

## JANUARY 10, 2021 – Sunday after Theophany

Ss. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa; Dometianos, Bishop of Melitine

Tone 6

Orthros Gospel 9



### WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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**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).

**TODAYS MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the souls of the servants of God, *Peter Petropoulos* (40 days) and *Vasiliki Koromvokis* (3 yrs). May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families in their time of loss.**

**Our Deepest Condolences to the family of Christine Kanakis whose father *Peter Kanakis* passed away on Saturday, January 2, 2021.**

**We are also saddened to report the passing of a long-time member of the Cathedral, Ernie Mandros who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Visitation will be here at the Cathedral on Monday, January 11th from 10:00 – 11:00 am with funeral to follow at 11:00 am.**

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

- Tuesday, Jan 12: **Philoptochos Zoom Board Meeting 7:00pm**
- Saturday, Jan 16: **GREEK2GO 12-6:00pm**

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**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 as the priest exits the Altar at the Small Entrance is the Hymn for Theophany:* Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις, τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοί, ἀγαπητὸν σὲ Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα, καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἶδει περιστεράς, ἐβεβαίον τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεὶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοί. O Lord, when You were baptized in the Jordan, the veneration of the Trinity was revealed. For the voice of the Father gave witness to You, calling You His Beloved Son, and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the sure truth of His words. Glory to You, Christ our God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

*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 Ἀλληλοῦϊα. "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 6 is chanted next:* 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. [SD]

*This is followed by a repeat of the hymn for Theophany. Then, we hear the Apolytikion 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 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 Theophany is chanted:*

Ἐπεφάνης σήμερον τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου Κύριε, ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ὑμνοῦντάς σε. Ἦλθες ἐφάνης τὸ Φῶς τὸ ἀπρόσιτον.

You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

**Today's Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4: 7-13.** Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. [RSV]

**Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 12-17.** At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." [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>
<b>Total Stewards</b>	<b>90 (GOAL 300)</b>
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$56,055.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)</b>
<b>Avg. Pledge</b>	<b>\$622.83</b>

**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 at  
1:00 p.m. on Sundays.**

**Thank you to Nicholas Hages for setting this up!  
The Sunday dates are January 10, January 17, January 24 and January 31, 2021.**

Yours in Christ,  
*Miss Michelle*

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## 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 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!

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## Sound System Update

Parish Council has approved the audio and video upgrade proposal by Kinetics AV and the new system has been ordered. The committee has discussed recommendations from 4 vendors and reviewed their proposals before deciding that Kinetics AV will provide the best improvement and service. The effort will include new microphones, speakers, sound board, and video camera and will be digitally balanced to compensate for the poor acoustics of the church. Unfortunately, installation will not be until late January.

We greatly appreciate the donations from our parishioners who funded this major improvement to our Cathedral. This sound system contract does not address improving the Wi-Fi signal throughout the facility because that effort involves a different set of vendors. The committee is currently obtaining proposals for the Wi-Fi and we are still seeking donations for this last phase of the project.



2021 YOUTH & CAMP WORKERS VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

*The Ministry  
of Forming  
Beautiful  
Youth*

January 28th: 6:30-9pm EST  
January 29th: 11am-5pm EST

Registration Fee: \$25

Visit [orthodoxyouth.net](http://orthodoxyouth.net) for more details and to register!

# January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 <b>Sunday after Theophany</b>  Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	11	12 <b>Philoptochos Zoom Board Meeting</b> 7:00 pm	13	14	15	16 <b>GREEK2GO</b> 12 – 6 pm
17 <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b>  Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  <b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 7:00 pm	19	20	21	22	23
24 <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b>  Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	25	26	27	28	29	30 <b>Three Hierarchs</b>  Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
31 <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke (Zacchaeus)</b>  Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am						