

July 11, 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Matthew

Euphemia the Great Martyr and Olga, Equal- to-the-Apostles

Orthros Gospel 3

Tone 3



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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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 ***Dimitrios Menas*** who fell asleep in the Lord on Monday July 5, 2021. His funeral took place here on Friday, July 9th. May God grant comfort to his family in their time of loss, and May his Memory be Eternal.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to the family of ***Bonnie Belton*** [the wife of Gerald (Tiny) Belton] who fell asleep in the Lord as a result of an accident on **Thursday, July 8, 2021**. May God grant comfort to her family in their time of loss and May her memory be Eternal.

TODAYS MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the souls of the servant of God, *Ernie Mandros (6 months), Pat Mandros (5 years), and Yianni Contis (6 years)*. May God grant them eternal rest.

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship following services, hosted by Little Angels, HOPE & JOY and sponsored by the families of Ernie Mandros and Deacon & Nikki Lykos. 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:

- **Tuesday, July 13:** Open Gym 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 14:** Orthodoxy Now! 7:30 pm (via Zoom)
- **Saturday, July 17:** St Anthony Greek Orthodox Church, Clairton PA PICNIC
Orthros 9:00 a.m. Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Fr Bender Officiating

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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 3:

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory 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, ψάλλοντάς σοι Ἀλληλούϊα. 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.

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 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, we hear the Kontakion in Tone 4 of the Theotokos:

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδῃς ἀμαρτωλῶν δέησεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε. A protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, Please reject not The prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; Your loving help bring unto us, Who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede

And speed now to supplicate, As a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

TODAY'S EPISTLE READING: 2 Cor. 6:1-10. Brethren, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. [RSV]

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: Mt. 6:22-33 The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." [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	256 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$125,722.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$491.10

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

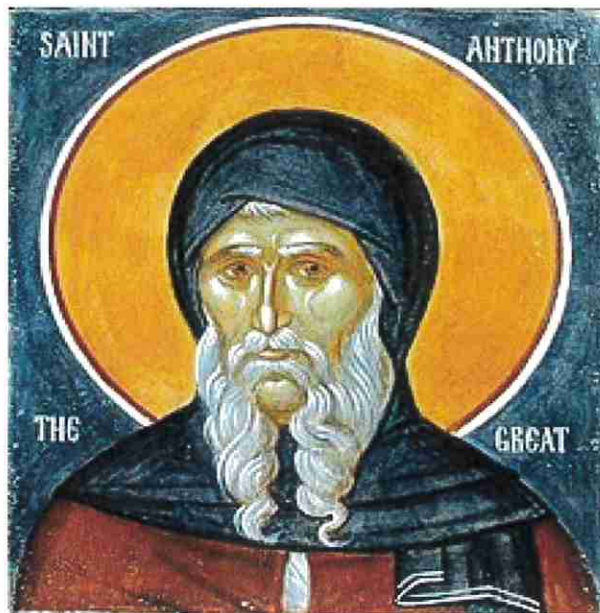
If you have questions about participating in this research, please contact Professor Miranda Kaye (mpk180@psu.edu; 814-867-4490) or Diana Crom (dsc15@psu.edu; 814-863-0170) at Pennsylvania State University's Survey Research Center.



St. Anthony' Greek Orthodox Church

Clairton, Pennsylvania

Annual Summer Picnic 2021



Saturday, July 17, 2021

9am Orthros ~ 10am Liturgy

Rev. Fr. Christopher Bender Officiating

Followed by Luncheon:

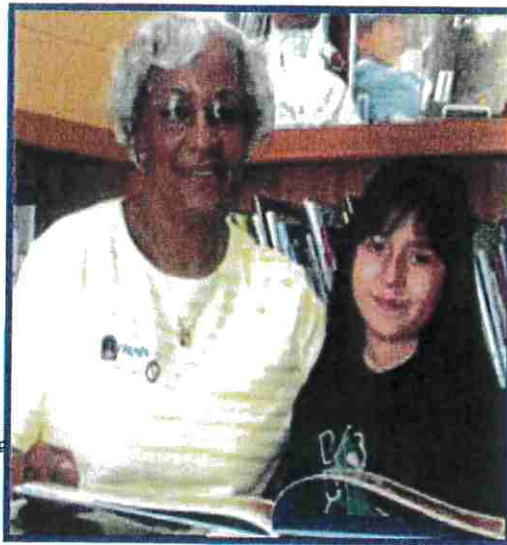
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18 Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council Orthros, 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	19 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 p.m.	20 Open Gym 7:00 p.m.	21 Orthodoxy Now! 7:30 p.m. (via Zoom)	22	23	24
25 5th Sunday of Matthew Orthros, 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	26	27 Panateleimon the Great Martyr Nicholas of Novegorod Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Open Gym 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30	31