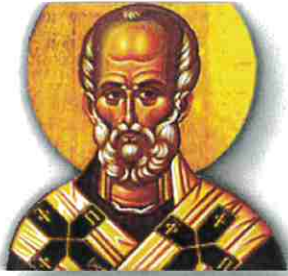


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WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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

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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: June 20 – August 31: Orthros 8:15 a.m. & Divine Liturgy 9:30 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.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to the family of **Gus Xilas** who passed away in the Lord on Saturday June 19, 2021. His funeral took place here on Friday, June 24th at ST Nicholas Cathedral. May God grant comfort to his family in their time of loss, and May his Memory be Eternal.

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship following services, hosted by Parish Council. The coffee hour will maintain the safety protocols of social distancing and masking if you have not had your vaccine yet.

TODAY: KOURAMBIETHES MAKING

Immediately after church today we will be making Kourambeithes for our September Food Festival. The GOAL is to get it all done by 4:00. A lot of cookies need to be made, baked, powdered and stored so the more help we have the easier it will be to reach our goal. ***Please come to the kitchen after services and help us get this done!!!*** St. Nicholas thanks you!

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, June 28:** Apostles FAST begins (and ends)
- **Tuesday, June 29:** Martydom of Apostles Peter & Paul: Orthros, 9 am; Div. Lit. 10 a.m.
Open Gym 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, June 30:** Orthodoxy Now 7:30 pm (Zoom)
- **Sunday, July 4:** Memorial Service for Conrad Mitchell (1 year)

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SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 8: You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You. [SD]

The usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) chanted by the priest in Tone 2 follows:

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν (ἢ ὁ ἐν Ἀγίοις θαυμαστός), ψάλλοντάς σοι Ἀλληλουῖα. 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 Clergy reenter the Sanctuary, while the Resurrection Apolytikion is repeated.

Then, we hear the Hymn honoring All Saints:

Τῶν ἐν ὅλῳ τῷ κόσμῳ Μαρτύρων σου, ὡς πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον τὰ αἵματα, ἡ Ἐκκλησία σου στολισαμένη, δι' αὐτῶν βοᾷ σοι Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, τῷ λαῷ σου τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου κατάπεμψον, εἰρήνην τῇ πολιτείᾳ σου δώρησαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος. Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, "Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy."

After that, the Apolytikion for the patron saint of our church is chanted:

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 has 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.

Then, we hear the Kontakion for the Feastday in the Eighth Tone:

Ὡς ἀπαρχὰς τῆς φύσεως, τῷ φυτουργῷ τῆς κτίσεως, ἡ οἰκουμένη προσφέρει σοι Κύριε, τοὺς θεοφόρους Μάρτυρας· ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, ἐν εἰρήνῃ βαθεῖα, τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν σου, διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου συντήρησον, πολυέλεε. O Lord, Planter of creation, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, You who are abundantly merciful.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2. Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith. [RSV]

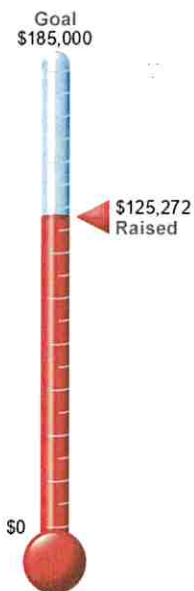
GOSPEL: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30. The Lord said to his disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first." [RSV]

PLEASE NOTE: because Pascha was so late this year, the Apostles Fast only lasts for one day. Thus, it begins and ends tomorrow, June 28. This is a "lighter" fast, similar to that which we observe during the first part of the Pre-Nativity season. Appropriate foods include fruits, vegetables, beans, fish, seafood, and olive or other vegetable oil. Enjoy.

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

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!

Greek School News

St. Nicholas Greek School graduated 7 students to be added to the thousands of students who have graduated from one of the nation's longest, continuously-running Greek Language Schools. Graduating this year on Sunday, June 6, 2021, were Harilaos Bouzos, Christina and Dimitra Coutris, Thanasi (Houston) Frentzos, Alexa Kartofilis, Demetris and Despina (Nina) Velisaris. All children received their diplomas, a St. Nicholas icon ribbon with their name engraved on it, and a copy of the Miraculous Iveron Icon of Hawaii made at the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery in Saxonburg. The Iveron Icon has been streaming myrrh since 2007 and when myrrh from the Iveron Icon was placed on the Kardiotissa Icon in Taylor, PA, it has also been streaming myrrh. May our Most Holy Theotokos always guide and protect all the children. Συγχαρητήρια και σ'ανώτερα to all the graduates.

With Covid in its height this school year, we operated almost entirely through zoom. Most teachers taught two days. Only the last three weeks of school were in person.

On June 5, which was the last day of school, an end of the year program was performed by all classes starting from Kindergarten through 7th. The theme of this program was "1821" because, due to Covid, we were unable to hold a March 25th program. This is also a historic 200 years since Greece declared its Independence for the 400- year enslavement from the Ottoman Turks. The short and beautiful program consisted of a variety of songs, poems, a skit, and dancing.

The teaching staff of Sophie Vroulos, Elissavet Voreadi, Christina Retsou, Katia Liangou, Dimitra Agapitidou, Toula Protopapa, Aikaterini Mavrikis, and the principal Maria Stamoolis wish to everyone «Υγεία και Καλές διακοπές!»





ST NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX DANCERS PERFORMING
IN STEUBENVILLE, OHIO
For their Food Festival Thursday, June 24, 2021





Greek Revolution 1821**CYPRUS 1821-2021****A TRIBUTE TO THE CYPRIOT HEROES**

July 7 – 11, 2021

*All the virtual events (live events, below,) begin at 8 PM on the 7th – 11th of July, 2021**at <https://pahellenicfoundation.org/2021/Cyprus>***Dear Friends**

The American Hellenic Foundation of Western Pennsylvania, together with its partners (the Greek Nationality Room Committee at Pitt and the European Art Center of Greece) continues its celebration and commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Greek Revolution 1821 with a first-in-America series of presentations featuring the Cypriot contributions and sacrifices to the Struggle in a July five-day program of events entitled: "Cyprus 1821-2021: A Tribute to the Cypriot Heroes".

Schedule:

July 7, 2021, 8 PM

CYPRIOIS IN THE REVOLUTION OF 1821

Commemorating the Cypriot historic persons and martyrs of the Revolution

DISTINGUISHED GUEST: His Excellency Marios Lyssiotis, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the US

July 8, 2021 8 PM

LETTERS FROM CYPRUS

John Carne, Esq., Queen's College Cambridge, 1826

The Massacres of July, 1821

July 9, 2021 8 PM

HYMNOLOGIC ENCOMIUM**Archbishop Kyprianos of Cyprus and the Martyrs of July 1821****"The Triodion of the Hieromartyr": PART I**

A Set of *Prosomia* and *Doxastika* composed in authentic Byzantine hymnologic tradition
and in the English language, dedicated to the Cypriot Hieromartyr

Archbishop Kyprianos (+1821)

Presented in Three Sets ("Odes")

By members and friends of the Byzantine Choir of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis

AND**POETIC TRIBUTE TO THE MARTYRS: PART I**

A Presentation in Three Parts: The Epic Poem "9th of July" by Vasilis Michaelides
as translated into English for the first time and as included in the published work

"Slaughter Us All and Make our Blood a River..."

by Andreas Antoniou Melas

*Recited by Students of Cypriot Descent and Friends of Cyprus**with an Introduction by Andreas Antoniou Melas***DISTINGUISHED GUEST: Mr. Andreas Antoniou Melas**

July 10, 2021 8 PM

HYMNOLOGIC ENCOMIUM**"The Triodion of the Hieromartyr": PART II****AND****POETIC TRIBUTE TO THE MARTYRS: PART II**

July 11, 2021 8 PM

HYMNOLOGIC ENCOMIUM**"The Triodion of the Hieromartyr": PART III****AND****POETIC TRIBUTE TO THE MARTYRS: PART III**

For more information, you can reach is at:

contact@pahellenicfoundation.org

JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Orthros, 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Open Gym 7:00 p.m.	30 Orthodoxy Now! 7:30 p.m. (via Zoom)	1	2	3
4 2nd Sunday of Matthew Orthros, 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!	5 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	6 Open Gym 7:00 p.m.	7 Orthodoxy Now! 7:30 p.m. (via Zoom)	8	9	10
11 3rd Sunday of Matthew Orthros, 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	12	13 Open Gym 7:00 p.m.	14 Orthodoxy Now! 7:30 p.m. (via Zoom)	15	16	17
18 Sunday of the Holy Fathers of 4th Ecumenical Council Orthros, 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	19 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 p.m.	20 Open Gym 7:00 p.m.	21 Orthodoxy Now! 7:30 p.m. (via Zoom)	22	23	24
25 5th Sunday of Matthew Orthros, 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	26	27 Open Gym 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30	31