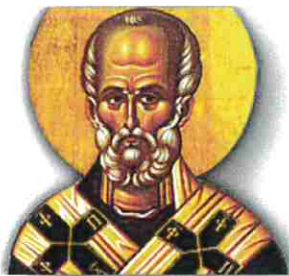


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 2021 – 10th SUNDAY OF LUKE

Ss. Savas the Sanctified, Holy Martyr Diogenes, and Philotheos the Righteous of Mt. Athos

Orthros Gospel 2

Grave Tone



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

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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 souls of the servants of God, *Russell Paras (40 days)*, *Evangelia Kalabokes (40 days)*, *George Mandros (1 year)* and *Virginia Anthon (1 year)*, along with a **TRISAGION SERVICE** for members of the *Fatandas family: Constantine, Athena, Victoria, Isidore, Haritos, and Nicholas*. May God grant them eternal rest.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to the family of *Nick P. Pappas* who fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, November 27, 2021. His funeral took place on Monday, November 29th here at St Nicholas. May his memory be eternal.

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship following services in the Large Hall, hosted by GOYA and sponsored by the Paras, Kalabokes & Anthon families.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS: TODAY: GOYA MEETING AFTER LITURGY
TONIGHT, Dec 5th: Great Vespers for St. Nicholas Feastday 7:00 p.m.

- Monday, Dec 6: St. Nicholas the Wonderworker Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
Parish Feastday Luncheon to follow
GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec 7: GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec 8: Orthodoxy 101 (via Zoom) 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec 11: Greek School 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, Dec 12: Church Bazaar / Parish Council Elections / Stewardship Sunday

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SPECIAL HYMNS AND READINGS:

First to be heard at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion in Grave (Plagal 7th) tone: Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέφξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

The usual Entrance Hymn is sung by the priest: Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα. Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Next, we hear the hymn honoring St. Savas the Sanctified:

Ταῖς τῶν δακρῶν σου ροαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐגעώρησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστὴρ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασιν, Σάββα πατὴρ ἡμῶν ὅσιε. πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

With the rivers of your tears, you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O Savas, our devout father, intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

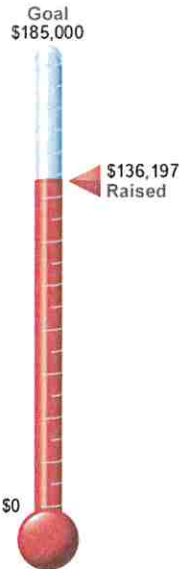
Finally, the Kontakion proper to this season of preparation for the Nativity of Christ is chanted:

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν. On this day the Virgin Maid goes to the cave to give birth to the pre-eternal Word in an ineffable manner. Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds, Him who willed that He appear, as a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God. [SD]

TODAY'S EPISTLE: Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2. Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

TODAY'S GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17. At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

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	295 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$136,197.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$461.68



From the Church School Desk:

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.

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

We are looking for hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, etc. for Neighborhood Resilience Project **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!

Yours in Christ
Miss Michelle

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Schedule **TODAY**

During Church School for all children

Sunday, December 12, 2021

During 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 (Kotsagrellos) Walker at 412-398-6094

Philoptochos News

Today (December 5th) after church is a **General Meeting**, hope to see you there!

Tomorrow (December 6th) is the Philoptochos Luncheon after the service. Join us for lunch and fellowship as we celebrate the Saints of Philoptochos.

Wednesday December 8th New Year's Bread making, starting at 9 am, all help is greatly appreciated.

GOYA NEWS

GOYA Meeting today after Liturgy.

ANGELS - Thank you to everyone who picked up a Christmas Angel for the Neighborhood Resilience Project. This is one of GOYA's outreach projects. **Please plan on bringing your wrapped gift or gift card to church by Sunday, December 12th.**

Thank you for helping make a difference in a child's and senior citizen's life. **Christmas Chocolate Sale** - Thank you for supporting our SARRIS Christmas Chocolate fundraiser. **Orders will be delivered on Sunday, December 12th.**

Pastitsio Sale - The GOYA will be selling their annual frozen pans of Pastitsio starting next Sunday, December 12th. Please stop by the GOYA table to purchase. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.



Celebrating the Bicentennial of the Greek Revolution of 1821



Saturday, December 18, 2021 | 7 p.m.
The 1826 Greek Relief Committee of Pittsburgh

Sunday, December 19, 2021 | 7 p.m.
The Women Philhellenes in the Greek
Revolution of 1821

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The Greek Nationality Room at the University of Pittsburgh
and
the American Hellenic Foundation of Western PA

Celebrating "Virtual Open House" at the University of Pittsburgh

invite you to

A Greek Christmas Trivia Weekend

Did you know that

- some key Greek Christmas traditions have their beginning in the time of ancient Greece?
- some ancient Greek festivals influenced the development of early Christian Nativity religious customs?
- the Christmas Tree tradition began in Constantinople, during the time of the Byzantine Empire and was then carried north?
- the festive Christmas period begins in November and ends in January?
- St. Nicholas does not bring gifts to children, but instead, St. Basil does?

ABOUT THE TRIVIA GAME

For game details and about how to participate, please go to:
<https://pahellenicfoundation.org/ChristmasTriviaGame/>

- Beginning on **December 11th and ending on December 12th, 2021**, we will host one game.
- You can play the game anytime **between 7 AM - 10 PM** on these days.
- The game consists of 10 multiple choice questions that test your knowledge about the Greek Christmas Period traditions.
- **Each game ticket is equivalent to a \$7.00 donation (see internet link above for details).**
- At the end of every gameday (10 PM), the players with the top three scores among all participants of that day will win prizes from Greece. All winners will be notified.

All donations will go to the **Greek Room's Scholarship Fund**, administered by the Nationality Rooms Program at the University of Pittsburgh.

***If you have any questions regarding the game and/or becoming involved in the activities of the Greek Room, please reach out to us via email: contact@pahellenicfoundation.org



It's Back!!!
St. Nicholas Annual Bazaar
Sunday, December 12, 2021
Following The Divine Liturgy

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



GAPA

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 Aliko Andrews 412-833-4596
Joanne Melacrinos 412-563-4609

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !



Memorial Christmas Tree Ornament

Remember your loved one by purchasing a Christmas ornament in their memory. It will be placed on the Christmas tree in the foyer during the Christmas season. **\$10 per name.** After Christmas, you may keep the ornament.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Loved one: _____

Sponsored by Philoptochos of St. Nicholas. Checks payable to Philoptochos of St. Nicholas.

Please send money/ check to the church office.

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 10th Sunday of Luke St. Savas the Sanctified Orthros 8:30 a.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. <i>Please welcome Metropolitan Savas on his Nameday!</i></p> <hr/> <p>Great Vespers for St. Nicholas 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>6 Our Patron Saint: ST. NICHOLAS the Wonderworker Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Parish Feastday Luncheon follows</p> <hr/> <p>GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7 GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>8 Orthodoxy 101 (via Zoom) 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Greek School 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>12 11th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Bazaar follows</p> <hr/> <p>Parish Council Elections 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Stewardship Sunday</p>	<p>13 GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14 GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>15 Orthodoxy 101 (via Zoom) 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Greek School 10:00 a.m. Christmas Party</p>
<p>19 Sunday Before Nativity Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant</p> <hr/> <p>GOYA Xmas Party 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>20 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>21 GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>22 No program scheduled</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 6:00 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>25 HOLY NATIVITY Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>26 Sunday After Nativity Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>27 GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>28 GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>29 No program scheduled</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 Jan New Year's Day Circumcision of Christ and St. Basil the Great Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.</p>

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