

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020– First Sunday of Luke

Kallistratos the Martyr & company; Epicharis the Martyr; Venerable Ignatios; Apostles Aristarchos, Mark, and Zenon of the 70; New-martyr Akylini (+1764)

Tone 7 Orthros Gospel 5



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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

TODAYS MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the soul of the servant of God, *Anest G (Tasso) Kotsagrellos (1 yr.)*, and TRISAGION SERVICE for *Panagioti (Peter) Gregory (1 yr.)*, *George Gregory (16 yrs.)*, *Konstantine (Gus) Dakis (25 yrs.)*, and *George Raftis (38 yrs.)*. May God grant them eternal rest.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to the family of George & Thalia Mandros. Thalia's mother, *Vasiliki Pasalis, age 106*, passed away on September 17th in Cleveland, OH. Her funeral took place on Monday, September 21st in Cleveland, OH. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family in their time of loss.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Small Hall following services hosted by Parish Council and sponsored by the Kotsagrellos family. Physical (Social) Distancing will be practiced.

TODAY – WELCOME FATHER SERVIUO!!

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Father Bender will be out of the office from Tuesday, September 22nd until Friday, October 2nd. In the event of a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Father Dean Kokanos (412-760-7203).
- Sunday, Oct 3: ST NICKS CHURCH PICNIC AFTER CHURCH AT ANDERSON SHELTER in Schenley Park (Anderson Playground is adjacent to the shelter). Same place as last year.
- Sunday, Oct 4: Trisagion Service for Evyenia Pappas

Hi Everyone! Just wanted to take a few lines in the bulletin and express my gratitude to everyone that helped make our Covid festival a success!! We could not have done it without you, from the set up to the clean up and all the pieces in between and the tireless hours many of you put in. It was a blessing to see everyone come together and help!! Thank you!!

Vasili Copetas

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SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

The first hymn we hear is the Resurrection hymn for the Tone of the week (Tone 7):

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέωξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy. [SD]

At the procession with the Gospel the usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) in Tone 2 is chanted:

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱέ 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.”

As the Clergy enter back into the Sanctuary, we hear the Resurrection hymn in the Tone of the Week again. Then, the hymn for the martyred saints is heard:

Οἱ Μάρτυρές σου, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν, σχόντες γάρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἐθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἰκεσίαις, 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.

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.

Finally, we hear the Kontakion (Tone 2):

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδῃς ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε. O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercessor with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the sound of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protects now and ever those who honor you. [SD]

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10. Brethren, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but As servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. [RSV]

GOSPEL: Luke 5: 1-11 (p. 94). At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him. [RSV]

FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL DESK:

(The rooms will be cleaned and the teachers & children will social distance and where 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

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



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.

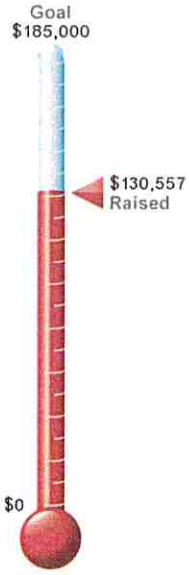
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Coming from the Church: Turn left onto Fifth Ave. Turn left onto Bouquet St. Turn left onto Forbes Ave. Turn right onto Schenley Drive, then turn left onto Schenley Drive at the stop sign and head toward Phipps Conservatory. Turn right at stop sign 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!

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	279 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$130,557.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$467.95

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!

Thank you to Kelly Gary for the beautiful ribbon she used to mark off the pews during this time of the pandemic. It certainly did enhance the look of the church.

**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 five weeks into the campaign and we are halfway toward our fundraising goal. To date, we have \$14,921 in donations and pledges. These donations and pledges have come from 20 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

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)



OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 IOCC's Drive thru Ice Cream Event
4 2 nd Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am ST NICKS PICNIC after church Anderson Playground Schenley Park	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	12	13 Bible Study 8:30 pm (Zoom)	14 Philoptochos General Meeting (7:00 pm) (Zoom)	15	16	17
18 Luke the Evangelist Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	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	26 St. Demetrios the Myrrh-streamer Orthros 9 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am	27 Bible Study 8:30 pm (Zoom)	28	29	30	31

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>