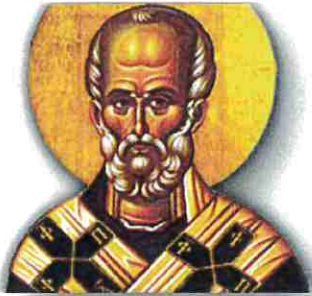


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Orthros Gospel 4



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.

COFFEE HOUR: You are cordially invited to join us for coffee and fellowship following services in the Crystal Room (Small Hall) downstairs. Physical (Social) Distancing will be practiced.

TODAY – LAST DAY FOR GREEK2GO!!!

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Saturday, Sept 26: Metropolis of Pittsburgh Virtual Clergy-Laity Assembly (online)
- Sunday, Sept 27: Welcome Father Serviou.

Father Bender will be out of the office from Tuesday, September 22nd until Friday, October 3rd. In the event of a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Father Dean Kokanos (412-760-7203).

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>

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TODAY'S SPECIAL HYMNS

At the Small Entrance, first we chant the anthem for the Holy Cross:

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων
δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by
Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth. [GOA]

Then, the usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) in Tone 2 is chanted:

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν,
ψάλλοντάς σοι Ἀλληλούϊα. “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.”

As the clergy reenter the altar, we hear the Resurrection hymn in Tone 6 (Plagal 2nd):

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ,
ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεῖς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ,
δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And
standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not
afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord,
glory to You. [SD]

Next comes the hymn honoring the martyrs:

Οἱ Μάρτυρές σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν·
σχόντες γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἔθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς
ἱκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of incorruption,
in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they
defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God,
at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.[SD]

Following this, we chant the Hymn for our Church's Patron Saint, St. Nicholas (Tone 4):

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.

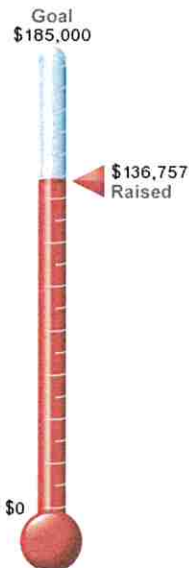
Ὁ ὑψωθείς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἐκουσίως, τῇ ἐπονύμῳ σου καινῇ πολιτείᾳ τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου δώρησαι, Χριστέ ὁ
Θεός· εὐφρανόν ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου τοὺς πιστοὺς βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων· τὴν
συμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σὴν, ὅπλον εἰρήνης, ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions upon Your
new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your power, granting
them the victories against their adversaries. And for an ally, Lord, may they have Your peace as their armor, the
trophy invincible. [SD]

TODAY'S EPISTLE READING – GALATIANS 2:11-18. Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. [RSV]

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING – MARK 8:34-38; 9:1. The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power." [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	282 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$136,757.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$484.95

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.

**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 four weeks into the campaign and we are halfway toward our fundraising goal. To date, we have \$14,721 in donations and pledges. These donations and pledges have come from 19 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

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 _____

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Have you had previous Greek lessons? _____

If so where _____

Why do you want to learn Modern Greek? _____

Signature _____

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL



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

IOCC Drive-Through Ice Cream Event

TO BENEFIT IOCC'S RESPONSE IN LEBANON



Saturday, October 3, 2020 | 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Parking lot at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral (Oakland)
419 S Dithridge St, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Stay safe and socially distanced at a drive-through ice cream event to support IOCC's response to the Beirut, Lebanon explosion. Enter at St. Nicholas parking lot and stay in your car to order an ice cream treat from Sarris Candies. Access into St. Nicholas church and hall facilities will not be available.



*All ice cream donated
by Sarris Candies*

Free will offering | Make a donation at
iocc.org/pittsburgh
or send checks to IOCC with "Beirut"
in the memo line to Nick Terezis,
306 Marberry Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15215

More Info? Contact Zelfa Khalil
(412-417-4706 | zkhalil1@live.com)
or Nick Terezis (412-781-1923)



SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 Sunday after <u>Holy Cross</u> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am <div>Food Festival take- outs 11-2, 5-7; GYROs etc. all day</div>	21	22	23	24	25	26 Metropolis of Pittsburgh Virtual Clergy- Laity Assembly (online)
	Father Christopher out of the office September 22- October 2					
27 1 st Sunday of <u>Luke</u> Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	28	29	30			
Father Christopher away until October 2						