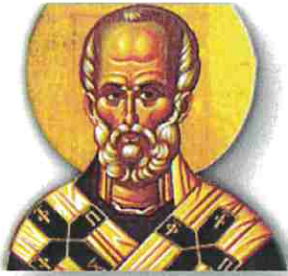


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Tone 1

Orthros Gospel 1



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.

WELCOME, VISITORS! You are honored guests here at St. Nicholas Cathedral and welcome at all our services. We invite you to receive the Holy Eucharist (Communion) if you are an Orthodox Christian who has prepared yourself through fasting, prayer, and confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are Orthodox but have not prepared, we respectfully invite you instead to come forward at the end of the service for a blessing by the priest and a piece of blessed bread (antidoron).

Our Mission & Vision Statements

The **MISSION** of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral is to Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a Spirit of Unity and Love for All through Worship, Service, Education, Fellowship and Outreach.

Our **VISION** is to be a Welcoming and Growing Parish, Striving to Live the New Life in Christ according to the Teachings and Traditions of the Greek Orthodox Faith.

TODAY'S TRISAGION SERVICES are being chanted for the repose of the souls of the servant of God **METROPOLITAN MAXIMOS** (3 months) and **MAGDALINI HNARAKIS** (39 yrs). May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Tuesday, Feb 2:** Presentation of Christ Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am
- **Wednesday, Feb 3:** Orthodoxy Now 7:30pm (Zoom)
- **Sunday, Feb 7:** Memorial Service for Ernie Mandros (40 days)

HOUSE BLESSINGS have begun for this year but will of necessity be different from the past. The priest will stay OUTSIDE while reciting the prayers and bless the front of the house, and then leave a bottle of Holy Water for the family to use in blessing the interior. If you would like to have your house blessed, please call the Church Office (412-682-3866) and leave a message for Fr. Christopher (extension 2) with your name and the names of everyone living in your house, as well as your address and phone number. Father will let you know when he plans to come. While you do not have to be home for the prayer service to take place, it would be best if you were.

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SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

First to be chanted at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion in Mode (Tone) 1:

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. [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, 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."

The Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 1 is repeated, followed by the hymn for the holy unmercenarys:

Τὰ θαύματα τῶν Ἁγίων σου Μαρτύρων, τεῖχος ἀκαταμάχητον ἡμῖν δωρησάμενος, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, βουλὰς Ἑθνῶν διασκέδασον, τῆς Βασιλείας τὰ σκῆπτρα κραταίωσον, ὡς μόνος ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος

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 humankind.

Next, we hear the Apolytikion for our Patron saint, Nicholas Archbishop of Myra:

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμένι 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 1 for the Presentation of Christ (Feb. 2) is chanted:

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλόγησας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νὺν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

Epistle Reading: I Timothy 4: 9-15. Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. [RSV]

Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10. At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore

tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaïos, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaïos stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost." [RSV]

2021 Stewardship Pledge Cards are in the Narthex ***(Just ask a member of Parish Council)***

If you have already submitted your 2021 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!!



"And now these three remain: **Faith, Hope and Love**. But the greatest of these is **LOVE**." Corinthians 13:13

<u>2021</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Stewards	139 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$80,555.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$579.53

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 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 for the foreseeable future.

Father Christopher and I will continue to reevaluate the situation.

**Church School will be conducted via Zoom
TODAY
at 1:00 p.m.
Thank you to Nicholas Hages for setting this up!**

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle

GOYA NEWS

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 Melacrinou 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!

St. Nicholas Cathedral NEW Website – We've Launched!

The NEW church website is up and running! Thank you for your patience with some of the "kinks" and thank you for the thoughtful feedback and suggestions. I believe we all share the mutual goal of having a vibrant website that meets the needs of our Parishioners, and those seeking information about our beloved Cathedral.

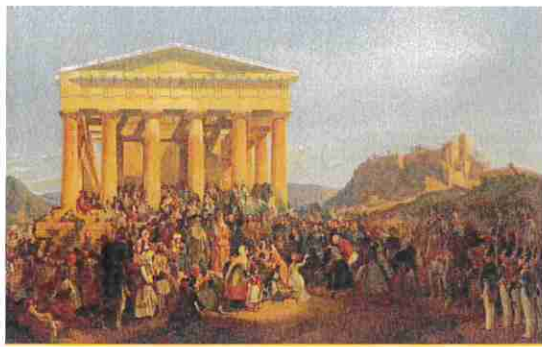
Excited to report that we have received several 2021 Stewardship Pledge Cards through the website. We have decided that ALL Pledge Cards received through the website will receive an email acknowledgment of the receipt of the Pledge and the amount. *If you haven't yet sent your 2021 Pledge*, think about doing it through our website.

We will never stop asking for your pictures! Please note that given the dimensions of the images on the website, the best pics are in a "landscape" format (not "portrait") for use throughout the site. That said, pictures for the "Photo Gallery" can be any size or layout. Pictures can be emailed to Stacie de la Parra at events@stnickspgh.org or sent via text to 412-901-3181.

Again, here is the link to the website: <http://stnickspgh.org/>

Also, If you would like some help navigating the site, please call Stacie de la Parra (Cell: 412-902-3181). She would LOVE to help you learn your way around!

P.S. – Did we mention? Still accepting pictures!! – Thanks! Stacie



Celebrating the Bicentennial of the Greek Revolution in Western Pennsylvania:

A synopsis of friends; to remember where we started from, to realize where we stand, and to decide where we want to go.

Dear Friends: The working group consisting of members of the American Hellenic Foundation of Western PA, the Greek, French, English, Russian Nationality Room Committees, and the European Art Center of Greece, are very happy to announce the events that are now formally scheduled in the month of March 2021 to celebrate this once in a lifetime event in our area.

All the events are “virtual” (Website, Youtube, or ZOOM) and open to the public. Over the coming weeks, we will provide a link for the central landing page on the internet from which these events can be accessed on their scheduled day and time. Commemorative Program Books will be available for download at these sites, on those days.

***We are kindly asking all of you to consider sending us a short video (you can shoot it on your smartphone) of up to 3 minutes offering your greetings to the people of Greece (in Greek and/or English), offering your thoughts about what the Greek Revolution means to you, as history, ethos, aspiration, challenge for Greeks in America. Families are highly encouraged to participate (as a group). These videos will be presented on the evening of Saturday March 27th, 2021 and will be broadcast to Greece via news and lifestyle social networks. To participate, please email us before February 15th at contact@pahellenicfoundation.org

****If anyone wants to co-sponsor any one, or all of these events, please let us know before February the 15th, 2021 (email us at contact@pahellenicfoundation.org). All donations are tax-deductible.

Scheduled Events:

1. *Το Ελληνικό Έθνος και η Επανάσταση Μέσα από το Κλέφτικο Τραγούδι (Μέρος Α')* [Στην Ελληνική γλώσσα (In Greek)]
The Greek Nation and the Revolution inside the Klephtiko Song (Part 1)

[Program in Greek]

Friday March 5th, 2021, 8:30 PM

2. *Το Ελληνικό Έθνος και η Επανάσταση Μέσα από το Κλέφτικο Τραγούδι (Μέρος Β')* [Στην Ελληνική γλώσσα (In Greek)]
The Greek Nation and the Revolution inside the Klephtiko Song (Part 2)

[Program in Greek]

Saturday March 6th, 2021, 8:30 PM

3. *Το Ελληνικό Έθνος και η Επανάσταση Μέσα από το Κλέφτικο Τραγούδι (Μέρος Γ')* [Στην Ελληνική γλώσσα (In Greek)]
The Greek Nation and the Revolution inside the Klephtiko Song (Part 3)

[Program in Greek]

Sunday March 7th, 2021, 8:30 PM

4. *Greece in America – America in Greece: First-in-History, Public Unveiling of Correspondence between the Greek Revolutionaries and the American Founding Fathers on the Matter of the Greek Revolution (Part 1)*

Saturday March 13th, 7:30 PM

5. *Greece in America – America in Greece: First-in-History, Public Unveiling of Correspondence between the Greek Revolutionaries and the American Founding Fathers on the Matter of the Greek Revolution (Part 2)*

Sunday March 14th, 7:30 PM

6. *First Principles: What America's Founders Learned from the Greeks and How That Shaped Our Country-A Conversation with the Scholar and Best-Seller Author, Thomas E. Ricks;*

Co-sponsored by the Department of Philosophy of the University of Pittsburgh, GAPPA, and the Icarian Brotherhood

Saturday March 20th, 6:00 PM

7. *Giannis Davaris – A Revolutionary Hero at the Acropolis*

A Narrative and Virtual Exhibit of a Lesser-Known Hero of the Greek

Revolution A Joint Presentation with the European Art Center (Peania, Attica,

Greece) Sunday March 21st, 7:30 PM

8. *In the Beginning was the Logos and the Logos became Flesh:*

A Byzantine Concert-Presentation Celebrating the Unparalleled Christologic Canon of the “Annunciation Dialogue”

Featuring members of the Byzantine Choir of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh

Thursday, March 25th, 8:00 PM

9. *Bridges of White and Blue: A Commemoration and Celebration of the Descendants in Western PA of the Lesser-Known Revolutionary Heroes*
(A Joint Project with the European Art Center [Greece] under the Auspice of the “Greece 2021”

Committee), Co-sponsored by the Icarian Brotherhood

Saturday March 27th, 7:30 PM

10. *Prometheus Resurrected: The London Protocols- Celebrating the friendship of France, Great Britain, Russia, and Greece in the Rise of the Modern Greek Nation through the London Protocols of 1827-1830*

A Joint Program of the French, English, Russian and Greek Rooms of the Nationality Rooms Program at the University of Pittsburgh and the European Art Center [Greece], Formal Bicentennial Proclamations by Mayor William Peduto and County Executive Richard Fitzgerald

Sunday March 28th, 6:00 PM

For updated information, please contact us at
contact@pahellenicfoundation.org

- Through our common memories, lives and dreams,
all of us have – inside of us – some part of Greece

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Presentation of Christ Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	3	4	5	6
7 16 th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	8	9 Philoptochos Meeting (Virtual) 7 pm	10 St Haralambos the Hieromartyr Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am <i>ORTHODOXY NOW 7:30 PM</i> (Fr. Christopher's new online - Zoom- program)	11	12	13 GREEK2GO 12-6pm
14 Sunday of the Canaanite Woman Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	15 Parish Council Meeting 7 pm	16	17 <i>ORTHODOXY NOW 7:30 PM</i>	18	19	20
21 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee – TRIODION BEGINS Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> <i>ORTHODOXY NOW 7:30 PM</i>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
28 Sunday of the Prodigal Son Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am						

PLEASE JOIN FR. CHRISTOPHER every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. for his new online program on Zoom: **ORTHODOXY NOW!** We will be discussing a variety of topics touching on current events as well as exploring our ancient faith in depth – its history, worship, sacraments, and traditions, as well as their connection to Holy Scripture.