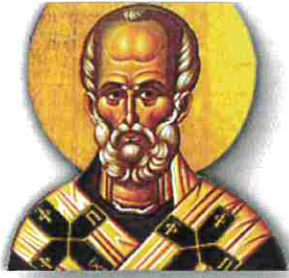


# AUGUST 29, 2021– Beheading of John the Baptist

Commemoration of the Beheading of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.

Tone 1    Orthros Gospel 10



## WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

VISIT [www.stnickspgh.org](http://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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**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, *John Rangos (40 days)* and **TRISAGION SERVICES** for *Bessie Andrews (14 years)*, *Jean Grekis (5 years)*, & *Christina Andnan (2 years)*. May God grant them eternal rest.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for coffee and fellowship following services in the Large Hall, sponsored by the family of John Rangos. If you have not had your vaccine yet, please wear your mask.

**TODAY: *Welcome Back Brunch* and *GOYA* dance practice**

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:**

- **Tuesday, Aug. 31    Open Gym 7:00 p.m.**  
**GOYA Dance Practice 7:00 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

**REMINDER:** Our Sunday Worship schedule will change Sunday, Sept 5, 2021  
(Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.)

Father Bender will be away until Friday, September 3, 2021. Fr. Dean Kokanos of Presentation of Christ Church in East Pittsburgh has graciously agreed to serve as his backup, in the event that the services of a priest are needed. He may be reached at (412)-760-7203.

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Tone 1

*As the clergy exit at the Small Entrance, the Resurrection Hymn in Tone One is chanted:* Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισ-θέντος 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.

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 humankind.

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

*The Tone 1 Resurrection Hymn is repeated. Next, we hear the Apolytikion for St. John the Baptist:* Μνήμη Δικαίου μέτ' ἐγκωμίων, σοὶ δὲ ἀρκέσει ἡ μαρτυρία τοῦ Κυρίου Πρόδρομο· ἀνεδείχθης γὰρ ὄντως καὶ Προφητῶν σεβασμιώτερος, ὅτι καὶ ἐν ῥείθροις βαπτίσαι κατηξιώθης τὸν κηρυττόμενον. Ὅθεν τῆς ἀληθείας ὑπεραθλήσας, χαίρων εὐηγγελίσω καὶ τοῖς ἐν ᾍδῃ, Θεὸν φανερωθέντα ἐν σαρκί, τὸν αἴροντα τὴν ἁμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου, καὶ παρέχοντα ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος. The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you suffices the testimony of the Lord, O Forerunner. You have proved to be truly more venerable than the Prophets, for you were granted to baptize in the river the One whom they proclaimed. Therefore, when for the truth you had contested, rejoicing, to those in Hades you preached the Gospel, that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sin of the world, and grants to us the great mercy.

*Finally, the Kontakion in Tone 1 is chanted:* Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ Ἄννα ὀνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὐὰ, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθέρωθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγίᾳ γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἐορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν. Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life." [GKD]

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**Today's Epistle Reading: Acts 13:25-33:** Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, ὡς δὲ ἐπλήρου ὁ Ἰωάννης τὸν δρόμον, ἔλεγεν, Τίνα με ὑπονοεῖτε εἶναι; Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἐγώ. Ἀλλ' ἰδοὺ, ἔρχεται μετ' ἐμέ, οὗ οὐκ εἰμὶ ἄξιος τὸ ὑπόδημα τῶν ποδῶν λῦσαι. Ἄνδρες ἀδελφοί, υἱοὶ γένους Ἀβραάμ, καὶ οἱ ἐν ὑμῖν φοβούμενοι τὸν θεόν, ὑμῖν ὁ λόγος τῆς σωτηρίας ταύτης ἀπεστάλη. Οἱ γὰρ κατοικοῦντες ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ καὶ οἱ ἄρχοντες αὐτῶν, τοῦτον ἀγνοήσαντες, καὶ τὰς φωνὰς τῶν προφητῶν τὰς κατὰ πᾶν σάββατον ἀναγινωσκομένας, κρίναντες ἐπλήρωσαν. Καὶ μηδεμίαν αἰτίαν θανάτου εὐρόντες, ἠτήσαντο Πιλάτον ἀναιρεθῆναι αὐτόν. Ὡς δὲ ἐτέλεσαν πάντα τὰ περὶ αὐτοῦ γεγραμμένα, καθελόντες ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου, ἔθηκαν εἰς μνημεῖον. Ὁ δὲ θεὸς ἤγειρεν αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν· ὃς ὥφθη ἐπὶ ἡμέρας πλείους τοῖς συναναβᾶσιν αὐτῷ ἀπὸ τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἰς Ἱερουσαλὴμ, οἵτινές εἰσιν μάρτυρες αὐτοῦ πρὸς τὸν λαόν. Καὶ ἡμεῖς ὑμᾶς εὐαγγελιζόμεθα τὴν πρὸς τοὺς πατέρας ἐπαγγελίαν γενομένην, ὅτι ταύτην ὁ θεὸς ἐκπεπλήρωκεν τοῖς τέκνοις αὐτῶν ἡμῖν, ἀναστήσας Ἰησοῦν.

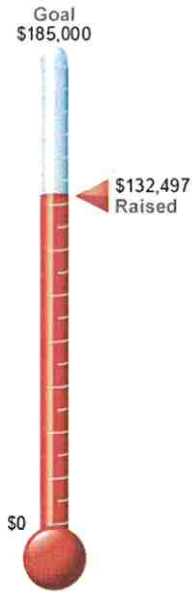
In those days, as John was finishing his course, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie." Brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you that fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets which are read every sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning him. Though they could charge him with nothing deserving death, yet they asked Pilate to have him killed. And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead; and for many days he appeared to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus.[RSV]



**Today's Gospel Reading: Mark 6:14-30.** Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, ἤκουσεν ὁ βασιλεὺς Ἡρώδης· φανερόν γάρ ἐγένετο τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ· καὶ ἔλεγεν ὅτι Ἰωάννης ὁ βαπτίζων ἐκ νεκρῶν ἠγέρθη, καὶ διὰ τοῦτο ἐνεργοῦσιν αἱ δυνάμεις ἐν αὐτῷ. ἄλλοι ἔλεγον ὅτι Ἡλίας ἐστίν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἔλεγον ὅτι προφήτης ἐστίν ὡς εἷς τῶν προφητῶν. ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἡρώδης εἶπεν ὅτι ὃν ἐγὼ ἀπεκεφάλισα Ἰωάννην, οὗτός ἐστιν· αὐτὸς ἠγέρθη ἐκ νεκρῶν. αὐτὸς γάρ ὁ Ἡρώδης ἀποστείλας ἐκράτησε τὸν Ἰωάννην καὶ ἔδησεν αὐτὸν ἐν φυλακῇ διὰ Ἡρωδιάδα τὴν γυναῖκα Φιλίππου τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ αὐτοῦ, ὅτι αὐτὴν ἐγάμησεν. ἔλεγε γὰρ ὁ Ἰωάννης τῷ Ἡρώδῃ ὅτι οὐκ ἔξεστί σοι ἔχειν τὴν γυναῖκα τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ σου. ἡ δὲ Ἡρωδιάς ἐνεῖχεν αὐτῷ καὶ ἤθελεν αὐτὸν ἀποκτεῖναι, καὶ οὐκ ἠδύνατο. ὁ γὰρ Ἡρώδης ἐφοβεῖτο τὸν Ἰωάννην, εἰδὼς αὐτὸν ἄνδρα δίκαιον καὶ ἅγιον, καὶ συνετήρει αὐτόν, καὶ ἀκούσας αὐτοῦ πολλὰ ἐποίει καὶ ἡδέως αὐτοῦ ἤκουε. καὶ γενομένης ἡμέρας εὐκαιροῦ, ὅτε Ἡρώδης τοῖς γενεσίοις αὐτοῦ δεῖπνον ἐποίει τοῖς μεγιστᾶσιν αὐτοῦ καὶ τοῖς χιλιάρχοις καὶ τοῖς πρώτοις τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ εἰσελθούσης τῆς θυγατρὸς αὐτῆς τῆς Ἡρωδιάδος καὶ ὀρχησαμένης καὶ ἀρεσάσης τῷ Ἡρώδῃ καὶ τοῖς συνανακειμένοις, εἶπεν ὁ βασιλεὺς τῷ κορασίῳ· αἰτήσόν με ὃ ἐάν θέλῃς, καὶ δώσω σοι. καὶ ὤμοσεν αὐτῇ ὅτι ὃ ἐάν με αἰτήσῃς δώσω σοι, ἕως ἡμίσεος τῆς βασιλείας μου. ἡ δὲ ἐξελθοῦσα εἶπε τῇ μητρὶ αὐτῆς· τί αἰτήσομαι; ἡ δὲ εἶπε· τὴν κεφαλὴν Ἰωάννου τοῦ βαπτιστοῦ. καὶ εἰσελθοῦσα εὐθέως μετὰ σπουδῆς πρὸς τὸν βασιλέα ᾗτήσατο λέγουσα· θέλω ἵνα μοι δῷς ἐξαυτῆς ἐπὶ πίνακι τὴν κεφαλὴν Ἰωάννου τοῦ βαπτιστοῦ. καὶ περίλυπος γενόμενος ὁ βασιλεὺς, διὰ τοὺς ὅρκους καὶ τοὺς συνανακειμένους οὐκ ἠθέλησεν αὐτὴν ἀθετῆσαι. καὶ εὐθέως ἀποστείλας ὁ βασιλεὺς σπεκουλάτωρα ἐπέταξεν ἐνεχθῆναι τὴν κεφαλὴν αὐτοῦ. ὁ δὲ ἀπελθὼν ἀπεκεφάλισεν αὐτὸν ἐν τῇ φυλακῇ, καὶ ἤνεγκε τὴν κεφαλὴν αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ πίνακι καὶ ἔδωκεν αὐτὴν τῷ κορασίῳ, καὶ τὸ κοράσιον ἔδωκεν αὐτὴν τῇ μητρὶ αὐτῆς. καὶ ἀκούσαντες οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἦλθον καὶ ἦραν τὸ πῶμα αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἔθηκαν αὐτὸ ἐν μνημείῳ.

At that time, King Herod heard that Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod had sent and seized John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; because he had married her. For John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. When he heard him, he was much perplexed; and yet he heard him gladly. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias' daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will grant it." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." And she went out, and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the baptizer." And she came in immediately with haste to the king, and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard and gave orders to bring his head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

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	274 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$132,497.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$483.57

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## FOOD FESTIVAL

### WOW.....Record setting Koulourakia Baking Session!

Thanks to everyone who attended last Sunday's Koulourakia baking session. The turnout was amazing! Seven batches of dough were mixed, scooped, rolled, twisted, glazed, baked, cooled and boxed by 2:00 for approximately 1,900 cookies!!!! Now that shows the love we have for our food festival and for St. Nicholas.

Thanks again to everyone who came to help. As we always say...we can't do it without you!

**Our Food Festival will be held Thursday, Sept 9 through Sunday Sept 12. Just like our amazing baking sessions your help is greatly needed and appreciated during the Festival. So many areas need volunteers. From pastries lines, entrees/take-out lines and on-line order fulfillment/pick-up to set-up and tear down just to name a few of the many things that make our popular Festival as success. Please show your support by volunteering this year. *Again...we can't do it without you!***

# ***A Welcome Brunch TODAY!***

## **Welcome Brunch for College and Graduate Students -**

We invite all New and Returning College, Graduate and Professional Students, and the entire congregation for today's Welcome Brunch, hosted by the Moms and Dads of St. Nicholas Cathedral as we welcome our students to Pittsburgh!

Students, we hope that you will consider us your "spiritual home away from home" during your time here in Pittsburgh.

*Sunday Orthros begins at 8 a.m.*

*and the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.,*

*The brunch will take place immediately*

*after the end of the liturgy.*



*419 S. Dithridge Street, Pgh., PA 15213  
Corner of Forbes & Dithridge Streets*

*Hosted by The St. Nicholas Cathedral*

*Moms & Dads*

*WELCOME all new*

*and returning students to Pittsburgh and the St Nicholas Family!*



## WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!

Please let us know if you can help with our Food Festival this year.

We need volunteers to work in various areas:

- Pastry Cutting
- Pastry Pre-Packing
- Hot Food Scoring
- Servers at Food Lines.....

Please call the church office and give times and dates of your availability.

412-682-3866

THANK YOU.

Food Festival Committee



## SERVING:

Thursday

11:00a.m. -2:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Friday/Saturday

11:00a.m. -2:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

Sunday

12:00 noon—8:00 p.m.

GYROS SERVED ALL DAY OUTSIDE

DINE IN

or

TAKE-OUT

## FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE EMAIL:

PLEASE USE OUR WEB SITE TO  
VOLUNTEER FOR FOOD FESTIVAL

Click on information tab

Select Current Events

Then click on 2021 Volunteer Flier

Then click on

<https://www.signupgenius.com>

Then fill in dates and times.

THANK YOU



**Do you know about Yiayia and Papou's history ?**

***The Family Wants to Know !!!***

**Tell about your family's beginnings through the**

## **DIGITAL GREEK AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

**What is the Digital Greek American Cultural Center of Western PA ?**

A living, cloud-based, on-line museum and cultural center that will exhibit the history and accomplishments of the Greek American community of Western PA

**Why is it being created ?**

For current and future generations of Greeks and non-Greeks to digitally learn about family origins, their cultural history, and the founding values Greeks brought to our region

**When will it be open ?**

The Inauguration of the Center will take place on November 7, 2021, as part of the Celebrations of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of the Greek Nationality Room in the Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh

**How can you participate ?**

This is a community-wide call for video testimonials of family histories including scanned photos and documents. Your family's history is important for keeping future generations in our community, as well as our sister communities, informed about our history and contributions to the region

**Keep Yiayia's and Papou's history alive.**

**To ensure your family's history is included for the opening event, please submit your video testimonial and any scanned photos/documents by October 4, 2021.**

Submissions received after will be added on a continuous basis following the opening event.

For more information on how to participate, please reach out to:

[contact@pahellenicfoundation.org](mailto:contact@pahellenicfoundation.org)



# SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Beheading of John the Baptist Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. <hr/> Welcome Back Brunch For returning College & Grad Students	30	31 Open Gym 7:00 p.m.	1 <b>Beginning of Ecclesiastical Year &amp; Day of Prayer for Protection of Creation</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">FATHER BENDER AWAY</div>	2	3	4
5 <b>11th Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros, 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.	6 <b>LABOR DAY</b> <i>(Office Closed)</i>	7	8 <b>Nativity of the Theotokos</b> Orthros, 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>ST. NICHOLAS GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL</b>  <b>PLEASE VOLUNTEER!</b> </div>	10	11
12 <b>Sunday before Holy Cross</b> Orthros, 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>Food Festival</b> </div>	13 <b>Great Vespers</b> for Exaltation of the Cross, <b>AT Holy Cross Church,</b> Mt. Lebanon, 7 pm	14 <b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Orthros, 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.	15 <i>Orthodoxy Now! on Zoom, 7:30 p.m.</i>	16	17	18
19 <b>Sunday after Holy Cross</b> Orthros, 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.	20 Parish Council Meeting 7 pm	21	22 <i>Orthodoxy Now! on Zoom, 7:30 p.m.</i>	23	24	25
26 <b>Repose of St. John the Theologian</b> Orthros, 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy, 10 am	27	28	29 <i>Orthodoxy Now! on Zoom, 7:30 p.m.</i>	30		