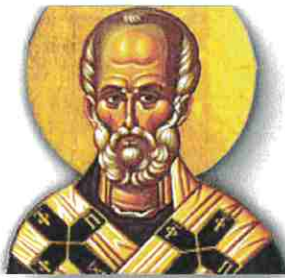


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Orthros Gospel 2



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

Father's Cell & Email: 724-630-3483; frchbender@verizon.net

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: 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 MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the soul of the servant of God, George Zaras (40 days). May his memory be eternal!

OUR DEEPEST CONDELENCES to the family of Stephen J. Harris, a long-time member of St Nicholas Cathedral, who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday September 14, 2021. Visitation will take place from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, September 19th at Freyvogel Funeral Home, with a Trisagion at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 20th at 10:00 a.m. at St Nicholas Cathedral, followed by the Funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Homewood Cemetery. May his memory be eternal.

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Room sponsored by the family of George Zaras.

TODAY: CHURCH PICNIC – Anderson Shelter in Schenley Park after service.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, Sept. 20:** Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 22:** Orthodoxy Now Cancelled

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SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

First to be chanted as the priest exits the Altar at the Small Entrance is the Festal Hymn (Apolytikion) for the Exaltation of the Cross, celebrated on September 14 (Tone 1): Σώσον Κύριε τόν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς Βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τό σόν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα. Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

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

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.

The priest reenters the Altar and then the Resurrection Apolytikion in the Tone of the Week is chanted:

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Then, the Festal Apolytikion is repeated. After that, we hear the Hymn for the Patron Saint of our church:

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, the Kontakion in Tone 4 for the Exaltation of the Cross is sung:

Ο υψωθείς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἐκουσίως, τῇ ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινὴ πολιτεία, τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου δώρησαι, Χριστέ ο Θεός, Εὐφρανὸν ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου, τοὺς πιστοὺς Βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς, κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων, τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σὴν, ὅπλον εἰρήνης, αἷτητον τρόπαιον.

Lifted up on the Cross by Your free will, Christ God, grant mercies to the new commonwealth that bears Your name. Gladden our faithful rulers by Your power, giving them victories over their adversaries. May Your alliance be for them a weapon for peace, an invincible standard.

EPISTLE: Galatians 2: 16-20. Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. [RSV]

GOSPEL: Mark 8: 34-38; 9: 1. The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power." [RSV]

After the Gospel reading, please return to page 12 of the Divine Liturgy Book for the remainder of the Service.

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	277 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$132,697.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$479.05

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos General Meeting is October 3rd after church. We welcome anyone interested in Philoptochos, current members and those interested in finding out more. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully,

Maria Bardakos

Philoptochos President

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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.

A WARM AND HEARTFELT THANK YOU to Chairpersons VASILI COPETAS AND JOHN FRENTZOS, and through them, to all the cheerful volunteers who helped make our 2021 Fall Food Festival such a success, despite the difficult circumstances. Whether they were in the kitchen, on the serving lines, outside under the tents and/or handling the online orders, they came through for us!

A warm thank you also to all our young dancers and their instructors who put in so many hours to train them, as well as to the Panegyri band. We owe a special debt of gratitude to those who offered leadership, long hours, and hard work both before and during the event. May God grant you Many Years and keep you and our entire community in good health!

With love in Christ, Fr. Christopher

SIXTY CLUB and GUESTS

WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON OCTOBER 14

Central Diner & Grill
Robinson Town Center
Individual checks

Reservations are limited, due October 10

Contact Alice Gary @ 412-249-8612 or
Fran Hanna @ 412-731-0790 or jchmac@comast.net
Bus leaves St. Nicholas at 12:15, estimated time of
return 3:30.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL



TODAY

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!!!!

DIRECTIONS TO ANDERSON SHELTER

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!

FOOD served at 1:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Parish of St Nicholas Cathedral



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
19 Sunday after Holy Cross Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	20 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21	22 Orthodoxy Now! CANCELLED	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! (via Zoom) 7:30 p.m.	30		