

NOVEMBER 29, 2020 –Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

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Tone 8 (Plagal 4th)

Orthros Gospel 3



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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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..

TODAYS MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the souls of the servants of God, *George V Copetas (3 yrs) & Peter Pullman (4 yrs)*.

TODAYS TRISAGION SERVICE is being chanted for the souls of the servants of God, *Michael Bennett (14 yrs), Eugenia Savvas Constantinides, (49 yrs), Andreas Savvas Constantinides, (57 yrs), Athanasia Savvas, Despina Loucaides, Kyriakos Sariyiannis, Nicholas Pagonis, Stella Pagonis, & Constantinos Pagonis, (76 yrs)*. May God grant them eternal rest.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Saturday, December 5: Great Vespers for St Nicholas 7:00 pm**

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>

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 Kotsagrellos, Sophia Panagis

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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 8: You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.
[SD] Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, 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, followed by the hymn for the patron saint of our Church:

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, the Kontakion in Tone 4 for the Nativity of Christ (Dec. 25) is chanted:

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν Προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν. Today the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth ineffably to the pre-eternal Word. Dance for joy upon hearing this, all the world, and with the angels and the shepherds glorify Him whose will it was to be made manifest as a young Child, the pre-eternal God.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 74:1-. Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ ὑμᾶς ἐγὼ ὁ δέσμιος ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραύτητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ, σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης· ἐν σῶμα καὶ ἐν Πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἷς Κύριος, μία πίστις, ἐν βάπτισμα· εἷς Θεὸς καὶ Πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων καὶ διὰ πάντων καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν ὑμῖν. Ἐνὶ δὲ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. [RSV]

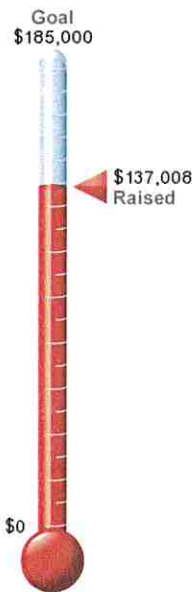
GOSPEL: Luke 18:18-27. Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ πειράζων αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· Διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς, ὁ Θεός. τὰς ἐντολάς οἶδας· μὴ μοιχεύσης, μὴ φονεύσης, μὴ κλέψης, μὴ ψευδομαρτυρήσης, τίμα τὸν πατέρα σου καὶ τὴν μητέρα σου. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· Ταῦτα πάντα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου. ἀκούσας δὲ ταῦτα ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ἔτι ἓν σοι λείπει· πάντα ὅσα ἔχεις πώλησον καὶ διάδος πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἕξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολούθει μοι. δὲ ἀκούσας ταῦτα περίλυπος ἐγένετο· ἦν γὰρ πλούσιος σφόδρα. Ἴδὼν δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς περίλυπον γενόμενον εἶπε· Πῶς δυσκόλως οἱ τὰ χρήματα ἔχοντες εἰσελεύσονται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ! Εὐκοπώτερον γάρ ἐστι κάμηλον διὰ τρυμαλιᾶς ραφίδος εἰσελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. εἶπον δὲ οἱ ἀκούσαντες· Καὶ τίς δύναται σωθῆναι; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· Τὰ ἀδύνατα παρὰ ἀνθρώποις δυνατὰ παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ἐστίν.

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." [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	298 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$137,008.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$459.76

PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES

December General Meeting – Please plan to join us for our December general meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. Check your email for Zoom meeting info, or contact Nikki Lykos (412-897-8208 or nvlykos@gmail.com) for meeting details.

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 are collecting non-perishable items for Neighborhood Resilience Project (formerly known as FOCUS Pittsburgh). Please place non-perishable food donations in the bin outside the church office, and we will deliver them to Neighborhood Resilience Project. They appreciate your support

FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL DESK:

Due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases and the recommendations of our state and local government, as well as, His Eminence Metropolitan Savas, we will not be having in person Church School the remainder of this year (2020).

Father Christopher and I will reevaluate the situation at the beginning of the New Year.

In the meantime, I am investigating conducting Church School via Zoom.

The Sunday dates are December 6 (St. Nicholas Day), December 13 and December 20, 2020.

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle



PROJECT BUNDLE UP

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HATS, MITTENS, SCARVES & GLOVES
FOR NEIGHBORHOOD RESILIENCE PROJECT'S
PROJECT BUNDLE UP!



GOYA NEWS

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! An annual crowd pleaser, Greek comfort food, easy to prepare and serve, made with love and delicious! The St. Nicholas GOYA is selling frozen pans of pastichio. The pans are 9"by 12" in size. Each pan is \$30. Check or cash is accepted. **For further information text Alea Melacrinos Mavrogeorgis @ 412 726 5940. Please state who you are in the text.** Pans are ready to sell for Thanksgiving and the holidays after church on Sundays or call the church office to purchase Monday-Friday. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!

ANGELS - Christmas Angels for the Neighborhood Resilience Project (formerly known as FOCUS) are available today. Please visit the GOYA table after church and help make a child's Christmas brighter. This is one of GOYA's outreach projects. Please plan on bringing your wrapped gift or gift card to church by Sunday, December 6. Thank you for helping make a difference in a child's life. For more information on receiving an angel you may call/text Linda Hages at 412-523-7938.

Christmas Chocolate Sale - SARRIS Christmas Chocolate orders are being taken today through Sunday, November 29 for delivery on Sunday, December 20. Please stop by the GOYA table during coffee hour and place your order. Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts.

REGIONAL MINISTRY NEWS

NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS MONASTERY



We want to thank all of you who have supported our annual capital campaign fundraiser Dinner Banquet. Please participate and continue your support in a different way. Because of the challenging times we are all facing, the Monastery is presenting our hand-made items through an Online Auction.

Please join us over the Thanksgiving holidays with your family & friends.

Browse our items, Register, & Bid online at:
www.biddingowl.com/NativityTheotokos

You can also make a donation to our capital campaign by visiting us at our NEW web site:

www.NativityoftheTheotokosMonastery.org
and select Donate from the menu.
121 St. Elias Lane - Saranburg, PA 16056



*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: _____

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

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: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Name & Address: _____

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

DECEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 13 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	30	1 NO Bible Study	2	3	4	5 Great Vespers for St. Nicholas, 7 pm
6 10 th Sunday of Luke St. Nicholas the Wonderworker Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	7	8 Bible Study 8:30 pm <u>Zoom</u> Philop General Meeting 7:00pm ZOOM	9	10	11	12 St. Spyridon Orthros, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am
13 11 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	14	15 Bible Study 8:30 pm Zoom	16	17	18	19
20 Sunday before Nativity Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	21 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	22 Bible Study 8:30 pm Zoom	23	24 Christmas Eve Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil, 6:00 pm OFFICE CLOSED	25 HOLY NATIVITY Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 Sunday after Nativity Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	28	29 NO Bible Study	30	31		