app can be downloaded to your computer or smartphone, or you can participate by calling in a specified number. It will also be streaming on the Church's Facebook page, and Father's Facebook page. More detailed information about what to do will be available from the Church Office at any time to get instructions about how to join by computer or telephone. Father also offers a presentation on Saturday evenings at 8:00 pm on the church's and his own Facebook pages.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Mon, Apr 20: Parish Council Meeting Cancelled. Will be announced**
- **Thu, Apr 23: St George the Great Martyr Orthros – Services are Cancelled**
- **Sun, Apr 26: Thomas Sunday Orthros 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**

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>

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SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY:

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the Festal Apolytikion for Pascha in Tone 5:

Χριστός ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος
Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

At the Entrance with the Gospel, the special Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) for Pascha is chanted:

Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραὴλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

In the congregations bless God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us O Son of God, who did rise from the dead, we sing to you Alleluia.

Then, we hear “Christ is Risen” once again, followed by the following hymn from the Orthros:

Προλαβοῦσαι τὸν ὄρθρον αἱ περὶ Μαριάμ, καὶ εὐροῦσαι τὸν λίθον ἀποκυλισθέντα τοῦ μνήματος, ἤκουον ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου· Τὸν ἐν φωτὶ αἰδίῳ ὑπάρχοντα, μετὰ νεκρῶν τί ζητεῖτε ὡς ἄνθρωπον; βλέπετε τὰ ἐντάφια σπάργαν· δράμετε, καὶ τῷ κόσμῳ κηρύξατε, ὡς ἠγέρθη ὁ Κύριος, θανατώσας τὸν θάνατον· ὅτι ὑπάρχει Θεοῦ Υἱός, τοῦ σώζοντος τὸ γένος τῶν ἀνθρώπων.

When Mary and the women with her had come before dawn, they found that the stone had been rolled away from the sepulcher. They heard from the Angel, "Why do you seek among the dead, as a mortal man, the One who exists in everlasting light? See the grave clothes in the sepulcher. Run and proclaim to the world that the Lord has risen and put death to death; for He is the Son of God who saves the human race."

Then, the Paschal Kontakion is heard:

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grants resurrection.

Instead of “Holy God” (the Trisagion Hymn), we chant the Baptismal Hymn:

Ὅσοι εἰς Χριστὸν ἐβαπτίσθητε, Χριστὸν ἐνεδύσασθε. Ἀλληλούϊα.

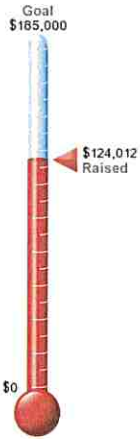
As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Instead of the usual “Axion Estin” to the Theotokos after the consecration of the Gifts, we hear:

Ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα τῇ κεχαριτωμένῃ, Ἀγνὴ Παρθένε, χαῖρε, καὶ πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαῖρε, ὁ σὸς Υἱὸς ἀνέστη τριήμερος ἐκ τάφου. Φωτίζου, φωτίζου ἡ νέα Ἰερουσαλήμ· ἡ γὰρ δόξα Κυρίου ἐπὶ σὲ ἀνέτειλε. Χόρευε νῦν καὶ ἀγάλλου, Σιών, σὺ δέ, ἄγνη, τέρπου, Θεοτόκε, ἐν τῇ ἐγέρσει τοῦ τόκου σου.

The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say rejoice. Your Son has resurrected from the grave on the third day. Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. Dance now for joy, O Zion, and be glad. And you, O all-pure Theotokos, delight in the arising of the One you bore.

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	232 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$124,012.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$534.53

PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES

Mother’s Day & Father’s Day – While many of our fundraisers, programs and activities have been put on hold due to the pandemic, Philoptochos is happy to be able to help you honor the special women and men in your life for Mother’s Day and Father’s Day! Please consider this opportunity to make a donation to Philoptochos! The forms are included in the bulletin. Thank you!

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 known 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. They appreciate your support!

GOYA NEWS

Pastitsio for sale. We have roughly 10 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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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NAMES FOR INCLUSION IN BULLETIN – SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 GREAT & HOLY PASCHA Vespers of Agape, 1 pm	20 NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT TBA	21	22	23	24	25
26 Thomas Sunday Orthros, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	27	28	29	30		