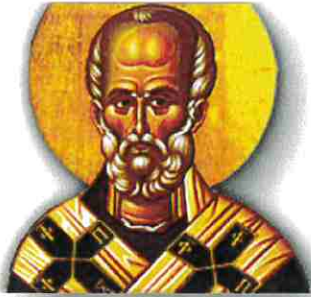


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WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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 or call 412-682-3866

CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE: June 21 – August 31

Orthros 8:00 a.m. & Divine Liturgy 9:30 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.*

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO the Family of Conrad Mitchell who passed away on June 17, 2020. His funeral took place on June 20. May God grant him eternal rest.

TODAYS MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the souls of the servant of God, Sophia Hatzivasiliou (1 yr) and Anastasios Hatzivasiliou (44 yrs), [Presbytera's Mother & Father.] May God grant them eternal rest.

COFFEE HOUR RESUMES TODAY! PLEASE plan to stay for coffee and fellowship following services in the Small Hall, sponsored by the Bender family. Physical (Social) Distancing will be practiced.

TODAY: HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Tuesday, June 23: Online (Zoom) Bible Study 8:30 pm
- Saturday, June 27: Online (Zoom) Gospel Reflections – Fr Chris 8:30 pm
- Sunday, June 28: Memorial Service for Athena Kolios
- **PLEASE NOTE** that due to the painting of the sanctuary during the week days, on **Monday, June 29 Divine Liturgy will be cancelled.**

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

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SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 1. The usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) chanted by the priest in Tone 2 follows:

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι Ἀλληλοῦῖα. Come let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us O Son of God, who arose from the dead. We sing to you, Alleluia.

After the Entrance Hymn the Clergy reenter the Sanctuary, while the Resurrection Apolytikion is repeated. After that, the Apolytikion for the Patron saint of our church is chanted:

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιίμνῃ 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.

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, we hear the Kontakion in Tone 4 of the Theotokos:

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδῃς ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

A protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, Please reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede. And speed now to supplicate, As a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

EPISTLE: Romans 2:10-16. Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:18-23. At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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.

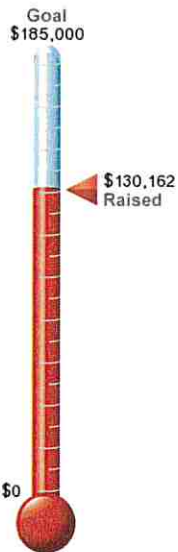
In addition, Father also offers a Reflection on the Scriptures on SATURDAY EVENINGS AT 8:30 PM ON ZOOM and the church's and his own FACEBOOK pages

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	255 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$130,162.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$510.44

PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES

Happy Father's Day – Happy Father's Day to all of the wonderful men of our parish! Thank you to everyone who supported our Father's Day fundraiser. We appreciate your continued support of Philoptochos!

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!

2020 Philoptochos Father's Day Honorees

All Fathers & Friends of St. Nicholas

Anonymous

Tony Andrews

Harry, Genia, Katie & Alex Andrews

Theodore Andrianos

Elaine Andrianos
Popie Tousimis

Harry Athanasiou

Corey Gregory

George Bellios

Talia Cominos

Father Christopher Bender

Pres. Filitsa Bender
Sophia & Maria Bender
St. Nicholas Church School

Archdeacon Euripides Christulides

Denise & Bridgette Daugherty
The Panagis & Christulides Families

George Chronis

Elaine Vitsas

Anthony Ciaccia

Tara Pallas-Sheetz

Spencer Cominos

Dina & Talia Cominos
Houston & Evina Frentzos

Tom Conaboy

Katie Andrews

Nick Contis

Stamatia Lykos

John Coutris

Perry & Tulla Velisaris

Demetrios Daskalakis

The Darakos Family

Robert Diaconis

Virginia Fekaris

John Edgos

Dina & Talia Cominos
Houston & Evina Frentzos

Demetri Ellis

Patricia DiNatale & Melissa Bennett

John Frentzos

Houston & Evina Frentzos
Tommy, Kalliope & Antoni Kristian

Michael Gabriel

Patricia DiNatale

Chris Geronimos

Ted Hages

James Hages

Ted & Nicholas Hages

Dean J. Hanna

Frances Hanna

Foster Kartsotis

Patti McKee

George Kefalos

Anne Kefalos

Nicholas Kleissas

Amy Kleissas

Daniel Klim

Thomas J. Plakidas

John Kristian

Houston & Evina Frentzos
Tommy, Kalliope & Antoni Kristian

Deacon Robert Lykos

Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos
Perry & Tulla Velisaris

Jim Machin

Nicholas Hages

Nicholas Malachias

Nick & Zoe Lardas

Nicholas Mastros

Helen Mastros

George Mellis

Alex Andrews

Tom McGuire

Marcie & Chris McGuire

Philip Milton

Thomas J. Plakidas

Conrad Mitchell

Sophia Panagis

Brian Nelson

Tyson, Tyrann & Tyra Nelson
Brooke Walker

Robert G. Panagulias

Dean Panagulias

George Pappas

Christina, Catina, & Connie
Stamoolis

John Peterson

Jamie Contis
Toula Peterson

Mark Peterson

Patti McKee

Eugene Rakoczy

The Darakos Family

Steven Roman

Michelle Kotsagrelas

Christos Sarioglou

Nikolaos Sarioglou

Bill Sfamenos

Angela Sfamenos

H. Ray Sheetz

Tara Pallas-Sheetz

Vasilios Sofillas

Henry & Martisa Scoulos-Hanson

James Stamatelos

Karl E. & Peggy Smyrnes-Williams

Gus Stamoolis

Christina, Catina, & Connie Stamoolis
Aimee Walker

Mel Trifanoff

John, Mary & Jasmine Peterson

Andreas Tsourekis

Harry, Genia, Katie & Alex Andrews

Nicholas Tsouris

Anne Kefalos

Peter A. Tsudis

Carol Tsudis

John Velisaris

Perry & Tulla Velisaris

Perry Velisaris

Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos
Tulla Velisaris

Jason Walker

Brooke & Drew Walker
Tasso Whipple

Robert Walker

Brooke & Drew Walker

Scott Whipple

Tasso & Faith Whipple

Karl E. Williams

Peggy Smyrnes-Williams

Liberis (Leo) Yannopoulos

Peter & Emily Yannopoulos

Peter Yannopoulos

Drew Walker
Paulette Yannopoulos

2020 Philoptochos Father's Day Memorials

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Anonymous

Emmanuel Amurgis

Michelle Kotsagrelou

Harry N. Andrews

Harry, Genia, Katie & Alex Andrews

Theodore Andrews

Steve Andrews

Harry Bender

Fr. Christopher & Pres. Filitsa
Bender
Sophia & Maria Bender

George Bertos

Pamela Bertos

Thomas Chester

Thomas J. Plakidas

George Christ

Martha Kartsotis

Fr. George E. Chirstulides

The Panagis & Christulides Families

Paul Chronis

Elaine Vitsas

R.W. Cochran

Peter & Carol Tsudis

John Cominos

Spencer & Lenna Cominos

George Contis

Jamie Contis

John G. Contis

The Lykos Family
Perry & Tulla Velisaris

Thomas Contis

Harry, Genia, Katie & Alex Andrews
Jamie Contis
John, Mary & Jasmine Peterson
Toula Peterson

James P. Craig

Demetra Craig

Gus Dakis

Alexandra Gregory

Harry Darakos

The Darakos Family

Ron Richards Daugherty

Denise & Bridgette Daugherty
Kay Thimoleas

Andreas Delivorias

Petros & Marlene Delivorias

John (Ioannis) Diocoyanis

Virginia Fekaris
Popie Tousimis

Sotirios Diacoyanis

Virginia Fekaris
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James Dordas

Demetra Craig

Peter Flocos

Martha Kartsotis
Patti McKee

Tom Frentzos

Houston & Evina Frentzos
Tommy, Kalliope & Antoni Kristian

Charles Garbinski

Melissa Bennett

James Gary

Alice Lardas Gary
Bill, Kelly, & Dimitri Gary

Michael Geanopoulos

Michelle Kotsagrellos
Georgette Nelson
Aimee Walker
Stacey Whipple

Victor Greco

The Bedel Family

Edward Gust

Thomas J. Plakidas

John C. Hanna

Frances Hanna

Eleftherios Hages

Jim & Linda Hages

Anastasios Hatzivasiliou

Fr. Christopher & Pres. Filitsa
Bender
Sophia & Maria Bender

Pete D. Kappas

Frances Hanna

George Karvel

Tom & Marcie McGuire

Gus Kleissas

Amy Kleissas

George Kotsagrellos

Michelle Kotsagrellos
Georgette Nelson
Aimee Walker
Stacey Whipple

Tasso Kotsagrellos

Estair Kotsagrellos
Michelle Kotsagrellos
Georgette Nelson
Tyra, Tyson, & Tyrann Nelson
Aimee Walker
Brooke & Drew Walker
Stacey Whipple
Tasso & Faith Whipple

Rev. Costas J. Kouklis

Chris Kouklis

James N. Lardas

Nick & Zoe Lardas

Dimitrios Lykos

The Lykos Family

George Lykos

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Arch Malanos

Amy Kleissas

Michael Markas

Thomas J. Plakidas

Athanasios Markopoulos

Greg & Electra Markopoulos

Anthony Morrison

Helen Mastro

Theodore Pallas, Sr.

Tara Pallas-Sheetz

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Sotirios N. Papandreas

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Tara Pallas-Sheetz

Bob Peterson

John, Mary & Jasmine Peterson

Gust Petinos

Alice Lardas Gary

George Petritis

Eugenia & Emanuel Vergis

Vasilios Petritis

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Alex Plakidas

Thomas J. Plakidas

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James Plakidas

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John Plakidas

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George Raftis

Alexandra Gregory

Athanasios Sarioglou

Nikolaos Sarioglou

Michael J. Scoulos

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Marinos Sfamenos

Denise and Bridgette Daugherty

Michael V. Smyrnes

Karl E. & Peggy Smyrnes-Williams

Venizelos Smyrnes

Karl E. & Peggy Smyrnes-Williams

Walter Stefanowicz

Petros & Marlene Delivorias

Orestus Stamoolis

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Manuel G. Stoupis

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Haralambos Stoyias

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Kay Thimoleas

Constantinos Trahanas

Frances Hanna

Angelo A. Tsourekis

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Joseph Wimmer

Demetri & Irene Ellis

John Xidis

Jamie Contis

Toula Peterson

Peter Zantal

Tom & Marcie McGuire

Gus Zozos

The Lykos Family

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:

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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
21 2nd Sunday of Matthew PLEASE NOTE – SUMMER HOURS BEGIN: Orthros 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	22	23 Online (Zoom) Bible Study with Fr. Chris 8:30 pm	24	25	26	27 Online (Zoom) Gospel Reflections – Fr. Chris 8:30 pm
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 CANCELLED	30 Online (Zoom) Bible Study with Fr. Chris 8:30 pm				