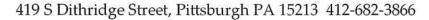
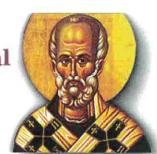
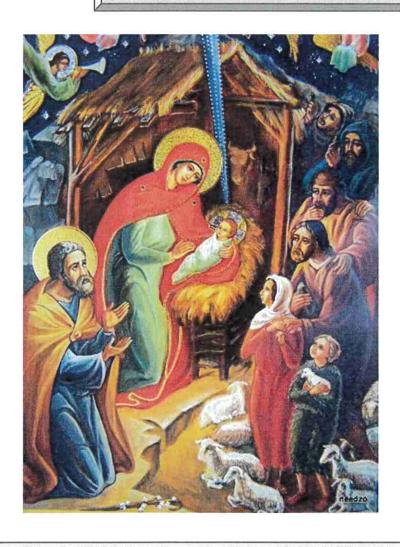


Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA





DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 25,2021 MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

GLORY TO GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST,
AND ON EARTH,
PEACE.

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.

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL 419 S. Dithridge Street Pittsburgh, PA 15213 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): 8:00 a.m. Orthros 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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FATHER'S MESSAGE

Christmas, 2021

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men."

Luke 2:13-14

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

December is a month when we have become accustomed to parties and celebrations, to decorating, feasting, and gift-giving. But when there has been a recent death in the family, or a serious illness or loss, we tend to exempt ourselves from the partying and merry making. "My heart is just not in it," we are heard to say. "I miss him or her too much." And everyone understands – but that does not mean that everyone else will cancel all their social obligations, as well.

This year, however, our situation is vastly different. Our nation along with the rest of the world continues to be ravaged by a terrible pandemic, which has claimed millions of lives, and shows no sign of abating. Although the majority of deaths have been among the oldest and/or the chronically ill, as expected, too often the virus seems to choose its victims purely by chance: young, old, strong, weak, male, female, the perfectly healthy along with those who are farthest from it. Vaccines with remarkable initial effectiveness and few apparent side effects have been developed, but they have been rejected by a sizable percentage of the population. Health authorities say this is prolonging the pandemic.

I suspect that many of us are feeling overwhelmed under such circumstances, as if we have suffered a great loss, a collective "death in the family." It may seem to us that the magnitude of illness and death is far too great; reasons for hope, few and far between. We may also feel it necessary to continue our self-isolation, because our age or poor health makes us more vulnerable to whatever is out there.

Small wonder, then, if we perhaps are less inclined this year to go "all out" with our celebrations, if we intend to spend less and party less. Better, perhaps, to spend *more* time with family and close friends. Regardless, life is precious, and all too fragile, in this fallen world. So, whether we choose to pass a quiet holiday season or party on, let us cherish the time we have together, take whatever precautions we agree are necessary among us to remain safe, and put aside whatever differences divide us. For peace may be elusive on the world stage, but it *is* possible for us to attain its blessings on a personal level. And it helps to open the door to an even greater gift: *agape* love.

Peace for the Christian is not the same as it is for the politician. It is not so much the absence of conflict, as it is the *presence* of the One who puts us beyond the pain, anger, and resentment that conflict engenders. The Three Persons of the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – exist in a relationship of perfect love. In God there is no hostility, no discord, no competition, no disrespect, no pride, no distrust, no fear – only love. *This* love is imparted to us, when we open the door to our hearts and allow the Lord to enter in: God's peace comes along with it. As St. Paul put it in Philippians 4:7, "And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

The peace which we desire is, first of all, a peace which exists within us: peace of mind. This is a confident assurance that God is with us in any circumstance. Such peace cannot be acquired by our own efforts; it is a gift of God (as Jesus promised at the Last Supper: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives." John 14:27). It is also a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22). As such, it is a precious gift indeed.

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

It is very difficult to overcome conflict with others until we first have such peace in our hearts. That is because inner peace engenders humility, and humility allows us to put our ego and pride aside, so that we can realistically and generously assess a situation, and thus find the most loving and fair solution. It also opens the door to an even greater gift: *agape*, the love that does not seek its own interest, but rather, the need of the other. Such love, in turn, engenders the courage we need in order to act in defense of justice and for the welfare of others:

In this is love (*agape*) perfected in 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. (I John 4:17-19)

We may not be able, as individuals, to make a great deal of difference on the world stage, with regard to war and conflict or plague. Sometimes, the best we can offer are our prayers, and our support when our nation or our neighbors need it. Certainly, in this time of pandemic, we can take reasonable measures to prevent ourselves from catching this all-too-deadly virus or passing it on to others. Even if we don't feel it is necessary for us personally, we surely want to protect others who are more vulnerable than us – the elderly, or people who are already sick. It is the loving thing to do.

Life comes with no guarantees. Our lives have taken a definite and often frightening detour into a dark and scary place. Everywhere we turn, danger may lurk, in the form of tiny molecules of a deadly organism. At the same time, our nation and indeed the whole world seem to be moving towards a time of political instability. How can we ever feel safe again?

Security may seem elusive – but we need not feel that "all is lost": far from it. We must never forget that the small child born in a stable 2000 years ago was the "Prince of Peace." He conquered not by the sword, but rather by self-sacrifice; He forgave even His executioners. He taught us, as well, to love our enemies and pray for them. Jesus brought hope into a dying world, by teaching us that Love is stronger than hatred, and that Life will in the end triumph over death. Sickness and strife may be our constant companions in this fallen world, but they are not "natural" to our existence as humans restored in Christ: peace is. This is a peace which begins within us, and which we then offer to others, in the form of love and reconciliation.

Our nation is sorely divided, right now, by our politics and our prejudices. The enmity, fear, and distrust has even spilled over into disagreements about the actual existence of the virus and especially how best to defeat it. In the meantime, millions have died.

Let it not be so among us, my brothers and sisters in Christ. In the Church, we become one family – God's family, and we are one body – the Body of Christ. We are called to live together in community as well as Communion, that is, by striving for harmony, genuine concern for one another, and generosity towards those in need. In such a place, Christians can disagree with one another and yet still embrace with love; fear and mistrust are replaced by a spirit of cooperation and respect; children are welcome in worship, even if they are sometimes noisy; our disabled and/or elder brothers and sisters, who cannot worship with us anymore, are not forgotten in their isolation; and all are treated with respect and love, regardless of politics, wealth, color, or their place on the crankiness scale. Above all, God's *agape* love reigns supreme, and inspires our *peaceful* ways. Let us seek to make this vision, with God's help, not just a hypothetical daydream, but a living reality.

I wish for you and yours the "peace of God, which surpasses all understanding," this Christmas season, and throughout the New Year 2022.

With love in the new-born Lord, Rev. Fath Christoff H. Berch

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Funerals

Our deepest condolences to the families of:

Russell Paras who passed away on Sunday, October 31, 2021. His funeral was on Friday, November 5th at St Nicholas Cathedral.

Evangelia Kalabokes who passed away on Wednesday, October 27 2021. Her funeral was on Saturday, November 6th.

Plato Powers who passed away on Wednesday, November 3rd. His funeral was on Tuesday, November 9th.

GOYA NEWS

Thank you for supporting our GOYA annual fundraising efforts by purchasing Chestnut Candles and our Christmas Sarris Chocolate sale. These funds enable us to support our activities including participating in the Metropolis Athletic programs.

GOYA once again coordinated the Christmas Angels for the Neighborhood Resilience Project. This is one of GOYA's outreach projects. Thank you to everyone who took an angel and helped make a difference in a child's or senior citizen's life by making their Christmas a little brighter.

Our GOYAns are looking forward to the upcoming annual St. Nicholas Bazaar and are planning and preparing the games and food items along with having their Toy/Christmas items sale.

The GOYA annual Christmas party will take place on Sunday, December 19 after the Christmas pageant. GOYA is once again offering the St. Nicholas merchandise sale. Please see the information in this Newsletter.





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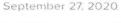
Hello everyone! Now that the official Goya season has begun, the St. Nicholas merchandise is available for purchase. We will be selling sweatshirts, customizable with a last name on the back. (Cost=\$30) There are also sweatpants with the logo on St. Nicks down the pant leg. (Cost=\$25). If you are interested in purchasing you can text the number 412-576-6603, or reach out to Alexis Hammerling.

GOYA SWEATSHIRTS

September 26, 2021













ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH SCHOOL

This year, Church School, will again have a Bake Sale at the **St. Nicholas Day Bazaar**, as well as, sponsor a Balloon artist.

The Church School children will present their **Christmas Pageant** on Sunday, December 19, 2021. Please refer to the enclosed practice schedule for further details.

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Church School is preparing for their Holiday Outreach Project:

We are looking for hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, etc. for **FOCUS' Project Bundle-up** to decorate our tree. Thanks in advance for your warm winter accessories and teaching the children the gift of giving.

I appreciate the support from all of you and thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

Wishing you a Blessed Holiday Season!

Yours in Christ

Miss Michelle









St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Schedule

Sunday, December 5, 2021During Church School for all children

Sunday, December 12, 2021During Church School for Nursery-6th Graders

Saturday, December 18, 2021 12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M. Final Rehearsal for all children

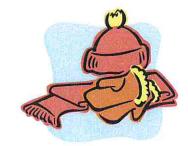
Sunday, December 19, 2021 Christmas Pageant in Church

Questions? Contact Aimee (Kotsagrelos) Walker at 412-398-6094

PROJECT BUNDLE UP



WE ARE LOOKING FOR HATS, MITTENS, SCARVES & GLOVES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD RESILIENCE PROJECT'S PROJECT BUNDLE UP!





St. Nicholas Church School, Con't





WHO: CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS

WHAT: CHURCH SCHOOL BAKE SALE

WHEN: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

> WHERE: ST. NICHOLAS BAZAAR

WHY: CHURCH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

HOW: BRING 2 DOZEN BAKED GOODS

QUESTIONS:CONTACT MICHELLE KOTSAGRELOS 412-680-1416







Food - Drinks - Games -Gold Fish - Balloons - and so much more!!

Oh Yeah.....And let's not forget about those delicious

Loukoumades!!!

Hope our surprise visitor from the North Pole doesn't eat all the Loukoumades.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Chairpersons: Lenna Cominos, Keli Frentzos, and Lisa Kristian

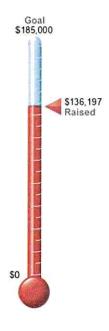


STEWARDSHIP

"And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love. But the greatest of these is LOVE. "
Corinthians 13:13

Re-dedicate yourself to God by participating in the Divine Liturgy each Sunday and offer your TIME, Talent and treasure.

HELP US REACH/EXCEED OUR GOAL



2021 STEWARDSHIP		11/22/2021
Total Stewards		295
Total Amount Pledged		\$ 136,197.00
Average Pledge		\$ 461.68
% Parish Participation to Date		98%
2021 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		74%
2021 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 185,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$ 168,202.64
As of:		10/31/2021
Income: Pledges & Basket Collection, Fall Food Festival and Greek2Go	\$ 337,175.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$ 348,184.00	
	\$ (11,009.00)	

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If you don't see your name, we do not have a

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Many of you have been contributing, but **PLEASE** complete a Stewardship Card.



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Our NEW Website may be used to fill out a stewardship card and make a payment https://www.stnickspgh.org or call the church office (412-682-3866) to rectify.

Festival Cooking Update

With an unusual year and a half behind us, it feels good to say that it's time to make plans for our May, 2022 St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival. With thirteen items to prepare, it's always good to have at least one food item completed before the end of the year.

We will be starting our festival cooking December 2, 3 and 4 with **Moussaka**. There is a call-out for all peelers, slicers and helpers! Thursday and Friday, December 2nd and 3rd, we will be peeling, slicing and baking the eggplant. Saturday we will be making the bechamel sauce and assembling the pans. Prep starts at 9am. Once completed, we can say, "One done, 12 more to go!

Our 2022 cooking schedule will be included in January's newsletter.

Thiloptochos News

With your much appreciated help we completed over 600 spanakopita rolls in 2 days! We are truly blessed to have the support you provide. Again, a special thank you to Steve Andrews for hand squeezing 198 lbs. of spinach!

Next up: New Year's Bread! We will be baking December 8th starting around 9 am. Pick up is December 12th at the Bazaar. If you haven't gotten your order in there's still time.

December 5th will be our next general meeting and there is an evening Vespers for St. Nicholas day. Monday December 6th is the St. Nicholas Feast Day Lunch sponsored by Philoptochos. Please contact me (call, text, email) by Friday December 3rd if you plan on attending so we can adequately plan set up and food.

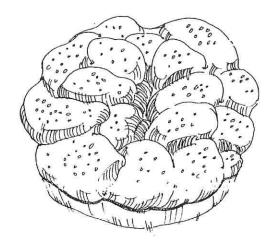
We are looking for donations for raffles for the Bazaar. In the past we have had items like Penguins tickets, Steelers tickets, and a Gift Card basket. We are always open to suggestions and greatly appreciate any generosity you can provide. We will be selling snowflakes to add to the Memorial Tree that will be in the Atrium during the Christmas season.

We are still taking suggestions for a soup fundraiser in January and/or February. Please let one of the board members know your favorite soup. I'm sure you're wondering if we're going to have the same amazing bread made by Bridge City Brinery and the answer is YES! The owners have graciously agreed to again donate the bread to accompany the delicious soup.

Respectfully,

Maria Bardakos 412-519-8684 Marbard47@gmail.com

Start the New Year Out by Helping Philoptochos Help Others



St. Nicholas Cathedral Philoptochos is taking orders for our delicious Greek New Year's Bread. Each loaf contains the traditional New Year's coin.

\$10 per loaf

Bread will be available for pickup on Sunday, December 12 during the St. Nicholas Bazaar. For additional information contact Nikki Lykos at 412.897.8208

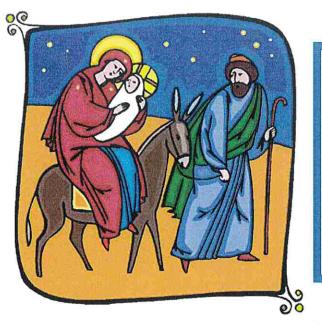
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Complete the information below and mail along WITH A CHECK, made payable to: St. Nicholas Philoptochos/New Year's Bread, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral 419 S. Dithridge St, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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SEND YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

WITH THE 2021 ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CARD

Donation only \$20... You can save money on your Christmas cards and help our beloved Cathedral at the same time!

Name & Address:
Your list of names to read (<i>please print</i>):

Kindly return this form, along with your check, and mail to: St. Nicholas Cathedral, 419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

All names MUST be submitted NO LATER than December 6, 2021!!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!



If you wish, please list the names of your loved ones to be remembered in the Proskomidi (*Preparation of the Gifts*) at every Divine Liturgy through Christmas.

For the Health of:	 	
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In Memory Of:		
Name & Address:		

Suggested donation:

\$25 OR MORE, payable to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral (memo: Poinsettia)

PLEASE HAVE YOUR ORDERS IN NO LATER THAN December 12, 2021. Please, either place in the Sunday offering tray or mail it to: 419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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Socrates-Daphne Lodge of Pittsburgh cordially invites you to the

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

Friday December 17, 2021

Cocktails and Appetizers at 6 PM Festive Dinner Buffet at 7 PM

> Crowne Plaza Hotel Fort Couch Road

Dinner and Dance \$60

Dance only \$10

Music by the
FILARAKIA
FEATURING SOTIRI TSOUREKIS
and a performance by
THE GRECIAN ODYSSEY DANCERS

We have missed all of you and can't wait to ring in the holiday season. Join us with your dancing shoes and don't forget your kefi—Opa!

Please R.S.V.P. by December 10th to Rebecca Bertos 412-421-9427 or Aliki Andrews 412-833-4596 Joanne Melacrinos 412-563-4609

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Orthodoxy 101 On Zoom 7:30 p.m.	2	3	4 Greek School 10:00 a.m. Hierarchical Great Vespers for St Savas the Sanctified 5:00 p.m.
5 10 th Sunday of Luke St Savas the Sanctified Orthros 8:30 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Please welcome Metropolitan Savas on his name day! Great Vespers for St. Nicholas 7:00 p.m.	6 Our Patron Saint NICHOLAS the Wonderworker Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Parish Feastday Luncheon follows GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.	7 GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	8 Orthodoxy 101 On Zoom 7:30 p.m.	9	10	Greek School 10:00 a.m.
12 11 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Bazaar follows Parish Council Elections 11:30 am — 1:00 pm	GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.	GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	15 Orthodoxy 101 On Zoom 7:30 p.m.	16	17	Greek School 10:00 a.m. X-mas Party
Sunday Before Nativity Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Xmas Pageant GOYA Xmas Party 1:00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.	GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	No program scheduled	23	24 Christmas Eve Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 6:00 p.m. OFFICE CLOSED	HOLY NATIVITY Orthros 8:30 a.m Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday After Nativity Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.	GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	29 No program scheduled	30	31	l New Year's Day Circumcision of Christ and St. Basil the Great Orthros 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

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