

## NOVEMBER 15, 2020 – Eighth Sunday of Luke

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Tone 6 (Plagal 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Orthros Gospel 6



### WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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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, *Theodore Andrews (20 yrs)*. May God grant him eternal rest.

**OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO** the families of:

ATHENA HARERAS who fell asleep in the Lord on November 5, 2020.

Her funeral was private and

HELEN KOKIAS who also fell asleep in the Lord on November 5, 2020.

May God grant to both of them eternal rest, and comfort to their families in their time of loss!

**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 – NATIVITY FAST BEGINS**

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:**

- **Monday, November 16:** Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Tuesday, November 17:** Bible Study 8:30 pm Zoom
- **Saturday, November 21:** **Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple**  
**Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10am**
- **Sunday, November 22:** Memorial Service for Mary Cominos (1yr) & family.  
Trisagion for George P Krelis, Argiro Krelis, Spyros Artinian (7/5/2018), & Sonia Artinian (8/18/2020)

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

*First to be chanted at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 6:* 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.<sup>[SD]</sup> Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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

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

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

You have given us the miracles of Your holy Martyrs as an impregnable fortress, O Christ our God. At their entreaties, frustrate the plots of foreign enemies, and strengthen our nation, for You alone are good and love humanity. <sup>[SD]</sup> Τὰ θαύματα τῶν ἁγίων σου Μαρτύρων, τεῖχος ἀκαταμάχητον, ἡμῖν δωρησάμενος, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, ταῖς αὐτῶν ἰκεσίαις, βουλὰς ἐθνῶν διασκέδασον, τῆς Βασιλείας τὰ σκῆπτρα κραταίωσον, ὡς μόνος ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

*Next, the Apolytikion for Patron Saint of our church is chanted:* The truth of things has 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. Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἢ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρόσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

*Finally, we hear the Kontakion in Tone 4 of the Theotokos for her upcoming Feastday (November 21):*

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.<sup>[SD]</sup> Ὁ καθαρῶτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερόν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι Θεῷ· ἢν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ· Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

**TODAY'S EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 2:4-10**

Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. [RSV]

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:25-37.** At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." [RSV]

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**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).

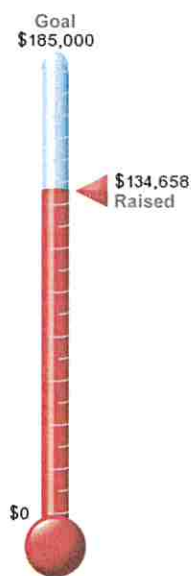
Sincere thanks from the Website Committee! –  
Bunny, Stacie, Michelle Kotsagrellos, Sophia Panagis

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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>

**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>
<b>Total Stewards</b>	<b>293 (GOAL 300)</b>
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$134,658.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)</b>
<b>Avg. Pledge</b>	<b>\$459.58</b>

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**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!

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**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.

## **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*

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### **SOUND and WI-FI CAMPAIGN**



***Let the Message Be Heard—CLEARLY!***

**GOAL:       \$25,000**

**To Date:     \$18,670**

**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.



*SEND YOUR CHRISTMAS  
GREETINGS*

WITH THE 2020  
ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL  
CHRISTMAS CARD

*Donation only \$20... You can save money on your Christmas cards and help  
our beloved Cathedral at the same time!*

Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your list of names to read (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_

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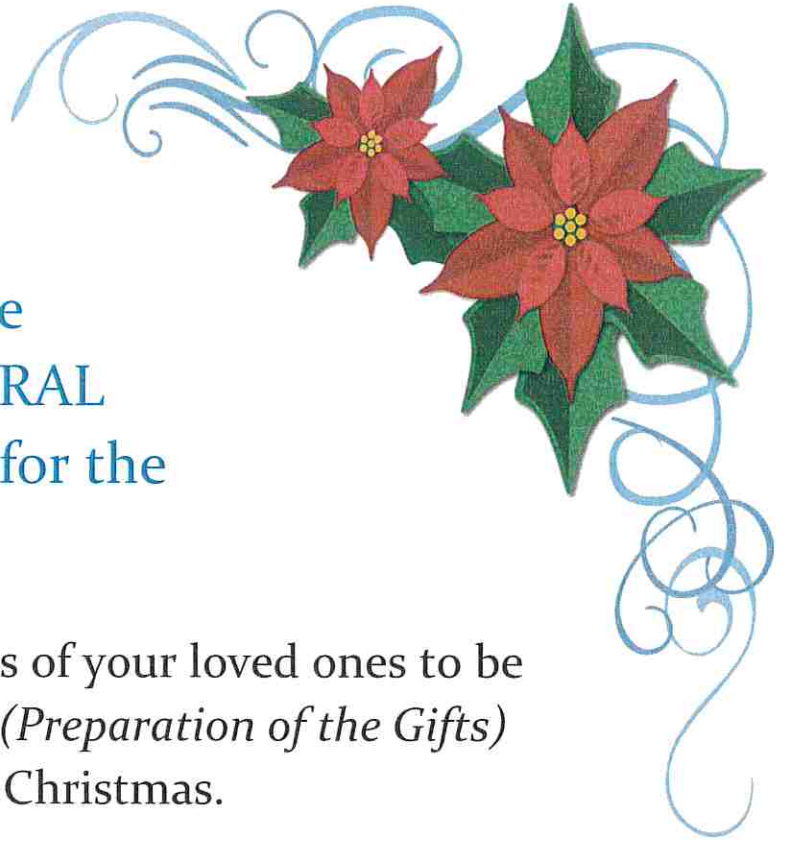
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Kindly return this form, along with your check, and mail to:  
St. Nicholas Cathedral, 419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

**All names MUST be submitted NO LATER than December 6, 2020!!**

**Christ is Born!**  
**Glorify Him!**



PLEASE HELP US decorate  
OUR BELOVED CATHEDRAL  
with beautiful poinsettias for the  
Nativity Season.

If you wish, please list the names of your loved ones to be  
remembered in the Proskomidi (*Preparation of the Gifts*)  
at every Divine Liturgy through Christmas.

*For the Health of:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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*In Memory Of:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Name & Address:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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***Suggested donation:***

\$25 OR MORE, payable to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral (memo: Poinsettia)

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR ORDERS IN NO LATER THAN December 13, 2020.** Please, either place  
in the Sunday offering tray or mail it to: 419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

# NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am  Nativity Fast begins	16  Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	17  Bible Study 8:30 pm Zoom	18	19	20	21 Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
22 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	23	24  Bible Study 8:30 pm Zoom	25  St. Katherine the Great Martyr Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	26  HAPPY THANKS- GIVING!  <i>(Church            Office            Closed)</i>	27	28
29 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	30					