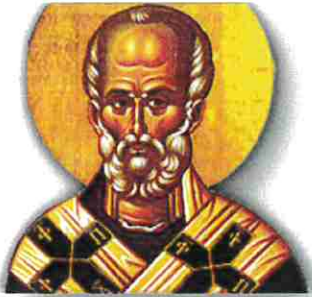


OCTOBER 25, 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Luke

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Tone 3 Orthros Gospel 9



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

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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.

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.*

TODAYS MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the souls of the servants of God, Eleftherios Hages (32 yrs), and Jennie Hages (5 yrs). *May God grant them eternal rest.*

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO the Family of *Plato A Marinakos* who passed away on October 15th. He was a long-time member of the Cathedral family. A private service was held on Monday October 19th in Philadelphia PA.

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

TODAY – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Monday, October 26: St Demetrios the Myrrh-streamer Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am
- Tuesday, October 27: Bible Study 8:30 pm Zoom
- Sunday, November 1: GOYA Annual Walk for Missions

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.

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 at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 3: Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιášθωτὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ᾗδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος. Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy. [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 Martyrs:

Ο Μάρτυς σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτοῦ, τό στέφος εκομίσατο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν, ἔχων γάρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλεν, ἔθραυσε καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση, αὐτοῦ ταῖς ἱκεσίαις Χριστέ, 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.

After that, the Apolytikion for Patron saint of our church is chanted:

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιίμνῃ 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 in Tone 4 of the Theotokos:

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδῃς ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ 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.

Today's Epistle Reading: Galatians 1: 11-19. Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and

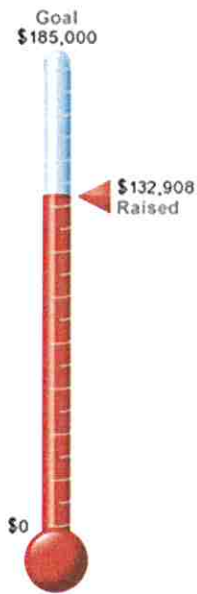
blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Today's Gospel Reading: Luke: 8:26-39. At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a longtime he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him. [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	287 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$132,908.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$463.09

PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES

Updated Parish Directory – Please make sure to pick up your updated parish directory from the church office! We also appreciate if those who are able to come to church can take and deliver copies for friends/family who you may visit. If you are a newer member of the parish and have never received the binder that the printed directory goes into, we have extras and would be happy to provide one.

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 – We will resume collecting non-perishable items for Neighborhood Resilience Project (formerly known as FOCUS Pittsburgh) in late-November. For now, we encourage parishioners to support the GOYA food drive and or 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 are cleaned and the teachers & children will social distance and wear masks.)

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Church School is preparing for their Holiday Outreach Project:

We are looking for hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, etc. for **Neighborhood Resilience Project's Project Bundle-up**. Thanks in advance for your warm winter accessories and teaching the children the gift of giving.

I appreciate the support from all of you and thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

Yours in Christ,

Miss Michelle

GOYA NEWS

GOYA has begun selling Chestnut Hill Candles. They are perfect for the holidays and make great gifts. Please see a GOYAn after church for more information.

GOYA is starting off the year with new St. Nicholas merchandise sale. Orders may be placed today for the St. Nicholas Sweatshirt and Pants. Cost for the Sweatshirt is \$30 and for the Sweatpants is \$25. Both of these are available for all parishioners since they are just printed with St. Nicholas, Pittsburgh. Please see a GOYAn after church to place your order.

Annual Walk for Missions - Sunday, November 1

Our GOYA will once again participate in the Walk for Missions to support the mission work in Guatemala. Donations are being accepted and checks written to "The Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood" with Walk for Missions in the Memo Section. Checks can be given to a GOYAn or mailed to the church with Attention GOYA marked on the envelope.

GOYA Thanksgiving Food Drive

All parishioners are welcome to participate in this food drive. Your donation helps families in need during this holiday season. We are accepting the following donations through November 13. Please bring food items to church and place in the designated bin.

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| * canned corn | * boxed stuffing |
| * green beans | * 32oz of any flavored juice |
| * peas | * applesauce |
| * carrots | * dried macaroni |
| * sweet potatoes | |
| * pumpkin | |
| * soups/stews | |
| * gravy | |
| * boxed mashed potatoes | |
| * cranberry sauce | |

SOUND and WI-FI CAMPAIGN



Let the Message Be Heard—CLEARLY!

GOAL: \$25,000

To Date: \$17,020

AIMING FOR NEW YEAR INSTALLATION

- Clear sound for our streaming services with a digital connection to our video feed
- New microphones and sound boards to improve volume control and stop distortions and breakdowns
- Updated speakers with new acoustic compensating technology
- Strengthen the Wi-Fi signal throughout all our facilities.

These improvements will bring rewards for years to come. Please make checks payable to St. Nicholas G.O. Cathedral or donate on-line and memo Sound System.



To date, we have met with three companies to hear their recommendations for equipment and technical approach. Next, we will be finalizing the package and obtaining final quotes.

"A new commandment I give you: Love one another" (John 13:34)

RACISM

A VIEW FROM THE HEART

A FORUM ON THE EXPERIENCES OF AND
RESPONSES TO RACISM AS SEEN FROM THE
HEARTS OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020 | 6:30-8:30PM

Forum presenters:

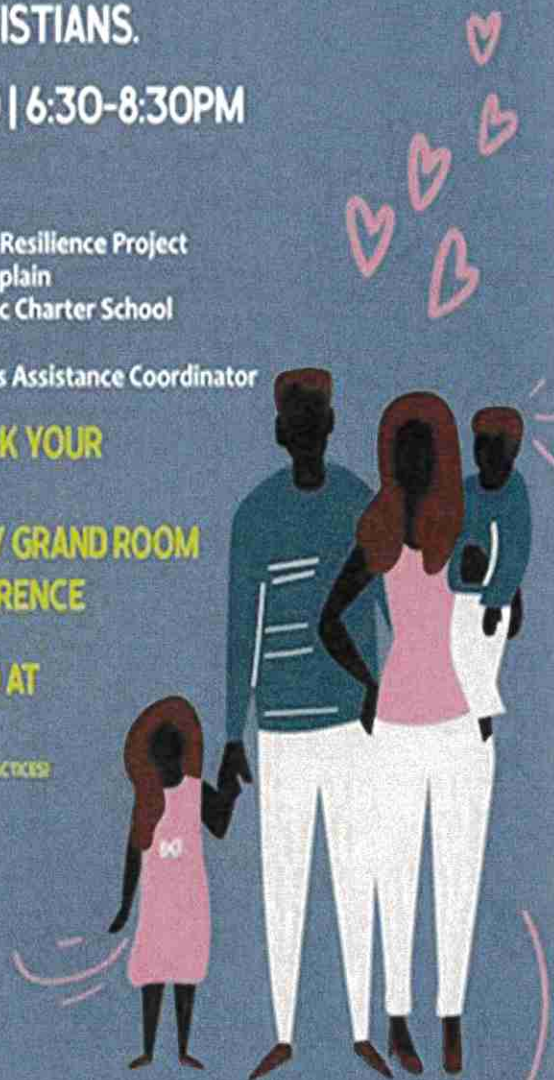
Father Paul Abernathy - CEO, Neighborhood Resilience Project
Father Joseph Gardner - Retired Military Chaplain
Vasilios Scoumis - CEO, Manchester Academic Charter School
Ted Stewart - United States Navy Veteran
Alexandra Abboud - LSW, City of Pgh. Victims Assistance Coordinator

HEAR THE PRESENTATIONS AND ASK YOUR
QUESTIONS IN ONE OF TWO WAYS:

- 1: IN-PERSON IN THE HOLY TRINITY GRAND ROOM
- 2: ONLINE VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT
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(NOTE: IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE IS CAPACITY-LIMITED AND REQUIRES SAFE PRACTICES)



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