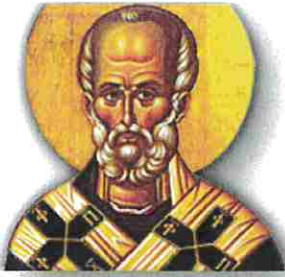


APRIL 18, 2021 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – ST. MARY OF EGYPT

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Tone 4

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

Father's Cell & Email: 724-630-3483; frchbender@verizon.net

PROTOPSALTIS: Konstantinos Fekos

CHANTER: Steve Andrews

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Steve Andrews

ORGANIST: Haley Cobb

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 MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the soul of the servant of God **George Lykos (4 yrs)**. May God grant him eternal rest.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to the family of **Toula Peterson** who passed away in the Lord on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Her funeral took place on Friday, April 16th. May God grant comfort to her family in their time of loss, and May her Memory be Eternal.

TODAY – GOYA MEETING AFTER CHURCH SERVICES

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Monday, Apr 19: Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, Apr 20: GOYA Volleyball Practice 7:00-9:00 pm
- Wednesday, Apr 21: Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm.
- Saturday, Apr 24: Lazarus Saturday Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

GREEK2GO DAYS (May 6, 7 & 8, 2021): We need to prepare some pans of Tiropita for this event. If anyone can spare a few hours tomorrow (Monday, April 19th) we would really appreciate your assistance. Assembly begins at 9:30 am. Thank you.

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SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY:

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion in this week's tone (Tone 4):

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world. [SD]

After the procession with the Gospel the usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is chanted:

“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.”

After the Entrance Hymn the Priest reenters the Sanctuary, and the Resurrection hymn is repeated. This is followed by the hymn for the saint of the Day (Mary of Egypt):

Ἐν σοὶ Μήτηρ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ κατ' εἰκόνα· λαβοῦσα γὰρ τὸν σταυρόν, ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καὶ πράττουσα ἐδίδασκες ὑπερορᾶν μὲν σαρκὸς παρέρχεται γάρ, ἐπιμελεῖσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς, πράγματος ἀθανάτου· διὸ καὶ μετὰ Ἀγγέλων συναγάζεται Ὁσία Μαρία τὸ πνεῦμά σου.

In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

Following this, we chant the Hymn for our Church's Patron Saint, St. Nicholas (Tone 4):

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ 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 Seasonal Kontakion is heard:

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε. O Protection of Christians unashamable, mediation to the Creator immovable, O despise not the pleading voices of those in sin, but hasten, O good one, to the help of all of us who in faith cry out to you: speed up your intercession, and press on your supplication, O Theotokos who always protects all those who honor you.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-14. Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. [RSV]

Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45. At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." [RSV]

GOYA

PASTICHIO: Break the Lenten fast with a Greek crowd pleaser, pastichio! It is "a must" on every Pascha (Easter) table! The frozen pastichio pans are 9"X12" 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 still available for Pascha, while supplies last. You can buy pans on Sunday or call the church office to purchase Monday-Friday.

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 | 222 (GOAL 300) |
| Total Pledged | \$118,972.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00) |
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| Avg. Pledge | \$535.91 |

FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL DESK:

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

Upcoming dates to remember:

Palm Making

Saturday, April 24, 2021

(Following the Divine Liturgy)

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, May 2, 2021

(Following the Agape Service)

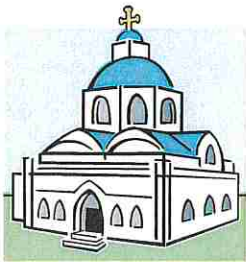
Church School Graduation

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!



**Make checks payable to
The Metropolis of
Pittsburgh
Philoptochos: c/o Paula
Makris Larance
46 Maple Avenue
Wheeling, WV 26003**

**Donations can be made by
scanning this QR Code:**



Sincerely,

Joyce Spanakis
Daffodil Fundraiser Chairperson

Despina Sarantopoulou
Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos President

HELP PHILOPTOCHOS HELP THOSE IN NEED BY
ORDERING OUR NEW LENTEN FUNDRAISER

Sunday Soupa!

Choose from our delicious homemade
Lentil Soup (Fakes) or Bean Soup (Fasolada).
Can't decide.....order *both*!

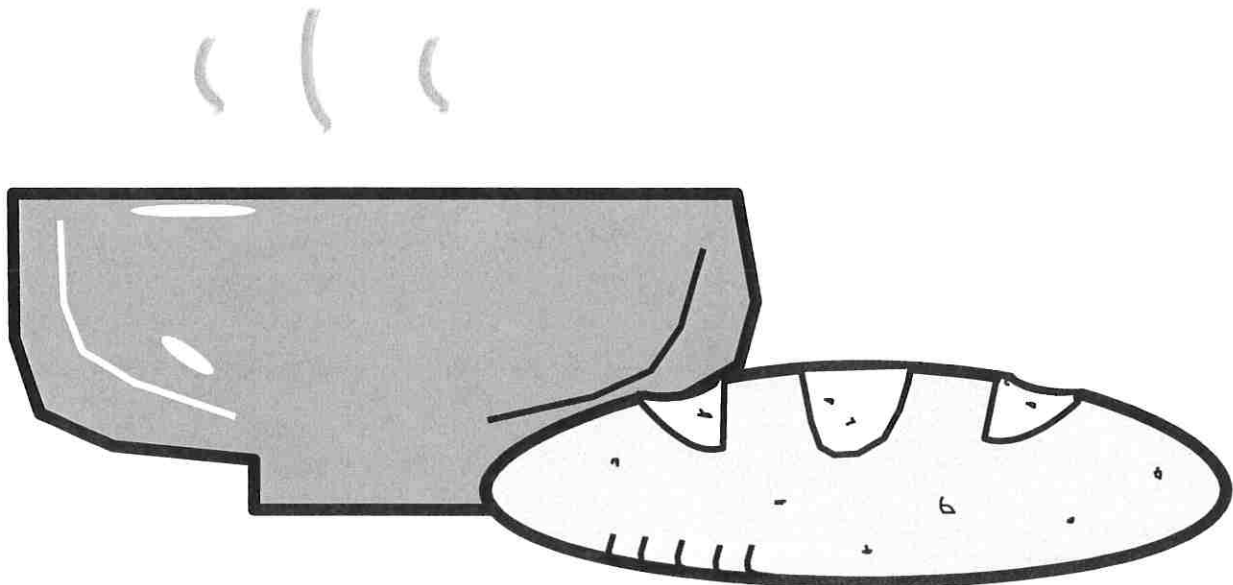
Soups are completely Lenten
and available **ONLY** on **Sunday, April 25**

Each quart-size soup comes with a fresh homemade
loaf of bread by Chef Joe Bardakos

\$10 *qt.*

PREORDERS ONLY

Orders must be placed by Thursday prior to pick-up date
by phone, text or email to Nikki Lykos 412.897.8208 / nvlykos@gmail.com
Cash or check made out to St. Nicholas Philoptochos



ATTENTION:

Palm Making

Saturday, April 24, 2021

**Following the Divine Liturgy in the
Small Hall**



**Remember there is
Church School on
Palm Sunday,
April 25, 2021!**



Please join us for our annual

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, May 2, 2021

Following the Agape Service

**If you wish to help,
please bring one dozen pre-filled plastic eggs on Sunday
and drop them off in the Narthex before Church.**

Questions: Call Michelle Kotsagrellos (412) 680-1416





ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2021

Lazarus Saturday, April 24 – Σάββατο του Λαζάρου, 24 Απριλίου

Orthros, 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

Όρθρος, 8:45 π.μ., Θεία Λειτουργία, 10:00 π.μ.

PALM SUNDAY, April 25 – ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΙΩΝ, 25 Απριλίου:

Orthros, 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

Όρθρος, 8:30 π.μ., Θεία Λειτουργία, 10:00 π.μ.

1st Bridegroom Service, 7:00 p.m. – 1^η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου, 7:00 μ.μ.

Holy Monday, April 26 – Μεγάλη Δευτέρα, 26 Απριλίου:

2nd Bridegroom Service, 7:00 p.m. – 2^η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου, 7:00 μ.μ.

Holy Tuesday, April 27 – Μεγάλη Τρίτη, 27 Απριλίου:

3rd Bridegroom Service, 7:00 p.m. – 3^η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου (Τροπάριον της Κασσιανής), 7:00 μ.μ.

Holy Wednesday, April 28 – Μεγάλη Τετάρτη, 28 Απριλίου:

Holy Unction and Anointing, 5:00 p.m. – Το Ευχέλαιον, 5:00 μ.μ.

Holy Thursday, April 29 – Μεγάλη Πέμπτη, 29 Απριλίου:

Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil, 9:30 a.m.

Εσπερινή Θεία Λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλείου, 9:30 π.μ.

Service of the Holy Passion of our Lord, 6:30 p.m.

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY, APRIL 30 – ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ, 30 Απριλίου:

Royal Hours, 9:00 a.m. – Ακολουθία των Βασιλικών Ωρών, 9:00 π.μ.

Great Vespers (Descent from the Cross), 2:30 p.m. – Εσπερινός της Αποκαθήλωσης, 2:30 μ.μ.

The Lamentations Service, 7:00 p.m. – Ο Επιτάφιος Θρήνος, 7:00 μ.μ.

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY, MAY 1 – ΜΕΓΑ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ, 1 Μαΐου

Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, 9:30 a.m.

Εσπερινός και Θεία Λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλείου, 9:30 π.μ.

Vigil Service, 10:45 p.m. – Παννύχτις, 10:45 μ.μ.

RESURRECTION SERVICE AND DIVINE LITURGY, 11:45 p.m.

ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΕΩΣ ΚΑΙ ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ, 11:45 μ.μ.

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA, SUNDAY, MAY 2 – ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ, 2 ΜΑΙΟΥ

Vespers of Agape, 1:00 p.m. – Εσπερινός της Αγάπης, 1:00 μ.μ. (Volunteers are kindly invited to read the Gospel in various languages – please see Fr. Christopher)

CHRIST IS RISEN! ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΒΟΚΡΕC! HRISTOS A ÎNVIAT!

APRIL 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 18 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. | 19 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 20 GOYA Volleyball 7:00 p.m. | 21 Presanctified Liturgy* 6:00 p.m. | 22 | 23 | 24 Lazarus Saturday Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. |
| 25 Palm Sunday Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Sunday Soupa 11:30 a.m. Bridegroom Service 7:00 p.m. | 26 Holy Monday Bridegroom Service 7:00 p.m. | 27 Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Service 7:00 p.m. | 28 Holy Wednesday Holy Unction & Anointing 5:00 p.m. | 29 Holy Thursday Vespers Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Mystical (Last) Supper 12 Gospels (Crucifixion) Service 6:30 p.m. | 30 Great and Holy Friday Royal Hours 9:00 a.m. Apokathelosis Vespers 2:30 p.m. Lamentations 7:00 p.m. | MAY 1 Great and Holy Saturday Vespers Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Vigil Service 10:45 p.m. Resurrection Service & Paschal Liturgy 11:45 p.m. |
| MAY 2 GREAT & HOLY PASCHA Vespers of Agape 1:00 p.m. | <div> <p>*PLEASE NOTE: Due to the crowded evening schedule of Lenten services, <i>Orthodoxy Now!</i> will go on hiatus as a separate program once Lent starts on March 15. However, Fr. Christopher will instead offer a lesson at the conclusion of each Presanctified Liturgy (between 7:15 and 7:30 pm), which viewers can watch from home with our new A-V system.</p> </div> | | | | | |

St. Nicholas Cathedral NEW Website

Please continue sending photos (i.e., Church Picnics, Food Festival, Greek School Events, etc.). Anyone who would be using an actual photo to start, kindly scan and send, or just take a 'really good picture' of the photo and email to church@stnickspgh.org.

PLEASE INCLUDE:

- Wedding Pics: Please include Maiden name of Bride and Date of Wedding.
- Baptism Pics: Please include Baby's Name, Parents, Godparents, Date/Year of Baptism.
- Other Celebratory Pics: Please include Names of those pictured, Occasion, and Date.

Continue to use the website for filling out your **Stewardship** card, as well as, making a **Donation** toward your yearly Stewardship Commitment.

If anyone has any suggestions for the website, please let us know.

Check out the entire website at: <https://www.stnickspgh.org/>
Sincere thanks from the Website Committee