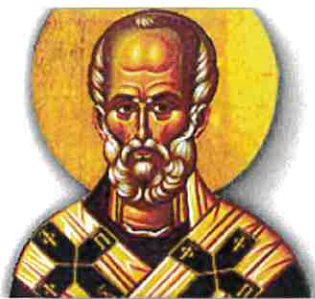


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WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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CHANTERS: Steve Andrews, & Michael Rodites

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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).

TODAY'S TRISAGION is being chanted for the repose of the soul of the servant of God **VIRGINIA ANTHON** (40 days). May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family in their time of loss.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, Jan 18: Parish Council Meeting (Zoom) 7:00pm**
- **Sunday, Jan 24: Memorial service for John Petrolias**

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 Resurrection Hymn in Tone 7: By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy. [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 7 is repeated, followed by the hymn for today's saints:

Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἡλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστῆς, καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου, διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν. O Father Anthony, you imitated the zealous Elijah. You followed the straight paths of the Baptist and became a desert dweller. By prayer you confirmed the universe. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Then, we hear the Apolytikion for the patron saint of our Church:

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἢ 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 is chanted:

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' 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: 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, work-ing in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17: 12-19. At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." [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	111 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$71,705.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$645.99

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 17, January 24 and January 31, 2021.**

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 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!

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.



Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom. - Colossians 3:16

Dear Faithful,

This year marks a great milestone in our history as we celebrated 25 years since the Orthodox Christian Network's founding. There is no more important time than now to "Let the Word of Christ dwell within us richly" to give us the courage and strength we all desire to meet the challenges we all face.

As we begin the year 2021, the Orthodox Christian Network is more relevant than ever and needs to be further developed to bring more digital resources to the faithful in the United States. Simply put, the [myOCN](#) Community offers the opportunity for our faithful to do three things: inspire Orthodox advocacy, connect to people worldwide and offer timely programs and resources. This Affiliated Ministry of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America has been a resource to assist our faithful in connecting to people 24/7, 365 days per year with the saving message of our Lord. Please share this fact with the faithful entrusted to your care.

During OCN's Share the Light Sunday, on January 17, 2021, the Assembly of Bishops asks EVERY Orthodox parish in America to participate in our mission. [MyOCN](#) is [YourOCN](#) Community! Please join us in speaking about Orthodox Christian Network at church, passing a tray, and identifying an ambassador at your parish. We cannot do this without your support, financial and otherwise. Remember OCN in your parish's charitable giving. Join with OCN now and contribute to strengthening the future of Orthodox evangelism and outreach in the Digital Age.

We thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry. Let us go forth and share the Good News.

Faithfully in Christ,

+ Metropolitan Savas

Metropolitan [Savas](#)
Episcopal Liaison to the Assembly of Bishops

Rev. Christopher T. Metropoulos

Rev. Dr. Christopher T. [Metropoulos](#)
OCN Executive Director

Share the Light in 2021

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 12th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	19	20	21	22	23
24 14th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	25	26	27	28	29	30 Three Hierarchs Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
31 15th Sunday of Luke (Zacchaeus) Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am						