

Jan 24, 2021 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Ss. Xenia, Deaconess of Rome, Vavylas the Holy Martyr, Xenia of St. Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ, Philo the Wonderworker, Bishop of Karpasia in Cyprus

Tone (Mode) 8 Orthros Gospel 11



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).

TODAY'S MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the repose of the soul of the servant of God **JOHN PETROLIAS** (1 yr). May God grant him eternal rest, and comfort to his family in their time of loss.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Saturday, Jan 30: Three Hierarchs Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am.**

GREEK SCHOOL

St. Nicholas Greek School will be commemorating the **Three Hierarchs on Saturday, January 30, 2021**, with an Artoclasia, recognizing students who excelled with the Ellinomatheas taken October of 2020 at St. Nicholas.

A Trisagion will also be chanted for those who have been instrumental with St. Nicholas Cathedral Greek School in memory of Paraskevi Mavrogeorgis(1997), Vasilis Krinis(1997), Rudolph Athanasios Agraphiotis(1952), Vasiliki Bellios(2015), Harry Constandy(1961), Helen Hampers(2014), George Hazinas(2013), Ismene Kephalyiannis(2013), John Seviles(2002), George Thomas(1998), Angelo Tsourekis(2001).

**GREEK2GO WILL BE BACK AGAIN ON
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021.**

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TODAY'S SPECIAL HYMNS AND READINGS AT THE SMALL ENTRANCE:

First to be chanted at the Small Entrance is the weekly Resurrection Hymn in Tone 8: Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι. 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]

The usual Entrance Hymn follows: Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. [GOA] We sing to You, Alleluia.

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 ἐκτίσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν. The truth of things has 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 seasonal Kontakion is chanted:

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεῶν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὖς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος. You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity. [SD]

Today's Epistle reading (I Timothy 1:15-17): Timothy my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen. [RSV]

Today's Gospel reading (Luke 18:35-43): At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God. [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	123 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$75,105.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$610.61

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 24 and January 31, 2021.**

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle

St. Nicholas Cathedral NEW Website – It's Here!

We can't wait to introduce you to our NEW church website, which will "go live" on Monday, January 25th, 2021. The Website Committee is excited to offer the following improvements to the website:

- Finally, it is "mobile friendly", so you can use it easily on your phone.
- New descriptions, content and contact info have been developed for all "Ministries" which include Altar Boys, Choir, Church School, Greek School, GOYA, Joy/Hope/Little Angels, Garden Club, Philoptochos, etc. and others
- THE STEWARDSHIP CARD IS A FILL-IN FORM, that is automatically sent to the Office Manager. Send yours TODAY. Woo hoo!
- Need forms? Philoptochos Membership? Memorial Donation? A quick link on the website!
- Planning a Sacrament (Wedding, Baptism, Confession, Funeral?) Are you a new Godparent and want to know how many towels and what else to bring (olive oil, soap, candles, sheet) to the Baptism? It's on the website.
- Pictures of our vibrant parish? On every page! In addition, we have a "Photo Gallery" link on the home page, so that you can see the great pics we collected from our Parishioners! (Still accepting more, so email yours to Stacie de la Parra at events@stnickspgh.org.)
- EVERYTHING you need to know about the Food Festival, including descriptions, menus, order forms and MORE PICTURES!
- And, finally! Here is the link: <http://stnickspgh.org/>

We are SO EXCITED for the new site! 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!!**

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!

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.

January 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	1 February 2021	2 Presentation of Christ Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	3 ORTHODOXY NOW 7:30 PM (Fr. Christopher's new online - Zoom- program)	4	5	6
7 16th 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 ORTHODOXY NOW 7:30 PM	11	12	13 Greek2Go 12:00 – 6:00