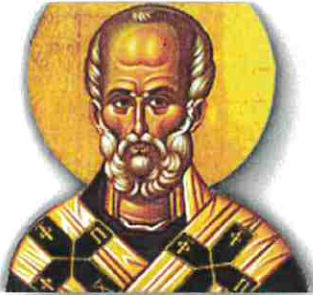


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Orthros Gospel 4



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 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.***

TODAYS MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the soul of the servant of God, George Lykos (3 yrs). May God grant him eternal rest.

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΙ! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Watch Sunday services streaming live from St Nicholas Cathedral at 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 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 Ἰσραήλ. 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 the festal hymn once again, followed by this week's Resurrection Apolytikion (Tone 2 – see p. 170 in the Liturgy book). Following this we hear the hymn for Joseph of Arimathea:

Ὁ εὐσχήμων Ἰωσήφ, ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου καθελών, τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, σινδόνι καθαρῷ, εἰλήσας καὶ ἀρώμασιν, ἐν μνήματι καινῷ, κηδεύσας ἀπέθετο· ἀλλὰ τριήμερος ἀνέστης Κύριε, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

When he took down Your immaculate Body from the Cross, the honorable Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen shroud with spices and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Next, the Hymn for the Myrrhbearing women is chanted:

Ταῖς Μυροφόροις Γυναίξι, παρὰ τὸ μνήμα ἐπιστάς, ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα. Τὰ μύρα τοῖς θνητοῖς ὑπάρχει ἀρμόδια, Χριστὸς δὲ διαφθορᾶς ἐδείχθη ἀλλότριος. Ἀλλὰ κραυγάσατε· Ἀνέστη ὁ Κύριος, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

The Angel standing at the sepulcher cried out and said to the myrrh-bearing women:

These ointments are appropriate for mortal men, but Christ has been shown to be a stranger to decay. So go and The Lord has risen and granted the world His great mercy.

The Apolytikion for St. Nicholas follows:

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιίμνῃ 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 Festal Kontakion is heard:

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναίξι Μυροφόροις φθεγγόμενος, 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.

APOSTOLIC READING: Acts 6: 1-7 In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. [RSV]

GOSPEL: Mark 15: 43-47; 16: 1-8. At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. [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	241(GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$126,612.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$525.36

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!

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
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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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ST. NICHOLAS WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF OUR GRADUATES!

Please fill out this short questionnaire and submit to church office via email (church@stnickspgh.org), fax (412-683-4960) or mail (419 S. Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213). Thank you!

Name _____
Phone: _____
Month of Graduation _____
High School: _____
Or
University/ Graduate School: _____
Degree Earned: _____

***Please email a recent photo to church@stnickspgh.org so that we can include in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Awards and Honors:

Activities:

Future Plans:

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
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3 Myrrh-bearing Women Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	4	5	6	7	8	9
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10 The Paralytic MOTHERS DAY Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Samaritan Woman Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	18 "Virtual" Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m.	19	20 EVENING VIGIL SERVICE AND DIVINE LITURGY FOR SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN, 6 PM	21	22	23
24 The Man Born Blind Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	25 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED Divine Liturgy & Trisagion AT THE CHURCH 10 am	26	27 EVENING VIGIL SERVICE AND DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE ASCENSION, 6 PM	28	29	30
31 Fathers of 1st Ecumenical Council Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am						