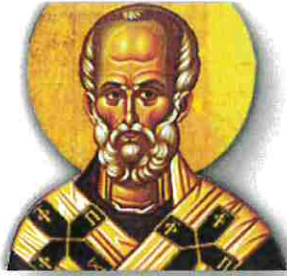


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Orthros Gospel 6

Tone Eight



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.

Watch Sunday services, which are still streaming live from St Nicholas Cathedral at www.stnickspgh.org and click on "Live Streaming Click Here."

On-Line Giving donations are up and running on our web page www.stnickspgh.org by clicking please donate button - or you may access the donation page by using <https://abundant.co/stnickspgh/give>

TODAYS MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the soul of the servant of God, *John Hanna (15 years)*, and **TRISAGION SERVICE** for *Father George Christulides (32 years)*, & *Deaconess Mary Christulides (4 years)*.

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship following services in the Large Hall, hosted by GOYA and sponsored by the Panagis, Christulides and Hanna families.

Today – Think Pink BAKE SALE & GOYA Car Wash!

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, Oct 18:** St Luke the Evangelist Orthros 9am / Divine Liturgy 10 am.
GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.
Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Oct 19:** GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Oct 20:** Orthodoxy Now! (via Zoom) 7:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Oct 22:** TRUNK OR TREAT 6:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, Oct 24:** Memorial Service for Stephen Harris (40 days)
General Assembly meeting

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SPECIAL HYMNS AND READINGS OF THE DAY:

At the Small Entrance, the Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 8 is chanted first:

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You. [SD] Ἐξ ὕψουςκατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

*After the clergy exit with the Gospel the usual **Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn)** is chanted:*

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 reenter the Sanctuary, the Resurrection Apolytikion is repeated. Then, we hear the hymn for the Holy Fathers: of the 7th Ecumenical Council:

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith. O greatly merciful One, glory be to You. Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ὧν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὀδηγήσας· πολυεὐσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

Next, we honor our patron, St. Nicholas:

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἢ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω 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 we hear the seasonal Kontakion:

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρ-τωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, please reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; Your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

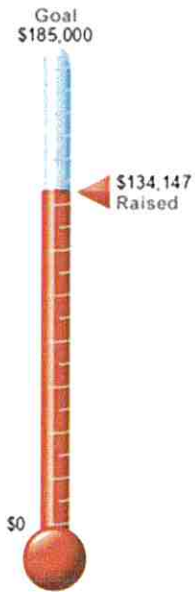
TODAY'S EPISTLE READING: Titus 3:8-15. Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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	288 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$134,147.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$465.79



From the Church School Desk:

Attention all Nounos, Nounas and Special Friends! **Sunday, November 14, 2020, is Godparent/Special Friend Sunday.** Please join your Godchild/Special Friend in worshipping during the Divine Liturgy, receive Holy Communion together and attend Church School to see what they learn there (and make cards to send to children at Children's Hospital for Make a Difference Day). Afterwards attend the Godparent Sunday Coffee Hour sponsored by Philoptochos. It should be the start of a wonderful day together!

And thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

Yours in Christ,

Miss Michelle

CHOIR NEWS

The St. Nicholas Choir began their 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.

THINK PINK

BAKE SALE

TODAY

(Following liturgy)

HOSTED

BY

Daughters of Penelope

**St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox
Cathedral**

Donations of baked goods or monetary
donations are welcome.

Proceeds fund breast cancer awareness.



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)





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DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND KEYNOTES OVER THE 3-DAY EVENT PERIOD

HIS EMINENCE ELPIDOPHOROS, ARCHBISHOP OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
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REV. FR. PAUL ABERNATHY, NEIGHBORHOOD RESILIENCE PROJECT

SPECIAL GUESTS

FAMILY DESCENDANTS OF THE FOUNDERS

AND

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