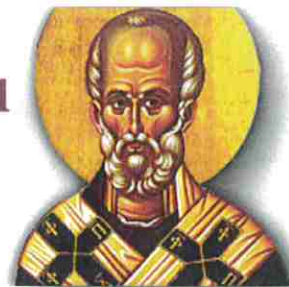




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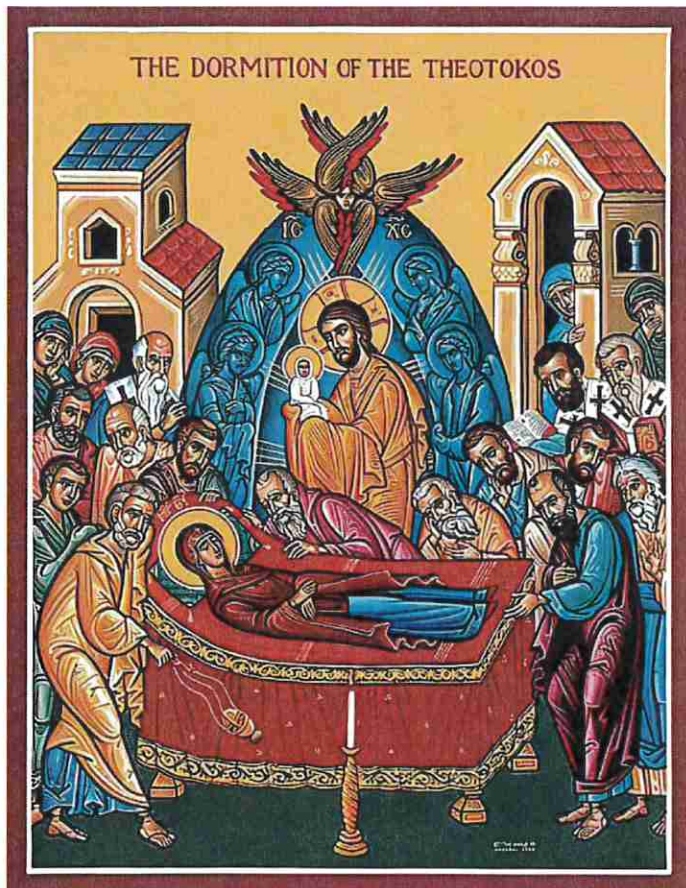
### AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER

Sunday, August 15, 2021

#### Dormition of the Theotokos

The feast of the Dormition or Falling-asleep of the Theotokos is celebrated on the **fifteenth of August**, preceded by a two-week fast.

This feast, which is also sometimes called the Assumption, commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Christ's mother.



#### 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.

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Orthros 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

Summer Hours (July & August):

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Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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## FATHER'S MESSAGE

Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ: I had hoped by now that we would be almost finished, as a nation and a world, with the deadly COVID-19 virus. Alas, that is not, in fact, the case. As most of us realize, a deadly new variant, called "Delta," has emerged that is far more contagious and can potentially make those who contract it far more ill, leading to a higher fatality rate. (To date, that those who have been properly vaccinated are generally protected from contracting the variant virus in most cases. But, even in those few cases where they do take ill, they rarely suffer the worst outcomes, and eventually recover.) This means that we don't have the luxury of pretending that the threat from this pandemic is gone completely. This month, in place of my own message, I present to you an important letter of instruction from His All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, released early in the outbreak, regarding our responsibilities vis-a-vis the COVID-19 virus at that time. While some circumstances have changed in the meantime, the spiritual and moral message it conveys is as relevant today as the day it was written. This is followed by an excerpt from an interview that His All Holiness gave to the Greek newspaper "Vima Tis Kyriakis" a year later, in January 2021, which includes a stern warning to those who deny the threat of the virus and endanger themselves and others as a result of refusing to be vaccinated.

As a gentle reminder, please keep in mind that the instruction we received from His Eminence Metropolitan Savas, based on guidelines from the State of Pennsylvania, permit those who have been fully vaccinated to circulate, both outdoors and indoors, without face masks. **Those who have not been vaccinated for whatever reason, however, are still required to wear a face mask in indoor contexts, such as at Church services or other social events.** People who have been vaccinated but who are immunocompromised are strongly recommended to consult their doctor about whether to continue wearing a face mask. The introduction of the Delta variant into our area makes these precautionary practices even more urgent. Remember: the life you save may be your own, or that of someone you dearly love.

In Christ's love, Father Christopher – 8/1/2021

### HIS ALL HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW'S PASTORAL MESSAGE REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (3/19/20)

Brother hierarchs and beloved children in the Lord,

From the Phanar, from the heart of the Queen of Cities, from the City of the Great Church and of Haghia Sophia, we are communicating with each and every one of you – women, men, and children – because of the unprecedented conditions and tribulation that we are facing as a human race as a result of the global threat posed by the pandemic of the new coronavirus, called Covid-19.

The voice of the Church, of the Mother Church, cannot be silent in such times. Our words, then, take the form we have learned through the ages: through the liturgy and through instruction, with encouragement and consolation.

We sincerely thank all those who struggle with self-sacrifice, even neglecting themselves and their families, including:

- Medical and nursing professionals at the front lines, beside our brothers and sisters who are suffering,
- Researchers and scientists searching for proper medication and vaccination to deliver us from this virus, but also
- All those actively working hard to address this pandemic.

## *FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't*

Your contribution is invaluable. It is an offering to all of society. It is a sacrifice that deserves every honor and gratitude. All of us thank you and applaud you, not only from the windows of our homes, but everywhere and at all times. Our thoughts and our prayers are with you.

In this struggle, our appointed states, governments and appropriate health authorities have the primary responsibility for planning, confronting and overcoming this crisis. We might describe them as Commanders on the battlefield against an invisible, but now well-known, enemy. An enemy that has turned against humanity.

The burden of the responsibility, that they bear on their shoulders, by necessity demands the cooperation of us all. Now is the time of personal and social responsibility. Therefore, our dear children, we entreat you as your spiritual father to respond faithfully and patiently to all the difficult but necessary measures proposed by our health authorities and nations. Everything is being done for our protection, for our common good, in order to contain the spread of this virus. Our liberation from this distress depends entirely on our own cooperation.

Perhaps some of you have felt that these drastic measures undermine or harm our faith. However, that which is at stake:  
is not our faith – it is the faithful.  
It is not Christ – it is our Christians.  
It is not the divine-man – but human beings.

Our faith is firmly established in the roots of our culture. Our faith is a living faith, and there is no exceptional circumstance that can limit or suppress it. What must be limited and suppressed in these extraordinary circumstances are gatherings and large congregations of people. Let us remain in our homes. Let us be careful and protect those around us. And there, from our homes, strengthened by the power of our spiritual unity, let each and every one of us pray for all humankind.

We will pass through this period like a journey through the desert to reach the Promised Land, where science, by the grace of God, will overcome this virus. We are certain that, through our prayers as well, science will indeed prevail. So it is good for us to remain united in spirit, as we continue the struggle of repentance and holiness.

We see our neighbors suffering from the consequences of the virus, while others have already fallen and departed from among us. Our Church hopes and prays for the healing of the sick, for the souls of the departed, and for courage and strength to the families of the afflicted.

This trial, too, shall pass. The clouds will clear, and the Sun of Righteousness will eliminate the deadly effect of the virus. But our lives will have changed forever. This trial is an opportunity for us to change for the better. In the direction of establishing love and solidarity.

Beloved children in the Lord, may the blessing of the Lord, through the intercessions of the All-Holy Mother of God, accompany us in our journey, transform our voluntary isolation into genuine communion, and become our prayer and destination to appreciate the meaning of this, so that we may return to that which is true, to that which is pleasing to God!

EXCERPT FROM INTERVIEW WITH PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW IN GREEK  
NEWSPAPER *VIMA TIS KYRIAKIS* (1/13/21)

*VIMA*: Your All Holiness, the whole world is plagued by the pandemic. And yet there are people, among them Church members - clergy and laity - who deny the disease, while thousands of doctors and nurses are fighting for their lives to help the sick. What is your opinion?

Patriarch Bartholomew: "The pandemic changed our social life, our daily life, our participation in the life of the Church. All this time we are shocked by the sufferings of countless of our fellow human beings and are impressed by the self-sacrifice of doctors and nurses. That is why it is unacceptable, in the face of so many victims and so much pain, to have people who deny the reality of the pandemic, who consider it a fabrication of "various circles." It is even more provocative when such views are expressed by Christians, often by clergy, who self-proclaim to be defenders of a God of their own. The New Testament affirms that whoever does not love man, cannot love God.

They are indifferent to the protection of fellow human beings. The rejection of the mask and all precautionary measures does not arise simply from ignorance but from the necrosis of love within them. Science, when it opens auspicious prospects for the future of mankind, is a gift from heaven. Our faith certainly is not affected when we follow the instructions of experts. Nor do the restrictions on participation in the Services diminish the importance of the Church and what is conducted in it for the life of the faithful. Protective measures are not directed against the Church. They protect the faithful, who, like everyone else, are just as vulnerable to the virus."

*VIMA*: Will you get the coronavirus vaccine?

Patriarch Bartholomew: "Of course I will get the vaccine. Besides, I think this is required based on my age. I am close to 81, so I belong to the age group that needs to be vaccinated. But it is not only a matter of necessity or choice, but also a responsibility to fellow human beings. That is why I hope that a large part of the world's population will soon be vaccinated for the spread of the deadly virus to stop. Of course, until then, we must all strictly observe the protective measures so as not to mourn more victims."

*VIMA*: In the Orthodox Church there have been various tendencies and thoughts about the concerns expressed by some about the dangers of transmission of the virus during Divine Liturgy. Do you think that there could be a commonly accepted response that is in line with the findings of science, the sensitivities of all believers and the dynamic tradition of the Church?

Patriarch Bartholomew: "This is not the first time in her history that our Church faces a pandemic and insecurities caused by it. At the beginning of the health crisis, we addressed a letter to our brother Orthodox Primates asking them to communicate their own thoughts on the issue. Their positions coincided with those of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Thus, in June, the Holy Synod reminded everyone that the Church remains steadfast and immovable in her teaching regarding the essence of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, which is non-negotiable."

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**IN MEMORIAM: JOHN RANGOS SR., PITTSBURGH PHILANTHROPIST AND BUSINESSMAN  
PITTSBURGH—July 21, 2021—**

The Board of Directors of The John G. Rangos Sr. Charitable Foundation is profoundly saddened to announce the passing of chairman and founder John G. Rangos Sr. Mr. Rangos died following a brief illness on Wednesday, July 21, 2021. He was surrounded by his loving children, John Rangos Jr., Alex Rangos, and Jenica Rangos Welch. He was one week shy of his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

Mr. Rangos was an entrepreneur who launched and led multiple corporations across a range of industries starting in the 1970s. Those businesses included environmental services, security, technology, and more. His commitment to recycling and renewable energy was ahead of its time.

His success charted a course for Mr. Rangos to pursue his lifelong passion for giving back. His philanthropy was particularly focused on advancing medical science, supporting education, and improving quality of life for children and families throughout Western Pennsylvania and beyond.

Mr. Rangos founded The John G. Rangos Sr. Charitable Foundation in 1987 and dramatically expanded its partners and programs for over three decades. The impact of his generosity is apparent throughout the city of Pittsburgh. The Rangos Research Center at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, The Rangos School of Health Sciences at Duquesne University, Rangos Hall at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), and The Rangos Giant Cinema at the Carnegie Science Center are just a few among many.

Encouraging collaboration among bright young minds was a common theme. A long-standing relationship with Johns Hopkins Medicine inspired the dedication of the Rangos Life Sciences Building in the Science + Technology Park at Johns Hopkins University, a professorship of Adult Medicine, an Award for Creativity in Cancer Discovery, and a partnership between Johns Hopkins and the University of Patras in Greece. Mr. Rangos was extremely proud of his Greek heritage. He was founder and former chairman of the International Orthodox Christian Charities and an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople, the Church's highest lay honor. Mr. Rangos also established the Information Networking Cooperative Exchange with the Athens Institute of Technology and a collaborative Master of Science program in Greece through CMU.

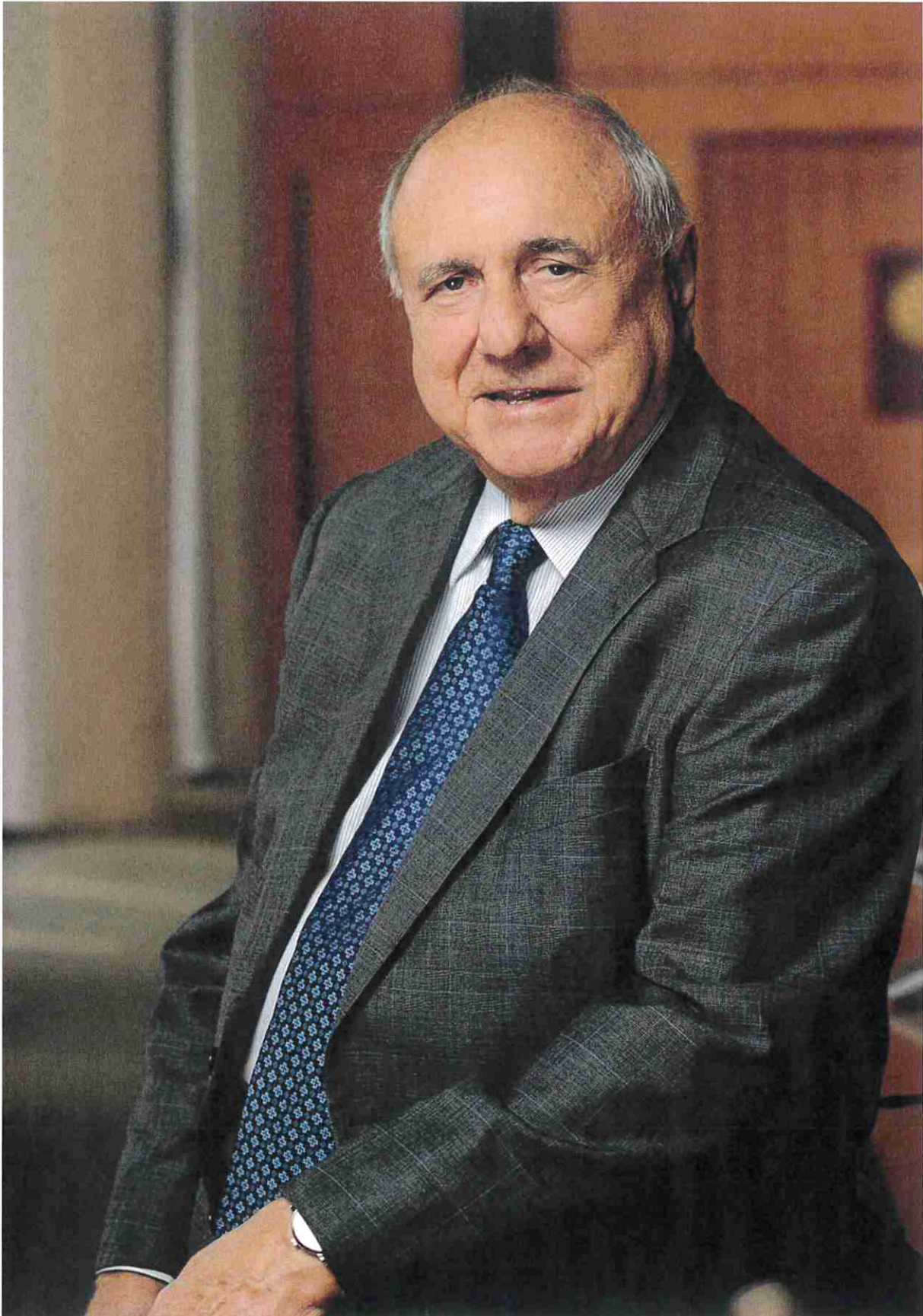
Mr. Rangos was born in Steubenville, Ohio in 1929, a depression-era child. As a young man, he attended the Houston School of Business, which he interrupted to join the military. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1954. In later years, he worked with the Congressional Medal of Honor Society to create the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation and served as its first chairman. Throughout his entire life, Mr. Rangos continued a personal mission to serve his country by helping veterans and their families.

Through decades of service to hundreds of nonprofit organizations, Mr. Rangos sat on innumerable boards and committees contributing his time and expertise locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. His presence and his support touched hearts, saved lives, and truly made the world a better place. Funeral arrangements will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: A photo of John Rangos Sr. is embedded in this news release.





## *SACRAMENTAL LIFE*

### FUNERAL

*Our deepest condolences to the Family of **Dimitrios Menas** who fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, July 5, 2021. His funeral was on Friday, July 09, 2021 here at St Nicholas Cathedral.  
May his Memory be Eternal!*

*Our deepest condolences to the Family of **John Rangos** who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, July 11, 2021. His funeral was private.  
May his Memory be Eternal!*

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## *PHILOPTOCHOS*

I am honored and humbled to be the President of Philoptochos. I look forward to working with all of you and the other elected board members. Our first meeting will be a board meeting in September and a general meeting in October. The general meetings will be on Sundays after coffee hour. A zoom link for those who want to continue to join us virtually will be provided. We are always open to suggestions and ideas. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or another board member. I am truly blessed to have you all support Philoptochos and our mission. God Bless you all.

Respectfully,  
Maria Bardakos



## GOYA

The St. Nicholas Dancers were once again invited to dance at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Steubenville, Ohio on June 24. Our dancers had a wonderful time performing to one of the largest crowds at their festival. Thank you to all the dancers, families and their instructors, Kelly Gary and Jimmy Machin for their dedication and commitment to St. Nicholas. Our dancers are looking forward to performing during our upcoming festival in September.





## GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

On Sunday, June 6, 2021 was Greek School Graduation. Graduates this year were Harilaos Bouzos, Christina and Dimitra Coutris, Thanasi (Houston) Frentzos, Alexa Kartofilis, and Demetris and Despina (Nina) Velisaris. They did a wonderful job this year with their teacher, Katerina Mavriki, working with zoom through the pandemic. The graduation gifts they received were a personalized St. Nicholas icon ribbon, and a copy of the Miraculous Iveron Icon of Hawaii which was made by the Sisters of the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery in Saxonburg. It was the Iveron Icon which has been streaming myrrh since 2007, and when some of the myrrh from the Iveron Icon was placed on the Kardiotissa Icon in Taylor, PA, the Kardiotissa Icon has also been streaming myrrh from that time. May our Most Holy Theotokos always guide and protect all of the children and all of us.

St. Nicholas Greek School had opened for only two days in person, this past year. On June 5, an end of the year program was performed by all classes starting from Kindergarten to 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The theme was “1821” because we were unable to hold a March 25<sup>th</sup> program this year. With this being a historic 200 years since Greece declared its Independence for the 400-year enslavement from the Ottoman Turks, it was important for us to acknowledge and celebrate this event. Children performed a short and beautiful program consisting of songs, poems, a skit, and dancing.

The next school year, 2021-2022, is scheduled to start, in person, on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September for K-7<sup>th</sup> grade. In order to start First Grade, a child must be in First Grade or higher to start First Grade Greek School. It is preferable that the child reads in English in order to facilitate learning Greek and help the child achieve success.

This coming year there is wonderful news of accredited classes now available for learning Modern Greek. CLRC (Classical Learning Resource Center) which has been offering online classes for 12 years **and is fully accredited**, will now be offering **accredited Modern Greek** – five classes. Their goal is to support the Metropolis Greek Schools and assist to help everyone who wants to learn Greek, to be able to do it. Please take a look at the enclosed flyer.

If you have questions or would like to enroll your child in St. Nicholas Greek School, please e-mail Maria at [mstamoolis@verizon.net](mailto:mstamoolis@verizon.net)



## GREEK SCHOOL, Con't



CLRC now offers online modern Greek classes!  
Our goal is to support local parish Greek schools by providing classes for those who:

- cannot attend their parish Greek school,
- don't have a Greek school,
- or don't have access to the level they need at their local Greek school.

# MODERN GREEK

### Instructor: Dimitra Salavasili M.A.

Ms. Salavasili is a native speaker and a professional educator with 10 years of teaching experience both in person and online.



Ms. Salavasili is offering 5 levels of Modern Greek courses:

- 1 Lower Elementary Modern Greek
- 2 Upper Elementary Modern Greek
- 3 Beginners Modern Greek  
(Middle School - Adult)
- 4 A1 Level Modern Greek  
(Middle School - Adult)
- 5 A2 Level Modern Greek  
(Middle School - Adult)

### About the CLRC

CLRC has been offering online classes for the last 12 years and is fully accredited by WASC, the accrediting commission for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Because of this accreditation, we're happy to let you know that many high schools and colleges will accept successful completion of the A1 and A2 levels with CLRC to satisfy their foreign language requirements.

Class sizes are intentionally kept small (maximum of 10 students) to allow maximum participation during class hours. In addition to 1-2 hours of live instruction each week, Ms. Salavasili provides structured homework during the week to enable students to continue to practice the language at home.

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Corinthians 13:13

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2021 STEWARDSHIP		07/20/2021
Total Stewards		262
Total Amount Pledged		\$ 127,522.00
Average Pledge		\$ 486.73
% Parish Participation to Date		87%
2021 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		69%
2021 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 185,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$ 117,458.59
As of:		06/30/2021
Income: Pledges & Basket Collection and Greek2Go	\$ 196,983.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$ 196,349.00	
	\$ 634.00	



# STEWARDSHIP, Con't

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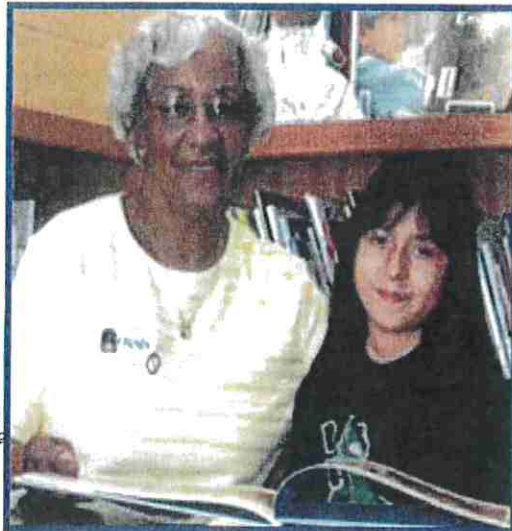
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**August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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*Gerontissa Theophano and the Sisters warmly welcome you to the  
Monastery's Summer Feast Days*

All 3 will be held on Saturdays this year due to weekday construction.



**Prophet Elias  
Feast Day**

July 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday  
5:00 pm: Vespers, Orthros

July 17<sup>th</sup> - Saturday  
9:00 am: Hours, Divine Liturgy

**Memorial Commemoration  
Come and Honor the Memory  
of  
Gerontissa Taxiarchia**

August 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday  
9:00 am: Hours, Divine Liturgy, Memorial Service

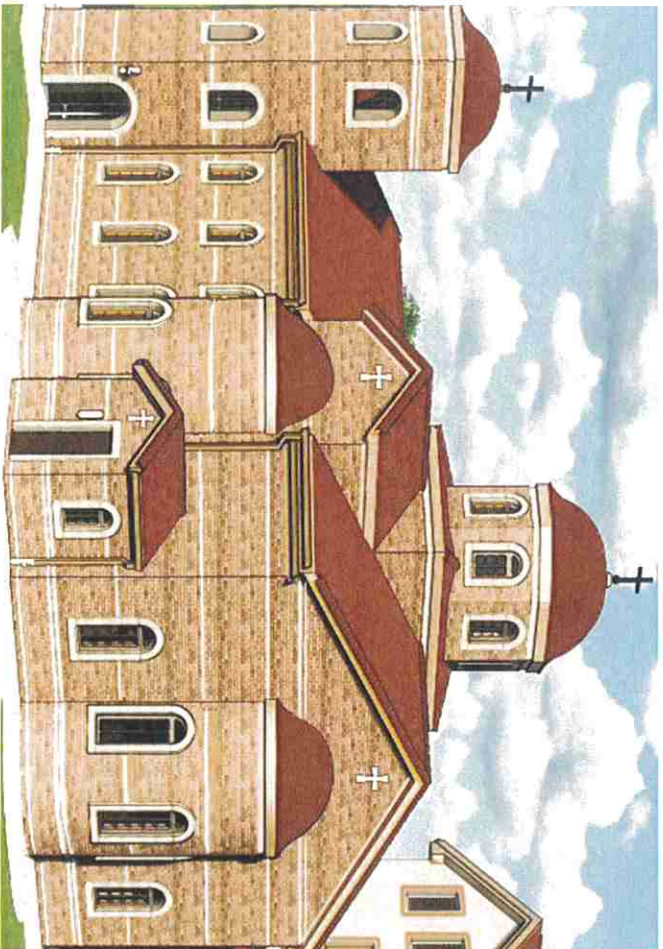


**Nativity of the  
Theotokos  
Feast Day**

September 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday  
5:00 pm: Vespers, Orthros

September 11<sup>th</sup> - Saturday  
9:00 am: Hours, Divine Liturgy





*Building a new Monastery: come see our progress!*

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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Our Picnic will be held after church at the

**Anderson Shelter** in Schenley Park.

Location: Schenley Drive off Blvd of Allies

Come celebrate the end of the  
Summer with Great Food,  
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Bring the whole family and bring  
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*Lamb served at 1:30 p.m.*

Coming from the Church: Turn left onto Fifth Ave. Turn left onto Bouquet St. Turn left onto Forbes Ave. Turn right onto Bigelow. Turn left onto Schenley Drive and head toward Phipps Conservatory. Turn right at stop sign and once you cross the Panther Hollow Bridge, make an immediate right at the end of the bridge. There will be plenty of tables and chairs, and ample parking. Please look for our signs and Greek Flag!

*Sponsored by the Parish of St Nicholas Cathedral*



# AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6th Sunday of Matthew Orthros, 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.	2 Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.	3 Opem Gym 7:00 p.m.	4 Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.	5	6 HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST Orthros 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.	7
		<b>DORMITION FAST—AUGUST 1-14</b>				
8 7th Sunday of Matthew Orthros, 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.	9 Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.	10 Opem Gym 7:00 p.m.	11 Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.	12 Parish Council, 7:00 p.m.	13 Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.	14
		<b>DORMITION FAST—AUGUST 1-14</b>				
15 Dormition of the Theotokos Orthros, 8:15 am Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.	16	17 Opem Gym 7:00 p.m.	18	19	20	21
	<b>Father Bender Away Sunday, August 15 (afternoon) - Sept 3</b>					
22 9th Sunday of Matthew Orthros, 8:15 am Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.	23	24 Opem Gym 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27	28 GOYA Kickoff Party
29 Beheading of John the Baptist Orthros, 8:15 am Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.	30	31 Opem Gym 7:00 p.m.	Sept 1	2	3	



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