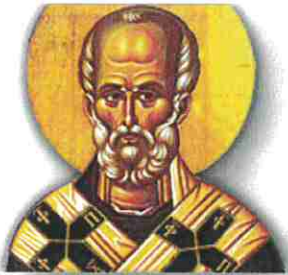


# SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 –FALLING ASLEEP OF ST JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN

Orthros Gospel 3

Plagal 1<sup>st</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>) Tone



## 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

Father's Cell & Email: 724-630-3483; [frchbender@verizon.net](mailto:frchbender@verizon.net)

PROTOPSALTIS: Konstantinos Fekos

CHANTER: Steve Andrews

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Steve Andrews

ORGANIST: Haley Cobb

Questions about our Parish? Email [church@stnickspgh.org](mailto: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.

**There will be no coffee hour after church services today.**

### THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Wednesday, Sept. 29:** **Orthodoxy Now! (via Zoom) 7:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday, Oct 3:**  
**Church School Begins**  
**Philoptochos General Meeting after church**  
**GOYA meeting and Walk for Missions**

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## CHOIR NEWS

The St. Nicholas Choir began 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.

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## SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY

*As the clergy exit the Altar at the Small Entrance, the Resurrection Apolytikion in the Tone of the week is heard:*

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠὺδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ. Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness, He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection. [SD]

*This is followed by the usual entrance hymn:* Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλοῦϊα. Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. [GOA]

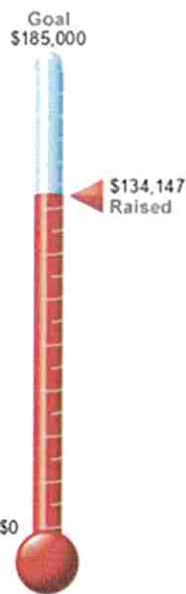
*After the Resurrection Apolytikion is repeated, we hear the Hymn for St. John the Theologian:* Ἀπόστολε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ ἡγαπημένε, ἐπιτάχυνον, ῥῦσαι λαὸν ἀναπολόγητον· δέχεται σε προσπίπτοντα, ὁ ἐπιπεσόντα τῷ στήθει καταδεξάμενος, ὃν ἰκέτευε, Θεολόγε, καὶ ἐπίμονον νέφος ἐθνῶν διασκεδάσαι, αἰτούμενος ἡμῖν εἰρήνην, καὶ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος. O Apostle, the beloved of Christ God, hasten to deliver us, a people that has no excuse. He accepts you supplicating Him, for He condescended at the Supper to let you lean on Him. Entreat Him, O Theologian, that He scatter the persistent cloud of hostile nations, and pray for us, for peace and great mercy. [SD]

*Then, we hear the usual Apolytikion of our Patron saint, Nicholas. This is followed by the Kontakion appointed for this time of year:* Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε. 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]

**TODAY'S EPISTLE READING: 1 Jn. 4:12-19.** No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because he first loved us. [RSV]

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: Jn. 19:25-27; 21:24-25.** At that time, standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. [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	281 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$134,147.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$477.39

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

**Philoptochos General Meeting** is **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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

## SIXTY CLUB and GUESTS

**WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON**

**OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>**

Central Diner & Grill

Robinson Town Center

Individual checks

**Reservations are limited, due October 10<sup>th</sup>**

Contact Alice Gary @ 412-249-8612 or

Fran Hanna @ 412-731-0790 or [jchmac@comast.net](mailto:jchmac@comast.net)

Bus leaves St. Nicholas at 12:15 p.m.,

estimated time of return 3:30 p.m.



# Support GOYA Mission Walk for Guatemala

On October 3rd, 2021 St. Nicholas GOYA will be participating in a walk at Schenley Park supporting the vital work of the mission trips in Guatemala.

## The money earned from this event will be used for:

- Building hospitals
- Establishing a seminary
- Translating liturgical/theological books
- Sewing vestments/other liturgical coverings
- Providing parishes with icons/liturgical utensils
- Assisting less fortunate members of the church
- Supporting other mission teams



## How Can You Help?

You can support this cause by sponsoring a GOYAn on their mission walk. They will be looking for sponsors over the next few weeks. An additional option includes mailing a check to the church made payable to Holy Cross Mission Fund.

If you have any questions please contact the chairs of this event, Elina Antoniades at [elinabarbara@icloud.com](mailto:elinabarbara@icloud.com) or Toulia Darakos at [toula.darakos@icloud.com](mailto:toula.darakos@icloud.com).

JOY, HOPE & Little Angels

# TRUNK or Treat

Friday, October 22

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

St. Nick's Parking Lot & Fellowship Hall  
419 S. Dithridge Street

Join us for a pumpkin craft, pizza, s'mores & trunk or treating!  
RSVP to Nikki Lykos (nvlykos@gmail.com or 412-897-8208)





**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 / OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> <b>Repose of St. John the Theologian</b> Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> GOYA Boys Basketball 7:00 p.m.	<b>29</b> <b>Orthodoxy Now!</b> (via Zoom) 7:30 p.m.	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Greek School 10:00 a.m.
<b>3 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Luke</b> Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Church School <u>begins</u> (Agiasmos) <i>After church:</i> Philoptochos <u>General Mtg.</u> ALSO, GOYA Mtg. & Walk for Missions	<b>4</b> GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.	<b>5</b> GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	<b>6</b> Orthodoxy Now On Zoom 7:30 p.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Greek School 10:00 a.m.
					Pittsburgh Hosts National Orthodox Young Adult Conference October 8-10 Including Saturday Night Dinner Dance at St. Nick's – OPA!	
<b>10 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Luke</b> Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am <u>Church School</u>	<b>11</b> GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.	<b>12</b> GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	<b>13</b> Orthodoxy Now On Zoom 7:30 p.m.	<b>14</b> 60s Club Luncheon at Central Diner	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Greek School 10:00 a.m.
<b>17 Sunday of 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council</b> Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am <u>Church School</u> <b>GOYA CAR WASH!</b>	<b>18</b> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.  GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.	<b>19</b> GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	<b>20</b> Orthodoxy Now On Zoom 7:30 p.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> JOY, HOPE & Little Angels Trunk or Treat 6:00 p.m.	<b>23</b> Greek School 10:00 a.m.
<b>24 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b> Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am <u>Church School</u> <b>PARISH ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>25</b> GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.	<b>26 Gt. Martyr Demetrios</b> Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am  GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	<b>27</b> Orthodoxy Now On Zoom 7:30 p.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Greek School 10:00 a.m.
<b>31 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b> Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am <u>Church School</u>						