



Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA

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MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER



Greek Independence Day, national [holiday](#) celebrated annually in [Greece](#) on March 25, [commemorating](#) the start of the [War of Greek Independence](#) in 1821.

It coincides with the [Greek Orthodox Church](#)'s celebration of the [Annunciation](#) to the [Theotokos](#), when the Archangel [Gabriel](#) appeared to Mary and told her that she would bear the son of God.

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Fall and Winter Hours (September-June):

Orthros 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

Summer Hours (July & August):

Orthros 8:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Hall Rentals

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FATHER'S MESSAGE

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

As we once again enter into the sacred season of the Great Forty-Day Fast (Great Lent), it would perhaps be good to reflect on the reasons why the Orthodox Church still observes this ancient tradition, when so many other Christian churches have rejected or reinterpreted it to reduce the ascetic element. Very simply, we carry on with it because *it works*. Consider: to begin with, while technology and customs may have changed with the centuries, human nature has not. To be sure, we do not believe that humankind is “totally depraved” (as some Protestants do) – on the contrary, we are capable of great good. Nevertheless, we are even more capable of great evil. One of the most basic insights of our faith that finds ample confirmation in our own day is that humanity, apart from God, is flawed and broken, wounded to the core because of the corrosive effects of sin and death. One need only check the daily headlines to realize how true this is. Try as we might, no secular movement, no economic system, no political theory is adequate to free us from the iron grip of our own fallen nature.

Scripture teaches us that we are created in God’s image and likeness. But it also tells us that that image has been distorted by the rebellion against God that began with the first parents, and which has only gotten worse through the centuries. As a consequence, we find ourselves, again and again, falling into the worst temptations – even when we are trying hard to avoid them. St. Paul himself succinctly describes the human dilemma: “For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do” (Rom. 7:19).

This is especially true in our contemporary consumer culture, which constantly bombards us with messages designed to entice us to purchase products or practices that we neither want nor need (initially), and which often can actually harm us (especially if they are habit-forming). Or, we may succumb to those perennial favorites, the various passions of the flesh (that is, our fallen nature), such as selfishness, pride, ambition, lust, envy, greed, resentment, insecurity, and many more. As a result, we often come to feel alienated, anxious, alone, ashamed, and afraid. Not surprisingly, this can turn into a burden of guilt too heavy to carry, that fills us with anger and resentment, or even worse, hopelessness and despair.

The good news is that our heavenly Father has no desire to consign us to this hell of endless suffering and self-condemnation. But since, by ourselves, human beings are incapable of rising above the morass of sin, suffering, evil, and death, God chose to intervene, by sending us His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in order to deliver us from this terrible bondage. Solely out of love for humanity, Christ took all our sin upon Himself, in order to deliver us from it. And in doing so he triumphed over sin and death and the devil. This is the meaning of the Cross and the Empty Tomb. As St. Paul puts it:

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit (Romans 8:1-4).

While this miraculous gift of God’s grace has opened the door to salvation and eternal life for us, we still live in a fallen world. Temptation is all around us. The world can seem like a spiritual desert, which we must learn to navigate, if we are to arrive at heaven’s door. Each year, as we reflect on the events commemorated during Holy Week and Pascha, we find ourselves coming face to face with the many ways that we have fallen short, despite our faith. The period of the Great Forty-Day Fast (Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή) and Holy Week was adopted by the early Church in order to help us regain our bearings, consult our inner moral compass, and get back on the path that will lead us through the desert into God’s eternal Kingdom.

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Along the way, from ancient times, the Church has provided us with three precious tools, that will help us to reset our compass, in case it has become locked in the wrong direction. They are:

prayer – both public (extra services) and private (by ourselves throughout the day, when we are able);

fasting – abstaining from certain foods (mainly animal products), not because they are bad in themselves but rather, so that by doing so with something that is relatively easy, we can learn how to acquire the willpower needed to control our other more serious passions of the flesh, such as lust, anger, and pride; and

almsgiving that is, generosity towards those in need.

Complimenting these helpful aids is another gift of the Church to us, which tends to be ignored in our day: the sacrament of *Confession*. If we all do, indeed, fall short, then we most likely also carry around a huge burden of guilt – especially for those things we have done or thought or said that we know were truly wrong and thus harmful to ourselves and to others. It can really weigh us down and hold us back from making healthy changes that will repair or even restore our sense of self-respect and peace of mind. Standing in our way, most of the time, are embarrassment and pride. We don't want the priest to know our secrets, or think badly about us, or, God-forbid, tell the whole world what we have done wrong. To feel this way is to misunderstand the role of the priest in the sacrament, as well as to discount entirely God's presence through His Holy Spirit.

When we come for confession, we must understand that we do not do so to the priest – a mere man – but rather, to Christ Himself. That is why we usually give our confession before an icon of Christ. This is made clear in what he says to the individual:

"Brother (sister), inasmuch as you have come to me and to God, be not ashamed; *for you speak not to me, but to God*, before whom you stand." He is also empowered to offer a response, when appropriate, in order to help the faithful move beyond whatever roadblock might be in their way, hindering spiritual healing and the restoration of peace of mind. Finally, in the Greek Orthodox tradition, the priest does not personally absolve the sinner; rather, he says, "Whatsoever you have said to my humble person, and whatsoever you have failed to say, whether through ignorance or forgetfulness, whatever it may be, *may God forgive you* in this world, and in the world to come." He is asking God to extend His forgiveness, rather than saying, "I forgive you," as is the case in some other Christian traditions.

I suspect that most priests have experienced what I found to be the case in my own ministry – that the Lord helps me to put all that I have heard out of my mind, as soon as the confession is over. Within a short time, I give no more thought to what was said. Furthermore, whatever I hear does not influence how I regard a person. We are all sinners, and it is not my place to judge, but rather to speak of God's mercy and love, as expressed through His endless capacity to forgive. It takes considerable courage to come forward – and therefore, it is important for the priest to respect the dignity of the individual. (*Please note: I will be available following every weekday service during Lent for those who wish to come forward for Confession, or by appointment at other times.*)

The Lenten season offers many opportunities to get closer to God – such as services, lectures, spiritual disciplines, confession, and frequent Holy Communion. All are of great benefit for the soul. As the Lord said to Andrew in calling him to become his first disciple, "Come and see!"

With love in Christ,

Rev. Father Christoph H. Bender

Father Christopher Bender

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

IN MEMORIAL

Our deepest condolences to the family of **John Petrolias**, a life-long St Nick's member and a former President of our Parish Council, who fell asleep in the Lord on January 23. His funeral, which took place on

Saturday, February 1, was private.

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Irene Yourgas**, who passed away on February 3rd in California. She was interred on Friday, February 14th at Homewood Cemetery.

May their memories be eternal.

Next General Meeting

Our March General Meeting (open to all Philoptochos members and anyone interested in joining us) will be held at **Neighborhood Resilience Project** (formerly known as FOCUS Pittsburgh), 2038 Bedford Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 on **Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m.** Fr. Paul Abernathy will join us to provide a tour of the new facility and more information regarding the program.



**NEIGHBORHOOD
RESILIENCE
PROJECT**

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 – Thank you to everyone who has supported our ongoing food drive for Neighborhood Resilience Project (formerly known as FOCUS Pittsburgh). We will continue collecting **non-perishable food** donations in the large bin outside of the church office. We appreciate your donations!

Easter Bread Baking

We will be preparing our delicious Easter bread on **Friday, April 10th**. Many hands are needed throughout the day (and evening) to accomplish this large task so please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

We would especially love to see our youth (who will be off from school for Western Good Friday) support this service project.



The Building Fund... How Can I Help?

We enter 2020 on a feeling of accomplishment in having paid off the mortgage, but there is still much to be done.

The Countdown to Zero Capital Campaign continues as an ongoing fundraising vehicle for the Cathedral's Building Fund. The church has many expenditures and building repairs. Yes, the mortgage is paid off, but bills keep coming in and the church has an aging infrastructure. Contributions in general are down and are not coming in as had been hoped by Council.

We encourage you, if you have not done so, to help the Building Fund by purchasing a commemorative paver, in honor of an accomplishment, marriage or baptism; in memory of a loved one(s) or simply a plain one with your family name.

For more information, please contact the church office or visit the church's website to download a form.

Alexandra Davides

Peter Tsudis

Co-Chair Countdown to Zero CO-Chair Countdown to Zero



St. Nicholas Church School

Sunday, March 8, 2020, the Church School students will participate in the **Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession** with their favorite icon!

Church School students in grades 7th–12th have the opportunity to learn more about their faith and participate in the **St. Nicholas Oratorical Festival** that will be held in **March 2020**. For more information, please contact Chairman Eve Elsen at 412-580-9415 or eve.m.elsen@gmail.com.

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral's Church School Open House will be **Sunday, April 5, 2020**, where parents and grandparents attend Church School to see firsthand what their children are learning.

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

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle



Church School Students:

**Please bring an icon
Sunday, March 8, 2020
for the
Sunday of Orthodoxy
Icon Procession**

St. Nicholas Oratorical Festival

March 2020



St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Church School Open House

Sunday, April 5, 2020



**Join your Child or Grandchild for Church
Worship, Holy Communion & Church School!**

GREEK SCHOOL

Evangelismos (Annunciation) and Greek Independence Day Celebrations by St. Nicholas Greek School will take place on **Sunday, March 29**. Students, teachers, and parents have been busy preparing for our Annual Celebration. There will be a Procession, a Doxology, a Lenten Luncheon, followed by an exciting program by the children. Make sure to come and support the children, the school, and celebrate both Evangelismos and Greek Independence.

With the start of Great Lent, students prepare to read prayers to Panaghia and Christ at the beautiful Salutation Services to our Most Holy Theotokos. Some current students as well as alumni will be reading prayers in Biblical Greek. We are blessed to have Deacon Haralambos help the children prepare. The first Salutation Service will be held on Friday, March 6. Make sure to include attending these inspiring services during the first five Fridays of Great Lent.

Students preparing for Ellinomatheas Exams which are issued and evaluated in Thessaloniki, Greece, have only until **March 22, 2020 to register for the exams**. These international exams are given on the same day around the world and test for proficiency. St. Nicholas Cathedral has been a Testing Center for Ellinomatheas for our Metropolis. Some states offer a Seal of Biliteracy on high school diplomas when students are successful with B Level of Ellinomatheas. The state of Ohio has approved the Seal of Biliteracy on high school diplomas, whereas, Pennsylvania is on the early stages for approval. In order to have the Seal of Biliteracy, the exam must be taken within 15 months of graduating high school.

Rebooting Greek has had a rocky start at St. Nicholas. Technical issues have been a problem but hopefully, it will get resolved soon. This pilot program is from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada. We thank Dr. George Kitsios who has been working diligently to get this resolved and get it working well for all our children.

SIXTY CLUB NEWS

WE NEED TO REORGANIZE OUR SIXTY CLUB!

Our core group has dwindled to the point that group trips are no longer possible. We neither have, nor can attract, the number to fulfill the requirements for a charter bus. But we can take part in other activities.

One of the suggestions from our February 2 meeting was to meet occasionally for lunch at local restaurants. In fellowship we can discuss common interests, whether the theater, travel, good food or just pleasant companionship.

We have enjoyed success with two informational talks on end-of-life issues: the legal, spiritual and medical matters. Of course, more talks on subjects of interest can be offered. One such suggestion has been a talk on dementia and Alzheimer's if the group approves. We are open to suggestions.

Even though group trips are out of the question, we can take advantage of the individual trips offered by local tour companies such as AAA, Lenzner, A.J.Meyer, Anderson's etc. In essence, these are group tours that are offered to individuals. For example, we did not have enough for a group tour to the Mountain Playhouse last spring so six of us made our own arrangements, and we were able to share each-others' company for a delicious lunch before the play.

The main difference between these trips and the group trips is that the bus does not come to us, we go to the bus. Most of us would go to Monroeville Mall, park at the designated lane and get on the bus which will return us to the same spot at the end of the trip. Some may find it more convenient to get on at another spot—such as Sewickley or Downtown for Lenzner trips. To illustrate, we distributed a list of trips from Lenzner that leave from these locations. Of course, there are other bus lines to be considered, too. We can publish a list of these commercial trips in the next Newsletter or possible mailing.

Our final motion was to think about this information and meet again on February 23 after Liturgy, probably in the Fellowship Room. Watch for announcements in the Sunday bulletins, and be ready to share your thoughts. Also, please pay your dues of \$15.00 for 2020 to Virginia.

JOY, HOPE & Little Angels 2020 Greek Dancing Schedule

Dance practices for JOY (3rd-6th grade), HOPE (K-2nd grade) and Little Angels (pre-k) will begin on Saturday, February 1st. Saturday practices begin at 12:30 p.m. (following Greek School), and Sunday practices begin after church.

2020 DANCE PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 8th
Saturday, March 14th
Sunday, March 22nd
March 28/29 – No Practice
Saturday, April 4th
April 11/12 – No Practice
April 18/19 – No Practice
Sunday, April 26th
Saturday, May 2nd - Final Practice



Please contact Maria Coutris (mvcoutris@gmail.com or 412.915.7838) with any questions.

JOY, HOPE, & Little Angels FOCUS Service Project

Our group will team with Philoptochos to bag lunches for the homeless.

Friday, February 28, 2020
St. Nicholas Cathedral Crystal Room
6:30 PM

Dinner will be provided and additional fun activities are planned.
Please RSVP to Argy Darakos at 412-979-4131 or
argy.darakos@outlook.com by February 21.



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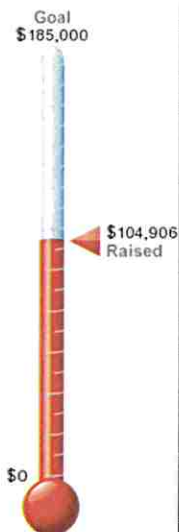
“A Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven”

The Stewardship of Time

Ecclesiastes 3

Re-dedicate yourself to God by participating in the Divine Liturgy each Sunday and offer your TIME, Talent and treasure.

HELP US REACH/EXCEED OUR GOAL



2020 STEWARDSHIP		02/21/2020
Total Stewards		188
Total Amount Pledged		\$104,906.00
Average Pledge		\$ 441.05
% Parish Participation to Date		63%
2020 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		57%
2020 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 185,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$ 55,801.00
As of:		01/31/2020
Income: Pledges & Basket Collection and Food Festival	\$ 30,978.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$ 43,503.00	
	\$ (12,525.00)	

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STEWARDSHIP CARD recorded for you.

Many of you have been contributing, but **PLEASE** complete a
Stewardship Card or call the church office (412-682-3866)
to rectify.



FOOD FESTIVAL

Remaining 2020 Food Festival Cooking Schedule

for our

59th Annual St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival

Sunday, May 3 to Saturday, May 9

March

Pasta Flora	Sunday, March 8 after Church Monday, March 9, 9:00 am
Koulourakia	Sunday, March 15 after Church Monday, March 16, 9:00 am

April

Tiropita	Sunday, April 5 after Church Monday and Tuesday, April 6 and 7
Diples	Tuesday, April 21

Did you know?

Within the last 4 to 5 years, for either health reasons or due to their heavenly passage, we have lost between 25 to 29 of our parishioners who used to help out regularly during our food festival preparations.

**We are thankful for the half dozen or so new volunteers,
but only a handful cannot fill in the void.**

**Thus,
our plea for HELP.
If able, help fill in these gaps.**

St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival

This year, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral will be hosting its 59th annual Greek Food Festival from **May 3 thru May 9**. Once again, we would like to give you the opportunity to be part of our Festival by advertising in our **2020 Food Festival Ad Book**.

This is a great way to advertise your business to the thousands of people who come to enjoy our great Greek food, our music and our Greek hospitality. The money raised through our Food Festival benefits the St. Nicholas Cathedral Building Fund and since St. Nicholas is a 501(C)3, that makes your contribution tax deductible.

On the back of this letter you will find this year's advertising contract detailing ad sizes and prices. Please consider placing an ad by completing the form with your contact information, payment type, and ad size selection. You may submit completed contracts and ads via e-mail to **foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org**, or mail to:

St. Nicholas Cathedral
c/o Greek Food Festival Ad Book Committee
419 South Dithridge Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

DEADLINE FOR ALL ADS is April 8, 2020

If you have a new ad or logo that you would like to use this year, please send a **JPEG** file to the email shown above. If you would like to use an ad previously placed in the ad book, please indicate that on the ad contract. (Please note that all ads will be in color this year.)

For additional information or if you have any questions, please call Lenna Cominos at (412) 370-8181, or send an e-mail to *foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org*.

We sincerely hope that you will play a part in making this year's edition of our ad book a success.

Best regards,

Elaine Andrianos, Simon Barber, Lenna Cominos, Alisa Mathews
St. Nicholas Ad Book Committee

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St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

2020 GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL ADVERTISING CONTRACT



Name _____
Business _____
Address _____

Phone/ Cell _____
Email _____

AD DEADLINE APRIL 8, 2020

Ad Size	Color
Outside Back Cover/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$750
Premium Full Pages/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$650
Full Page/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$600
Half Page/ 4.5w x 3.75h	\$350
Quarter Page/ 4.5w x 1.875h	\$200
Patron/ listing	\$50

☐ Use same ad as previous year

Please make check payable and mail to St. Nicholas Cathedral. ☐ Check enclosed ☐ Bill me

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Please print or attach ad copy, or email ad file in a JPEG format to: foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org

Date Received:

Check Number:

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7TH ANNUAL ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET



SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020
4:00 PM HORS D'OEUVRES, 5:15 PM DINNER

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ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET

7TH ANNUAL ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, May 2, 2020

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Cranberry

910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA 16046

4:00 P.M. Hors d'oeuvres

5:15 P.M. Dinner

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GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS ^{OF} PITTSBURGH

ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET

SEVENTH ANNUAL ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, May 2, 2020

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Cranberry

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1 Forgiveness Sunday Cheesefare Orthros, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	2 GREAT LENT BEGINS (Strict Fast all week) Great Compline 6:00 pm	3 GOYA Volley- ball Practice 7-9 pm	4 Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm	5 OCF, 7 pm	6 Salutations of the Theotokos 7:00 pm	7 3rd Saturday of the Souls Orthros 9 am Di- vine Liturgy 10 am Greek School, 10:00 am GOYA Volleyball Tournament Here
8 Sunday of Ortho- doxy Orthros, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am Pasta Flora Prep	9 Pasta Flora Prep <div>Fr. Christopher away for meeting in New York</div>	10 GOYA Volleyball Practice 7-9 pm Pasta Flora Prep (Possibly)	11 <div>Fr. Christopher away at Metropolis Clergy Retreat</div>	12	13 Salutations of the Theotokos 7:00 pm	14 Greek School, 10:00 am
15 Sunday Of St Gregory Palamas Orthros, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	16 Parish Coun- cil, 7:00 pm	17 GOYA Volley- ball Practice 7-9 pm	18 Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm	19 Living Orthodoxy 11 am OCF, 7 pm	20 Salutations of the Theotokos 7 pm	21 Greek School, 10:00 am
22 Sunday of Holy Cross Orthros, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	23	24 GOYA Volley- ball Practice 7-9 pm	25 THE ANNUNCIATION (Greek Inde- pendence Day) Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	26 Living Orthodoxy 11 am OCF, 7 pm Philoptochos General Meeting @ Neighborhood Resilience 2038 Bedford Ave Formerly FOCUS 6:30pm	27 Family Night (all ages) (Lenten meal and fun activities), 5:30 pm Salutations of the Theotokos 7:00 pm (with explanation about the service for the children)	28 Greek School, 10:00 am
29 Sunday of Saint John Climacus Orthros, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am Greek School Inde- pendence Day Luncheon and Pro- gram 12:15 pm	30	31 GOYA Volley- ball Practice 7-9 pm	<div>Greek Room Lecture and Reception for Gk. Independence Day Sunday 6 pm Alumni Hall Auditorium, Feb 29th</div>			

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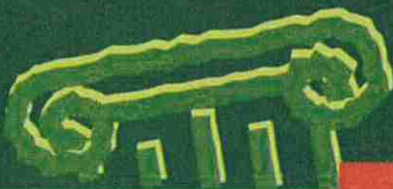
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