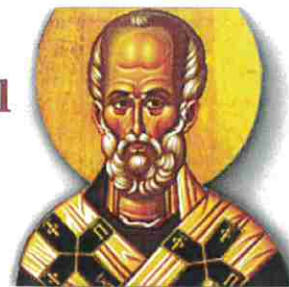




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SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



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Thursday
11:00a.m.-2:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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

Sunday
12:00 noon—8:00 p.m.

**GYROS SERVED ALL
DAY OUTSIDE**

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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

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
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Reverend Father Christopher Bender, Dean
Reverend Deacon Robert Lykos

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Service Schedule

Fall and Winter Hours (September-June):

Orthros 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

Summer Hours (July & August):

Orthros 8:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Hall Rentals

If you are interested in renting either our small or large hall,
please contact our events coordinator Mary Olszewski, at
412-628-9466 for more information and availability.

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A note from Fr. Christopher:

While January 1 has long been designated as the beginning of the calendar year in the Western world, this was not the case in Constantinople, where the New Year was marked on September 1. This day is still commemorated as the beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year in the Orthodox Church. In 1989, it was also designated as the “Day of Prayer for the Protection of the Environment” by His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios I of blessed memory, who had grown increasingly alarmed by the visible continuing degradation of God’s earth that seemed to be an inevitable and destructive byproduct of our modern industrial economy, and who wanted to draw attention to it. This new observance continues under the enlightened leadership of our current spiritual father, His All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, who is often called the “Green Patriarch” because of the emphasis he has put on this critical priority throughout his thirty years in office. In observance of this new holy day of prayer, I am including two items in this month’s Newsletter: first, the beautiful and eloquent “Akathist in Praise of God’s Creation,” which was composed by Metropolitan Tryphon of Turkestan (+1934), and was discovered in the pocket of Fr. Gregory Petrov, who was martyred in 1942 in a Soviet prison camp, where he had been confined by the Communists because he was an Orthodox priest. I recommend it for daily use in one’s personal prayer life.

Second, please read His All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew’s encyclical from September 1, 2020, which has a message that is even more timely today than it was a year ago. I will share this year’s missive once it is released.

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

An Akathist in Praise of God's Creation

Metropolitan Tryphon (Turkestanov), 1934

Kontakion 1. Incorruptible Lord, your right hand controls the whole course of human life, according to the decrees of your Providence for our salvation. We give you thanks for all your blessings, known and unknown: for our earthly life and for the heavenly joys of your kingdom which is to come. Henceforth extend your mercies towards us as we sing: Glory to you, O God, from age to age!

Oikos 1. I was born a weak, defenseless child, but your angel, spreading his radiant wings, guarded my cradle. From my birth, your love has illumined my paths, and has wondrously guided me towards the light of eternity. From my first day until now, the generous gifts of your providence have been wonderfully showered upon me. I give you thanks, and with all those who have come to know you, I exclaim: Glory to you for calling me into being,
Glory to you for spreading out before me the beauty of the universe,
Glory to you for revealing to me through heaven and earth the eternal book of wisdom,
Glory to your eternity within this fleeting world,
Glory to you for your mercies, seen and unseen,
Glory to you for every sigh of my sorrow,
Glory to you for every step in my life's journey, for every moment of joy,
Glory to you, O God, from age to age.

Kontakion 2. O Lord, how lovely it is to be your guest: Breeze full of scent; mountains reaching to the skies; Waters like a boundless mirror, Reflecting the sun's golden rays and the scudding clouds. All nature murmurs mysteriously, breathing depths of tenderness, Birds and beasts

Oikos 2. You brought me into this life as into an enchanted paradise. We have seen the sky, like a deep blue cup ringing with birds in the azure heights. We have listened to the soothing murmur of the forest and the sweet-sounding music of the waters. We have tasted fragrant fruit of fine flavor and sweet-scented honey. How pleasant is our stay with you on earth: it is a joy to be your guest.

Glory to you for the feastday of life,
Glory to you for the perfume of lilies and roses,
Glory to you for each different taste of berry and fruit,
Glory to you for the sparkling silver of early morning dew,
Glory to you for each smiling, peaceful awakening,
Glory to you for eternal life in us, a messenger of heaven,
Glory to you, O God, from age to age.

Kontakion 3. In the strength of the Holy Spirit each flower gives out its scent - sweet perfume, delicate colour, beauty of the whole universe revealed in the tiniest thing. Glory and honor to God the Giver of life, who covers the fields with their carpet of flowers, crowns the plains with harvest of gold and the blue of cornflowers, and our souls with the joy of contemplating him. O be joyful and sing to him: Alleluia!

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

Oikos 3. How glorious you are in the triumph of spring, when every creature awakes to new life and joyfully sings your praises with a thousand tongues: you are the source of life, the conqueror of death. By the light of the moon nightingales sing: the plains and the woods put on their wedding garment, white as snow. All the earth is your promised bride awaiting her bridegroom who does not know decay. If the grass of the field is clothed like this, how gloriously shall we be transfigured in the coming age of the resurrection: how radiant our bodies, how resplendent our souls!

Glory to you, bringing from the darkness of the earth an endless variety of colors, tastes and scents,

Glory to you for the warmth and tenderness of the world of nature,

Glory to you for surrounding us with thousands of your works,

Glory to you for the depth of your wisdom: the whole world is a living sign of it,

Glory to you: on my knees, I kiss the traces of your unseen hand,

Glory to you for setting before us the dazzling light of eternal life,

Glory to you for the hope of the unutterable, imperishable beauty of immortality,

Glory to you, O God, from age to age.

Kontakion 4. How filled with sweetness are those whose thoughts dwell on you: how life-giving your holy Word; to speak with you is more soothing than anointing with oil, sweeter than the honeycomb. Praying to you refreshes us and gives us wings: our hearts overflow with warmth; a majesty filled with wisdom permeates nature and all of life! Where you are not, there is only emptiness. Where you are, the soul is filled with abundance, and its song resounds like a torrent of life: Alleluia!

Oikos 4 When over the earth the light of the setting sun fades away, when the peace of eternal sleep and the quiet of the declining day reign over all, I see your dwelling-place like tents filled with light, reflected in the shapes of the clouds at dusk: fiery and purple, gold and blue, they speak prophet-like of the ineffable beauty of your heavenly court, and solemnly call: let us go to the Father!

Glory to you in the quiet hour of evening,

Glory to you, covering the world with deep peace,

Glory to you for the last ray of the setting sun,

Glory to you for the rest of blissful sleep,

Glory to you for your mercy in the midst of darkness, when the whole world has parted company with us,

Glory to you for the tender emotion of a soul moved to prayer,

Glory to you for the pledge of our awakening on the day which has no evening,

Glory to you, O God, from age to age.

Kontakion 5 The storms of life do not frighten those whose hearts are ablaze with the light of your flame. Outside is the darkness of the whirlwind, the terror and howling of the storm. But in their souls reign quiet and light. Christ is there, and the heart sings: Alleluia!

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

Oikos 5. I see your heaven glowing with stars. How rich you are, how much light is yours! Eternity watches me by the rays of the distant stars: I am small, insignificant, but the Lord is with me, his loving hand protects me wherever I go.

Glory to you for the trouble you take for me at all times,
Glory for the people your Providence gave me to meet,
Glory to you for the love of my dear ones, the faithfulness of friends,
Glory to you for the gentleness of the animals which serve me,
Glory to you for the light-filled moments of life,
Glory to you for the radiant joy in my heart,
Glory to you for the joy of living, moving and seeing,
Glory to you, O God, from age to age.

Kontakion 6. How great and how close you are in the powerful track of the storm; how mighty your right arm in the blinding flash of the lightning; how awesome is your greatness! The voice of the Lord is over the fields and amid the rustling forests, the voice of the Lord is in the birth of thunder and of rain, the voice of the Lord is over the many waters. Praise to you in the roar of mountains ablaze. You shake the earth like a garment. You pile up to the sky the waves of the sea. Praise to you, bringing low the pride of man, bringing from his heart the cry of repentance: Alleluia!

Oikos 6. When the lightning flash has lit up the feasting-hall, how feeble seems the light of the lamps. Likewise, amidst the strongest joys of my existence, you suddenly flashed in my soul. After your blinding light, how drab, dull and unreal seemed all those joys! Passionately, my soul would run after you.

Kontakion 7. In the wondrous blending of sounds it is your call we hear. In the harmony of many voices, stirred by the musical tones, dazzled by art's creativeness, we learn from you the splendor of melody and song, and receive a foretaste of the coming kingdom. All true beauty draws the soul towards you in powerful invocation, and makes it sing triumphantly: Alleluia!

Oikos 7. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit enlightens the thoughts of artists, poets, and scientists. Their great minds receive from you prophetic insights into your laws, and reveal to us the depth of your creative wisdom. Unwittingly, their works speak of you; how great you are in all you have created, how great you are in man!

Glory to you, showing your unfathomable might in the laws of the universe!
Glory to you, for all nature is permeated by your laws,
Glory to you for what you have revealed to us in your goodness,
Glory to you for all that remains hidden from us in your wisdom,
Glory to you for the inventiveness of the human mind, Glory to you for the invigorating effort of work,
Glory to you for the tongues of fire which bring inspiration,
Glory to you, O God, from age to age..

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

Kontakion 8. How near you are in the days of sickness; you yourself visit the sick; you bend over the sufferer's bed: his heart speaks to you. With your peace you enlighten the soul burdened with affliction and pain: you send unexpected help. You comfort, you are Love, bringing trial and salvation, and to you we sing the hymn: Alleluia!

Ikos 8. When in childhood I called upon you consciously for the first time, you heard my prayer and sacred peace came down into my soul. Then I understood that you are good; blessed are those who turn to you. Unceasingly, I started to call upon you, and now I call upon your Name:

Glory to you, satisfying my desires with good things,
Glory to you, watching over me day and night,
Glory to you, calming tribulations and bereavement with the healing flow of time,
Glory to you, no loss is irreparable when you are there, to all you give eternal life,
Glory to you, making immortal all that is lofty and good, promising to welcome the dead,
Glory to you, O God, from age to age.

Kontakion 9. Why is it that on a feastday the whole of nature mysteriously smiles? Why does a marvelous lightness then fill our hearts, to which nothing earthly can be compared? The very air in the altar and in God's house becomes luminous. It is the breath of grace, the reflection of the glory of Mount Tabor; heaven and earth then sing this praise: Alleluia!

Oikos 9. When you inspire me to serve my neighbor, and make humility shine in my soul, one of your deep-piercing rays of light falls into my heart: it then becomes glowing, like iron in the furnace. I have seen your Face, mysterious and elusive.

Glory to you, transfiguring our lives with deeds of love,
Glory to you, making wonderfully sweet each one of your commandments,
Glory to you, clearly present in fragrant compassion,
Glory to you, sending us failures and afflictions to make us sensitive to other people's sufferings,
Glory to you, promising high rewards for precious good deeds,
Glory to you, welcoming the impulse of our heart's love,
Glory to you, for raising love above everything on earth or in heaven,
Glory to you, O God, from age to age.

Kontakion 10. No one can put together what has crumbled into dust, but you can heal men whose conscience has become twisted; you give the soul its former beauty, which long ago it had lost without a hope of change. With you, nothing is hopeless. You are Love. You are the creator and the redeemer of all things. We praise you with this song: Alleluia!

Oikos 10. My God, you know the fall of proud Lucifer. Save me through the power of your grace; do not allow me to fall away from you, do not allow me to doubt you. Sharpen my ear, that at every minute of my life I may hear your mysterious voice; and I call upon you, who are everywhere present.

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

Glory to you for providential circumstances,
Glory to you for helpful forebodings,
Glory to you for the teaching of your secret voice,
Glory to you, for revelations you give us in dreams or awake,
Glory to you for scattering our vain imaginations,
Glory to you, freeing us from the fire of passions through suffering,
Glory to you, who for our salvation, brings down proudness of heart,
Glory to you, O God, from age to age.

Kontakion 11. Beyond the icy sequence of the ages, I feel the warmth of your divine Breath, I hear the throbbing of your blood. You are already near: part of time has already gone by. I see your Cross: it is there for my sake. My spirit is but dust before your Cross: here is the triumph of love and redemption, here throughout the ages unceasingly rises the praise: Alleluia!

Oikos 11. Blessed is he who will share your mystical supper in your kingdom; but even here on earth you have granted me this blessedness. How many times, with your divine hand, you offered me your Body and your Blood; while I, a great sinner, received these sacred Gifts and felt your ineffable and supernatural love.

Glory to you for the inconceivable and life-giving power of grace,
Glory to you who established your Church as a haven of peace for a tormented world,
Glory to you for giving us new birth in the life-giving waters of baptism,
Glory to you, restoring to those who repent purity white as the unstained lily,
Glory to you, unfathomable abyss of forgiveness,
Glory to you for the cup of life, for the bread of eternal joy,
Glory to you who raise us to heaven,
to Glory you, O God, from age to age.

Kontakion 12. More than once have I seen the reflection of your glory in the faces of the dead. What beauty, what heavenly joy shone in them! How light their features, now made spiritual! This was the triumph of happiness and peace found once again; in their silence they were calling on

Oikos 12. How poor is my praise before you! I have not heard the song of the Cherubim, a joy reserved to the souls on high, but I know the praises nature sings to you. In winter, I see how in the moonlit silence the whole earth offers you prayer, wrapped in its white mantle of snow, sparkling like diamonds. I see the rising sun rejoice in you, and I hear the chorus of birds raise a hymn of glory. I hear the forest mysteriously rustling in your honour, the winds sing of your, the waters murmur and the processions of stars proclaim you as they move in harmony for ever in the depths of infinite space. What is my poor worship? All nature obeys you, I do not; yet while I live, I see your love. I long to thank you, pray to you and call upon your Name.

Glory to you, who has shown us the light,
Glory to you, who loved us with a deep unfathomable and divine love,
Glory to you, who blesses us with the light, with a host of angels and saints,
Glory to you, Father most holy, revealing us your kingdom in your commandments,
Glory to you, Holy Spirit, life-giving Sun of the world to come,
Glory to you for all things, divine and most merciful Trinity,
Glory to you, O God, from age to age.

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

Kontakion 13. Life-giving and most merciful Trinity, receive our thanksgiving for all your kindnesses; make us worthy of your blessings, so that, when we have brought a profit from the talents you have entrusted to us, we may enter into the eternal joy of our Lord, singing the triumphal hymn: Alleluia!

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Wedding

August 1, 2021—Wiliam Thomas O'Rourke and Alexandra Caritis. Spnsor was Aristaia Gia Vasilakis.

Baptism

Marko Aneja son of Rajesh K. Aneja and Gloriann M. Snyder, born on January 30, 2020. Baptized on July 24, 2021, with the name Makarios. Sponsor was Jonathan J. Snyder.

Funeral

**Our deepest condolences to the family of George Zaras who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, August 13, 2021. His funeral was on Wednesday, August 18th here at St Nicholas.
May his memory be eternal.**

CHOIR NEWS

**The St. Nicholas Choir will begin the choir fiscal season on Sunday, September 19th!! We begin at 10:00AM!! I am looking forward to seeing everyone there!! There is a choir book waiting for you!!
COME JOIN OUR CHOIR FAMILY!! Please make sure that you are fully vaccinated.**

**ENCYCICAL OF PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOR THE
INDICTION (ECCELESIASTICAL NEW YEAR) AND THE DAY OF
PRAYER FOR PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT—
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 .**

By God's mercy Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch
To all the plenitude of the Church grace, peace, and mercy
From the Maker of all Creation
Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ
Dearest Brother Hierarchs and Beloved Children in the Lord,

It is a shared conviction that, in our time, the natural environment is threatened like never before in the history of humankind. The magnitude of this threat becomes manifest in the fact that what is at stake is not any longer the quality, but the preservation of life on our planet. For the first time in history, humanity is capable of destroying the conditions of life on earth. Nuclear weapons are the symbol of man's Promethean titanism, the tangible expression of the "complex of omnipotence" of the contemporary "man-god." But, they are not the only instruments of total destruction.

In using the power that stems from science and technology, what is revealed today is the ambivalence of man's freedom. Science serves life; it contributes to progress, to confronting illnesses and many conditions that were hitherto considered "fateful"; it creates new positive perspectives for the future. However, at the same time, it provides man with all-powerful means, whose misuse can be led to disaster. We are experiencing the unfolding destruction of the natural environment, of biodiversity, of flora and fauna, of the pollution of aquatic resources and the atmosphere, the progressing collapse of climate balance, as well as other excesses of boundaries and measures in many dimensions of life. The Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church (Crete, 2016) rightly and accurately decreed that "scientific knowledge does not mobilize the moral will of man, who knows the dangers but continues to act as if he did not know." (Encyclical, § 11)

It is apparent that the protection of the common good, of the integrity of the natural ecosystems which support us, is the common responsibility of all inhabitants of the earth. The contemporary categorical imperative for humankind is that we live without destroying our environment. However, while on a personal level and on the level of many communities, groups, movements and organizations, there is a demonstration of great sensitivity and ecological responsibility, nations and economic agents are unable – in the name of geopolitical ambitions and the "autonomy of the economy" – to adopt the correct decisions for the protection of creation and instead cultivate the illusion that the pretended "global ecological destruction" is an ideological fabrication of ecological movements and that the natural environment has the power of renewing itself. Yet the crucial question remains: How much longer will nature endure the fruitless discussions and consultations, as well as any further delay in assuming decisive actions for its protection?

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

The fact that, during the period of the pandemic of the novel coronavirus Covid-19, with the mandatory restrictions of movement, the shutdown of factories, and the diminishment in industrial activity and production, we observed a reduction of pollution and encumbrance of the atmosphere, has proved the anthropogenic nature of the contemporary ecological crisis. It became once again clear that industry, the contemporary means of transportation, the automobile and the airplane, the non-negotiable priority of economic indicators and the like, negatively impact the environmental balance and that a change of direction toward a more responsibly ecological economy constitutes an unwavering necessity. There is no genuine progress that is founded on the destruction of the natural environment. It is inconceivable that we adopt economic decisions without also taking into account their ecological consequences. Economic development cannot remain a nightmare for ecology. We are certain that there is an alternative way of economic structure and development besides the one-sided orientation of economic activity toward the maximization of profit. The future of humanity is not that of homo oeconomicus.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate, which in recent decades has pioneered in the field of the protection of the creation, will continue its ecological initiatives, the organization of ecological conferences, the mobilization of its faithful and especially the youth, the promotion of the environment's protection as a fundamental subject for interreligious dialogue and the common initiatives of religions, the contacts with political leaders and institutions, the cooperation with environmental organizations and ecological movements. It is evident that the collaboration for the protection of the environment creates additional avenues of communication and possibilities for new common actions.

We repeat that the environmental activities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate are an extension of its ecclesiological self-consciousness and do not comprise a simple circumstantial reaction to a new phenomenon. The very life of the Church is an applied ecology. The sacraments of the Church, its entire life of worship, its asceticism and communal life, the daily life of its faithful, express and generate the deepest respect for creation. The ecological sensitivity of Orthodoxy was not created by but emerged from the contemporary environmental crisis. The struggle for the protection of creation is a central dimension of our faith. Respect for the environment is an act of doxology of God's name, while the destruction of creation is an offense against the Creator, entirely irreconcilable with the basic tenets of Christian theology.

Most honorable brothers and dearly beloved children,

The ecofriendly values of the Orthodox tradition, the precious legacy of the Fathers, constitute an embankment against the culture, whose axiological foundation is the domination of man over nature. Faith in Christ inspires and strengthens the human endeavor even before the immense challenges. From the perspective of faith, we are able to discover and assess not only the problematic dimensions, but also the positive possibilities and prospects of contemporary civilization. We call upon Orthodox young men and women to realize the significance of living as faithful Christians and contemporary people. Faith in the eternal destiny of man strengthens our witness in the world.

In this spirit, from the Phanar, we wish all of you a propitious and all-blessed new ecclesiastical year, fruitful in Christ-like deeds, for the benefit of all creation and to the glory of the all-wise Creator of all. And we invoke upon you, through the intercessions of the All-Holy Theotokos, the Pammakaristos, the grace and mercy of the God of wonders.

September 1, 2020

+Bartholomew of Constantinople
Fervent suppliant of all before God

Greek School

St. Nicholas Greek School will open its doors for the 2021 – 2022 school year on Saturday, September 18 at 10 a.m. The classes being offered are K-7th. In order to start First Grade Greek Language School, a child must be in First Grade or higher in American School. Classes are from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. On the first day, Saturday, September 18, students will report straight to their classrooms and the traditional ice cream social will take place after classes.

Curriculum encompasses all the skills for language acquisition along with learning about history, culture, and our Orthodox faith.

In order to register, please send an e-mail to Maria Stamoolis at mstamoolis@verizon.net with the name and age of the child/children. A link will be emailed to complete registration online. A yearly tuition of \$225 per child is to be paid by the end of September.

Save the date - Saturday, November 6 will be the 8th Annual Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh's Greek Language Festival with the theme being the Greek Revolution. It will be held at St. Nicholas Cathedral this year. On Tuesday, November 9 at 8 p.m. will be a presentation made by Professor Elias Petrou, from the University of California, through zoom on the Greek Revolution geared for children and all who are interested.

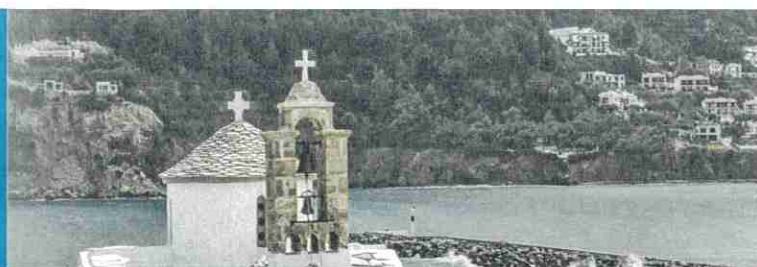
Adult language classes are scheduled to begin the second week of October. Further details to come. E-mail Maria Stamoolis to register.

We are all looking forward to seeing returning and new students for an exciting new school year.



CLRC

CLASSICAL LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER



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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We really need your help!

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

Please fill out form below and email it, fax it back to our office OR

You may also call the church office (412-682-3866) and give times and dates of your availability.

Thank you
Food Festival Committee

YOUR NAME: _____

Check times of your availability

Thursday, September 9th, Available Shifts:

- ♦ 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- ♦ 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
- ♦ 4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Friday, September 10th, Available Shifts:

- ♦ 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- ♦ 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
- ♦ 4:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 11th, Available Shifts:

- ♦ 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- ♦ 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
- ♦ 4:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 12th, Available Shifts:

- ♦ 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- ♦ 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
- ♦ 4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Can we count on your support?
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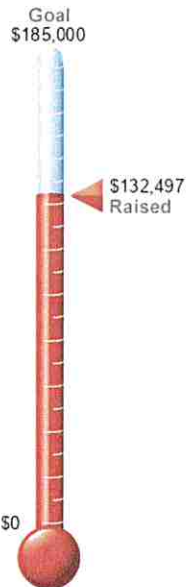
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Total Stewards		274
Total Amount Pledged		\$ 132,497.00
Average Pledge		\$ 483.57
% Parish Participation to Date		91%
2021 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		72%
2021 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 185,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$ 133,473.24
As of:		07/31/2021
Income: Pledges & Basket Collection and Greek2Go	\$ 221,581.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$ 231,531.00	
	(\$ 9,950.00)	

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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 16th - Friday
5:00 pm: Vespers, Orthros

July 17th - Saturday
9:00 am: Hours, Divine Liturgy

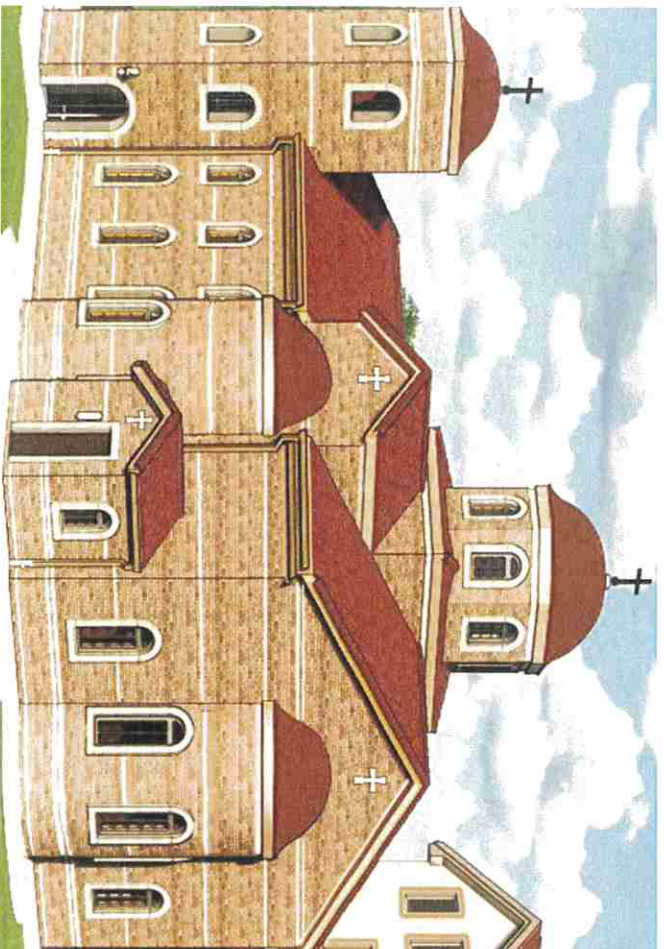
Memorial Commemoration Come and Honor the Memory of Gerontissa Taxiarchia

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



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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

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Drinks, Games and Fellowship!!

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Lamb served at 1:30 p.m.

Coming from the Church: Turn left onto Fifth Ave. Turn left onto Bigelow. Cross over Forbes Ave. 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!

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SEPTEMBER, 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year & Day of Prayer for Protection of Creation FATHER BENDER AWAY	2	3	4
5 11th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	6 LABOR DAY (Office Closed)	7	8 Nativity of the Theotokos Orthros, 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	9	10	11
				ST. NICHOLAS GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL PLEASE VOLUNTEER!		
12 Sunday before Holy Cross Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	13 Great Vespers for The Exaltation of the Cross AT Holy Cross Church (Mt. Lebanon) 7:00 p.m.	14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Orthros, 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	15 Orthodoxy Now! (viz Zoom) 7:30 p.m.	16	17	18
Food Festival						
19 Sunday after Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Church Picnic	20 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21	22 Orthodoxy Now! (viz Zoom) 7:30 p.m.	23	24	25
26 Repose of St. John the Theologian Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	27	28	29 Orthodoxy Now! (viz Zoom) 7:30 p.m.	30		
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