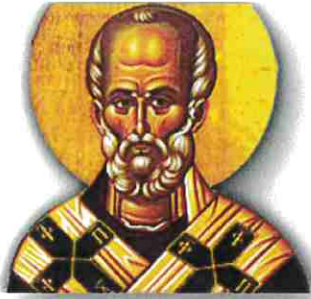


**APRIL 26, 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA (Thomas Sunday)**

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**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

Father's Cell & Email: 724-630-3483; [frchbender@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:church@stnickspgh.org)

**CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE: Sept 15 – June 15, 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.*

***XPICTOC ANECTI! CHRIST IS RISEN!***

Watch Sunday services streaming live from St Nicholas Cathedral at [www.stnickspgh.org/](http://www.stnickspgh.org/) and click on "Live Streaming Click Here."

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

Father Christopher will be online and over the phone, using the ZOOM platform as well as Facebook, every TUESDAY, EVENING at 8:30 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.

In addition, Father also offers a presentation focusing on some element from that Sunday's readings or commemoration, on SATURDAY EVENINGS AT 8:30 PM ON ZOOM and the church's and his own FACEBOOK pages.

An email with detailed information about how to access the event live on Zoom will be sent to the entire parish listserv earlier in the day each time there is an event (because it will always change, for security reasons). It will also be uploaded afterwards to the Church's Facebook page and Father's Facebook page. (If the presentation had to be cancelled for some reason, that also will be announced.)

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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 procession 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 ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλουῖα. 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 the festal hymn once again, followed by the Apolytikion for today's Feast:*

Ἐσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος ἡ ζωὴ ἐκ τάφου ἀνέτειλας Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης ἡ πάντων ἀνάστασις, πνεῦμα εὐθὺς δι' αὐτῶν ἐγκαινίζων ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου ἔλεος. Christ our God, You are the Life that dawned from the grave, though the tomb was sealed. Through closed doors You came to the Apostles. You are the Resurrection of all. And, You renewed us through them with an upright spirit, according to Your great mercy.

*Then, the Festal Kontakion is heard:*

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾧδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναίξῃ Μυροφόροις φθεγγάμενος, 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 grant resurrection.

*Instead of the usual Megalynarion of the Theotokos after the consecration of the Gifts, we hear:*

Σὲ τὴν φαεινὴν λαμπάδα, καὶ Μητέρα τοῦ Θεοῦ, τὴν ἀρίζηλον δόξαν, καὶ ἀνωτέραν πάντων τῶν ποιημάτων, ἐν ὕμνοις μεγαλύνομεν. You, the brightly shining lantern and the Mother of our God,\* the conspicuous glory,\* you are superior to all creation.\*We magnify you in hymns.

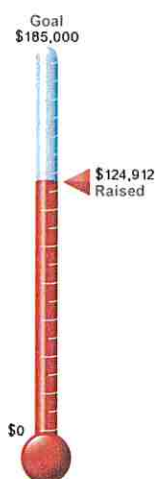
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**Apostolic reading: Acts 5: 12-20.** In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

**Gospel reading: 20:19-31.** On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.



**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	235 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$124,912.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$531.54

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## **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 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. They appreciate your support!

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## **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.

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## **Χριστος Ανεστη**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in bringing Holy Week services into our homes this past week. It was wonderful to view our beautiful cathedral and listen to the words that brought us to "Χριστος Ανεστη" on Saturday night.  
Miss seeing our church family. Alice Gary

# *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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*List any additional names and addresses on the back of this flyer and indicate whether donation is in Honor or in Memory.  
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# *Celebrating* FATHER'S DAY

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

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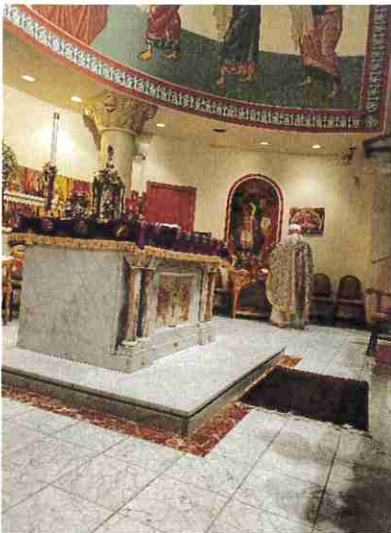
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# MAY 2020

**PLEASE NOTE: LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF WORSHIPPERS AT SERVICES DUE TO THE ONGOING HEALTH CRISIS CONTINUE AND NO IN-PERSON EVENTS OR MEETINGS CAN TAKE PLACE. FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO A SERVICE UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED. We will make every effort to keep you informed of any changes, and will reopen as soon as allowed. The church office will always have the most up-to-date information.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <b>Thomas Sunday</b> Orthros, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 <b>Myrrh-bearing Women</b> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	4	5	6	7	8	9
PLEASE NOTE: THE FOOD FESTIVAL HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13-19, 2020, GOD-WILLING.						
10 <b>The Paralytic</b> <b>MOTHERS DAY</b> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 <b>Samaritan Woman</b> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	18 <b>"Virtual" Parish Council Meeting</b> 7 p.m.	19	20 <b>EVENING VIGIL SERVICE AND DIVINE LITURGY FOR SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN, 6 PM</b>	21	22	23
24 <b>The Man Born Blind</b> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	25 <b>Memorial Day</b> OFFICE CLOSED  Divine Liturgy & Trisagion AT THE CHURCH 10 am	26	27 <b>EVENING VIGIL SERVICE AND DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE ASCENSION, 6 PM</b>	28	29	30
31 <b>Fathers of 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council</b> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am						