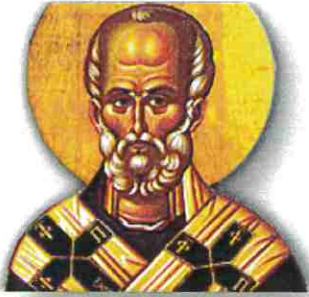


## OCTOBER 11, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Luke

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Tone 1

Orthros Gospel 7



### WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

VISIT [www.stnickspgh.org](http://www.stnickspgh.org) TODAY for news and updates about our parish!

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Father's Cell & Email: 724-630-3483; [frchbender@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

TODAYS TRISAGION SERVICE is being chanted for the soul of the servant of God, *Evangelia Vlastos* (27 yrs.) May God grant her eternal rest.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO the Family of *Irene Papas* who passed away on October 2, 2020. Her funeral took place on Tuesday, October 6th at St Michael's Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church. May God grant her eternal rest.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the small hall hosted by GOYA. Physical (Social) Distancing will be practiced. And don't forget your mask.

TODAY: CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS with a Blessing of the Water Service and a GOYA Meeting.

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Tuesday, October 13: Bible Study 8:30 pm Zoom
- Wednesday, October 14: Philoptochos General Meeting 7:00 pm Zoom
- Saturday, October 17: Trunk or Treat" 6:pm; Greek2Go
- Sunday, October 18: Trisagion for John Hanna

**New Church Website** - We are working with an outside vendor to develop a NEW church website, and are very excited about our progress! If you are interested in helping - in any way - please contact Bunny at the Church Office. We welcome your contribution!

We are also looking for GREAT photos to add to our site. If you have any, kindly email them to Stacie de la Parra, Event Coordinator at [events@stnickspgh.org](mailto:events@stnickspgh.org).

Sincere thanks from the Website Committee! –  
Bunny, Stacie, Michelle Kotsagrelos, Sophia Panagis

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

#### SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

*First to be chanted as the priest exits the Altar at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion in*

*Tone 1:* Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντὸν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι ζωοδότα. Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόανθρωπε. The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your kingdom; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind. [SD]

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

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν (ἢ ὁ ἐν Ἁγίοις θαυμαστός), 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.”

*After this, the Resurrection Apolytikion is repeated. Then we hear the hymn for the Holy Fathers:*

Ἵπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὀδηγήσας· πολυεύσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, glory to You.

*Next, the Apolytikion for Patron saint of our church is chanted:*

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιίμνῃ σου, ἢ 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 παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ 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.

**Epistle: Titus 3:8-15.** Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen. [RSV]

**Gospel: Luke 8:5-15.** The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." [RSV]

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## **FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL DESK:**

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

**TODAY** the bells will start to ring again for the beginning of in-person Church School with an Agiasmo Service (Blessings of the Water)! **Following Church School, there will be a kick-off pizza party in the Fellowship Room.**

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 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*

**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	\$131,057.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$466.40

## **PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES**

### **JOY, HOPE and Little Angels**

**"TRUNK OR TREAT" on October 17th at 6:00 p.m.:** All JOY, HOPE and Little Angels kids are invited to "Trunk or Treat" on Saturday, October 17th. We will have pizza and s'mores and a prize for the family with the best decorated car! All families should have received an email invitation. Please RSVP by October 14th. For more information, please contact Nikki Lykos, 412-897-8208 or [nvlykos@gmail.com](mailto:nvlykos@gmail.com).

**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](mailto: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!

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

**Parent's Names**

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**Address**

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**Phone Numbers**

**Home** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell** \_\_\_\_\_

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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!**

**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

## GOYA NEWS

Meeting today in the the GOYA Room after church.

Our annual GOYA Car Wash will take place after Liturgy on Sunday, October 18th. GOYAnS will be selling tickets after church today and next week. Please support our fundraiser.

GOYA is selling St. Nicholas sweatshirts and pants that are available for all parishioners. Cost for Sweatshirts \$30 and Sweatpants \$25. Please see a GOYAn after church today if you are interested in purchasing.

Thanksgiving Food Drive - more information next week.

## SAVE THE DATE



ST. NICHOLAS  
GREEK2GO

Saturday, October 17, 2020

More Details to follow via email

# OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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11 Sunday of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council  Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am  <b>CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS</b>  <b>GOYA Meeting</b>	12	13  Bible Study 8:30 pm Zoom  Boys Basketball 7-9pm	14  Philoptochos General Meeting 7:00 pm (Via Zoom)	15  Girls Basketball 7-9pm	16	17  Joy/Hope/ Little Angels Fall Gathering In Church Parking Lot "Trunk or Treat" 6:00 pm  Greek2Go
18  Luke the Evangelist  Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am  <b>GOYA CAR WASH</b>	19  Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	20  Bible Study 8:30 pm Zoom  Boys Basketball 7-9pm	21	22  Girls Basketball 7-9pm	23	24  GOYA Fall Kickoff Party (@ the Bouzos')
25  6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke  Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am  <b>General Assembly</b>	26  St. Demetrios, the Myrrh- streamer  Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	27  Bible Study 8:30 pm Zoom  Boys Basketball 7-9pm	28	29  Girls Basketball 7-9pm	30	31

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>