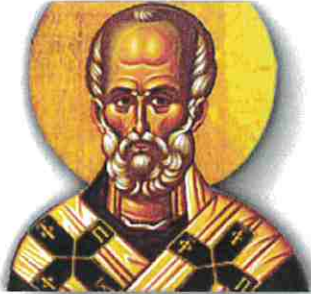


DECEMBER 6, 2020 – Tenth Sunday of Luke

Our Venerable Father among the Saints **NICHOLAS**, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia,
the Wonderworker and Patron Saint of our Parish

Tone 1

Orthros Gospel 4



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

Father's Cell & Email: 724-630-3483; 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 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 soul of the servant of God, His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos of blessed memory (40 days). May God grant him eternal rest and comfort to his family.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO the Family of **Peter Petropoulos** who passed away on Monday, November 30th. Visitation today at St Nicholas Cathedral from 2:00 – 6:00 pm with a Trisagion Service at 5:30 pm.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Tuesday, Dec 8: NO BIBLE STUDY; Philoptochos General Meeting (Zoom) 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Dec 12: St Spyridon Orthros 9 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

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 1: Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν 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.

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 Ἀλληλουῖα. "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 the Resurrection Apolytikion is repeated, we hear the hymn for St. Nicholas:

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω 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:

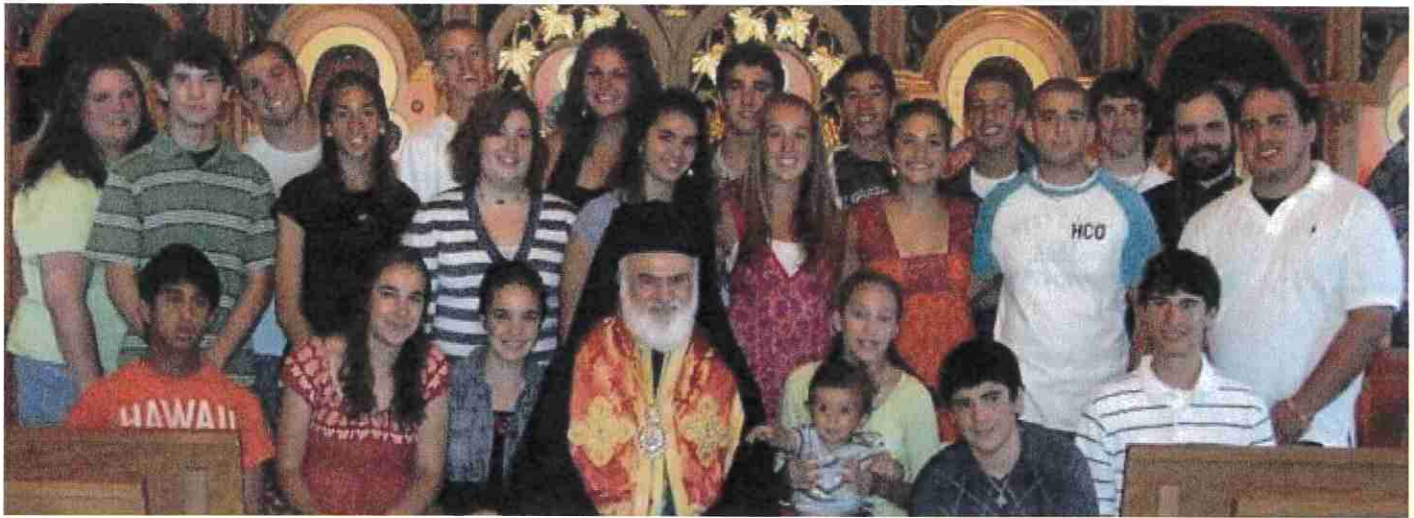
Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν Προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν. Today the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth ineffably to the pre-eternal Word. Dance 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 reading: Hebrews 13: 17-21. Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

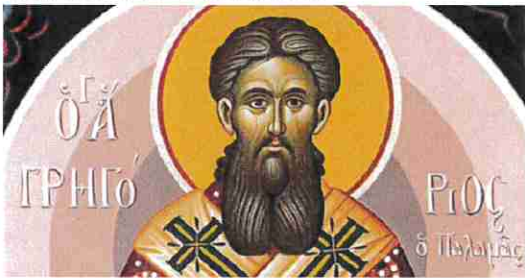
Gospel: Luke 13: 10-17. At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him. [RSV].

MEMORY ETERNAL + METROPOLITAN MAXIMOS

Metropolis of Pittsburgh Parishes to offer 40-Day Memorial.



**HIS LEGACY LIVES ON....
WAYS TO DONATE**



ST. GREGORY PALAMAS MONASTERY

934 County Road 2256
Perrysville, OH 44864

In 1982, Metropolitan Maximos established the first Greek Orthodox Monastery in the United States near Mansfield, OH. The monastery was originally constructed by an old calendarist community which later decided to move out to CA.

+Archbishop Iakovos consecrated the church in 1989 and during the past few years, the original chapel was completely reconstructed. (Pictured below.) Donations are being accepted (address above) for the iconography for the chapel in memory of Metropolitan Maximos.



40-Day Memorial

His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh asks his parishes of his Metropolis to offer a 40-Day Memorial for the soul of Metropolitan Maximos on Sunday, December 6th, the Feastday of St. Nicholas, the Wonderworker. If it is not possible on this day, the Memorial may be offered on the actual 40th day which is Friday, December 11th.

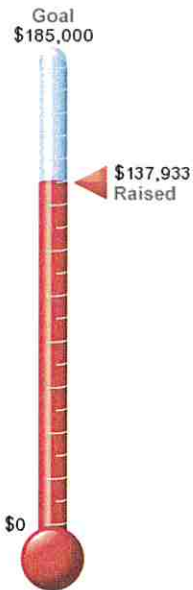
METROPOLITAN MAXIMOS ENDOWMENT FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Of all of Metropolitan Maximos' ministries, his work with youth and young adults held a special place in his heart. In honor of our beloved "Metro Max," the Metropolitan Maximos Endowment will carry on His Eminence's support for our youth and young adults, a labor of love which hallmarked his ministry.

Two ways to give to the Endowment:

1) Send checks to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh with "Metropolitan Maximos Endowment" written in the memo section. Mail to: Metropolitan Maximos Endowment c/o Metropolis of Pittsburgh, PO Box 645953, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-5257. Or 2) Online credit or debit card donation via the Metropolis website: pittsburgh.goarch.org/support. Please select Metropolitan Maximos Youth Endowment.

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	301 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$137,933.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$458.25

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, Church School will be conducted 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: PASTICHIO! 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 Melacrinis 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 due today. Thank you for helping make a difference in a child's and senior citizen's life.

Christmas Chocolate Sale - Thank you for supporting our SARRIS Christmas Chocolate fundraiser. Orders will be delivered [on Sunday, December 20.](#)



The Nationality Rooms Program at the University of Pittsburgh

VIRTUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE 2020

Presents the Greek Room Committee's

“The Twelve Days of Greek Christmas Trivia Game”

December 7th — December 19th, 2020

Did you know that-

- some key Greek Christmas traditions have their beginning in the time of ancient Greece?
- some ancient Greek festivals influenced the development of early Christian religious customs surrounding the feast of the Nativity of Christ?
- the Christmas Tree tradition began in Constantinople, during the time of the Byzantine Empire and was then carried north?
- the festive Christmas period begins in November and ends in January?
- St. Nicholas does not bring gifts to children, but instead, St. Basil does?

For more information and details, as well as for instructions for how to participate:

<https://pahellenicfoundation.org/ChristmasTriviaGame>

Game play takes place every day, beginning on December 7th and ending on December 19th, 2020, anytime between 7 AM - 10 PM. A donation of \$7 accesses a VIP code for one game. Two prize winners daily.

All donations will go to the Greek Room's Scholarship Fund.



*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
6 10 th Sunday of Luke St. Nicholas the Wonderworker Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	7	8 NO Bible Study Philoptochos General Meeting 7:00 pm ZOOM	9	10	11	12 St. Spyridon Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 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		