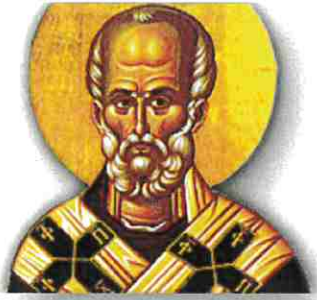


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Tone 2



### WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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**CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE: June 21 – August 31**

**Orthros 8:15 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 *Mary Sockos* who passed away on June 21, 2020. Her funeral took place on June 24. May God grant her eternal rest.**

**TODAYS MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the souls of the servant of God, *ATHENA KOLIOS (21 yrs)* and *EPAMINONDAS KOLIOS (2 yrs)*. May their memory be eternal**

**COFFEE HOUR: PLEASE plan to stay for coffee and fellowship following services in the Small Hall. Physical (Social) Distancing will be practiced.**

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:**

- **PLEASE NOTE** that due to the painting of the sanctuary during the week days, on **Monday, June 29 Divine Liturgy will be CANCELLED.**
- Tuesday, June 30: Online (Zoom) Bible Study 8:30 pm
- Saturday, July 4: **HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

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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>

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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 2:*

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι. When you descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did you mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when you raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to you.

*The usual Entrance Hymn chanted by the priest in Tone 2 follows. After that, we hear the hymn for St. Nicholas:*

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. 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:*

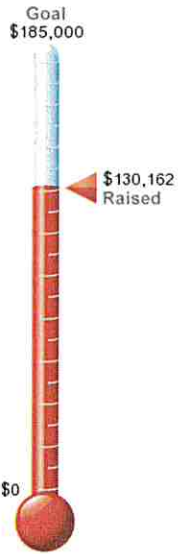
Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδῃς αμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε. A protection of 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 5: 1-11.** Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 6: 22-33.** The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

**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>
<b>Total Stewards</b>	<b>256 (GOAL 300)</b>
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$130,162.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)</b>
<b>Avg. Pledge</b>	<b>\$508.45</b>

**PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES**

**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!

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:church@stnickspgh.org) so that we can include in the next issue of the Newsletter.

## Awards and Honors:

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## Activities:

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## Future Plans:

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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.)

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## SAVE THE DATE



### ST. NICHOLAS TAKE-OUT DINNER FUNDRAISER

# Saturday, July 11, 2020

Pick-up from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 P.M.  
(must be received by Thursday 7:00 P.M. July 9<sup>th</sup>)

Order online at [stnicksfoodfestival.org](http://stnicksfoodfestival.org)

# JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	<b>29</b> <b>Apostles Peter and Paul</b> Orthros, 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am <b>CANCELLED</b>	<b>30</b> Online (Zoom) Bible Study with Fr. Chris 8:30 pm	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Happy Independence Day!
<b>5</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:15 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Bible Study at Church 11 am and Online Zoom 8:30pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> St Nicholas Take-Out Fundraiser Pick-up 3-6 pm
<b>12</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:15 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Bible Study at Church <u>11 am</u> Paraklesis Service 7:30 pm @ St Nicks	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Fathers of 4 <sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council Orthros 8:15 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am GOYA Senior recognition and luncheon after services	<b>20</b> <b>St Elias (Elijah) the Prophet</b> Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy <u>10 am</u> Parish Council 7 pm	<b>21</b> Bible Study at Church 11 am and Online Zoom 8:30pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:15 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	<b>27</b> <b>St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr</b> Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	<b>28</b> Bible Study at Church 11 am and Online Zoom 8:30pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	