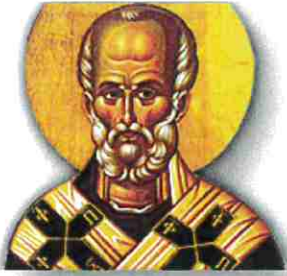


MAY 2, 2021 – GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

On which we celebrate the life-bearing Resurrection of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Transfer of the Relics of St. Athanasios, Patriarch of Alexandria



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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CLERGY: Rev. Fr. Christopher Bender and Rev. Dn. Robert Lykos

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CHANTER: Steve Andrews

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Steve Andrews

ORGANIST: Haley Cob

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 – CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!
EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER THE AGAPE SERVICE**

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Tuesday, May 4: Greek2Go Pastry Prep 9:30 am - ?
- Wednesday, May 5: Greek2Go Pastry if needed
- Thursday, May 6: Greek2Go 11-2 pm & 4-8 pm
- Friday, May 7: Greek2Go 11-2 pm & 4-8 pm
- Saturday, May 8: Greek2Go 11-2 pm & 4-8 pm
- Sunday, May 9: Happy Mother's Day

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SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY:

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the Festal Apolytikion for Pascha in Tone 5:

Χριστός ανέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος
Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

At the Entrance with the Gospel, the special Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) for Pascha is chanted:

Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραήλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

In the congregations bless God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us O Son of God, who did rise from the dead, we sing to you Alleluia.

Then, we hear "Christ is Risen" once again, followed by the following hymn from the Orthros:

Προλαβοῦσαι τὸν ὄρθρον αἱ περὶ Μαριάμ, καὶ εὐροῦσαι τὸν λίθον ἀποκυλισθέντα τοῦ μνήματος, ἤκουον ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου· Τὸν ἐν φωτὶ αἰδίῳ ὑπάρχοντα, μετὰ νεκρῶν τί ζητεῖτε ὡς ἄνθρωπον; βλέπετε τὰ ἐντάφια σπάργανα· δράμετε, καὶ τῷ κόσμῳ κηρύξατε, ὡς ἠγέρθη ὁ Κύριος, θανατώσας τὸν θάνατον· ὅτι ὑπάρχει Θεοῦ Υἱός, τοῦ σώζοντος τὸ γένος τῶν ἀνθρώπων.

When Mary and the women with her had come before dawn, they found that the stone had been rolled away from the sepulcher. They heard from the Angel, "Why do you seek among the dead, as a mortal man, the One who exists in everlasting light? See the grave clothes in the sepulcher. Run and proclaim to the world that the Lord has risen and put death to death; for He is the Son of God who saves the human race."

Then, the Paschal Kontakion is heard:

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγζάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grants resurrection.

Instead of "Holy God" (the Trisagion Hymn), we chant the Baptismal Hymn:

Ὅσοι εἰς Χριστὸν ἐβαπτίσθητε, Χριστὸν ἐνεδύσασθε. Ἀλληλούϊα.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Instead of the usual "Axion Estin" to the Theotokos after the consecration of the Gifts, we hear:

Ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα τῇ κεχαριτωμένῃ, Ἄγνη Παρθένε, χαῖρε, καὶ πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαῖρε, ὁ σὸς Υἱὸς ἀνέστη τριήμερος ἐκ τάφου. Φωτίζου, φωτίζου ἡ νέα Ἱερουσαλήμ· ἡ γὰρ δόξα Κυρίου ἐπὶ σὲ ἀνέτειλε. Χόρευε νῦν καὶ ἀγάλλου, Σιών, σὺ δέ, ἄγνη, τέρπου, Θεοτόκε, ἐν τῇ ἐγέρσει τοῦ τόκου σου.

The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say rejoice. Your Son has resurrected from the grave on the third day. Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. Dance now for joy, O Zion, and be glad. And you, O all-pure Theotokos, delight in the arising of the One you bore.

APOSTOLIC READING: Acts 1: 1-8: In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." [RSV]

GOSPEL: John 1: 1-17: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.' ") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. [RSV]

JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Nicholas Cathedral will shortly have an opening for Events Coordinator. Stacie has accepted a job opportunity in another field effective 5/15,2021. Anyone having an interest in this position or may know of someone please speak with Barbara Manners, Office Manager, and leave contact information. A committee person will contact you.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP ON ANY
OR ALL THE DAYS (Thu, Fri, & Sat).

ALSO, PLEASE COME AND HELP WITH PASTRY PREP ON TUESDAY &
(WEDNESDAY if needed) (May 4 & 5). Call Marcie McGuire (412) 719-0346
and let her what day(s) you can make it in. MANY THANKS.



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GOYA

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Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!

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	236 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$122,172.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$517.68



FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL DESK:

(The rooms are cleaned, and the teachers & children will social distance and wear masks!)

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Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, May 2, 2021

(Following the Agape Service)

Church School Graduation

Sunday, May 23, 2021

I appreciate the support from all of you and thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle

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.

METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH PHILOPTOCHOS **DAFFODIL VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER**



Join us in our Fight Against Hunger!

Help us raise money for the regional Food Banks throughout the Metropolis to provide meals for those individuals and families in need.

100% of all monies raised will be donated directly to the Food Banks.

This year rather than enjoying a luncheon together, support us in our effort to feed others!



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Sincerely,

Joyce Spanakis
Daffodil Fundraiser Chairperson

Despina Sarantopoulou
Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos President

Foundation Blessing Service May 15, 2021

*Please join us on Saturday, May 15th at 10:00 a.m.
Your Prayers, Love & Support have made this possible!*



**His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh presiding
Gerontissa Theophano & the Sisterhood invite you to this Sacred event - lunch follows
with Mosites Construction Company & MCF Architects & Planners**

RSVP: info@NativityoftheTheotokosMonastery.org

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Information will also be posted on our website: www.NativityoftheTheotokosMonastery.org



**Cultivating the Love
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FR. STEPHEN DE YOUNG

Tues, 18 May 7:00–8:30 pm • via Zoom

Advanced registration: tinyurl.com/LoveOfScripture

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"Cultivating the Fundamentals
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Join us on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 pm as we learn why we need to cultivate a true “Love of the Scriptures.” Open to all, not just Religious Educators.

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When wanting to know more about the Scriptures from an Orthodox perspective, many people turn to Fr. Stephen De Young. He holds a PhD in Biblical Studies from Amridge University and he studied at Balamand Univeristy where he received a Masters Degree. On Ancient Faith Radio, he is the host of the “Whole Counsel of God” podcast and co-hosts a live call-in show/podcast, “The Lord of Spirits” and is the author of the Whole Counsel Blog.

For eight years, he served in Charleston, WV as the priest of St George Orthodox Cathedral before heading to Archangel Gabriel Orthodox Church in Lafayette, LA where he has been since 2017.

MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 GREAT & HOLY PASCHA Vespers of Agape 1:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt	3	4 GOYA VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 7:00 p.m. Pastry Prep 9:30am - ?	5 Pastry Prep 9:30 am - ?	6 GREEK2GO DAYS	7 GREEK2GO DAYS	8 GREEK2GO DAYS
9 Thomas Sunday Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. MOTHER'S DAY	10 St. George, the Great-Martyr Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	11 Philoptochos General Meeting & Elections 7:00 p.m. (via Zoom) GOYA VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 7:00 p.m.	12 Orthodoxy Now! 7:30 p.m.	13	14	15 GOYA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT at Holy Cross
16 Myrrh-bearers Sunday Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.	17 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	18 GOYA VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 7:00 p.m.	19 Orthodoxy Now! 7:30 p.m.	20	21 Ss. Constantine & Helen Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.	22
23 Sunday of the Paralytic Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. Church School & Graduation Sunday	24	25 GOYA VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 7:00 p.m.	26 Orthodoxy Now! 7:30 p.m.	27	28	29
30 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.	31 Memorial Day Divine Liturgy/ Trisagion at Homewood Cemetery 9:30 a.m. Trisagion at Wilkinsburg Cemetery 12:00 noon Church Office Closed					