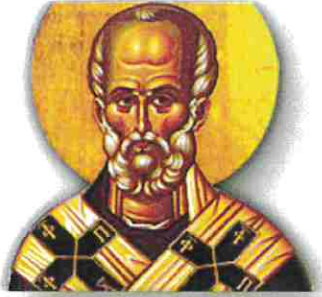


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Tone 2

Orthros Gospel 11



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

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.*

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: Welcome His Eminence Metropolitan Savas

- Sunday, Aug 30: Trisagion Service for Bessie Andrews (13 yrs)

PLEASE WELCOME His Eminence Metropolitan Savas today, who is serving the Divine Liturgy today while Fr. Christopher continues his recovery from a recent injury.

In addition, divine services on Saturday, August 29 are cancelled, as are Father's Tuesday Bible Studies. (They will resume, God-willing, on Tuesday, September 8 at 8:30 p.m.) In the event of a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Fr. Deacon Robert Lykos (412-736-2762). If a priest is required, please contact Fr. Dean Kokanos (412-824-9740 or 412-760-7203).

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Special Hymns of the Day

Today being the "Leavetaking" of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, we once again hear her Apolytikion from August 15 as the clergy exit the altar for the Small Entrance:

You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver our souls from death. [SD]

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 2.

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. [SD]

*After this, the Festal Hymn for the Theotokos is repeated, followed by her **Kontakion**:*

The Theotokos is undying in intercession. Immovable is our hope in her for protection. Neither death nor burial prevailed over her. As she is Mother of Life, she was removed to life by Him, *the Lord who lived in her ever-virgin womb. [SD]

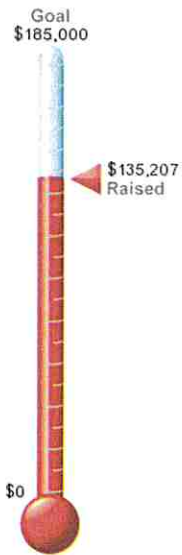
TODAY'S EPISTLE: 1 Cor. 9:2-12. Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. [RSV]

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: Matthew 23:13-25. The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, to be made. And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailors, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." [RSV]

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	278 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$135,207.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$486.36

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 knowns 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 CATHEDRAL
GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN
2020 - 2021

Yearly Tuition for Children

1 student=\$170; 2 students , \$155 each=\$310; 3 students, \$140 each=\$420; 4 students, \$125 each=\$500
 Make checks payable to **St. Nicholas Cathedral** with Greek School in the memo. Plus an additional \$15 per student for books

Session: Pre K – 7th _____ Proficiency Preparation(TBA) _____
 (Please Print)

LAST NAME (English&Greek) _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ state _____ ZIP _____
 HOME PHONE _____ CELL _____
 E-MAIL _____
 FATHER'S NAME (English & Greek) _____
 MOTHER'S NAME (English & Greek) _____
 School District Children Attend _____

List Children's First Names in English & Greek	Age	Grade Amer. School	Name Day	Grade Greek School	Birthdate

Any food allergies? Please list _____

IN case of EMERGENCY Εν ώρα ΑΝΑΓΚΗΣ Please give the names of relatives or other persons that could be reached. Children will be taken to Children's Hospital.

Emergency Name _____ PHONE _____
 Emergency Name _____ PHONE _____

Parent's Signature _____

Parent Volunteering – Your Help is Needed!

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| ___ serving on Greek School Committee | ___ Substituting |
| ___ with Costume fitting | ___ March 25 th Luncheon |
| ___ with St. Nicholas Bazaar | ___ with Greek Language Festival |
| ___ with Christmas Caroling in nursing homes | ___ with Bake Sale |
| ___ with copying | ___ being a teacher's assistant |

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL
GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR ADULTS
2020 - 2021

Please select

- Beginners
- Intermediates
- Advanced

Yearly Tuition \$ 275 per student

Checks payable to

St. Nicholas Cathedral
Memo: Greek School

Books are purchased by students
on their own

Please print

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell phone _____

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Emergency contact _____

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Have you had previous Greek lessons? _____

If so where _____

Why do you want to learn Modern Greek? _____

Signature _____

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AUGUST 2020

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23 11th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	24	25	26	27	28	29
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