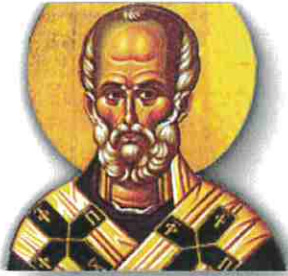


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Tone 3

Orthros Gospel 1



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

VISIT www.stnickspgh.org TODAY for news and updates about our parish!

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ORGANIST: Haley Cobb

Questions about our Parish? Email church@stnickspgh.org or call 412-682-3866

Our Sunday worship schedule: Sept. 5 – May 31: Orthros 8:45 a.m. & Divine Liturgy 10:00 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.

TODAY'S TRISAGION SERVICE is being chanted for the repose of the servants of God, all those who lost their lives in the brutal airliner hijackings and destructive attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C. on September 11, 2001, twenty years ago. May their memory be eternal!

TODAY: FINAL DAY OF OUR FOOD FESTIVAL

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, Sept 13:** Great Vespers at Holy Cross Church Mt. Lebanon 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Sept 14:** GOYA Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept 15:** Orthodoxy Now on Zoom 7:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, Sept 19:** 40 Day Memorial for George Zaras
Church Picnic – Anderson Shelter in Schenley Park

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SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

Because today is the Apodosis (Leave-taking) of the Feastday of the Nativity of the Theotokos, we hear the Apolytikion from that holy day first: 'Ἡ γέννησίς σου Θεοτόκε, χαρὰν ἐμήνυσε πάσῃ τῇ οἰκουμένη· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ λύσας τὴν κατάραν, ἔδωκε τὴν εὐλογίαν· καὶ καταργήσας τὸν θάνατον, ἔδωρήσατο ἡμῖν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον. Your Nativity, O Theotokos, imparted joy to the entire earth, for out of you has risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He nullified the curse and instead gave His blessing; and causing death to be neutralized, He granted us eternal life. [SD]

Then, the usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) in Tone 2 is chanted:

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι· Ἀλληλουῖα. "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."

As the Clergy return inside the Sanctuary, the Resurrection hymn in the Tone of the week (3) is chanted:

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιásthω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος. Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy. [SD]

Following this, we chant the Hymn for our Church's Patron Saint, St. Nicholas (Tone 4):

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξε σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρόσβευε 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 for the Nativity of the Theotokos:

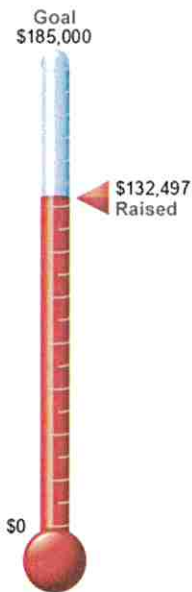
Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννα ὀνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὐά, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγίᾳ γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἐορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν. Both Joachim and Anna from their 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."

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ODAY'S EPISTLE READING: GALATIANS 6:11-18. Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen. [RSV]

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: JOHN 3:13-17. The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." [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	274 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$132,497.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$483.57

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.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL



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,
Drinks, Games and Fellowship!!

Bring the whole family and bring
some friends too!!!!



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!

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LIVE AT ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



With Special Guest
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Friday, November 12th

Greece's most beloved vocalist of his generation....

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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 80th 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

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 Sunday before Holy Cross Orthros, 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.	13 Great Vespers for Exaltation of the Cross, AT Holy Cross Church, Mt. Lebanon, 7 pm	14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Orthros, 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.	15 <i>Orthodoxy Now! on Zoom, 7:30 p.m.</i>	16	17	18
Food Festival						
19 Sunday after Holy Cross 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 Repose of St. John the Theologian Orthros, 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy, 10 am	27	28	29 <i>Orthodoxy Now! on Zoom, 7:30 p.m.</i>	30		