

JUNE 6, 2021 – SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

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Tone 5

Orthros Gospel 8



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).

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 **Lillian Paras (Iyr)**. May God grant her eternal rest. **PLEASE JOIN US** for coffee and fellowship in the **small hall** following services, hosted by Little Angels and sponsored by the family of Lillian Paras. The coffee hour will maintain the safety protocols of social distancing and masking if you have not had your vaccine yet.

TODAY: Greek School Graduates honored today, and St Nicholas Dancers - Practice today immediately after Liturgy. Kelly Gary and Jimmy Machin are looking forward to everyone attending.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Tuesday, June 8:** GOYA basketball – 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, June 9:** Orthodoxy Now! 7:30 p.m. (Online-Zoom)
- **Thursday, June 10:** HOLY ASCENSION Orthros, 9 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00am
- **Sunday, June 13:** Tiropita prep 12:00 – 4:00 pm & Monday @ 9:00 am

The Return of our Festival

With the easing of covid restrictions, we are looking forward in September to four days of our St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival, complete with onsite dining, music and dancing by our youth! Some food items need to be made. We will be preparing pans of Tiropita next Sunday, June 13 from 12 noon to 4 and Monday, June 14, starting at 9 am. **Help will be needed.**

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SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Anthem (Tone 5):

Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, και τοις εν τοις μνήμασι ζώήν χαρισάμενος.
Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death,
and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

After the procession with the Gospel the special Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) in Tone 2 is chanted:

Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τόν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραήλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλουῖα.
In the congregations bless God, the Lord, out of the springs of Israel! Save us, o Son of God, who did rise from the dead, we sing to You alleluia.

*After the Entrance Hymn the Priest enters into the Sanctuary, while we hear the Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 5: Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, * and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection. [SD]*

After that, the Troparion for our Church's Patron Saint, St. Nicholas, is chanted (Tone 4):

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμένῃ 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 Kontakion of Pascha in the Eighth Tone is chanted:

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ Ἄιδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν, καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ μυροφόροις φθεγγάμενος. Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν. Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

Apostolic Reading: Acts 16: 16-34. In those days, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely.

Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God. [RSV]

Gospel Reading: John 9: 1-38. At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe": and he worshiped him. [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	247 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$122,872.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$497.46

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.

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!



A GOOD WORD—Λόγον Αγαθόν

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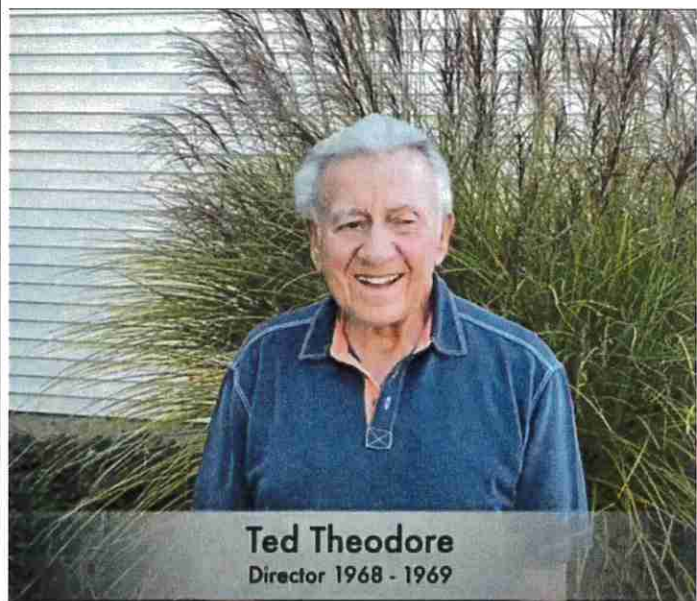


METROPOLIS SUMMER CAMP ALUMNI PROJECT

For over 50 years, campers, staff and clergy have spent summers (and countless retreats) in the Metropolis Camping program—at Camp Mt. Tabor, Antiochian Village, Camp Nazareth, and other beloved locations. Thousands have had their lives enriched by the Metropolis camping program through life-long friendships, a brother and sisterhood in Christ, and even a few marriages.



That's why we're introducing the **Summer Camp Alumni Project**, an effort to connect generations of campers, staff and clergy with one another and with current participants in the camp program. Whether it's been a few decades or a few months since you were last involved, we're asking all alums to join the project by filling out this simple online form at tinyurl.com/gomopalumni.



Ted Theodore
Director 1968 - 1969

Camp alums have shared memories of the same place – perhaps years apart – but together in the same mission of glorifying God. Feel free to share this with camp friends, with your parishes and anyone who is an alumnus of the Metropolis camping program. And share links to these videos with everyone you know who has been to camp.

Alumni video:

<https://youtu.be/74g1f6dUJGo>

Alumni video trailer:

<https://youtu.be/wJzg9J3Pqig>



SUPPORT HIS EMINENCE AND THE METROPOLIS MINISTRIES

It costs approximately \$1,000 per day to operate our Metropolis—including Metropolitan Savas's pastoral visitations, preparations for Summer Camp and GOYA retreats, our vital registry (tracking marriages, baptisms, chrismations, and deaths), and more. Please consider sponsoring a day in the life of the Metropolis. To contribute, visit <https://pittsburgh.goarch.org/support>



NEW METROPOLIS CENTER UPDATE

2021 has been an eventful year for the New Metropolis Center project—with construction drawings near 100% completion, the permitting process in motion, and donors quietly (for now) stepping forward to support the project. Each day we draw closer to the vision of having an easily accessible center designed to bring us together, to the glory of God and for the benefit of our parishes and the Church-at-large.

METROPOLIS RESOURCES ON YOUTUBE

In the age of Zoom video conferences, there is more worthwhile video content than ever available on the Metropolis of Pittsburgh YouTube page, including:



- Religious Education presentations
- Parish Leadership Training
- Finance and Administration videos
- Metropolis Clergy-Laity Presentations
- Stewardship, Outreach, & Evangelism Seminars



To see these (and more), visit <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ-TuHLYga2VkbHEFN1bKw/videos>

Recently, the Religious Education Committee hosted the first two (of a four-part) video series on the **Fundamentals of the Christian Life**. Fr. Steven Freeman spoke about the “Love of the Sabbath” while Fr. Stephen DeYoung offered a presentation on the “Love of Scripture.” Two more presentations (“Love of Prayer” and “Love of Service to Others”) are scheduled for later this year.



Earlier this year, Melissa Spas of the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving at the Lilly Institute spoke to the semi-annual Priests, Presidents & Treasurers Meeting about **‘Nurturing a Culture of Generosity’** in parishes by changing their mindset from scarcity to abundance.

In all, there are more than 30 videos with more on the way. Stay tuned to the Metropolis YouTube page!

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JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Sunday of the Blind Man Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	7	8 GOYA Basketball 7:00 p.m.	9 Orthodoxy Now 7:30 p.m. (via Zoom)	10 HOLY ASCENSION Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	11	12
13 Fathers of 1st Ecumenical Council Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Tiropita Prep 12 – 4 p.m.	14 Tiropita Prep 9:00 am	15 GOYA Basketball 7:00 p.m.	16 Orthodoxy Now 7:30 p.m. (via Zoom)	17	18 Little Angels/HOPE/JOY Sandwich Making for NRP with Philoptochos	19 SATURDAY OF SOULS (bring Koliva) Orthros, 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
20 HOLY PENTECOST <i>Happy Father's Day!</i> SUMMER HOURS BEGIN: Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	21 Monday of the Holy Spirit Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22 GOYA Basketball 7:00 p.m.	23 Orthodoxy Now 7:30 p.m. (via Zoom)	24 Nativity of John the Baptist Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	25	26
27 Sunday of All Saints Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	28 APOSTLES FAST (begins and ends)	29 Martyrdom of Apostles Peter and Paul 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. GOYA Basketball 7:00 p.m.	30 Orthodoxy Now 7:30 p.m. (via Zoom)			