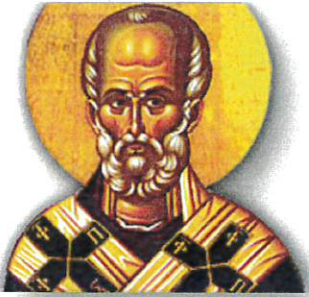


OCTOBER 4, 2020– SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

Hierotheos, 1st Bishop of Athens; Martyrs Domnina and her daughters; John the Hermit

Tone 8 Orthros Gospel 6



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: TBA

Questions about our Parish? Email church@stnickspgh.org or call 412-682-3866

Our Sunday worship schedule: September 1 – June 13: Orthros 8:45 a.m. & Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO the Family of *PAUL MOSES* who passed away on September 30, 2020. His funeral will take place on Tuesday, October 6th at 10:00 am. at St Nicholas Cathedral and interment at Homewood Cemetery. May God grant him eternal rest.

TODAYS TRISAGION SERVICE is being chanted for the soul of the servant of God, *Evyenia Pappas (9 yrs)*. May God grant her eternal rest.

TODAY – CHURCH PICNIC after service @ Schenley Park Anderson Shelter

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Tuesday, October 6: Bible Study 8:30 pm Zoom**
- **Sunday, October 11: GOYA Meeting after church**

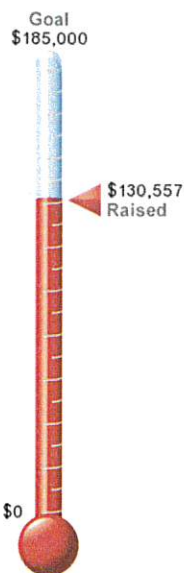
Watch Sunday services streaming live from St Nicholas Cathedral at www.stnickspgh.org and click on "Live Streaming Click Here."

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>

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	281 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$130,557.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$464.62

PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES

October General Meeting – Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m. for our chapter's next General Meeting. We will conduct the meeting via Zoom so you can join us from the comfort of your home (with the drink of your choice) for some virtual fellowship and a brief business meeting! Keep an eye out for an email with the Zoom meeting link. If you have questions about how to join a Zoom meeting or don't receive the meeting email, please contact Nikki Lykos (nvlykos@gmail.com).

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 directly to Neighborhood Resilience Project located at 2038 Bedford Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. They appreciate your support!

FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL DESK:

(The rooms will be cleaned and the teachers & children will social distance and wear masks.)

Sunday, October 11, 2020, the bells will start to ring again for the beginning of in-person Church School with an Agiasmo Service (Blessings of the Water)!

This year's Church School theme is "And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love. But the greatest of these is **LOVE.**" ^{1 Corinthians 13:13} Church School students are going to be encouraged to 'spread love' by emulating Christ by being good stewards by using their time, talent and treasure in Service to our Families, Friends, Neighbors, Community and Christ. Every week your child is encouraged to bring "a donation" to Church School (this will help them learn the lesson of "stewardship"), plus, be assigned homework: Do something nice for someone!

Please fill out the registration form (and bring it on or before the 11th) and volunteer **your** time, talent and treasure to help **our** children.

I would like to thank the parents in advance for sharing your children with us every Sunday! But, what can you do to help? You can help our Church School program, in the final analysis, your child, by bringing him/her every Sunday. Encourage your child to tell you about the lesson taught for the day, as well as, the craft brought home. Pray with your child. (Each lesson should begin and end with Prayer.) Attend worship services together as a **family**; Divine Liturgy starts at 10:00 a.m.

Yours in Christ,

Miss Michelle

**Registration Form
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Church School**

Parent's Names

Address

Phone Numbers

Home _____

Work _____

Cell _____

E-mail _____

Children	Grade	Birthday	Nameday	Allergies
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May we call you to volunteer for one of our projects?

Substitute Teacher _____

Oratorical Festival _____

St. Nicholas Bazaar _____

Communion Breakfast _____

Christmas Pageant _____

Easter Egg Hunt _____

Snacks _____

Outreach Projects _____

Thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL



TODAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020

Our Picnic will be held after church at the
Anderson Shelter in Schenley Park.

Come celebrate the end of the
Summer with Great Food,
Drinks, Games and Fellowship!!

Bring the whole family and bring
some friends too!!!



College and university students are especially welcome!!!!

Lamb served at 1:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Parish of St Nicholas Cathedral

Coming from the Church: Turn left onto Fifth Ave. Turn left onto Bouquet St. Turn left onto Forbes Ave. Turn right onto Schenley Drive, then turn left onto Schenley Drive at the stop sign and head toward Phipps Conservatory. Turn right at stop sign and once you cross the Panther Hollow Bridge, make an immediate right at the end of the bridge. There will be plenty of tables and chairs, and ample parking. Please look for our signs and Greek Flag!



“Bridges of White and Blue”

A Celebration of Western Pennsylvania’s Greek-American roots in the Greek Revolution of 1821

March 2021 marks a milestone in the history of Greece and its Diaspora. Together, we will celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the beginning of the Greek Struggle for Independence.

Every town and village in Greece, small or large, is known to have participated in some fashion, on land and sea, in the Liberation in the years immediately preceding the Revolutionary period as well as during the decade-long struggle, that resulted in the founding of the Greek nation. Many individuals and families offered sacrifices of every kind – including their lives – to win their freedom. These “unknown” heroes are only now beginning to be discovered.

With the objective of unearthing the undiscovered facets of the Greek Revolution, leveraging a synergy between organizations in Greece and our region, we have begun a unique and novel legacy project that informs our region’s contribution to the “Greece 2021” Initiative as part of our celebration of the 200th Anniversary milestone.

The first handful of immigrants who settled in Western Pennsylvania as early as 1850 eventually grew to a large and diverse community that, at its peak, is estimated to have consisted of approximately 37,000 individuals. Today, descendants of these pioneers can count at least one ancestor, if not more, from areas in Greece where the Revolution was launched and from where it progressed and grew. We have discovered descendants of “unknown” heroes of the Greek Revolution who immigrated to the greater Western PA region, eventually planting the seeds of what, today, constitutes a Greek base of radiant colors on the regional immigrant American canvas.

This legacy project is slated to be completed in time for March 2021. It will be the basis of a historic celebration of those ancestors, their descendants and their families here in Western Pennsylvania.

The celebration will unveil a historic exhibit (that will travel to Greece, especially to those towns and villages) as well as an audiovisual memorial to be on permanent display, freely accessible by the public, as an attestation to the Greek struggle for independence. As a reminder and challenge to future generations of Americans to embrace the universalizing ideals of Hellenism in making America a more perfect country.

We have begun collecting data from public and private resources here and in Greece (e. g. at the University of Pittsburgh, and in the records of the “League of the Descendants of the Revolutionary Families of 1821 and Historic Families of Greece”) assisted by our colleagues at the European Art Center of Greece. However, in order to obtain and present as complete a record as possible, we are asking all individuals in Western Pennsylvania who can claim Greek ancestry to send us as much information as feasible in terms of the following:

- Surnames, names, and any “nicknames” of your Greek-origin grandparents, great-grandparents, and village/town/city/region of origin in Greece;
- Year in which grandparents, great-grandparents left Greece and/or arrived to the USA (and port of entry if known);
- Any information (anecdotal or documented) or stories that you remember, passed down from your parents/grand-parents, that link your ancestors to facets of the Greek Revolution;
- A picture of your grandparents and/or great-grandparents (scanned at a minimum resolution of 300 dpi).

Please submit the information requested above and picture(s) to the American Hellenic Foundation of Western Pennsylvania (contact@pahellenicfoundation.org) with your contact details (name, email, telephone #) no later than the 30th of October, 2020.

“Through our ancestors, their lives and dreams, all of us have – inside of us – a part of the Struggle for Greek Independence, 200 Years ago”

“A celebration of our common roots, to remember where we started from, to realize where we stand, and to decide where we want to go”

A project by:

The Greek Room Committee of the Nationality Rooms Program at the University of Pittsburgh,
The American Hellenic Foundation of Western
Pennsylvania &
The European Art Center of Greece (Peania, Attica, Greece)

**Members and Friends of St. Nicholas Cathedral:
Help Us Upgrade our Sound System and Wi-Fi Capabilities!**



We all have experienced the deficiencies with the audio and video systems in our Cathedral; whether it's the broken microphones, poor sound quality both in church and over the internet, or inconsistent volume, just to name a few. It is not surprising we have problems with the system; most of it is about 25 years old and is several generations out of date.

There is another serious problem: there are dead spots in our buildings where even the most sophisticated cell phones cannot be used. Imagine an emergency in the lower level that would require someone running upstairs to call for help. Problems with our Wi-Fi system are not allowing Fr. Bender to hold the Orthodox Living classes at church because the Wi-Fi connection is unreliable, making it impossible for him to record these sessions for online viewing.

Before the COVID-19 crisis hit, Parish Council was investigating sound system and Wi-Fi replacement options and the cost is about \$25,000. However, with the shortfall in our budget from the scaled back Food Festival, funds are not available for capital improvements. The only way we can replace these systems in the short term is to reach out to our parishioners and ask anyone who is able, to make a special donation to help make the Divine Liturgy and other services understandable to everyone in the pews and at home on the video stream. This is so important during the COVID-19 crisis.

Please consider making a contribution or pledge toward the new sound system. We would like to finalize whether we can go forward with this over the next 60 days. For checks, designate in the memo field that this is for the sound system upgrade. For on-line donations, select Building Fund in the pull-down menu and enter sound system in the memo field. Any contribution amount will be helpful. We will keep you apprised of the amount of funds collected or pledged and the funds will only be used for the audio/visual upgrade. (\$3,500 has been pledged at the start!!!)

The Maintenance Committee will continue to obtain input, recommendations, and cost estimates for the new system. If there are any parishioners that have experience with these systems, please contact Vasili Copetas, Van Paras, or Jim Machin let them know. At a minimum, the system will include a new mixer/controller, new microphones, new speakers, mounting rack, new router, new boosters, and sound system tuning.



Thank you for your support

Parish Council and the Sound & Wi-Fi Upgrade Committee

Update on the Audio and Wi-Fi Upgrade Campaign

We are only six weeks into the campaign and we are more than halfway toward our fundraising goal. To date, we have \$15,721 in donations and pledges. These donations and pledges have come from 23 parishioners.

Thank you to everyone who has donated or pledged!

We have met with one vendor to hear his recommendations and to obtain a quote. We will meet with additional vendors the week after our Greek 2 Go festival.

We are all looking forward to this improvement!

The Sound and Wi-Fi Upgrade Committee

OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 2 nd Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am ST NICKS PICNIC after church	5	6 Bible Study 8:30 pm Zoom	7	8	9	10
11 Sunday of the 7 th Ecumenical Council Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am GOYA Meeting After church	12	13 Bible Study 8:30 pm Zoom	14 Philoptochos Meeting 7:00 pm	15	16	17
18 Luke the Evangelist Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am GOYA CAR WASH	19 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	20 Bible Study 8:30 pm Zoom	21	22	23	24
25 6 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am General Assembly	26 St. Demetrios, the Myrrh- streamer Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	27 Bible Study 8:30 pm Zoom	28	29	30	31