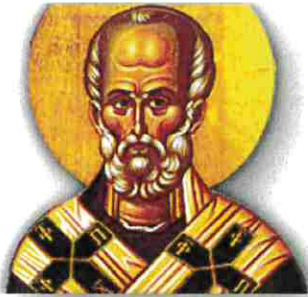


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WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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

PROTOPSALTIS: Konstantinos Fekos

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 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.*

TODAY: Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom at 1:00 pm

<https://goarch.zoom.us/j/91071653275?pwd=TnNiNXcyNnRWRUVvbHF5dXVnY1ByQT09>

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Tuesday, June 9: **Online (Zoom) Bible Study 8:30 pm**
- Saturday, June 13: **Online (Zoom) Gospel Reflections – Fr Chris 8:30 pm**

THANK YOU to the volunteers who prepared and sold the food and to the patrons from our parish and the surrounding community for making our first St Nicholas Takeout Fundraiser a success!

Stay tuned for more such efforts in the future.

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(SMALL ENTRANCE):

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the troparion for Pentecost (Tone 8):

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς
τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν, τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You made the fishermen all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them, You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

After the procession with the Gospel the special **Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn)** in Tone 2 is chanted:

Υψώθητι, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου, ἄσωμεν καὶ ψαλοῦμεν τὰς δυναστείας σου.
Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Παράκλητε ἀγαθέ, ψάλλοντάς σοι Ἀλληλούϊα.

Be exalted, O Lord, in your power; we will sing and praise your mighty deeds.

Save us, O good Comforter. We sing to You, Alleluia.

As the Clergy reenter the Sanctuary, the hymn for Pentecost is repeated. Then comes the Kontakion of the feast:

Ὅτε καταβὰς τὰς γλώσσας συνέχεε, διεμέριζεν ἔθνη ὁ Ὑψιστος· ὅτε τοῦ πυρὸς τὰς γλώσσας διένειμεν, εἰς
ἐνότητα πάντα ἐκάλεσε, καὶ συμφώνως δοξάζομεν τὸ πανάγιον Πνεῦμα.

When the Most High God came down and confused the tongues, * He divided the nations. When He distributed the tongues of fire, * He called all to unity. And with one voice we glorify the all-holy Spirit.

EPISTLE: Acts 2: 1-11. When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.

GOSPEL: John 7: 37-52; 8: 12. On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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.

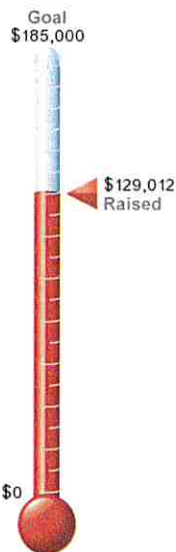
In addition, Father also offers a Reflection on the Scriptures on SATURDAY EVENINGS AT 8:30 PM ON ZOOM and the church's and his own FACEBOOK pages

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.)

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	251 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$129,012.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$513.99

PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES

Father's Day Fundraiser – While many of our fundraisers, programs and activities have been put on hold, Philoptochos is happy to be able to help you honor the special men in your life for Father's Day! Please consider this opportunity to make a donation to Philoptochos! The Father's Day form is included in the bulletin. Please submit names for Father's Day by Sunday, June 14th. 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 or send monetary donations directly to Neighborhood Resilience Project located at 2038 Bedford Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. They appreciate your support!

Celebrating
FATHER'S DAY

St. Nicholas Philoptochos believes in honoring the men in our lives. Honor your husband, father, grandfather, godfather, brother, uncle or a 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 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

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 Father'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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Please accept this gift in **memory** of:

1. _____

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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.*

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:

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>

JUNE 2020

PLEASE NOTE: CANCELLATIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF WORSHIPERS AT SERVICES DUE TO THE CONTINUING HEALTH CRISIS ARE STILL 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
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
HOLY PENTECOST Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am		Online (Zoom) Bible Study with Fr. Chris 8:30 pm				Online (Zoom) Gospel Reflections – Fr. Chris 8:30 pm
NO FASTING ALL WEEK						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
All Saints Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	Parish Council Meeting 7 pm	Online (Zoom) Bible Study with Fr. Chris 8:30 pm				Online (Zoom) Gospel Reflections – Fr. Chris 8:30 pm
APOSTLES FAST JUNE 15-28						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
2nd Sunday of Matthew PLEASE NOTE – SUMMER HOURS BEGIN: Orthros 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am		Online (Zoom) Bible Study with Fr. Chris 8:30 pm				Online (Zoom) Gospel Reflections – Fr. Chris 8:30 pm
28	29	30				
3rd Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	Apostles Peter and Paul Orthros, 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	Online (Zoom) Bible Study with Fr. Chris 8:30 pm				