

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021 – SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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TONE 1

ORTHROS GOSPEL 2



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

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PROTOPSALTIS: Konstantinos Fekos

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.

TODAYS MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the souls of the servant of God, Conrad Mitchell (1 year), Sophia Hatzivasiliou (2 years) and Anastasios Hatzivasiliou (45 years), [Presbytera's Mother & Father], and Mary Bender (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 Conrad Mitchell and Father & Presbytera Bender. 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, July 5:** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (Independence Day)
- **Tuesday, July 6:** Open Gym 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 7:** Orthodoxy Now! 7:30 pm (via Zoom)
- **Sunday, July 11:** Memorial Service for Ernie Mandros (1 year)

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TODAY'S SPECIAL HYMNS AND READINGS:

AT THE SMALL ENTRANCE:

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 1:

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your kingdom; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind. [SD] Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι ζωοδότα. Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόανθρωπε.

*During the procession with the Gospel the usual **Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn)** is chanted:*

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. [GOA] We sing to You, Alleluia. Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

*Then, we hear the hymn for **St. Nicholas**, our patron saint:*

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. 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.

*Finally, we hear the **usual Kontakion** for this season:*

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you. [SD] Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων 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.

TODAY'S EPISTLE READING: Rom. 2:10-16. Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus. [RSV]

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: Mt. 4:18-23. At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people. [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	253 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$125,372.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$495.54

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!

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

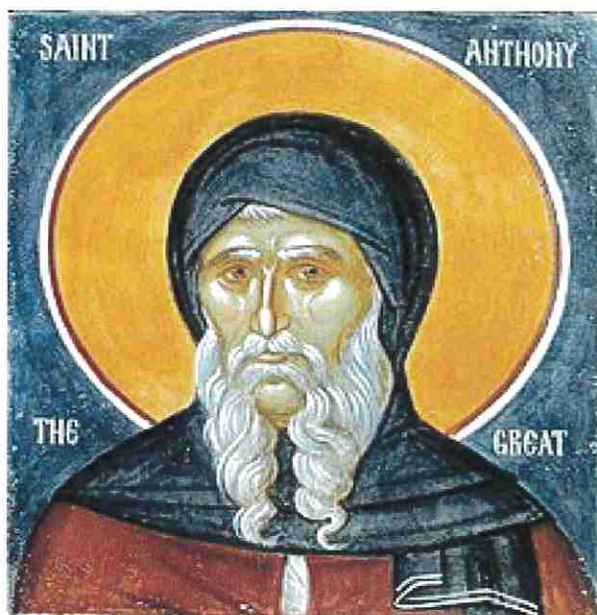
If you have questions about participating in this research, please contact Professor Miranda Kaye (mpk180@psu.edu; 814-867-4490) or Diana Crom (dsc15@psu.edu; 814-863-0170) at Pennsylvania State University's Survey Research Center.



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:

Grilled Souvlaki

Delicious Homemade Greek Foods

424 Miller Avenue, Clairton, PA 15025

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 16th - Friday

5:00 pm: Vespers, Orthros

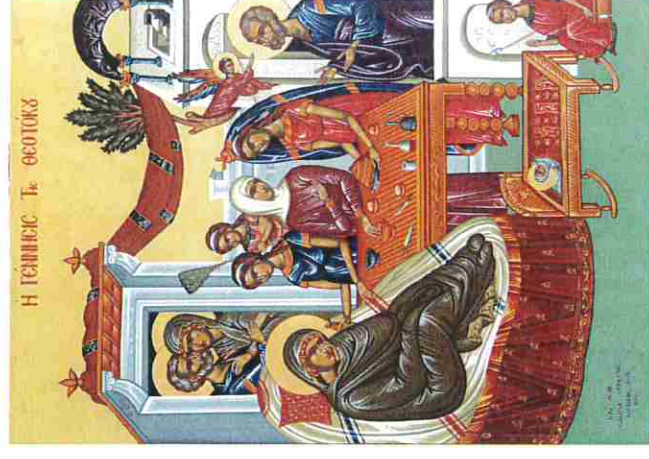
July 17th - Saturday

9:00 am: Hours, Divine Liturgy

Memorial Commemoration Come and Honor the Memory of Gerontissa Taxiarchia

August 7th - Saturday

9:00 am: Hours, Divine Liturgy, Memorial Service



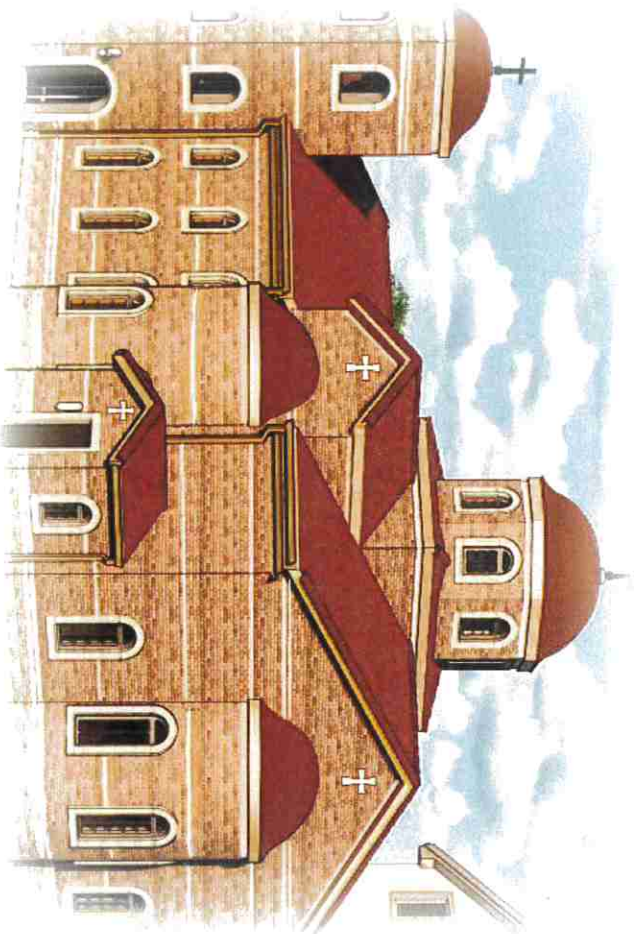
Nativity of the Theotokos Feast Day

September 10th - Friday

5:00 pm: Vespers, Orthros

September 11th - Saturday

9:00 am: Hours, Divine Liturgy



Building a new Monastery: come see our progress!

Spend a peaceful day at the Monastery
with your family and friends!

Enjoy our pastries, frappes and a
variety of items made by the Sisters,
available for purchase.

Visitors should be modestly dressed
for all visits to the Monastery.

Women are asked to wear long skirts and
men to wear long pants.

Please RSVP so that the Monastery has adequate hospitality:

Email us: info@NativityoftheTheotokosMonastery.org OR Call us: (724) 352 - 3999

Browse our Online Gift Shop and place preliminary orders at our web site:

www.NativityoftheTheotokosMonastery.org

We thank you for your love and support,

the Sisters of the

Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery

121 St. Elias Lane Saxonburg, PA 16056

JULY 2021

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4 2nd Sunday of Matthew Orthros, 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!	5 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Independence Day!	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 St Anthony Greek Orthodox Church PICNIC Clairton, PA Orthros 9:00 a.m. Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Fr Bender Officiating
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 Open Gym 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30	31