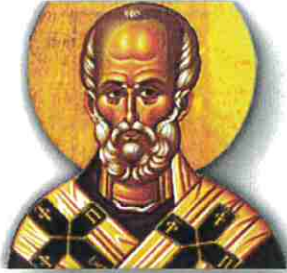


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WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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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 souls of the servant of God **Mary Sockos (1 year), Koralia (Margie) Smyrnes (4 years) and Michael (Mike) V. Smyrnes (6 years)**. May God grant them eternal rest.

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship in the following services, hosted by Little Angels and sponsored by the Sockos and Smyrnes families. The coffee hour will maintain the safety protocols of social distancing and masking if you have not had your vaccine yet.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, June 21:** Monday of the Holy Spirit: Orthros, 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, June 22:** GOYA Dance Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, June 23:** Orthodoxy Now! 7:30 p.m. (via Zoom)
- **Thursday, June 24:** Nativity of John the Baptist: Orthros, 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

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(SMALL ENTRANCE):

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the troparion for Pentecost (Tone 8):

Εὐλογητὸς εἰ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς
τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν, τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You made the fishermen all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them, You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

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

Υψώθητι, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου, ἄσωμεν καὶ ψαλοῦμεν τὰς δυναστείας σου.
Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Παράκλητε ἀγαθέ, ψάλλοντάς σοι Ἀλληλούϊα.
Be exalted, O Lord, in your power; we will sing and praise your mighty deeds.
Save us, O good Comforter. We sing to You, Alleluia.

As the Clergy reenter the Sanctuary, the hymn for Pentecost is repeated. Then comes the Kontakion of the feast:

Ὅτε καταβὰς τὰς γλώσσας συνέχεε, διεμέριζεν ἔθνη ὁ Ὑψιστος· ὅτε τοῦ πυρὸς τὰς γλώσσας διένειμεν, εἰς
ἐνότητα πάντας ἐκάλεσε, καὶ συμφώνως δοξάζομεν τὸ πανάγιον Πνεῦμα.

When the Most High God came down and confused the tongues, * He divided the nations. When He distributed the tongues of fire, * He called all to unity. And with one voice we glorify the all-holy Spirit.

EPISTLE: Acts 2: 1-11. When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.

GOSPEL: John 7: 37-52; 8: 12. On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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	252 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$125,272.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$497.11

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!

2021 Philoptochos Father's Day Honorees

All Fathers & Friends of St. Nicholas

Anonymous

Harry Andrews

Katie & Alex Andrews

Tony Andrews

Harry, Genia, Katie & Alex Andrews

Theodore Andrianos

Elaine Andrianos

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Pres. Filitsa Bender

Sophia & Maria Bender

Toni Lawson

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George Chronis

Elaine Vitsas

Spencer Cominos

Houston & Evina Frentzos

Tom Conaboy

Katie Andrews

Nick Contis

Stamatia Lykos

John Coutris

Dimitra, Christina & Evangelos Coutris

Perry & Tulla Velisaris

Taki Darakos

Toula, Demetri & Harry Darakos

John Edgos

Houston & Evina Frentzos

Spiro Edgos

Houston & Evina Frentzos

Demetri Ellis

Patricia DiNatale & Melissa Bennett

John Frentzos

Houston & Evina Frentzos

Tommy, Kalliope & Antoni Kristian

Michael Gabriel

Patricia DiNatale

Chris Geronimos

Ted Hages

James Hages

Ted & Nicholas Hages

Dean J. Hanna

Frances Hanna

Chris Kefalos

Anne Kefalos

George Kefalos

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Nicholas Kleissas

Amy Kleissas

John Kristian

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Nicholas Lamprinakos

Debbie Lamprinakos

Emmanuel Lardas

Barbara Polimus

David Levine

Terry & Valerie Carlisano

Deacon Robert Lykos

Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos

Perry & Tulla Velisaris

Jim Machin

Nicholas Hages

Nicholas Malachias

Nick & Zoe Lardas

Nicholas Mastro

Helen Mastro

George Mellis

Alex Andrews

Tom McGuire

Marcie McGuire

Eric D. Mitchell

Leona & Sarah Mitchell

Jose Moreno

Venetia & Evie Moreno

Brian Nelson

Tyson, Tyrann & Tyra Nelson
Brooke Walker

Nawaf Nseir

Helene Nseir

Robert G. Panagulias

Dean Panagulias

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Christina, Catina, & Connie Stamoolis

John Peterson

Jamie Contis
Jasmine Peterson

Mark Peterson

Patti McKee

Fr. Michael Peterson

Jasmine Peterson

Chris Raftis

Denise Raftis

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Paul Sfanos

Kalliope Kristian

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Christina, Catina, & Connie Stamoolis

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Mia, Perry, Dimitri & Nina Velisaris

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Tasso Whipple

Scott Whipple

Tasso & Faith Whipple

Tasso Whipple

Tyra Nelson

Gus Xilas

Denise Raftis

Leo Xyftis

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Peter Yannopoulos

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Theodore Andrews

Anna Andrews

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Gust Bellios

George Bellios

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William & Constance Chapas

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Fr. George E. Chirstulides

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Aphrodite Condos

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Patti McKee

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Melissa Bennett

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Alice Lardas Gary

Michael Geanopoulos

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Pericles Mandros

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Names listed were received by June 13, 2021. We apologize for any misspellings or omissions.

Storm Damage at St. Nicholas Cathedral

The severe storm that passed through our area last Sunday night was too much for Pittsburgh's drainage system to handle. Flood water backed out of most of the drains on the lower levels. The small hall, storage rooms, boiler room, and the lobby outside the small hall were all filled with several inches of water. In addition, water backed out of the restrooms partially covering the lobby outside the large hall. Fortunately, much of this water poured into the elevator shaft and did not spread into the large hall.

The restoration company has had a crew at St. Nicholas all week emptying the storage areas, employing lots of drying fans, and cutting out damaged surfaces. The most significant damage has been the large baseboards and corresponding drywall around the small hall and both lobbies. These are being cut out and removed. The insurance adjuster has visited several times during the week overseeing the effort, though it is too early to know the costs for cleanup and repair.

The storm also badly damaged one of our large oak trees along Forbes Avenue (the one closest to Craig Street). At least half of the branches came down, but, fortunately, fell onto Forbes and did not hit our building. A tree specialist is being scheduled to determine if the remaining branches are cracked and how much of the tree might need to come down.

Help Wanted/ Help Needed!

Next Sunday, June 27, we will be making Kourambeithes for our September Food Festival. We'll be starting immediately after church and go until 4:00. The GOAL is to get it all done on Sunday. We had a great crew last Sunday when we made all the Tiropita we needed in one session so let's do it again!!! ***Please come and help.***

St. Nicholas thanks you!

Parents of children 0-16 years old

Participate in a research study on family well-being in Pittsburgh

Researchers at Pennsylvania State University are recruiting participants for a study on religion, families and children's wellbeing.

Who can participate?

Parents of children 1 month to 16 years old who live in Pittsburgh, both mothers and fathers.

What is involved?

If you are eligible and decide to participate, you will take part in a guided discussion on social networks, families and religious communities with 5-9 other Pittsburgh parents.

How long will it take?

The focus group discussion will take up to 90 minutes.

Compensation

You will be given \$25 in cash or cash equivalent for participating.

For more information and to see if you are eligible, please visit:

<https://redcap.link/religionandfertilityproject>

Or scan the QR code below

If you have questions about participating in this research, please contact Professor Miranda Kaye (mpk180@psu.edu; 814-867-4490) or Diana Crom (dsc15@psu.edu; 814-863-0170) at Pennsylvania State University's Survey Research Center.



JUNE 2021

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