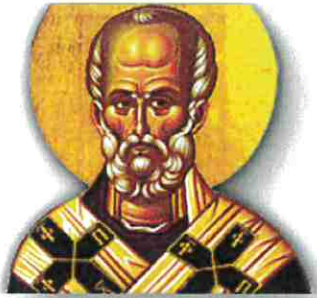


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WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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

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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 or call 412-682-3866

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: GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION

Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom at 1:00 pm

<https://goarch.zoom.us/j/94854318121?pwd=SXdpNm1JV05LSnNJS2VUZTVYejhZz09>

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Monday, June 15: Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, June 16: Online (Zoom) Bible Study 8:30 pm
- Saturday, June 20: Online (Zoom) Gospel Reflections – Fr Chris 8:30 pm
- Sunday, June 21: Memorial Service for Presbyter's Mother & Father
Sophia Hatzivasiliou (1 yr) and Anastasios Hatzivasiliou (44 yrs)

St. Nicholas Greek School Graduation will take place today, June 14, 2020, after Divine Liturgy. The five graduates who have worked very hard to complete the requirements from Seventh Grade St. Nicholas Greek School are **Evangelia Bounos, Stefania Bounos, Yanna Mavrogeorgis, Mary Sider-Rose, and Paraskevas Velisaris**. Along with receiving their Greek School Diplomas, they will also be receiving a copy of the Miraculous Iveron Icon of Panaghia made at the Nativity of Theotokos Monastery in Saxonburg and an icon medal of St. Nicholas on ribbon engraved with their name and date of graduation.

St. Nicholas Greek School teachers Katerina Koukouvagia, Sofia Vroulos, Thalia Petroulakis, Christina Retsou, Maria Tsourekis, Dimitra Agapitidou, Toulia Protopapa, Seventh grade teacher-Aikaterini Mavrikis, Chairperson of the Greek School Committee- Alea Mavrogeorgis, and Principal-Maria Stamoolis, Congratulate all the graduates and their families!! Συγχαρητήρια, και σ'ανώτερα!! We pray that our Lord and Panaghia continues to bless, shelter, and guide all of them always.

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Dismissal Hymns, Entrance Hymn, and Kontakion of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion, Plagal 4th Mode

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions
You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις
ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

During the procession with the Gospel the usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is chanted. Then, we hear the Apolytikion for the Feastday of All Saints:

Your Church is arrayed in the *holy* blood* of Your Martyrs *who witnessed* throughout the world,* as though in purple and fine linen.* Through them she cries to You, Christ our God,* Send down to Your people Your tender love,* grant peace *from above* to Your commonwealth,* and to our souls Your great mercy.

Τῶν ἐν ὅλῳ τῷ κόσμῳ Μαρτύρων σου, ὡς πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον τὰ αἵματα, ἡ Ἐκκλησία σου στολίσασμένη, δι' αὐτῶν βοᾷ σοι, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, τῷ λαῷ σου τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου κατάπεμψον, εἰρήνην τῇ πολιτείᾳ σου δώρησαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

St Nicholas Apolytikion, Fourth Mode

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

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

All Saints Kontakion Mode PL. IV

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world* bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits.* At their earnest entreaty,* keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace,* through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

Ὡς ἀπαρχὰς τῆς φύσεως, τῷ φυτουργῷ τῆς κτίσεως, ἡ οἰκουμένη προσφέρει σοι Κύριε, τοὺς θεοφόρους Μάρτυρας, ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, ἐν εἰρήνῃ βαθεῖα, τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν σου, διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου συντήρησον, πολυέλεε.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2. Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith. [RSV]

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30. The Lord said to his disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first." [RSV]

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> |
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| Total Stewards | 254 (GOAL 300) |
| Total Pledged | \$129,162.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00) |
| Avg. Pledge | \$508.51 |

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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6. _____

*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:

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES (names received so far):

Dimitri Gary – Graduated from Sewickley Academy. He will be attending St. Vincent College and playing baseball.

Christos Mavrogeorgis – Graduated from Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA). He will be attending St. Vincent College for 3 years, then the University of Pittsburgh for 2 more years in the Industrial Engineering program.

Christiana Paljug – Graduated from Fox Chapel High School. Will be attending the United States Air Force Academy to study Aeronautical Engineering and hopefully become a pilot.

Danae Petroulakis – Graduated from Carnegie Mellon University. Her future plans are working as a Mechanical Engineer with RE2 Robotics.

SAVE THE DATE

ST. NICHOLAS TAKE-OUT DINNER FUNDRAISER

Saturday June 20, 2020

Pick-up from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 P.M.

(Orders must be received by Thursday 6:00 P.M. June 18th)

Order online at <http://stnickspgh.org/sample-page/food-festival/>

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 |
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| 14 All Saints Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am | 15 Parish Council Meeting 7 pm | 16 <i>Online (Zoom) Bible Study with Fr. Chris 8:30 pm</i> | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Online (Zoom) Gospel Reflections – Fr. Chris 8:30 pm |
| APOSTLES FAST JUNE 15-28 | | | | | | |
| 21 2nd Sunday of Matthew PLEASE NOTE – SUMMER HOURS BEGIN: Orthros 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am | 22 | 23 <i>Online (Zoom) Bible Study with Fr. Chris 8:30 pm</i> | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 <i>Online (Zoom) Gospel Reflections – Fr. Chris 8:30 pm</i> |
| 28 3rd Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am | 29 Apostles Peter and Paul Orthros, 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am | 30 <i>Online (Zoom) Bible Study with Fr. Chris 8:30 pm</i> | | | | |