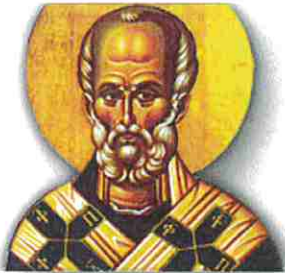


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Orthros Gospel 4 (Luke 24:1-12)

Tone 2



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

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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).

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.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

TODAY'S MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the soul of the servant of God *James Stathopoulos (40 days)*. **TRISAGION SERVICES** are being chanted for the soul of the servant of God *Metropolitan Maximos (6 months) & Vasiliki (Lillian) Kamarados (10 yrs)*. May God grant them eternal rest.

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship in the **small hall** following services, hosted by GOYA and sponsored by the family of James Stathopoulos. The coffee hour will maintain the safety protocols of social distancing and masking.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, May 17:** Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 18:** GOYA Volleyball Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 19:** Orthodoxy Now! 7:30 p.m.
- **Friday, May 21:** Sts. Constantine & Helen Orthros 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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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 ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζῶν χάρισάμενος.

Christ is Risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life.

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

Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραὴλ. 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 the festal hymn once again, followed by this week's Resurrection Apolytikion (Tone 2). Following this we hear the hymn for Joseph of Arimathea: Ὁ εὐσχήμων Ἰωσήφ, ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου καθελὼν, τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, σινδόνι καθαρᾷ, εἰλήσας καὶ ἀρώμασιν, ἐν μνήματι καινῷ, κηδεύσας ἀπέθετο· ἀλλὰ τριήμερος ἀνέστης Κύριε, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος. When he took down Your immaculate Body from the Cross, the honorable Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen shroud with spices and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Next, the Hymn for the Myrrh-bearing women is chanted:

Ταῖς Μυροφόροις Γυναίξι, παρὰ τὸ μνήμα ἐπιστάς, ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα. Τὰ μύρα τοῖς θνητοῖς ὑπάρχει ἀρμόδια, Χριστὸς δὲ διαφθορᾶς ἐδείχθη ἀλλότριος. Ἀλλὰ κραυγάσατε· Ἀνέστη ὁ Κύριος, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

The Angel standing at the sepulcher cried out and said to the myrrh-bearing women: These ointments are appropriate for mortal men, but Christ has been shown to be a stranger to decay. So go and cry aloud, The Lord has risen and granted the world His great mercy. [SD]

The Apolytikion for St. Nicholas follows:

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

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητῆς, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναίξι Μυροφόροις φθελγόμενος, 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 grant resurrection.

APOSTOLIC READING: Acts 6: 1-7. Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Proch'orus, and Nica'nor, and Timon, and Par'menas, and Nicola'us, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶

These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. ⁷And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

GOSPEL: Mark 15: 43-47; 16: 1-8. At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. [RSV]

GOYA NEWS

PASTICHIO: 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 while supplies last. You can buy pans on Sunday or call the church office to purchase Monday-Friday.

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

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

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	243 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$123,672.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$508.94

FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL DESK:



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

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Church School Graduation: Sunday, May 23, 2021

We 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. We appreciate your support.

MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Sts. 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					